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Council cites October for Agent Orange awareness

By Lane Ingalls
Staff Writer

The Union County Council passed a resolution declaring October as "Agent Orange Awareness Month" in an effort to make more Railway residents aware of the damaging effects of this volatile chemical solution. Many Americans have written off Agent Orange as an issue that only Vietnam Veterans face. Some even wonder why they still hear about it in 1997. Agent Orange, however, will continue to affect the present, and subsequent generations.

Councilman Sal Mione, a former Vietnam veteran, finds this issue when it comes to awareness. He said, "We should never let another generation of veterans fall to the effects of Agent Orange and its counter chemicals. We have to continue to fight tooth and nail to give these veterans, their families, and subsequent generations the benefits they deserve."

Ken Deal, chairman of the Agent Orange Committee for the New Jersey State Council on Vietnam Veterans' Association, said, "I became involved with this because I felt that it was ludicrous that so many veterans were dying and nobody was doing anything about it. People need to know that this stuff isn't going to go away."

Most members of the so-called "Generation X" believe this issue is completely unrelated to their lives and the lives of their children. But, that's because they were never told the facts about Agent Orange. Many veterans, even made aware of what this chemical really is or what it can do. Unfortunately, the effects of Agent Orange can come back to haunt the veterans and even made aware of what this chemical really is or what it can do.

Agent Orange is a herbicide, also referred to as a "defoliant," that the U.S. forces used in Vietnam from 1962 through 1971. The purpose of the chemical agent was to destroy extensive plant life in the jungle areas so American troops could see enemy troops. It was also used to destroy crops. It got its name because it was stored in 55-gallon drums marked with a cross-hatch design.

Agent Orange was used heavily throughout Vietnam. U.S. forces sprayed some 56 million pounds of the herbicide over there. That amounts to about 90 percent of all herbicides used in Vietnam. It was primarily sprayed from airplanes, but it was also used from trucks, river boats and even backpacks.

Most veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange were exposed because they were in areas where the agent was sprayed or because they entered those areas shortly after spraying. This is a health hazard because Agent Orange contains dioxin which is an extremely poisonous chemical.

Because of the dioxin, this chemical can damage the health of people and animals who are exposed to it. It has also been proven to cause an excessive number of diseases, and may cause others that the Veterans Administration doesn't wish to acknowledge. Some of these diseases are many different forms of cancer, liver damage, and a host of other life-threatening diseases. Even more distressing is the belief among many prominent scientists that Agent Orange is the offender among all the chemicals that have been blamed for the original soldier's exposure.

Agent Orange has also been known to cause birth defects and miscarriages in the spouses of Vietnam veterans. According to Deal, "More than 240,000 Vietnam veterans have died as a result of complications due to exposure to Agent Orange. And there are still more dying today and will die in the future. Any veteran who served in the country of Vietnam is considered to have been exposed to Agent Orange. That means that we haven't even begun to see the vast number of veterans who will die or be impaired because of their exposure. And we have yet to see the effects on subsequent generations. This is an issue that is just as current now as it was 25 years ago."

Mione added, "I can't give up the fight now. Those of us who've been fighting are getting tired. We're being burned out. We need a new generation to take over the fight to get this stuff off the ground and get the money to get the research done. I pray that this will happen."

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Today
• The Concerned Citizens of Union County will meet at the JPK Community Center, 796 East Hazelwood Ave. in Rahway. For time, call Bob Carson at 381-7259 or Kerri Blanchard at 396-3722.
• The Concerned Citizens are currently involved in examining such issues as the hazards of a toxic waste incinerator. The group uses the model of participatory democracy in its organization and state there is no single person who makes all the decisions, the group decides action. The Concerned Citizens invite all to join their meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month.

Saturday
• The Polish Cultural Foundation will start its Adult Education courses beginning this week. Located at 177 Broadway in Clark, the Foundation is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway at Exit 135.
• Saturday morning beginning Sept. 13, Joanna Kikawicz of Elizabeth conducts lessons on Preparing for U.S. Citizenship. Diana Gosa of Maplewood is director of the Studies Program. To obtain a catalog with complete dates and fees, call the Foundation office at (732) 382-1197.

Sunday
• Rahway's Adult Basic Education Program offers free classes in reading, math, language arts and writing skills for those who would like to prepare for the High School Equivalency GED test, as well as anyone who simply wants to improve skills in these areas. Also offered is English as a Second Language for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students.
• The Informational Health Seminar "Health Is Wealth" will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Golden Age Towers, 200 Union Ave., Rahway. Topics include: Senior Housing, Security Updates, Health Insurance, Living Wills, New Jersey Estate, Flu Shots, Testing, Blood Pressure, Breast Exams, Vision, Hearing, and Diabetes. There will be refreshments and admission is free. For information call (908) 381-5384 or (908) 396-2876.

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County seeks share of UCUA funds

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The state has made \$20 million available to the county utilities authorities, and Union County is applying for a part of it. According to UCUA Commissioner John Kulish, the authority has applied for money in the state budget. This has been set aside by the state to help county utilities authorities like the UCUA make their bond payments.

There are six garbage disposal incinerators in the state. According to UCUA and county officials, the UCUA has a right to a large part of this money. The UCUA's debt, according to Kulish, is one of the highest of all the utilities authorities in the state, if not the highest, at roughly \$286 million. Dan Sullivan, vice chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, added that the UCUA was the first to apply for the money and has otherwise been ahead of the other utilities authorities.

It isn't known how much money the UCUA will receive, if any. A figure of \$3 million was mentioned by Sullivan, an amount that Kulish called a "turnover."
"We feel that's the fair amount, since we are ahead of everyone else trying to resolve the situation," said Sullivan.

Sept. 27
• Rahway Hospital begins a bereavement group that will meet for seven consecutive Thursdays. The group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the hospital located at 865 Stone St. Rahway. There is no fee to participate; however, pre-registration is required. This group will be for those who have lost spouses only. For more information or to register for the sessions, call Rahway Hospital at (908) 499-6169.

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Up the down board



Karla Fletcher, 6, of Rahway, decides to turn the tables on the sliding board at Rahway River Park this week. Instead of sliding down the board, she attempts to climb up the shifty surface. Fletcher was among the many children at Rahway River Park enjoying cool September days.

City creates Solid Waste Division

By Lane Ingalls
Staff Writer

The ordinance to create a Division of Solid Waste and Recycling within the Department of Public Works in Rahway passed by a 6 to 1 vote. The final vote on ordinance 0-69-97 passed by all members except Councilman Frank Janusz. He, once again, voiced concern regarding the cost factor in the meeting.

"I'm still waiting for the numbers. We still don't know how much this is going to cost. We still don't know whether we'll have to beg for trucks. We don't even know how many trucks we need or how many employees they'll have. Until I get more information, you won't get my vote," Sullivan said. Business Administrator Peter Pelissier countered with, "We can't tell you the numbers because we haven't received the garbage bids yet. Obviously, that would compromise our position."

"But I can tell you that we've received a recycling bid and it's almost twice what we paid in the past. So, we can effectively save the city almost \$100,000 if we do it ourselves." Janusz replied, "That's not fair to say because we know that these kinds of bids fluctuate from year to year, so we can't say for a fact that we will save the city \$100,000 because next year, they could undercut that figure."

In a phone interview on Friday, Pelissier added, "I cannot reveal the numbers for almost anything at this time because as I stated before, it would compromise our position. But I can tell you that it will be less money than we appropriated last year. And I don't think any council members will oppose the numbers once they receive them."

In an interview on Tuesday, Janusz said, "This is absolutely ridiculous. Not one council member has any idea how many trucks we'll need, how many employees we'll need, or how much this will cost. They're just voting on blind faith that this will work. What are these council members going to tell their constituents when they ask them how much this is going to cost them? I mean, this isn't their own money they're playing with."

He added, "If they could just show me that we'll create jobs for some Rahway residents or if they can prove that the city will even break even, then I'll vote for it. But, come on. The business administrator says I'm interfering with business and overstepping my bounds by voting against this ordinance. I want to be able to look my constituents in the face and tell them where their money is going. And if that's overstepping my bounds, then so be it."

The garbage bids will officially be in on Sept. 30. The city administrator said a preliminary budget proposal for the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling will be available following that date.

Mayor James Kennedy was unavailable for comment.

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By Andrew McGarr
Assistant Sports Editor

The Johnson High School boys' soccer team, vying for its third consecutive Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division championship, picked up 4-3 come-from-behind win last Friday over Metuchen in the season-opener.

After leading 1-0, Johnson fell behind 3-1 before a late charge that put the Crusaders ahead for good.

"As we look back on the season, this game could be a major turning point for us," said head coach Al Czaya, who enters his fifth year at Johnson and 29th overall.

H.S. Boys' Soccer

Czaya's roster includes only three returning starters in four-year letterman Ryan Grady, Tom Samecki and Cileto, who started for Johnson as a freshman and sophomore and led the team in scoring in 1995, the year Johnson captured

Grady, whose name is mentioned among the area's premier stopper back, missed Friday's game with an ankle injury, but hopes to return to the lineup this week.

One player to keep an eye on will be right wing Matt Andrews, one of only handful of freshman to start for Czaya during his coaching career.

"He's a mature soccer player," Czaya said. "He has all the talent of some of the great ones I've coached."

Joining Andrews as newcomers to the varsity lineup are goalie Jim Giordano

Midfielder Joe Guarino, who started for Grady Friday, is playing so well that Czaya is going to have to find him a spot in the lineup even after Grady's return. During Czaya's tenure at Johnson, the Crusaders have gone an impressive

Czaya chooses a phrase for the team to model itself after. This year's phrase is "Pride and Tradition." It's that pride and tradition that Czaya hopes will carry Johnson to a successful season.

Guzevich stars on defense for Mansfield football team

12:45-2:00: Kevin Bammon, Rutgers, and Don Harnum, Rider, — "Man To Man Defense"

defensive showing despite a 20-7 defeat in the season-opener against Southern Connecticut State University.

Guzevich, a senior linebacker who has been named first-team All-American by the Associated Press, was named captain of the team.

2:00-2:30: Bill Carmody, Princeton, "Man Offense"

2:30-3:00: Summary/Evaluation

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and team co-captain, recorded four tackles, including three unassisted. Last season Guzevich racked up 49 tackles, 35 of which were solos. Guzevich is a Criminal Justice major at the Dominican school.

Coaches clinics scheduled

The New Jersey Athletic Association (NJAA) and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJCSA) has announced the scheduling of a Basketball Coaches Clinic to be held at the New Jersey State Resort in Absecon.

The timeframe for the clinic is from 8:30 a.m. to all day, with registration opening at 8:30 a.m.

Coaches are asked to bring their own lunch and water.

The timeframe for the clinic is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration opening at 8 a.m.

The registration fee schedule is as follows:

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9:15-Noon: Clinic Instructor - Dennis Clark, who is the Director of Instruction at Marjion's Seaview

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Gibilisco Funeral Home, on East Milton Avenue in Rahway held a festival and car show this weekend, and many people from the area attended. Regina Hibell of Rahway takes part in the macarena.



Buckny the clown presents a balloon sculpture to Rachel Rodbell during the festival.



Rebecca Tilton of Rahway turns her back for a moment on Buckny the clown to survey everything that's going on around her at the funeral home's festival.



The Alligators performed during the festival at the Gibilisco funeral home.

NEWS CLIPS

'Meet the Media'

An upcoming "Meet the Media" workshop features a panel of six newspaper and television professionals.

Arts and history organizations will be taught effective ways to get their message in the public. The Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains will host the event today at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the workshop is open to anyone interested in improving media relations.

Lynnda Stauderman, executive director of Pro Bono, Volunteers in Public Relations will moderate. Representing area newspapers will be Gabriel Gluck of the Star-Ledger, Jackie McCarthy of Worrall Community Newspapers and Christopher Moore of the Independent Press.

Panelists from broadcasting include Jeffrey Marks of News 12 New Jersey, Penny Plasker of WOR-TV Channel 9 and David Story of Comcast Cablevision. After a presentation by each panel member, there will be a question and answer period.

Stauderman selected the panel and workshops format. Before joining Pro Bono, she was a reporter for the Star-Ledger, produced for TV-3 and station manager for TV-36 Community on Cable.

Pre-registration, with a \$5 fee, is required by tomorrow. For registration information, contact the Union

County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 24-52 Highway Ave., Elizabeth, or call (908) 558-2550.

Flea market scheduled

Community Access Unlimited has scheduled its third flea market for Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elizabeth Social Service Agency headquarters at 80 West Grand St.

Proceeds will go to the social and recreational fund of the non-profit organization, which serves people with disabilities.

Information on table rentals can be obtained by calling (908) 354-3040, ext. 275.

Festival this month

The public is invited to the county's 16th annual Harvest Festival, a celebration of colonial and American Indian life, on Sept. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Featured at the festival will be demonstrations of colonial and American Indian work skills and crafts such as spinning, butter churning, canoe building, candle making, tin plating, herbal crafts, pottery, old signboards, basketry, American Indian jewelry, beading, pole painting, doll clothing and more.

Items created by the craftsmen also will be offered for sale.

For children, the Harvest Festival will provide many opportunities to learn about this time period. They can visit a crafts tent especially for them

and create items such as garlands, wrist bells, and tin scones. Youngsters can also have their faces painted. Leasing style or try their hand at colonial games, including Trundle the Hoop, Graces and Tug of War. Also, on up for children, will be log sawing, shingle splitting and corn grinding demonstrations, pony rides and a live petting zoo.

Scheduled entertainment will include a Punch and Judy puppet show performed by Little Lost Arts; American Indian storytelling by Kenneth Little Hawk; American Indian social dancing by the Manhattan Dancers; performances of music of the period; and planetarium show based on American Indian skylore.

Throughout the day, the Second New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company, will provide a re-enactment of a Revolutionary War Encampment. Dressed in authentic period clothing, this recreated military unit will demonstrate wartime skills and crafts. The unit will also recruit children for a special drill.

Tantalizing food will be available for purchase throughout the day. Baked potatoes, shish kabobs, barbecued beef, funnel cakes, fresh baked pies and donuts, apple cider and birch beer will be among the offerings. Pumpkins and mums will be offered for sale.

The festival will take place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaintide,

and will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$3 per person; children aged 7 and under will be admitted free. Shuttle bus service from overflow parking at the Watchung Stables, Summit Lane, Mountaintide will be available throughout the day.

For directions, to receive a brochure, or to volunteer, call (908) 789-3670.

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Literacy Volunteers of America's Union County affiliate is providing two workshops for volunteers who wish to be trained as English as a second language tutors and provide instruction to adults who need help in English. The workshops will be held at:

Westfield Y, 2322 Clark St., Westfield.

The six-session workshop will be held Wednesday nights Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Lita Bernstein will be the instructor. There is a registration fee of \$15.

Hillside Library, at JFK Plaza, Liberty and Hillside avenues. This six-session workshop will be held Wednesday mornings Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donna Sanderson will be the instructor. There is a registration fee of \$15. Upon completion of training, volunteers are required to make a commitment to tutor for approximately 1-2 hours each week for at least one year. Tutoring may be done during the day or evening at any public library in Union County.

For further information and to register, telephone the LVA-UC office at (908) 925-7755.

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FOOTBALL

A Look At Area High School Teams For 1997

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BRANLEY BEARS' HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IS BACK AS THE KENILWORTH SCHOOL GETS SET TO KICK OFF ITS FIRST SEASON IN FIVE YEARS — 18,700,000, Page 14-16.

Union High School Farmers

A familiar face learned from best

By J.R. PARACHINI

UNION — To say that the Union program is in good hands would be an understatement.

Former longtime assistant Gary Zakovic, after two highly successful seasons as the head man in Dover, has just completed his first pre-season as the head coach of the Farmers.

Zakovic, 17-3 including a sectional championship the past two years at Dover, was named Union's 11th head coach earlier this year, succeeding former Pennsylvania coach John Johnston who guided Union to an 8-3 record last year and an appearance in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 4 championship game.

"It feels great to be back," said Zakovic, who served as an assistant coach at Union under the legendary Lou Retino for 13 seasons (1982-1994).

"Everyone has been real supportive, from the administration down to the Fifth Quarter Club," Zakovic said. "I'm very excited about this opportunity."

Union, which opens the season with a

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SENIORS: Seth Reed, CB, (6-0, 165); Wayne Ozzie, WR/DB, (6-0, 140); Alan Thomas, WR/DB, (5-8, 150); DeShawn Crookman, RB/DB, (5-5, 155); Kenny Holland, CB, (5-10, 150); Damien Lowe, QB, (5-7, 160); James Boyer, OLB, (6-1, 170); Daxian Smith, OLB, (5-9, 175); Sand Baker, OLB, (5-10, 160); Brian Yawick, RB/CB, (5-10, 160); Wayne Peterson, TE/LB, (6-1, 195); Ed Kulas, C, (5-9, 220); Chris Rodriguez, OT, (5-10, 230); Ed Izbicki, CDT, (6-1, 240); Robert Gaisnes, OG, (5-8, 180); Don Scheuermann, OG/DE, (6-0, 225); Mike Scanlon, OT/DT, (6-3, 260); Scott Friedman, TE/DE, (6-2, 200); Abba Onyeansi, SE/DB, (5-11, 150); Mehul Patel, OG/LB, (5-10, 210).

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SOPHOMORES: Kamil Thomas (5-8, 160); Jason Crookman (5-5, 170); Mike Devlin (5-9, 165); Anthony Alvas (5-8, 150); Phil Liave (5-4, 185); Martin Penson (5-8, 150); Paul DeFrancesco (5-9, 165); Matt Ziser (5-11, 210); Mike Tobias (5-9, 210); Frank Taylor (5-9, 215); Oscar Lopez (5-9, 190); Dan Chojnowski (5-10, 175); Greg Tancibok (5-9, 165); Brian Jacobs (5-7, 170); Andrew Gaspar (5-10, 225); Ivo Conick (5-6, 210); Jason Lewis (6-0, 265); Gary Uzzolino (5-9, 130); Justin Hahn (5-10, 140); Mike Mesier (5-9, 190); Jarrod Richter (6-2, 190); Chris Thomas (5-8, 195).

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tough game at Linden Saturday at Cooper Field had its game-scrimmage scheduled against Bergen Catholic last Saturday.

"We started with a running and lifting program that was re-established this summer," Zakovic said. "The kids worked hard, we had good attendance and good results."

Perhaps the biggest thing going for Zakovic, 49, is the fact that he worked the sidelines with one of the finest coaches in the country during his initial stint at UHS.

"Lou had me well prepared when I made the jump to being the head coach at Dover," Zakovic said. "As far as I'm concerned, I learned from the best."

Zakovic was part of a coaching staff that included the likes of Jim Benedict, Fred Stengel and John Quinn — all of them moving on to have success as head coaches elsewhere in the state. He served as Union's defensive coordinator and off-line coach.

"I had a lot of responsibilities then and I picked up a lot from being around Lou," Zakovic said. "When I went to Dover I was prepared and knew how to organize practice, and do many of the other things."

Zakovic and his staff, which includes coaches Marc Cusati, Carmen Guarino, Kirk Hamrah, Russ Wyckoff, Tony Stewart, Carmen Marano, Greg Solla, Greg Currie, Mike Magliano and newcomer Russ Menoni, are working hard to teach their players to be just as responsible off the field as on it.

"Team discipline goes hand-in-hand," Zakovic said. "I've told the kids what's expected of them and for the most part they've responded real well."

Zakovic is trying to re-establish a solid work ethic, one he hopes will go a long way in molding the character of each and every one of his players.

"They're working hard and have responded to what our coaches expect out of them," Zakovic said.

Not only will this be a learning experience for Zakovic, it will be one for most of his prominent varsity players.

The only two returning starters include juniors Nyglen Calhoun and Mike Pielech.

"As long as the kids work real hard, good things will happen," Zakovic said.

This year's captains, all seniors, include Damien Lowe, Ed Izbicki and Brian Yawick.

Continuing with the Wing-T, Union's offense will be guided this year by first-year starter Lowe (5-7, 120) at quarterback. He will be joined in the backfield by Yawick (5-10, 160) at right halfback and Calhoun (6-0, 220) at fullback.

Other running back candidates include senior DeShawn Crookman (5-5, 155) and juniors LaForest Knox (5-11, 170) and Halim McNeil (5-7, 165).

Providing the necessary blocking on the line will be senior right tackles Mike Scanlon (6-3, 260) and Chris Rodriguez (5-10, 230), senior right guards Don Scheuermann (6-0, 225) and Robert Gaisnes (5-8, 180), senior centers Izbicki (6-1, 240) and Ed Kulas (5-9, 220), junior left guard John Sobral (5-11, 215) and junior left tackle Pielech (6-2, 260).

Senior tight ends include Wayne Peterson (6-1, 195) and Scott Friedman (6-2, 200). Split ends include senior Alan Thomas (5-8, 150) and junior Joe McGrady (5-9, 155).

"We stress defense first and right now we have further to go on defense than on offense," Zakovic said during the pre-season. "We're going back to the traditional Union system and soon it will come back to them. We're not quite there yet."

Union's 4-4 defensive lock will start with Scheuermann and Pielech at left end, Izbicki and Scanlon at right tackle and Calhoun and Friedman at right end.

It will continue with seniors Daxian Smith (5-9, 175), Sand Baker (5-10, 160), James Boyer (6-0, 170) and McNeil at outside linebacker and junior Victor Bolo (5-11, 200), Peterson and Sobral at inside.

The secondary will consist of Yawick and Knox at cornerback, along with seniors Seth Reed (6-0, 165) and Kenny Holland (5-10, 150). The safeties are junior Nick Ivas (5-9, 150) and Lowe.

Calhoun will do the kicking off and place-kicking and backup junior quarterback Ricky Heipertz (5-8, 165) will handle the punting chores.

Head coach: GARY ZAKOVIC
Dover: 17-3 (850) — 2 seasons (1995-6-3 and 1996-11-0)
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Assistant at Union from 1982-1994.

Union's last playoff championship:
North 2, Group 4 in 1993

UNION FARMERS

Sept. 20 at Linden, 1:30
Sept. 26 North Bergen, 7:00
Oct. 4 at East Side, 1:30
Oct. 17 Elizabeth, 7:00
Oct. 24 Plainfield, 7:00
Nov. 1 at Kearny, 1:30
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Champions included Elizabeth winning the Watchung Conference-American Division title, Johnson Regional capturing the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division crown and Roselle Park finishing first in the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division.

Elizabeth and Roselle Park finished a perfect 9-0 in the regular season.

- 1996 ELITE ELEVEN**
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 - 2 — Elizabeth (9-1)
 - 3 — Roselle Park (9-1)
 - 4 — Rahway (7-3)
 - 5 — Dayton Regional (6-3)
 - 6 — Roselle (5-4)
 - 7 — Johnson Regional (7-3)
 - 8 — Hillside (5-4)
 - 9 — Linden (5-6)
 - 10 — Gov. Livingston (4-5)
 - 11 — Summit (3-6)

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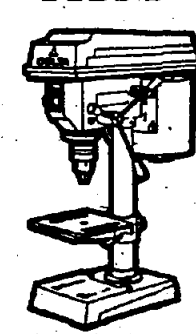
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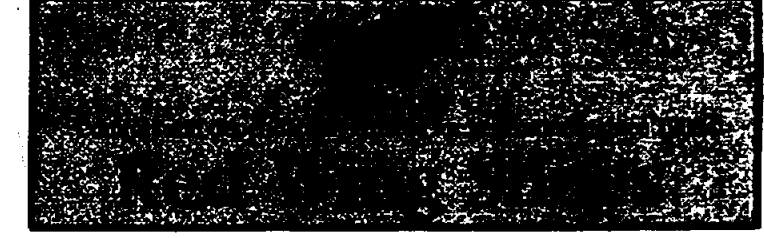
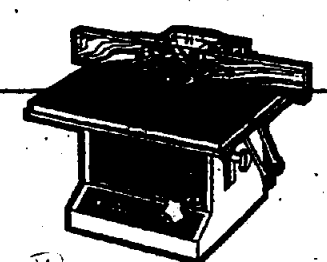


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WORK HARD

Summit High School Hilltoppers

Kids are more sure of themselves

By ANDREW MCGANN

SUMMIT — Forget about the Hilltoppers' 3-6 record a year ago. They have. This year they're building on winning two of their final three games in 1996, including a stunning 20-0 victory over a Mendham team that made it to the sectional finals. Summit will look to regain the form that led it to four consecutive North Jersey Section 2 Group 2 finals from 1992-95. That run included back-to-back championships in 1993-94.

"This year the kids are more sure of themselves and more confident," head coach Ray McCann said. "We've been much more aggressive in practice." After a season of rebuilding and adjusting to play in its first year as a member of the Hills Division of the Iron Hills Conference, Summit will return all but four players from last year's team, two of whom missed almost the entire year with injuries. McCann hopes that experience will transcend to victories.

Senior quarterback and co-captain Scott Schroeder (5-10, 165) will bring a full year of varsity seasoning to the table when he calls the signals this season. "Scott's a tough, hard-nosed kid," McCann said. "He runs a great option and he throws the out-patterns extremely well. I have a lot of confidence in him throwing the out-pattern and the deep ball. He has excellent arm strength." Look for Schroeder to go to the play-action pass more often this year.

Also returning on offense is tailback and three-year letterman John Brown (5-11, 180). The speedy Brown's ability to catch the ball out of the backfield makes him a dual threat. "John has great breakaway speed and he'll also hit up in the middle," McCann said. "He can do it all." Expect to see Brown, who also plays outside linebacker and special teams, to play all 48 minutes for Summit. Brown will run behind the blocking of fullback Duane Datas (6-1, 170) and sophomore Keith Broomfield (6-0, 170) and Earl Forsyth (6-0, 170) will battle it out for playing time. On defense is where Summit will need to improve the most to return to form. Last year's squad allowed 236 points against 136 for Summit, but McCann has made some significant changes in the team's 4-4 scheme. Anderson moves from defensive end to inside linebacker, where he played as a thing for our offense." (Continued on Page 5)

Fullbacks Jason Flores (6-0, 195) and Greg Barth (6-1, 170) will also bring their varsity experience to the Hilltopper backfield. An offensive line that boasts the likes of co-captain and left tackle Samuel Lamboy (5-9, 235), center Jeff Weathers (6-0, 190), center Francisco Rojas (6-0, 215), right guard Steve McDermott (5-9, 220) and right tackle Andrew Busath (5-11, 240) and Steve Evans (5-8, 250), all of whom have varsity experience, looks to be a strong point for Summit. Rojas' status for the season-opener is uncertain due to a leg injury. The split end position is yet another experienced position for Summit. Jeff Stewart (5-10, 180), Matt Dill (5-10, 150) and Duane Datas (6-1, 170) return and sophomore Keith Broomfield (6-0, 170) and Earl Forsyth (6-0, 170) will battle it out for playing time. On defense is where Summit will need to improve the most to return to form. Last year's squad allowed 236 points against 136 for Summit, but McCann has made some significant changes in the team's 4-4 scheme. Anderson moves from defensive end to inside linebacker, where he played as a thing for our offense." (Continued on Page 5)

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Summit's John Brown is one of nine 1996 Worrall Super 30 players returning. He paced Summit in all-purpose yards last year with 1,309 and tackles with 81.

Summit: More sure of themselves

(Continued from Page 4)

freshman, Joe Mormack (5-9, 155) moves from defensive back to outside linebacker and Weathers moves from outside linebacker to defensive end. Anderson and fellow inside linebacker Fornario have shown the ability to stop the run in the interior.

Head Coach: RAY MCCANN
Passaic: Head coach from 1981-1993, assistant from 1975-1980
Summit: 21-10 (.678) — 3 seasons (1994 10-1, 1995 8-5, 1996 3-6)

Summit's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 2 in 1994

Experienced tackles Lamboy and Evans will be looked upon by McCann to provide veteran leadership.

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Oct. 12 Bostwin, 2:00	Oct. 18 Mt. Olive, 1:30
Oct. 24 at Dover, 7:30	Nov. 1 at West Essex, 2:00
Nov. 8 Parsippany Hills, 1:30	Nov. 15 at Hanover Park, 1:30
Nov. 27 Mendham, 11:00	

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JUNIORS: Daryl Anderson, TE/LB, (6-0, 235); Reggie Miller, LT/DE, (6-0, 205); Neil Osoffoff, LG/DE, (6-3, 240); Billy Montero, LG, (5-9, 205); Tom Martin, LG/S, (5-7, 135); Francisco Rojas, C/DE, (6-0, 215); Sam Kerr, RG/DT, (6-0, 190); Andrew Busath, RT/DT, (5-11, 240); Matt Dill, SE/DB, (5-10, 150); Dominick Fornario, FB/LB, (5-8, 165); Greg Barth, FB/OLB, (6-1, 170); Neuh James, FB/DE, (5-11, 170); Kyrin Thompson, TB/DB, (5-10, 155); Mark Clausen, RG/DT, (5-10, 185).
SOPHOMORES: Jon Campagna, TE/LB, (6-3, 200); Andrew Trembley, TE/OLB, (5-9, 150); John Melton, TE, (6-2, 165); Jim Bochner, C/OLB, (5-10, 160); Ryan Kiefer, RG/DE, (6-0, 180); Bryan Symacks, RT/DT, (6-0, 220); Keith Broomfield, SES, (6-0, 170); Carl Forsyth, SE/DB, (6-0, 170); Billy Wheeler, QB, (5-10, 150); John Martin, TB/ILB, (6-0, 170).

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Roselle Park High School Panthers

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By J.R. PARACHINI
ROSELLE PARK — No matter what the circumstances are, it seems that the Panthers always have a more-than-respectable product on the field.
That's due in large part to the job head coach John Wagner and his staff do each and every year.
This year's squad, one of those hit severely hard by graduation, includes four returning standouts. That just means it's time for a large number of newcomers to meet the challenge they been waiting for.
Only two with starting experience return

ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

SENIORS: Pat Appello, OL/DL (6-0, 215); Joe Bielaki, SE/DE (6-5, 190); Rick Carlson, RB/DB (6-0, 170); Guy Giuliano, OL/DL (5-6, 215); Dan Hutchinson, QB/DB (6-1, 180); Harold McDaniel, OL/DE (6-0, 175); Ian Schlegel, OL/DE (5-4, 160); Anthony Scrofano, OL/DL (5-10, 160).
JUNIORS: Dave Connelly, RB/DB (5-4, 135); Bob Garrison, OL/DL (5-9, 175); Brian Heath, TE/DB (6-4, 180); Mike Jose, RB/DB (5-10, 170); Kevin Kolbeck, RB/LB (5-7, 170); Mike Mues, OL/DL (6-0, 225); Mike Owens, RB/DB (5-7, 160); Mike Reinhardt, RB/DB (5-11, 220); Andrew Rothrock, OL/DL (6-1, 270); Kevin Vargas, TE/DE (5-11, 180).
SOPHOMORES: Rick Garcia, OL/LB (6-0, 225); Jeff Hinch, RB/DB (5-9, 150); Scott Kraft, OL/DL (5-10, 150); Chris Levine, SE/DB (5-4, 120); Matt McCrady, OL/DL (5-4, 185); Bob McDermott, QB/DB (5-9, 125); Leo Mengel, OL/DL (5-9, 180); Pat Nadella, OL/DL (5-9, 260); Tom Petrosky, RB/DB (5-4, 123); Bob Rapone, OL/DL (5-9, 200); Doug Schoenig, RB/LB (6-0, 180); Pat Strahan, TE/DE (5-8, 160); Nick Talaraki, TE/DE (6-0, 160); Fred Vargas, RB/LB (5-9, 165); Jay Vargas, OL/DL (5-8, 183); Ryan Velucci, SE/DE (6-3, 160).

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among of a group of nine who lettered during last year's highly successful 9-1 campaign.
"Obviously we're very young and may have as many as five sophomores starting," said head coach John Wagner, who has guided Roselle Park to 13 consecutive winning seasons.
"The kids are improving every day in practice and we have talent," Wagner said. "We just have to organize it."
Senior quarterback Dan Hutchinson started three games last year and junior Kevin Kolbeck was among the better sophomores in the area last year, a triple threat at running back, linebacker and placekicker.
Returning letter-winners include seniors Pat Appello, Joe Bielaki, Rick Carlson, Guy Giuliano and Hutchinson and juniors Brian Heath, Kolbeck, Mike Mues and Mark Owens.
"We've had young teams before, so we're just looking to improve and get better every day," Wagner said. "If you're young on defense you're going to make a lot of mistakes, so we're just going to have to learn from them."
Hutchinson will run the Wing-T offense behind an offensive line that will include Mues (6-0, 225), sophomore Rick Garcia (6-0, 225) and sophomore Scott Kraft (5-10, 185) at guard; Appello (6-0, 215), sophomore Leo Mengel (5-9, 180) and junior Andrew Rothrock (6-1, 270) at tackle and Giuliano (5-6, 215), senior Anthony Scrofano (5-10, 160) and sophomore Matt McCrady (5-4, 185) at center.
Kolbeck (5-7, 170) and sophomore Doug Schoenig (6-0, 180) are the fullbacks and Carlson (6-0, 170), Owens (5-11, 160) and sophomore Jeff Hinch (5-9, 150) the halfbacks. Owens is also the backup quarterback.
The 50 defense will include Appello, Mues, Giuliano, Mengel and Kraft at tackle and junior Kevin Vargas (5-11, 180), junior Red Reinhardt (5-11, 220) and Bielaki at end.
The linebacking unit includes Kolbeck, Garcia, Schoenig and sophomore Fred Vargas (5-9, 165).
Manning the secondary will be Carlson, Hinch, Owens, Heath and Hutchinson.
Reinhardt and Schoenig will handle the punting chores. Kolbeck is the placekicker and Carlson will boot the kickoffs.
To set the record straight, Fred Vargas is the younger brother of 1997 graduate Kevin Vargas, a member of last year's team.
Another sophomore on this year's team, Jay Vargas, is the younger brother of junior Kevin Vargas.
Roselle Park's game-scrimmage against

Millburn is scheduled to take place tomorrow night at Herm Shaw Field in Roselle Park.

The Panthers, defending Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division champions, open the season at home on Friday night, Sept. 26 against Mountain Division foe Newark Central. It will be the first time that the two teams face each other in football.

Also, with Brearley becoming the eighth member of the Valley Division and the Mountain Division remaining with seven, a new points system will determine the two conference champions this year and this year only, with teams getting two points for wins against most teams and one point for wins against certain teams whether those opponents are members of the MVC or not.

Middlesex, a member of the Valley Division, will move to the Greater Middlesex Conference next year and then the MVC will go back to being balanced with seven teams in each division. Then, once again, the teams win their way records will be recognized as the conference champions.

Head coach: JOHN WAGNER
Roselle Park: 106-461 (701) — 16 seasons (1981-1996)

Head coach at Roselle Park only.

Roselle Park's last playoff championship:

North 2, Group 1 in 1993

Sept. 26 Newark Central, 7:30
Oct. 4 at Middlesex, 1:00
Oct. 9 Manville, 7:30
Oct. 17 Dayton, 7:30
Oct. 25 at New Providence, 1:00

Nov. 1 at Gov. Livingston, 2:00
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Dayton High School Bulldogs

Success will begin from scratch

By J.R. PARACHINI

SPRINGFIELD — Taking a group of youngsters with very little experience and showing them what it takes to succeed is what first-year head coach Sal Mistretta is all about.

"Basically, that's what makes this an interesting job," said Mistretta, who takes over a Dayton squad that will begin a new rebuilding process this season, minus a talented group of players from Kenilworth who are now playing for their town high school at Brearley.

"We're going to have our own personality because we're starting from scratch," said Mistretta, a graduate of J.P. Stevens (1973) and Kean College (1977) who has a wealth of coaching experience that includes head coaching stints at St. Peter's of New Brunswick and Sayreville, the latter for seven seasons.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity and am looking forward to giving the program some coaching stability," Mistretta, 42, said.

Dayton head coaches in the 1990s include John LeDonne (1987-1990), Tony Magliano

(1991), Ed Manigan (1992-94) and Ed Rycavage (1995-96).

Most of Dayton's best players from a year ago either graduated or are now playing for Brearley as the Kenilworth school is open for the first time since the end of the 1992-93 school year.

"The kids we have so far have demonstrated an ability to play very physical football," said Mistretta, a North Brunswick resident who is now a health and physical education teacher at Dayton. "They've shown me that they're not afraid to stick their nose in and you can't coach that."

Dayton's Multiple I offense will feature the team's tailback and include a number of plays where the quarterback will have the opportunity to throw the ball.

In charge of the offense this year will be senior quarterback Michael Lee (5-10, 190). Lee saw some action last year, including one start.

"I feel that we have an excellent quarterback in Michael Lee and we have some kids who understand the game," said Mistretta, who said the kids that will see significant playing time.

Head Coach: SAL MISTRETTA
St. Peter's, New Brunswick: 10-0 (1,000) — 1 season (1994)
Sayreville: 45-23-1 (662) — 7 seasons (1988-1994)
Lifetime: 55-23-1 (705)

Assistant coach: Newark West Side 1972-1973, Barringer 1974-1976, Monroe Township 1977-1978 and 1982-1984, Spotswood 1980-1981, Upsala College 1986-1987 and Hightstown 1996.

Dayton's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 2 finalist in 1981 (Never won a playoff title)

DAYTON BULLDOGS

Sept. 20 Newark Central, 1:00
Sept. 27 Gov. Livingston, 4:00
Oct. 4 at Brearley, 1:00
Oct. 17 at Roselle Park, 7:30
Oct. 25 Bound Brook, 1:00
Nov. 1 North Plainfield, 2:00
Nov. 8 Middlesex, 1:00
Nov. 14 at Manville, 7:30
Nov. 27 at Ridge, 10:30

DAYTON BULLDOGS

SENIORS: Robert Jones, TE/DB (6-3, 160); Michael Lee, QB/DB (5-10, 190); Dexter McLean, RB/LB (5-9, 175); Joey Porter, WR/LB (5-8, 150); Ralph Sarracino, TE/DE (6-4, 210); Jeff Vogt, RB/LB (5-10, 180); Brian Vogt, OL/DL (6-0, 185).
JUNIORS: Matt Arezzo, OL/DL (6-0, 180); Nick Costanzo, WR/LB (5-8, 160).
SOPHOMORES: Kevin Allen, WR/DB (6-0, 165); Justin Azam, OL/DL (6-0, 175); Brian Berger, TE/LB (5-10, 170); Charles Beyer, OL/DL (5-9, 195); Dan Delicocco, OL/DL (5-10, 215); Matt Fisher, RB/LB (5-8, 170); B.J. Jones, TE/DB (5-8, 160); Brian Jones, FB/DB (5-7, 140); Anita Vigilante, CLB (5-10, 180); Todd Walters, OL/DL (5-10, 210).

GL: Mountaineers impact major

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The Highlanders are scheduled to host New Providence Saturday at 2 p.m. in their season-opener if their new field is ready.

"The new stadium has a bowl look, with a new weather track and a freshly sodded field," Hubert said. "If we're not able to use it this weekend, then we hope it will be ready by our next home game."

GL's next scheduled home game is against Roselle Park on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Head Coach: JOE HUBERT

In his 12th year as GL head coach.

GL's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 1 finalist in 1989 (Never won a playoff title)

Sept. 20 New Providence, 2:00
Sept. 27 at Dayton, 1:00
Oct. 10 at Immaculata, 7:30
Oct. 18 at Roselle, 1:00
Oct. 25 at Hillsdale, 1:00
Nov. 1 Roselle Park, 2:00
Nov. 8 at Newark Central, 2:00
Nov. 15 North Plainfield, 1:00
Nov. 27 Johnson, 10:30

will be gaining their first year of varsity experience. We hope to be a much better football team down the road."

The offensive line will consist of sophomore Anita Vigilante (5-10, 180) at center, sophomore Charles Beyer (5-9, 195) and junior Matt Arezzo (6-0, 180) at guards and sophomore Dan Delicocco (5-10, 215) and Todd Walters (5-10, 210) at tackles.

The tight end is senior Ralph Sarracino (6-4, 210), the split end is senior Robert

Jones (6-3, 160) and the flanker/wingback is junior Nick Costanzo (5-8, 160).

Joining Lee in the backfield will be sophomore Matt Fisher (5-8, 170) at fullback and sophomore B.J. Jones (5-8, 160) at tailback.

Lee will handle all of the kicking chores. Defensively, the Bulldogs' 4-4 look will include sophomores Justin Azam (6-0, 175), Walters and Delicocco at end and Sarracino and Arezzo at tackle.

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Linden High School Tigers

Experienced group is confident

By ANDREW MCGANN

LINDEN — Having to replace starters that graduated and going through a rebuilding process is a reality all high school football teams must face from time to time and Linden was no exception last year.

This season, however, looks to be different for head coach Bucky McDonald and his Tigers as they gear up to improve upon last season's uncharacteristic 3-6 finish.

Assuming the reins at starting quarterback for any team brings a certain amount of pressure with it, especially so for a sophomore. Chris Rayford (6-0, 170) and the Tigers struggled through last year's learning process, but the junior quarterback is one player McDonald is expecting big things from this year.

"He has a lot more confidence throwing the football this year," McDonald said of the very athletic and fleet of foot Rayford. "Altogether, that's very important."

"Chris is very talented and we're going to try to build around him and utilize as much of his ability as we can. He's a threat every time he touches the ball."

Also returning is All-Area performer Rashiem Starling (5-10, 180), who moves from fullback to his more natural position of fullback.

"I'm really looking for Rashiem to step up and make things happen for us," McDonald said of Starling, who also starts at linebacker.

Linden will once again run the Wing-T offense, a mainstay during McDonald's tenure there.

Also changing positions is senior Randy Gider (5-9, 185), who moves from spread end to fullback, where he will see 10-15 carries a game.

The position changes for Starling and Gider are designed to help the backs utilize their speed in a backfield that has lacked

explosiveness in recent years and to give Linden two legitimate big-play threats.

Left guard Desean Brown (6-2, 225) and right tackle Justin Williams (6-2, 225) return to anchor a more mature offensive line. Shawn Garris (6-1, 235) and Bernard Subooki (5-10, 230) are battling it out at left tackle and juniors Brandon George (6-0, 195) and Calisto Guerra (6-2, 210) are vying for the starting right end position.

A battle is also being waged at the center position between juniors Chris Everett (6-2, 240) and Ernie Strothers (5-11, 230), both of whom have impressed McDonald thus far in practice.

Seniors Waytek Stratford (5-10, 165), the brother-of-former Miami-Dolphin wide receiver Troy Stratford, and Antoine Chapman (5-9, 175) will line up at wide receiver. "They're both good blockers and their game-experience means a lot," McDonald noted.

Williams and Brown return to the defensive line at tackle and defensive end, respectively, and McDonald is hoping their leadership and experience will rub off on the rest of the unit.

"Desean and Williams are our anchors on the line and they're going to try to get the young guys to step it up," McDonald said. "The secondary will feature Rayford, Chapman and Stratford as defensive backs and Edwin Charlton (5-7, 175) as the safety. Patrick Zygaldo (6-0, 210), who missed the final three games of 1996 with an ankle injury, will re-assume his spot as kicker with Rayford expected to return as Linden's punter."

"Overall, we're looking to improve on last year's record," McDonald said. "We lost some close games, including four in mid-season that we gave away in the fourth quarter."

"We couldn't hold on and make plays, but this year we're more experienced and I'm pleased with the progress we've made."

Head Coach: BUCKY McDONALD
Lifetime: 77-36-2 (.681)
Linden: 77-36-2 (.681) — 12 seasons (1985-1996)

Linden's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 3 in 1985

Linden part of Watchung dominance

Linden was victorious in its first game @Johas Ferris of Jersey City last year as Watchung Conference schools posted an impressive 9-4 record against their Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association counterparts during the first of back-to-back seasons of facing each other in non-conference action.

Linden defeated Ferris by a 19-6 score in Jersey City and this year hosts Ferris on Saturday, Sept. 27, the Tigers' second game of the season.

Last year's home teams will be this year's road teams as the two-year series will come to a conclusion.

Here's a look at the scores of last year's games:

Watchung victories
Irvington 20, Memorial, West New York 14 at Memorial

Linden vs. Union at Cooper Saturday

The high school football season kicks off around the state this weekend, with games scheduled tomorrow night and Saturday afternoon.

Schools that do not open this weekend, Week Zero, will open next weekend during Week One.

Eight area schools open this weekend.

Linden opens Saturday at home against Watchung Conference-American Division rival Union. Game time is set for 1:30 p.m. at Cooper Field.

The NISAA playoffs are scheduled to take place the weekends of Nov. 21-23 and Dec. 5-7. The cutoff date is Nov. 15.

— J.R. Paracchini

LINDEN TIGERS

SENIORS: Justin Williams, RT, (6-2, 255); Waytek Stratford, WR, (5-10, 165); Antoine Chapman, WR, (5-9, 175); Desean Brown, LG, (6-2, 225); Patrick Zygaldo, HB/FB, (6-0, 210); Randy Gider, HB, (5-9, 185); Charles Leverett, FB, (5-11, 225); Lenny Loisel, OL/DL, (6-2, 230).

JUNIORS: Chris Rayford, QB, (6-0, 170); Chris Everett, C/DL, (6-2, 240); Ernie Strothers, C, (5-11, 230); Mike Lodi, RG, (5-9, 180); Shawn Garris, LT, (6-1, 235); Brandon George, TE, (6-0, 195); Calisto Guerra, TE, (6-2, 210); Rashiem Starling, FB/LB, (5-10, 180); Edwin Charlton, TB, (5-7, 175); Khaliph Brunson, RB/QB, (5-7, 180); Brian Bowser, TB/LB, (5-10, 185); Bernard Winokah, FB/LB, (5-8, 210).

SOPHOMORES: Bernard Subooki, LT, (5-10, 230).



Linden junior Chris Rayford returns as the Tigers' starting quarterback. "Chris is very talented and we're going to try to build around him and utilize as much of his ability as we can," head coach Bucky McDonald said. "He has a lot more confidence in his throwing and is a threat every time he touches the ball."

Starling among elite returning

Linden junior linebacker Rashiem Starling is one of nine 1996 Wornall Super 30 players that return for the 1997 season.

Last year Starling and Hillside's Jamie Wineglass were the only two sophomores named.

Other returning standout players include senior quarterbacks Asad Abdul-Khalik of Elizabeth and Mark Armento of Brainerd, senior defensive tackles Lamar Williams of Hillside and Joe Caprigione of Brainerd, senior linebackers Kevin Burns of Brainerd and Brian Drake of Johnson and senior defensive back John Betwa of Summit.

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Hillside High School Comets

Solid all over and plenty of depth

By J.R. PARACHINI
HILLSIDE — The Comets have had a great deal of success in the 1990s, with five winning seasons of which three of them included seven victories.

Many talented players have come through the system including the likes of Kendall Ogle, Lamond Adams, Roger Wingate and Reven Myles just to name a few.

A large number of talented players return from last year's 5-4 club and that may make

HILLSIDE COMETS

SENIORS: Henry Chambers, OL/DL, (5-10, 200); Curtis Golpin, OL/LB, (5-10, 210); Robert Jett, OL/DL, (5-8, 285); Phillip Roney, WR/DB, (5-6, 161); Lamar Williams, OL/DL, (6-3, 260); Vincent Petty, CLB, (5-10, 190); Corey DeGaines, QB/DB, (6-2, 190); Gerard Bishop, WR/DB, (5-11, 180); Charles Thebaud, TE/DE, (5-10, 192); Brian Oliver, OL/DL, (5-9, 185); Krzysztof Kaczorowski, OL/DL, (6-5, 295); Anthony Womack, TE/DE, (6-0, 185).

JUNIORS: Anthony Adebayo, C/DE, (6-0, 180); Nana Binkorang, OL/LB, (6-0, 175); Cornell Grandberry, WR/DB, (5-7, 155); Tony Mullins, FB/DB, (5-10, 207); Jason Newby, QB/DB, (5-9, 160); Kory Robinson, WR/DB, (6-3, 185); Jamale Winglass, TE/DE, (6-3, 234); Dejuan Werns, RB/DB, (5-8, 160); Pascal Thebaud, OL/DL, (5-10, 235); Jeff Paulin, TE/DE, (6-3, 120); Oscar Jones, FB/LB, (5-10, 190); Jermain Hargrove, OL/DL, (6-0, 200);

Rahim Martin, FB/LB, (5-8, 170); Tashon Clegg, KP, (5-8, 160).

SOPHOMORES: Randal Jackson, WR/DB, (5-6, 160); Darren Frater, WR/DB, (5-8, 168); Tybren Clark, RB/DB, (5-9, 174); Michael Knight, RB/DB, (5-8, 170); Felix McClain, OL/DL, (6-2, 251); Joseph Aponso, WR/DB, (5-6, 153); Curtis Cooper, WR/DE, (5-9, 170); Ronnie Starr, WR/DE, (5-10, 170); Tyre Mayne, RB/DB, (5-10, 170).

FRESHMEN: Michael Matthews, OL/DL, (5-8, 180); Jonathan Fanning, OL/DL, (5-8, 260); Marc Vicidomini, C/DL, (5-10, 205); Anthony DeGaines, TE/LB, (6-2, 206); Troy Bishop, QB/DB, (5-8, 162); Eugene Vick, RB/DB, (5-7, 155); Kendrick Gordon, CLB, (5-7, 175); Glenn Gny, OL/DL, (5-10, 181).

Head coach: Gary Westberry, (5-11, 180) and Phillip Roney (5-6, 161).

Winglass (6-3, 234) was one of the most exciting players in the area last year. He caught 26 passes for 326 yards and four touchdowns. At defensive end, he recorded 40 tackles, four of them quarterback sacks.

"Everybody is impressed with Jamale," Westberry said. "He's a very big kid, a big target that's solid, tough and rugged. You can just throw the ball and he will get it."

"Our offense is designed to maximize the talents of Winglass and the others."

Providing pass protection and run blocking on the line will be sophomore left tackle Feris McClain (6-2, 251), senior left guard Curtis Golpin (5-10, 210), senior center Vincent Petty (5-10, 190); senior right guard Henry Chambers (5-10, 200) and senior right tackle Krzysztof Kaczorowski (6-5, 295).

Elizabeth strength is passing game

By J.R. PARACHINI
ELIZABETH — A major strength this year is the passing game.

ELIZABETH MINUTEMEN

Sept. 20 at East Side, 1:30

Sept. 27 St. Peter's Prep, 7:00

Oct. 10 at Shabazz, 4:00

Oct. 17 at Union, 7:00

Oct. 24 at Westfield, 7:30

Nov. 1 at Plainfield, 1:30

Nov. 7 Linden, 7:00

Nov. 14 Irvington, 7:00

Nov. 27 Cranford, 10:30

Head coach: Jerry Moore

Elizabeth's last playoff championship: 1985-1996

Also head coach at Somerville:

Head coach: JERRY MOORE

Elizabeth: 95-22-1 (812) — 12 seasons (1985-1996)

Also head coach at Somerville:

Elizabeth's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 4 in 1989

(Roster information was not submitted.)

Head coach: GARY WESTBERRY

Newark East Side: 8-28 (222) — 4 seasons (1993-1996)

Also assistant coach at Newark West Side:

Hillside's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 2 in 1985

Hillside's last playoff championship:

Sept. 20 at Barclay, 1:30

Sept. 27 at New Providence, 1:00

Oct. 4 Immaculata, 1:00

Oct. 11 Roselle, 1:00

Oct. 17 at North Plainfield, 7:30

Oct. 25 Gov. Livingston, 1:00

Oct. 31 at Manville, 7:00

Nov. 15 Johnson, 1:00

Nov. 27 Newark Central, 10:30

Head coach: LOU GRASSO

Lifetime: 99-68-3 (.593) — 18 seasons (1979-1996)

Roselle's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 2, in 1989

Head coach: LOU GRASSO

Lifetime: 99-68-3 (.593) — 18 seasons (1979-1996)

Roselle's last playoff championship:

Sept. 26 at Middlesex, 7:30

Oct. 4 Newark Central, 1:00

Oct. 11 at Hillside, 1:00

Oct. 18 Gov. Livingston, 1:00

Oct. 25 at Johnson, 1:00

Nov. 1 Bristow, 2:00

Nov. 7 at North Plainfield, 7:00

Nov. 14 at Immaculata, 7:00

Nov. 27 Roselle Park, 10:30

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Brearley High School Bears

A return to glory quite possible

By J.R. PARACHINI
KENILWORTH — Brearley football is back.

Finally, And it could not have come back as a better time as the Bears have a very talented team this year, one that includes a strong senior class that has improved a great deal while playing for Dayton Regional the past two seasons.

Mike Londino, 51, was named the school's third head coach earlier this year and is a strong link to Brearley's football past. He served as an assistant during each of Brearley's first 26 football seasons, the first seven under Nelson Gible (1967-1973) and the next 19 under Bob Taylor (1974-1992). Brearley last played in 1992 and then when the school closed, Kenilworth resident high school students attended either Johnson Regional in Clark or Dayton Regional in Springfield.

Then came the vote for deregionalization and with that the re-opening of the high school in Kenilworth, now under the name of Brearley without the Regional.



Brearley's last home game was in October of 1992, a 53-22 setback to Roselle Park. After that contest, the Bears went on to win their final three games of the season, all on the road, to finish with a winning record of 5-3-1. Brearley's last game that year was a 15-13 Thanksgiving Day win against Johnson in Clark.

"I was first concerned about getting the players' trust, but then found that not to be a concern at all," Londino said. "We have a number of talented players, but our team has made a commitment to being a team and each player is committed to each other."

Most of Brearley's senior class lifted Dayton to a 6-3 record last year, winning its final six games, after going 1-8 as sophomores.

Seniors on this year's squad who starred for Dayton last year include Mark Armento, Kevin Burns, Paul Teas, Joe Caprigione, Anthony Chango, Mark Dempsey, Kevin Hogan, Barry Kaverick, Joe Rizzo, Jimmy Sweigart and Jon Zika. Another standout was junior Mike Harms, a starter as a freshman and sophomore for the Bulldogs, who were coached in 1995 and 1996 by Ed Ryznar.

In a team vote, Armento, Chango and Zika were named team captains for the season.

The Vee offense will be directed by Armento (6-1, 195), a two-year starter at quarterback for Dayton.

Londino and his staff, all Kenilworth residents who have played their high school football at Brearley, began the learning process in the summer, going to know the players from Kenilworth who cut their teeth the past two years at Dayton.

"I was first concerned about getting the players' trust, but then found that not to be a concern at all. We have a number of talented players, but our team has made a commitment to being a team and each player is committed to each other. We're excited about bringing Brearley football back, the town is excited and we're expecting to have a very competitive season." — First-year head coach Mike Londino.

Londino is the third coach in the history of Brearley football, succeeding Bob Taylor who was at the helm from 1974-1992. Nelson Gible was the first coach, serving from 1967-1973.

Armento suffered a broken leg injury during Brearley's first scrimmage against Newark East Side.

Teas had a standout season for Dayton last year, although "he will use his whole body this year, his presence will still be felt as an integral part of the team."

Al-Taroun Peterson, a 5-11, 180-pound junior, is a candidate to see a lot of playing time at running back.

Chango (6-4, 195) and Hogan (6-3, 190) will continue to serve as large right end targets for Armento. Sweigart (6-0, 190) and Dempsey (5-8, 185) are equally capable as the split ends.

Hogan mirrors Chango and Sweigart and Dempsey are very savvy, fast and athletic receivers," Londino said.

The offensive line consists of Harms (5-11, 235) and Rizzo (5-10, 235) at tackles, Zika (5-3, 200) and Kaverick (5-11, 180) at guards and sophomore Eric Vitale (5-11, 220) at center. Harms was moved from center to tackle.

Dayton's 5-2 defense will include Harms at nose guard, Caprigione (6-0, 190) and Rizzo at tackles and Chango, Kaverick and Hogan rotating at end.

Burns and Zika are the linebackers in front of Dempsey at the cornerback position and Sweigart and junior Joe Zagorkas (5-11, 170) at the halfback slot.

Londino, who served as the offensive and defensive line coach during Taylor's tenure as head coach, makes it clear that he is only the head coach in title.

"We all work together as a staff," Londino said.

Steve Washers, who was also an assistant under Taylor, is the offensive coordinator and also handles the linebackers. Joe Capizzano, who was hired as the varsity base-

ball coach, handles the running backs and defensive backs.

Brian Luciani, who was named as Brearley's head wrestling coach, is in charge of the wide receivers and helps out with the defensive backs.

The freshman coaches are 1992 Brearley graduate Jon Chango and 1991 grad Joe Balwierzak. Chango was the senior quarterback who guided Brearley to its last playoff state championship in 1991.

Important volunteer coaches include former players Mike McCoy, Michael Wright and Vincent Volpe and retired Pop Warner director Bill Chango.

"We're excited about bringing Brearley football back, the town is excited and we're expecting to have a very competitive season," Londino said.

Head coach: MIKE LONDINO
Assistant coach: Brearley Regional 1967-1992.

Brearley's last playoff championship:
North 2, Group 1 in 1991.

BREARLEY BEARS	
Sept. 20 Hillside, 1:00	
Sept. 27 Johnson, 1:00	
Oct. 4 Dayton, 1:00	
Oct. 10 at Ridge, 3:00	
Oct. 17 at Highland Park, 7:00	
Oct. 25 at Middlesex, 1:00	
Nov. 1 at Roselle, 2:00	
Nov. 8 Manville, 1:00	
Nov. 14 at Bound Brook, 7:00	

BREARLEY BEARS

SENIORS: Mark Armento, QB/S (6-1, 195); Kevin Burns, RB/LB (5-11, 180); Joe Caprigione, DT (6-4, 190); Anthony Chango, TE/DE (6-4, 195); Mark Dempsey, WR/CB (5-8, 185); Kevin Hogan, TE/DE (6-3, 190); Barry Kaverick, OG/DE (5-11, 180); Joe Rizzo, OT/DT (5-10, 235); Jimmy Sweigart, WR/DB (6-4, 190); Jon Zika, OG/LB (6-3, 200); Steve Capra, RB/DB (5-7, 180); Jamie DeCamp, DL (6-2, 175).

JUNIORS: Mike Harms, OT/DE (5-11, 235); Al-Taroun Peterson, RB/LB (5-11, 180); Joe Zagorkas, RB/DB (5-11, 175); Dino Capra, WR/DB (5-8, 160); Nelson Garcia, WR/DB (5-8, 160); Michael Lewis, RB (5-11, 190); Joe Misch, WR/DB (5-11, 170).

SOPHOMORES: Eric Vitale, OLB (5-11, 220); Stephen Wright, WR/DB (6-4, 200).

Bears among top Group 1 programs

The Brearley High School football program is one of the most successful among Group 1 schools in North Jersey.

Brearley enters the 1997 campaign with three consecutive winning seasons and a 21-6-2 record in the 1990s, having gone 8-1 in 1990, 8-2-1 in 1991 and 5-3-1 in 1992. The Bears have also produced a number of All-Conference and All-State football players over the years, including two who made it to the National Football League.

Tony Siriguia, a 1985 graduate, is currently a member of the Baltimore Ravens after a successful stint with the Indianapolis Colts. He starred collegiately at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mike Chaleski, a 1988 graduate, spent time with the Philadelphia Eagles and New York Jets. He starred at UCLA.

Brearley's last North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 state championship team was coached by the talents of many including current freshman coach Jon Chango, who was the quarterback and placekicker.

Brearley qualified for the playoffs as the fourth seed with a 6-2 record and then tied Johnson 14-14 in Kenilworth. The two teams then met one week later in Clark in the first round and this time Brearley won going away by a 35-7 score, running back Ron Cager scoring on an 80-yard run on Brearley's first play from scrimmage.

Brearley then bested host Mountain Lakes 14-13 in the sectional final.

— J.R. Parachini

Brearley Regional's last season, 1992

(H) Hackensack 19, Brearley 15

(H) Brearley 36, Middletown 0

(A) Brearley 30, Bound Brook 14

(A) Brearley 28, Hillside 8

(A) Brearley 21, New Providence 0

(A) Roselle Park 25, Brearley 15

(H) Brearley 32, Manville 14

(H) Brearley 42, North Plainfield 0

(H) Brearley 14, Johnson 14

(A) Brearley 35, Johnson 7

(A) Brearley 14, Mountain Lakes 13

Records: 8-2-1

MVC-Valley: 4-1-1, third

Home: 1-2-1

Away: 3-1-1

Points for: 282

Points against: 114

Shutouts: 3

Head coach: MIKE LONDINO

Assistant coach: Brearley Regional 1967-1992.

Brearley's last playoff championship: North 2, Group 1 in 1991.

BREARLEY BEARS	
Sept. 20 Hillside, 1:00	
Sept. 27 Johnson, 1:00	
Oct. 4 Dayton, 1:00	
Oct. 10 at Ridge, 3:00	
Oct. 17 at Highland Park, 7:00	
Oct. 25 at Middlesex, 1:00	
Nov. 1 at Roselle, 2:00	
Nov. 8 Manville, 1:00	
Nov. 14 at Bound Brook, 7:00	

Brearley's last North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 state championship came moments after Jonathan Chango, now a Brearley freshman coach, made this extra point to give the Bears a come-from-behind 14-13 win at Mountain Lakes in the 1991 title game in Mountain Lakes.

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Brearley ready to kick off 27th season

By J.R. PARACCHINI
EDITOR

The 1997 campaign will be the 27th season of Brearley High School football and the first since 1992.

Earlier this year Mike Londino was named as Brearley's third head coach, succeeding Bob Taylor who remains as the head coach at Johnson.

Nelson Gible was Brearley's first head coach. He guided the team to the Central Jersey Group 1 state championship (pre playoffs) during the Bears' first year of varsity football in 1967.

Londino served as an assistant to Taylor during his entire 19-season tenure as the head coach. Taylor guided Brearley to four North Jersey Section 2 Group 1 playoff championships.

The Bears have qualified for the state playoffs seven times and have appeared in the sectional final in six of those seasons.

BREARLEY HEAD COACHES
Nelson Gible — 7 seasons (1967-1973)
Bob Taylor — 19 seasons (1974-1992)
Mike Londino — 1997 is first season

NORTH JERSEY, SECTION 2, GROUP 1

PLAYOFF CHAMPIONSHIPS
1981 (11-0): Brearley 17, Roselle 15
1985 (10-1): Brearley 35, Roselle Park 6
1986 (9-1-1): Brearley 28, Roselle Park 7
1991 (8-2-1): Brearley 14, Mt. Lakes 13

PLAYOFF FINALS
1977: Glen Ridge 18, Brearley 12
1988: New Providence 30, Brearley 14
1991: Brearley has a 4-2 record in North Jersey Section 2, Group 1 championship game appearances.

PLAYOFF SEMIFINALIST
1967: Mountain Lakes 25, Brearley 22

BREARLEY'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD SINCE 1965
1965: 5-3-1
1966: 8-2-1
1967: 8-1
1968: 4-5
1969: 10-1, Valley champs
1970: 7-2-1, Valley champs
1971: 9-1-1
1972: 10-1, Valley champs
1973: 21-6-2 in the 1990s.

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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

Traffic safety is a topic that has been addressed in this newspaper during the last few weeks in the wake of schools reopening at the beginning of the month. Our aim has been to alert motorists to be more aware of potentially faster intersections, more pedestrians on the sidewalks, and, most importantly, eager children running from car to school buildings.

Our message has been that a little more awareness on the part of motorists at this time could save lives.

Traffic safety, however, doesn't stop here, and it shouldn't be restricted to the often-repeated-to 1,000 feet from a school.

There are many intersections in all of our communities that are potentially dangerous as they currently exist. There are no children walking in the area and no schools in proximity to the intersections. Their design alone is enough to cause concern.

One example is Stuyvesant Avenue and Mountainview Avenue in Union. One newspaper building sits on the corner of these streets, and from my office window, I have a clear view of many of the near accidents that occur almost on a daily basis. The intersection itself is not a danger. The reason for the near accidents is the cars that park along Stuyvesant Avenue that restrict the visibility that a driver coming out of Mountainview Avenue needs to make a safe left turn.

On an almost daily basis, the sounds of brakes screeching, tires skidding and horns blowing are heard as often as the beep on my computer terminal.

I bet many readers can relate to intersections like this one. There's another intersection in Union that's cause for concern, and I'm conducting a survey that details the number of cars that obey or disobey the yield sign that's clearly posted on the triangle that makes up the intersection where Burke Parkway meets Legion Drive. Motorists traveling north on Burke Parkway who want to make a left onto Legion Drive must yield to motorists coming from Legion Drive onto Burke Parkway. The danger is the high buses and trucks that prevent a motorist traveling on Burke Parkway from seeing a motorist on Legion Drive. There's a yield sign for motorists turning off Burke Parkway, but of the 24 cars I've encountered, 18, or 75 percent of them, ignored the yield sign. If vehicles had been coming down Legion Drive each time these 18 vehicles reached the intersection, it would have been a busy time for the Union EMTs.

I've taken to approaching this intersection with caution, especially during the spring and summer seasons, because I've been in several near accidents. The funny thing is that when I encounter a car and glare at the driver who ignored the yield sign, I am given a return glare as if I'm the driver at fault for creating a potential accident.

I'm going to continue conducting the survey at this intersection and report more about it, with details and statistics from the Union Police Department. It might just be a matter of moving the yield sign closer to the Legion Drive side of the triangle in the intersection to make it less dangerous.

On the meantime, I'd like to hear from readers in the 12 Union County municipalities we serve who have encountered dangerous intersections in their towns and who feel like something can be done to correct the problem. Our reporters can conduct surveys and do investigative stories, hopefully prompting action by local officials.

It's another way the newspaper can make a difference in our residents' lives. Write to me at Worrell Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Let me know the names of the streets that make up the intersection and give me details about what makes it dangerous.



Henry Wright, of American Immigration Control, pickets in support of immigration law reform in front of Rep. Bob Franks' office on Morris Avenue Saturday. AIC favors reduction of legal immigration, a stronger Border Patrol presence, welfare reform and termination of bilingual education. Walking behind Wright is John Mele, who organized the demonstration. HR-347 is the Immigration Moratorium Act of 1997.

Protestors urge congressman to support immigration reform

By Maddy Whale

Picketers marched outside the office of Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, Saturday, urging him to support the Immigration Moratorium Act of 1997.

Under HR-347, the "Immigration moratorium" would be in effect from Oct. 1, 1997 to Sept. 30 of the first fiscal year after the year 2002. At that time the president would submit a report to Congress, which is approved by a joint resolution of Congress, that the flow of illegal immigration has been reduced to less than 10,000 legal aliens per year.

The bill states that any increase in legal aliens resulting from the moratorium, would have no adverse impact on wages and working conditions of the U.S. citizens. And would not affect the maintenance and achievement of federal environmental quality standards or the capacity of public schools, hospitals and other public facilities to serve the residential population where immigrants settle.

Franks said effective immigration enforcement must focus on halting illegal entries and removing the incentives that encourage illegal immigration.

"Immigrants should not become a burden to Ameri-

can taxpayers by taking advantage of public benefits, and those who sponsor immigrants should be held financially responsible," he said.

Franks outlined some of the measures in the bill such as increasing the Border Patrol by 1,000 positions annually through the year 2000 and enhancing enforcement and penalties against smuggling and document fraud and establishing criminal penalties for preparers and promoters of false immigration applications.

Rep. Bob Stamp, R-AZ, who authored the bill, has said the measure would reduce the current level of legal immigration from 900,000 to 300,000 annually.

According to statistics from American Immigration Control, a non-profit organization, the United States admits nearly 1 million illegal aliens, and of that number, 500,000 settle here permanently. For every 100 illegal aliens who find jobs, 65 American workers are displaced. More than 72,000 aliens are arrested each year for drug offenses. Statistics show if immigration is not controlled, the influx will increase the U.S. population from 265 million to 392 million by the year 2050.

For more information on the AIC and the American National Council on Immigration Reform, contact (202) 659-9499.

Senior citizens represent county in state art contest

The 1997 Union County Senior Citizens Art Contest and Exhibit at the atrium of the Elizabethtown Gas Co. in Union was a "tremendous success," said Freeholder Ed Force.

"Freeholders Frank Lehr, Henry Kurz and I were impressed by the array of talent exhibited in this show, which featured oils and acrylics, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, photography, pencil/pen and ink as well as the sculptures and crafts of Union County's exceptional professional and non-professional senior artists," Force also said.

First place winners, except in crafts, represent Union County at the

New Jersey Senior Citizens Annual Juried Art Exhibition at the Manalapan Public Library, which is being held through Sept. 25. The Manalapan exhibit is sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

The more than 100 works of art submitted by the county's senior artists were judged by professional artists Roy Cross of Newark and Karen Patterson of Westfield in addition to curator Sharon Gill of Montclair. Among the winners are:

Non-Professional:
Oil-Acrylic Category: Ivy Clarke of Plainfield, first place; Constance Rayner of Hillsdale, second place; Marlene Raiman of Westfield, third place. Joyce Jacobus of Hillsdale, Alice Schneider of Clark and Jean Zarowski of Union all received honorable mentions.

Pastel Category: Ruth Boyd of Cranford, first place; Mildred Lubas of Cranford, second place; Eleanor Benist of Kenilworth, third place. Violet Ramsey of Plainfield received an honorable mention.

Mixed Media Category: Dorothy

Shaw of Plainfield, first place; Natalia Tangowski of Elizabeth, second place; Agatha Jacobs of Plainfield, third place. Elizabeth Denis of Berkeley Heights and James Labbe of Plainfield received honorable mentions.

Photo Category: Seamon Pines of Murray Hill, first place; A. Wunderlich of Springfield, second place; Jean Zachar of Elizabeth, third place. Edward Staniszewski of Cranford received an honorable mention.

Pencil, Pen and Ink Category: Nadine Smith of Plainfield, first place; and Sylvia Kahn of Union, second place.

Sculpture Category: Raymond Hustler of Union, first place.

Crafts Category: Grace Boyce and Margaret Szwedky, Elizabeth residents, received honorable mentions for their knitted afghans.

Professional:
Oil-Acrylic Category: Karoly Daroczi of Elizabeth, first place; Gi Wan Song of Fairwood, second place. Marga Voegtle of Kenilworth and Urban Weiss of Linden received honorable mentions.

Watercolor Category: Ruth Benist of Union, first place; Phil Kass of Westfield, second place and Clair Torgersen of Cranford, third place.

Pastel Category: Lorena Lynch of Plainfield received an honorable mention.

Mixed Media Category: Lydia Brunell of Westfield, first place. Pencil, Pen and Ink Category: Maryellen Keefe of Elizabeth received an honorable mention.

The annual art contest and exhibit is sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development.



The 1997 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibit included the work of Karoly Daroczi of Elizabeth, whose painting 'The Weed by the Steps' took first place in the Oil-Acrylic Category. From left: Freeholders Henry Kurz and Ed Force, Daroczi, his wife Barbara, and Freeholder Frank Lehr.

Collection of electronics, chemicals planned

The Union County Utilities Authority will hold another Household Special Waste Day in Berkeley Heights later this month.

The event, which also will include collection of electronic appliances, will be held in Berkeley Heights at the Municipal Swimming Pool on Locust

Avenue on Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is no cost to participate, however pre-registration with the UCUA is mandatory. Proof of residency is required.

Acceptable household special waste include oil-based paints and varnishes, pool chemicals, corrosives

and cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, caustics, solvents, thinners, aerosol cans, asphalt sealers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids and solids, motor oil, gasoline, motor oil filters, automotive products, batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, microwave, thermostats and mercury switches.

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Freeholder wants UCUA official out

Banasiak's residence is issue

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

Blanche Banasiak is Elizabeth's representative to the UCUA, and she no longer lives in that city.

Banasiak recently moved to Belle Meade in Somerset County. She said she assumed at the time that there was a residency requirement for being a UCUA commissioner, and had assumed she would resign.

Banasiak is still on the UCUA Board of Commissioners and a county freeholder wants her off.

Dan Sullivan, the vice chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will present a resolution asking Banasiak to resign. Sullivan is a Democrat on the Democrat-controlled board, while Banasiak is a Republican on the Republican-controlled UCUA board.

"We feel that county representatives should be on county boards and commissions," Sullivan said.

Both Sullivan, the freeholder liaison to the UCUA, and Banasiak said that there is no legal stipulation that commissioners on the Union County Utilities Authority live in Union County.

According to Sullivan, this is because the UCUA was set up according to state laws that did not mention a residency requirement.

Because of this, he said, future resolutions will be introduced to take "toe" out of the administrative code that let commissioners move out of the county and retain their positions. He also will be looking to persuade the Legislature to change the laws governing utilities authorities.

"I don't disagree with people living in the county," said Banasiak. "I think people should be living in the county."

Banasiak's term ends in January. "I was surprised that he would make an issue out of something that has only a few months left."

She said that she stayed on because she has eight years of experience on the UCUA, even helping to set it up. The UCUA was set up in 1982 in the closing months because of the repeal of New Jersey's waste flow laws.

These laws gave the UCUA incinerator, based in Rahway, a monopoly on municipal garbage disposal in Union County. These laws could be repealed as early as next month, throwing the UCUA into a free market. The UCUA's fees are too expensive for it to survive in such a climate, according to critics and the state Department of the Treasury.

Sullivan did not know who he wants to replace Banasiak.

"My personal feeling is that it should be someone from Elizabeth," he said. This is because Elizabeth sends the most garbage to Union County to the UCUA.

With the 6-3 Democrat majority on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, any legislation for Banasiak would likely be a Democrat as well.

This would upset the balance of power on the UCUA Board of Commissioners, which has a 6-3 Republican majority. But it would reduce the Republican's majority to just one vote over the Democrats.

This is not the first time that the freeholders have tried to influence the makeup of the UCUA commissioners.

In the spring, the freeholders tried to get rid of the commissioners and replace them with Democrats. Chairman Linda Stender said that this was because the commissioners were not being "proactive" enough in reducing the UCUA's fees and making the facility more competitive.

The repeal of the state waste flow laws, prompted by a federal court ruling last year, means the UCUA would have to compete in a free market with landfill and other facilities. Its per-ton garbage disposal fee or "tipping fee" of \$83.05 is not the highest, but it is more expensive than other incinerators and landfills. Some landfills in Pennsylvania have tipping fees that are \$40 cheaper than the UCUA.

If the UCUA loses enough business, it won't be able to keep up with the payments on its bonds and will default on them. \$35 million of these are guaranteed by the county government, and the county may wind up paying all \$286 million of the UCUA's debt, if legislation in Trenton is enacted.

COUNTY NEWS

Lecture on house plants
Wesley Philo of the Rutgers University Cooperative Extension in Union County will speak on "The Care and Use of House Plants" at the meeting of the Hillside Business and Professional Women Monday. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Galloway Hill Caterers, Five Poinas, Union.

Historical talk on Newark
Jean-Rae Turner, secretary of the Union County Historical Society, will speak on Newark on Oct. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the annual meeting of the society at the Dr. Carl Hansen House, 38 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. The talk will be illustrated with colored slides used in the book "Images of America."

That book was written by Turner and Richard T. Koles. Both are former employees of the *Elizabeth Daily Journal* and New Jersey Newspapers. Turner, a reporter, speaks on historic subjects. Koles, a photographer, also co-authored another book in the "Images" series with Turner titled "Elizabethan and Union County: A Pictorial History."

The society's annual election will be conducted. Nominations are for president, Vincent J. Parlapiano of

Roselle Park; vice president, Richard T. Koles of Belleville and Hazel Hardgrove; secretary, Jean-Rae Turner of Newark; and treasurer, Stephen Lancia; Treasurer for Class 2000, Robert Fridlington of Cranford; Ruth Frisch of Roselle; Harigrove, Evelyn Olson of Roselle and Charles Shallos, Jr. of Elizabeth.

Fashion show planned
The Union County Legal Secretaries Association will sponsor a "Celebrate the Holidays" dinner-fashionshow on Oct. 17, at the Kenilworth Inn in Kenilworth.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by fashion shows by Dress Barn and Dress Barn for Women.


There also will be a fund-raiser to benefit the legal education and scholarship fund.

Tickets are \$20 and include a full-course dinner and may be purchased through Suzie Mack, at PO Box 24, Kenilworth, NJ 07033-0024 or call (908) 789-8550, ext. 26. The deadline for tickets is Oct. 10.

Also, the New Jersey Association of Legal Secretaries will host a meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway, the weekend of Sept. 26, 27, and 28.

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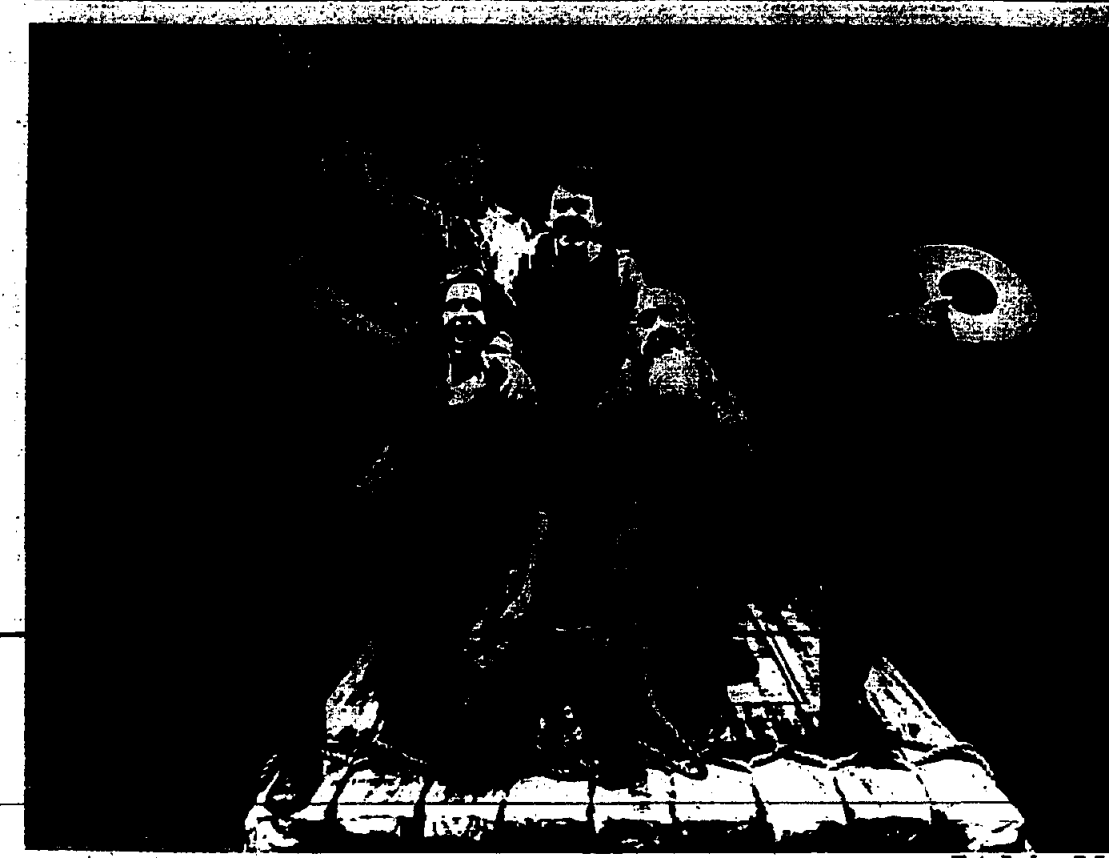
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They're traveling by raft across the Mississippi River in "Big River," the musical version of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn's Adventures at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Millburn, from left, standing, are Lawrence Clayton, as Jim the runaway slave, and David Gunderman, as Huck Finn; kneeling are John Hillner as The Duke and Steve Boles as The King. The Tony Award-winning musical will run through Oct. 26. Additional information can be obtained by calling the box office at (973) 376-4343.

Twain musical takes audiences for an exciting ride on 'Big River'

Angelo Del Rossi, executive producer of the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, has excellent taste, particularly in being responsible for an incredibly entertaining musical production to celebrate the theater's 40th anniversary season. The lively show that has a little bit of everything from drama to comedy to music, is the seven-time Tony Award-winning "Big River," Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," a musical adaptation of the classic novel about a runaway slave and the "unadventurous" of his nearby inhabitants in the late 1840s.

Retelling the story that nearly every boy and girl had already read back in the school days of Huck Finn who attempts to help and protect his runaway slave, by escaping on a raft down the Mississippi River, is a feat in itself. Retelling it as a musical at the Paper Mill Playhouse, adorned by music and lyrics by the late Roger Miller, with a book by William Hanftman, sharp direction and heart-stopping choreography, by Jamie Rocco, the expertise and creativity of scenic designer Michael Amato and the heartwarming performances by David Gunderman as Huck, Lawrence Clayton as Jim, the runaway slave, and Steve Boles as The King, the relationship between the two is a picture of a large, hugely talented cast, is a pleasure.

Gunderman, who is as perfect as Huck Finn as one can be — this had to be the way Mark Twain — or Samuel Clemens — take your pick — must have envisioned this countryside, simple-looking young man, who, with his heavy southern accent, his deep-felt passion and his boyish and mischievous ways, endures himself to an audience. All that, plus his marvelous singing and dancing and his wonderful face, Gunderman manages to instill himself into an audience's heart.

Providing much of the comedy are Steve Boles as the King and John Hillner as The Duke, escaped convicts who join the two on the raft and black-mail them into assisting in a scheme to retrieve Mary Jane Wilkes, played by Jessica Wright, of her inheritance. There also is a moment or two of puppy dog infatuation between Huck and Mary Jane. Shannon Stocke is multi-talented as Huck's best friend, Tom Sawyer, whose voice and personality are as winning as Twain may have imagined.

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1996-97 A.C.T. Awards lauds community theaters

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor
The waiting is over — the 1996-97 A.C.T. Awards winners were announced on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank. Community theater actors, directors, crew members and their families and friends came from every county in New Jersey to celebrate the winners and lend support to fellow members of this very large and cohesive group.

And these folk were out in style, with fashion statements rivaling those made at televised award shows. Most notably, they were all well-dressed and clearly after each well-known award presentation, the A.C.T. Awards nonetheless put its own mark of distinction on the evening, the one evening of the year set aside just to celebrate the achievements of these hard-working, talented people.

You can't possibly expect to put theater organizations near a stage and not expect them to use it to the fullest. It hardly came as a surprise, then, that no time was wasted as performers hit the stage with the opening presentation.

Familiar names in community theater, Linda Berle-Correll, Maria Endick, Cheryl Federico, Fran Giannini, Edwardo Bostempo, Rocky Catalano, Ray Dobrowsky and Jim Morgan, put their voices and talents together to perform the musical number "Friends" from "I Love My Wife," with slightly modified lyrics by Larry Rothwell, Jr., pianist from the A.C.T. Awards nomination pro-

vided by the A.C.T. member theater company representatives, and musical numbers from nominated productions, performed by the respective theater companies.

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ANTIQUE SHOWS

SUMMIT ANTIQUE SHOW will be held Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, located at the corner of Summit and Morris avenues in Summit. Forty dealers are offering items, including country furniture, jewelry, prints, stoneware, glassware, china, and American and English period furniture. Carolyn Raimery, auctioneer and appraiser of Continental and Auction Galleries of Summit, will again be available to give verbal appraisals free of charge. In addition, the year's Raimery will be offering a free seminar at 10 a.m., titled, "Antique Furniture—How to Buy and Sell at Auction."

Another new feature is a Gift Basket Auction, featuring baskets created by the various groups at Bryn Mawr School. These baskets will range from Crampton to Sleepover to a Teddy Bear Picnic. Other features include a Country Garden/Vide Corner, Snack Bar and Bake Shop.

Admission is \$5 and parking is free.

ART SHOWS

DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM of the Springfield Free Public Library will sponsor its first annual Art Show and Sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Springfield Library and Donald B. Palmer Museum are located at 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call Susan Permalov at (973) 775-4002.

WESTFIELD FESTIVAL OF Arts and Crafts

will be held on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. along Elm, East Street, Prospect and Quincy streets in Westfield.

The schedule is Sept. 26. For information, call (908) 936-3026.

TRAVELS & REFLECTIONS

photographs by Sheila Lange of Union, will be on display at Lee Mautner Art Gallery in the Union Library through Monday.

WATCHDOG ARTS CENTER

will present the Third Annual Juried Exhibition of Art. The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art created by New Jersey teen-agers ages 13 through 18. Included are a variety of two-dimensional artistic mediums including watercolor, tempera, acrylics, pastel, collage, pen-and-ink, silkscreen, oil and photography.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT

will be on display at Roselle Public Library through Sept. 30.

GOING BACK HOME

A gospel music by Michael Laffey today from 8 to 11 p.m., folk rock by Mike Sodano tomorrow from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., and folk rock by Dave Murphy on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

CAFE

AMORE DI CAFE will present country music by Michael Laffey today from 8 to 11 p.m., folk rock by Mike Sodano tomorrow from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., and folk rock by Dave Murphy on Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL

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JAZZ, WHATEVER

An exhibit of figural paper collages by Kai Block, will be on display at Swain Galleries in Union through Oct. 3. The artist will give a lecture and demonstration today at 7:30 p.m.

KENT PLACE GALLERY

will feature a display of recent monotypes by Peg MacKay. The exhibit will be on display at Kent Place School, 45 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-0600.

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The 1997 Mercedes Benz M-Class is set for release

Mercedes-Benz has released the first official photographs of the M-Class All Activity Vehicle, a new sport-utility vehicle that will set new standards for both on-road performance and off-road capability. The Mercedes M-Class, which goes on sale in the fall of 1997, will compete in the heart of the premium SUV segment — along with vehicles such as the Ford Explorer and Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited models — with a price starting in the mid \$30,000 range.

Consumer research has shown that owners of current, truck-driven sport-utility vehicles are pleased with the ruggedness and cargo capacity that their vehicles offer, but they also want a more comfortable ride, better fuel economy, greater passenger safety and improved reliability. Drawing upon this research as well as decades of experience in four-wheel-drive technology, Mercedes-Benz designed the M-Class from the ground up, rather than rebrand or redesign an existing car or truck platform.

The M-Class combines the core attributes of Mercedes-Benz passenger cars (performing-and-handling, safety, quality, comfort and luxury) with the benefits that sport-utility buyers want (true off-road capability, rugged design, cargo capacity and versatility and towing capacity).

The Mercedes-Benz safety standard was designed into the M-Class from the start. A welded steel box frame and a reinforced steel body cage provide a carefully engineered crumple-zone structure, while maximizing torsional stiffness for a smoother, quieter ride.

As on every Mercedes-Benz vehicle sold in the United States, the M-Class features advanced four-channel, four-wheel anti-lock brakes and emergency tensioning retractors with both force limiters for the front seats. Front door-mounted side-impact airbags, currently on all E, S, SL and SLK models, will also be standard, further raising the bar in safety equipment among SUVs.

While the practical aspects of the Mercedes M-Class design will please buyers into the next century, Mercedes is confident the style will last as well. That is because, just as Mercedes used a "clean sheet of paper" approach for the M-Class chassis, the designers likewise did not seek to copy an existing "look" or trend.

A sleek, aerodynamic shape that breaks away from the prevalent box design of sport-utility vehicles will give the Mercedes-Benz M-Class a quiet ride, and help to achieve class-leading fuel efficiency. The boxy designs of some SUVs compromise aerodynamic efficiency, which in turn contributes to wind noise and reduces fuel efficiency.

The Mercedes-Benz M-Class was developed with passenger comfort, cargo room and versatility in mind. Its 111-inch wheelbase is among the longest in its segment — 5.1 inches longer than Jeep Grand Cherokee and 5.7 inches longer than Toyota 4Runner. The M-Class is 100.2 inches higher than Grand Cherokee and 1.1 inches wider. The largest side doors

among midsize SUVs and a low step-in make getting in and out of the Mercedes M-Class much easier than in most SUVs. The rear seat row has ample head, leg and shoulder room for all three passengers, thanks in part to a relatively flat floor.

For versatility, each second-row seat backrest can be folded down separately, and either one-third or two-thirds of all of the seat cushions can be folded forward.

An optional third seat, which will be available after the first vehicles go on sale, offers ample room for two more passengers. Unlike the additional seating capacity offered by some SUVs, the M-Class third seat is comfortable for adults. There is even a footwell in the floor for ample third-seat legroom.

The M-Class stands apart from other four-wheel drive SUVs in that it does not lock its axles in an attempt to maintain traction on slippery or uneven surfaces. Instead, the M-Class employs a sophisticated four-wheel adaptation of the company's proven electronic traction system (4ETS) to maintain stability and traction on wet or snowy roads.

Uncompromised ABS operation is also ensured by the M-Class 4ETS, since it eliminates the conflict between ABS and manually locking differentials, weight is lower and there are fewer mechanical parts to wear out.

Mechanically, the Mercedes-Benz M-Class offers full-time four-wheel drive with first, center and rear differentials. All three differentials are of an efficient "open" design. The center differential is located in the transfer case, a planetary unit which provides low range gear reduction for serious off-road travel.

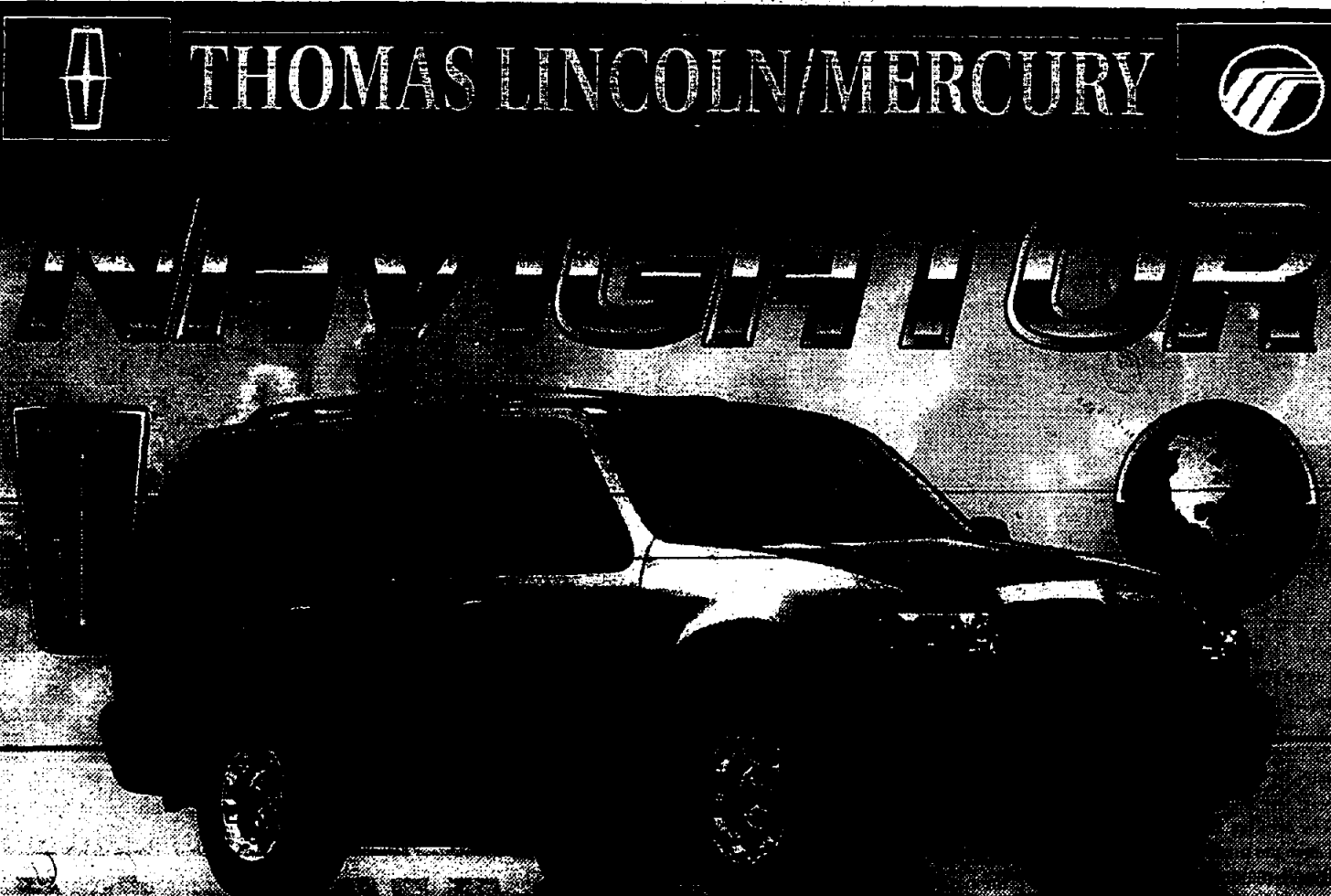
Torque distribution is 50 percent front/50 percent rear, so the driver experiences the benefits of full-time four-wheel drive. In slippery or off-road conditions, the benefit of the full-time system is obvious. Yet, even on perfectly dry highways, the system makes its presence known by giving the M-Class secure, neutral handling characteristics.

In first gear, low range, the Mercedes-Benz M-Class will have one-of-a-kind "over-rev" mode, a class first, giving it the ability to negotiate the most challenging terrain and stop descents. When in low range, the M-Class five-speed electronic automatic transmission uses a special shift program to provide smooth shifting in rugged off-road conditions.

A new generation of advanced Mercedes-Benz engines in the M-Class, matched to an electronically controlled, driver adaptable five-speed automatic transmission, will offer a class-leading combination of power and fuel efficiency, while providing the high torque necessary for off-road driving or towing heavy loads. The first M-Class model will include a 215-horsepower 3.2-liter V6 engine featuring reduced emissions, higher fuel economy and low maintenance. One year later, an additional V8-powered M-Class model will be introduced.



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Right now is the time to precondition your brakes

The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club reminds motorists that good brakes are crucial to keeping a vehicle under control when driving on snow or ice-covered roads this winter.

"Brake components that are badly worn or a brake system in need of hydraulic fluid may not provide the responsive control needed for safe winter driving," said Rick Town, assistant vice president of automotive services for the Florham Park based Club.

"Have your brakes checked annually by a qualified technician as part of a broader maintenance and safety inspection. And since brakes can't be thoroughly inspected without removing the wheels, be sure to request this service." The same friction that brakes use to stop a vehicle's wheels also causes brake components to wear out and need replacement. By practicing good driving habits, motorists can make their brakes last longer and reduce repair expenses. When stopping, slow the vehicle gradually instead of stopping suddenly. It's a good idea not to ride your brakes on steep hills. Downshifting helps slow the car and limit the amount of braking that's needed.

"Often the first sign of worn brakes is a brake pedal that seems to require more pressure to stop the vehicle," explains Town. "Scraping, squeaking or chirping noises that come from the wheels when the brakes are applied, are other signs of potentially excessive brake wear. If your vehicle pulls to the left or right when you apply the brakes, it could mean trouble."

AAA's Town recommends conducting the following spot-checks for proper brake system maintenance:

Master Cylinder: Brake fluid reservoir should be checked periodically to ensure proper fluid level.

Brake Lines: Steel brake tubing running from the master cylinder to all four wheels should be inspected for leaks caused by damage or rust.

Brake hoses: Rubber brake hoses running from the brake lines to the brake calipers and wheel cylinders should be inspected for wear and cracking.

Linings and Pads: Brake components that create friction and dissipate heat should be checked for uneven or excessive wear. Glazing or saturation from brake fluid or grease are other potential problems.

Bearings and Seals: Wheel bearings should be inspected and lubricated as part of an annual brake check. Seals should be inspected for proper fit.

Fatigued Brakes: Emergency or parking brake should be inspected and, if necessary, adjusted.

Owner's manuals usually begin by describing various components in the vehicle, followed by procedures on how to start and operate the car or truck and its various controls.

Vehicle specifications usually are listed for items including: fuel tank capacity; spark plug gap; engine, transmission and brake type; suspension; and steering system.

Reading and following the instructions in the owner's manual will contribute to prolonged vehicle life and trouble-free operation," Town added.

Potent 1997 Dodge Viper is a lethal driving machine

Since its debut as a concept car in early 1989, the Dodge Viper RT10 has defied the genre of what a pure American sports car should be. The 1997 Viper RT10 will open a new chapter in the legendary Viper story.

The first and most noticeable changes in the 1997 Viper are three new exterior design themes. Customers will have a choice of red exterior paint with yellow five-spoke wheels and yellow Viper logo decals; black exterior paint with a silver center stripe and polished aluminum five-spoke wheels; or stone white exterior paint with a blue pearl center stripe and white five-spoke wheels. All previous color choices will be retired at the end of the 1996 model year run. Interior changes to complement the new exterior color themes include red leather-wrapped steering wheel, transmission shifter, knob and hand brake with the white exterior paint and blue pearl stripe.

The Viper driving includes a more robust differential and stronger drive shafts capable of accepting up to 500 foot-pounds (678 N-m) of torque. There is also a revised differential housing movement under heavy acceleration and deceleration.

Aluminum suspension components improve Viper's handling and provide increased ride com-

fort. Front and rear shock absorbers have been redesigned for better control, reducing the pickup points further outward on the lower control arms than the previous system. Higher rate springs, 18 percent rear and 12 percent front, and new shock absorbers valving improve impact feel and increase high speed control. Shock absorber valving has also been recalibrated for better control at low temperatures.

Overall, there are 200 new components, or a 10 percent product change in the 1997 Dodge Viper RT10 and yet it remains the ultimate American-made, no excuses and no-holds-barred excitement machine.

The 1997 Dodge Viper RT10 will be the first domestically-produced car to use Michelin Pilot MX03 tires. The carcass, tread and compounds of these tires are tuned to the new suspension package to provide more stability. The most notable construction change is a significant increase in sidewall stiffness. Reduced road noise and improved low temperature and wet traction objectives have been achieved along with substantial increases in cornering and braking traction. Wet cornering traction improved six percent in a standardized wet traction test. Peak lateral acceleration on the skidpad increased by over 5 percent. Stopping distance from 60 miles-per-hour (97 km/h) is reduced by over 13 percent.

A recalibrated power brake booster for Viper provides more pedal modulation. The increased modulation improves low speed control in a standardized wet traction test. Peak lateral acceleration on the skidpad increased by over 5 percent. Stopping distance from 60 miles-per-hour (97 km/h) is reduced by over 13 percent.

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