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Mountainside BOE awaiting state aid figures

By SUZETTE STALKER
 The Mountainside Board of Education has begun preliminary development of its 1991-92 school district budget, board representatives confirmed, though the board is still awaiting state aid figures from the New Jersey Department of Education, which it requires before finalizing a tentative budget.

"The Department of Education has not yet given us our state aid figures," Board President Linda Schneider said on Monday, "and with the Quality

Education Act still in the Legislature for review, all school districts in the state are unsure about how much aid they will receive."

School districts are now expected to receive information regarding state aid later this month.

Governor James Florio and State Commissioner of Education John Ellis were originally scheduled to release state aid figures in December, according to Schneider, but postponed their decision after school dis-

tricts and legislators expressed concern over the impact QEA would have on school districts.

A controversial measure, QEA, signed into law last July by Governor James Florio, calls for a redistribution of state funding to New Jersey school districts between 1992 and 1996, and could have a dramatic impact on municipalities throughout the state.

QEA would reduce state aid by 25 percent to most New Jersey school districts, while increasing aid to about

30 school districts in communities with low tax bases. Affected districts would also be obligated to fund teacher pensions and Social Security, which have heretofore been covered by the state.

Municipalities would be forced to increase property taxes to compensate for the loss in state aid to school districts — an especially heavy burden to those communities such as Mountainside which have large senior citizen populations living on fixed incomes. The entire QEA package has since

been remanded back to the state Legislature for discussion and possible modification. Florio and Ellis have also established a special commission to review the QEA and to make recommendations.

The chairman of that commission has so far suggested that the governor postpone for two years the portion of the QEA requiring that local school districts assume costs for teacher pensions and Social Security.

Leonard Baccaro, superintendent

of Deerfield School in Mountainside, has been collecting information from school personnel regarding budget needs for 1991-92, which he is expected to present during the board's next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Deerfield School library at 8 p.m.

Once school district needs and state aid figures have been established, Schneider noted, the school board can proceed to develop a tentative budget which will be presented to voters during school elections in April.

Financial aid options will be discussed at Dayton

By SUZETTE STALKER
 A financial aid awareness program, designed to give parents and students all the facts on financial aid for college, will be held at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Halsey Hall auditorium.

The program is aimed at families residing within Union County Regional High School District 1, which includes Mountainside, Springfield, Kenilworth, Clark, Garwood and Berkeley Heights. Dayton enrolls students from Mountainside and Springfield.

Guest speaker Lissa Anderson, associate director of Financial Aid at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, will discuss several topics, including the Financial Aid form, the needs analysis formula and financial aid eligibility.

Jane Laustsen, director of Guidance

at Dayton, explained that the program is being offered to inform parents and students of the Regional District of the various types of financial aid available to them and to dispel common misconceptions about financial aid eligibility.

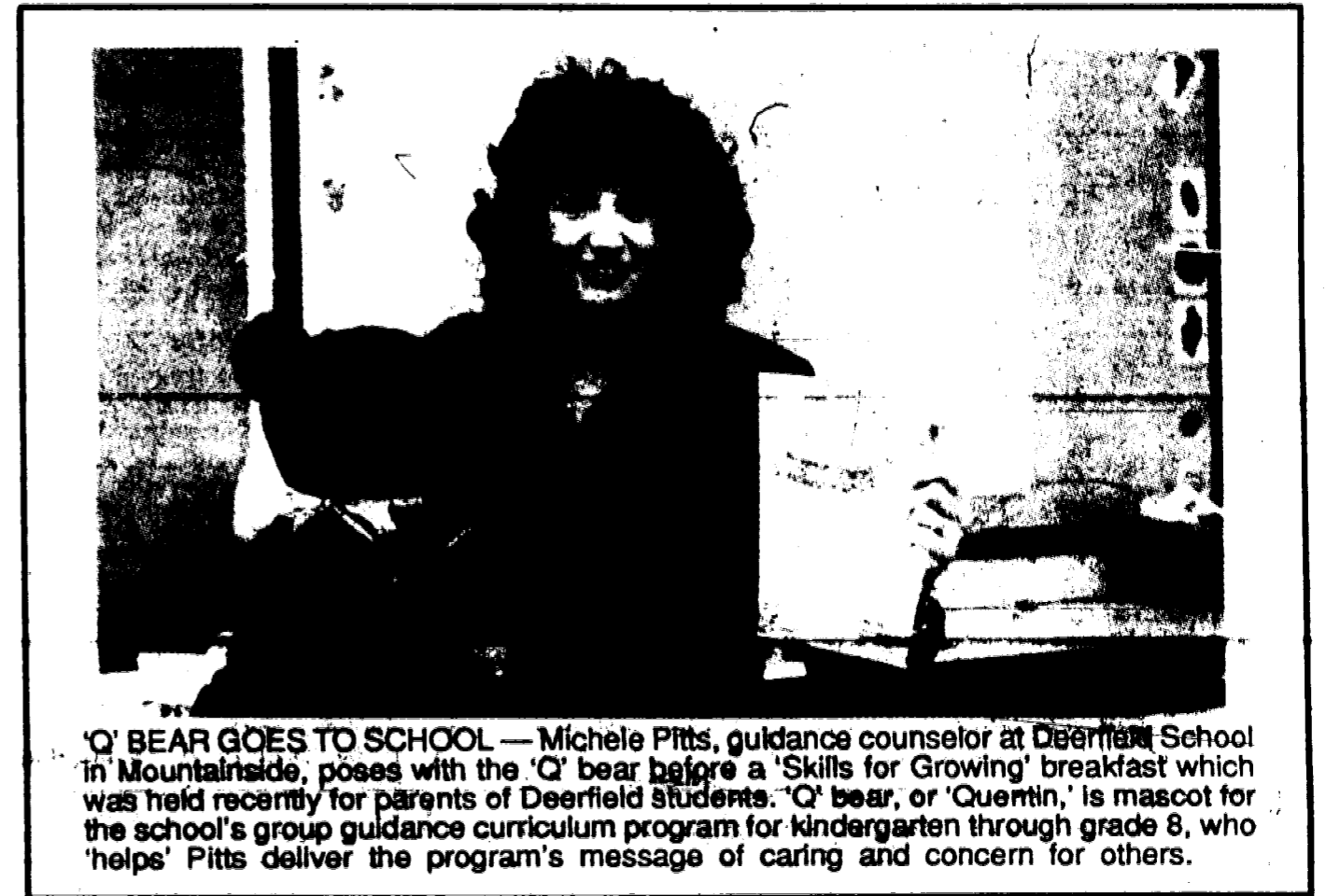
"We felt there was a need for this program because college expenses are continuing to rise and likewise the need for financial aid also increases," she explained. "In order to make parents and students more aware of financial aid, we developed this program for them."

"A lot of parents have the idea that if you apply to a \$20,000 per year school and to a \$7,000 school, the aid you'll receive will be the same, which is a misconception," Laustsen continued. "The aid is determined by College Scholarship Service based on the cost plus a family's ability to pay."

Laustsen added that many families are also not aware of the various financial aid options available, such as grants, loans and work-study programs. In work-study, students can have a portion of their expenses defrayed by working in their college's Admissions Office, library or other departments.

Families should also apply for financial aid early in the year in order to be eligible, Laustsen emphasized. She advised that waiting until April or May is generally considered too late to apply, since funds will most likely have already been distributed by then.

"Some parents feel that they aren't eligible for financial aid," Laustsen said. "They feel that their property value is too high or that they earn too much money. They should still send in the financial aid form anyhow, though, because they might still be eligible for some."



'Q' BEAR GOES TO SCHOOL — Michele Pitts, guidance counselor at Deerfield School in Mountainside, poses with the 'Q' bear before a 'Skills for Growing' breakfast which was held recently for parents of Deerfield students. 'Q' bear, or 'Quentin,' is mascot for the school's group guidance curriculum program for kindergarten through grade 8, who 'helps' Pitts deliver the program's message of caring and concern for others.

Trailside sponsors family-oriented nature activities

By SUZETTE STALKER
 The Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside, is inviting area residents to come in from the cold this winter and enjoy several Sunday family programs which will be offered at the facility throughout the month of January.

"Birds at the Feeder," to be held Jan. 6 at 2 p.m., will kick off with a slide show designed to acquaint participants with different varieties of

seed, as well as the kinds of birds attracted by these seeds, according to Trailside-Director Holly Hoffman.

"For example, with thistle seeds you can expect to get finches, and with suet you can expect woodpeckers," Hoffman explained. She said participants will also have an opportunity to observe unnoticed the feeding habits of different birds through a one-way window.

"Make and Take Animals," scheduled for Jan. 13, will be held at the

Visitors Center at 2 p.m. Parents and youngsters will be able to assemble out of fabric either a "racy rat" book-mark or a wooley lamb to take home. There will be a \$2 charge for a kit used to make the animals.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn the difference between shrubs and trees during "Bare Bones Botany-Shrubs," to be held on Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Visitors Center.

The program will examine different types of woodland shrubs found on

the Watchung Reservation, according to Hoffman, and allow participants to identify different types of shrubs based on their winter characteristics, such as buds, leaf scars and branch color.

The many kinds of seas shells will be featured in "Make and Take Shells," to be offered on Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Visitors Center. Participants will be able to discover the many shapes which shells come in, as well

as to create an original sea shell pin or magnet.

Hoffman explained that Trailside has a "tremendous assortment" of shells available for the project, many of which were donated by area residents who had picked them up in Florida and elsewhere. There will be a \$1 charge for the shell kit.

"It's a nice thing for the family to do altogether on a winter afternoon, in lieu of becoming couch potatoes,"

Hoffman mused about the upcoming Sunday programs at Trailside. She added that the programs combine environmental education with fun for the whole family.

Trailside will also be offering its Planetarium Show throughout January and February, every Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The program, for ages 6 and up, will cover important scientific discoveries made by Sir Issac Newton, Albert Einstein and others.



BIOLOGY LESSON — Fourth-grade students in Mauritan Middle School are learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children are observing the caterpillars and pupae of monarch butterflies in their classroom. The project was initiated by the school's science teacher, Mrs. [Name], and is part of the school's environmental education program.

Natural gas may help to solve nation's fuel crisis

While President Bush attempts to stabilize prices by selling 5 million barrels of crude oil currently on reserve, others look toward alternative sources to fuel their energy needs. Methanol, propane, ethanol, and electricity are all cited as possible solutions for the current oil crisis.

The best solution, however, lies in our backyards — or, more accurately, under our front lawns, where natural gas is piped through to heat homes and to light stoves, according to officials from Elizabethtown Gas Company.

"Natural gas has a long history as the fuel of choice in many homes," said Elizabethtown Gas Company's general manager of special projects, Jack Sharp. "It has kept our customers warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and has cooked their holiday meals. Now, technology is allowing us to offer natural gas as a vehicle fuel as well."

Elizabethtown Gas has already taken its first steps in that direction. Last April, the company dedicated the state's first natural gas station, located in its Green Lane garage in the Township of Union. The station's first customer was its own fleet of cars and trucks.

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the company also supplies natural gas to run a Union Township police car and a senior citizen bus.

Converting a vehicle to run on natural gas is a simple process that can be performed in one or two days. No major engine modifications are required. Fleet operators can choose to run their vehicles on natural gas only (dedicated vehicles), natural gas or gasoline at the flip of a switch (bi-fuel vehicles), or natural gas and diesel fuel at the same time (dual-fuel).

The compressed natural gas fuel tank is made of steel or aluminum cylinders, which are much stronger and safer than a gasoline tank. These cylinders can be mounted under a vehicle, in the bed or on top of a truck, or in the trunk of a car.

Price-wise, natural gas is a bargain when compared to gasoline and other alternative fuels. The typical retail price for a quantity of natural gas equivalent to one gallon of gasoline is about 20 cents, compared with gasoline, \$1.45, methanol, \$1.44, and ethanol, \$1.51.

Natural gas is also a clean fuel, so vehicle wear and tear can be kept to a minimum, and emissions can be reduced. Current natural gas vehicles are also much quieter than gasoline engines, which are the principal cause of urban noise pollution.

Elizabethtown Gas Company is currently offering a natural gas conversion kit for the owners of a

Middle East dictator. Huge natural gas resources are housed within the border of the United States. In fact, the American Gas Association projects that annual supplies of available natural gas will increase steadily through the year 2010, and the fuel is easily obtainable. It is piped through an established million-mile pipeline delivery system and can be reserved in a nationwide underground storage system.

"So the next time things get hot in faraway places, the United States need not get caught in an oil crisis squeeze. The nation can just look to its plentiful, clean and safe supply of natural gas to keep on the move," Sharp said.

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New test is available to examine levels of radon

With new evidence that dangerous levels of cancer-causing radon gas are found in drinking water, the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey announces the availability of a low cost water test for home owners.

Arrangements have been made with the DMA Analysis Group in Pennsylvania to evaluate samples of water taken from the home.

The kit costs \$18 and includes sampling tube, transmittal package, return postage and the results of a laboratory analysis of water obtained from a water faucet in either the bathroom, kitchen or laundry room.

While airborne radon in homes has achieved the majority of attention and still represents a significant health threat, radon in water is becoming recognized as a major problem.

Federal government believes that radon released from water also increases the possibility of lung cancer.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recently announced that tests of water in 120 municipalities revealed some unusually high levels of radon. Except in extraordinarily high levels, radon is not considered an extreme health problem for those who drink it.

Radon in the water becomes a problem when it is released into household air when water is sprayed or agitated, such as while showering or during the time when clothes are being washed.

Radon concentrations in water and air are measured in picocuries per liter (pCi/l). The lifetime risk of contracting lung cancer from household water that contains 1,000pCi/l of radon is

roughly 3 to 13 in 10,000, from water with 10,000pCi/l of radon, the risk is approximately 3 to 13 per 1,000; for water containing 100,000pCi/l of radon, the risk is about 3 to 12 in 100.

If a home has tested positive for radon in air, a portion of the problem may be coming from water, especially if rooms where water is used (kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms) indi-

Radon can be found in both public water supplies and wells. It is especially important for homeowners with wells to test their water because while excessive amounts of radon in public water supplies may be corrected by governmental intervention, homeowners with wells will have to assume personal responsibility.

The Lung Association reports that although it is easy to obtain the water sample required for the test, the purchaser should carefully follow the directions in the kit. Kits may be obtained by sending a check for \$18.00 to the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey, 206 Westfield Avenue, Clark, N.J. 07066-1539 or by stopping at the Office Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.



GINGERBREAD COOKIE HOUSES — Nanci Tyndall's kindergarten class at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Mountainside recently made gingerbread cookie houses for the Christmas holidays. Presenting one of their creations to Father Jim Redstone are, from left, Matthew Decker, Meghan Schwab, Tyndall, Father Redstone and Ryan Duffy.



SCHOOL LOGO — Students in Susan Schreiber's third-grade class at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently decorated the school's Indian logo with feathers and beads, with parents assisting. From left are Sally Riveccio, Hank Hansen, Judi Fisher, Ed Barnett, Marisa Riveccio, Erin Watson and Cindy Fisher.

College courses offered

Union County College's Weekend College, a program of once-a-week credit courses, will offer 73 courses in 20 disciplines during the upcoming spring semester.

Weekend college is designed for adults who have busy personal and career schedules. These courses were originally restricted to Friday evenings and Saturday, but have now been extended to daytime and evening hours as well on the Cranford and Scotch Plains campus.

The spring semester will open on Tuesday, Jan. 15 and will continue through mid-May.

Weekend college will offer courses in the areas of accounting, business,

chemistry, computer science, engineering, communications, economics, English, fine arts, mechanical engineering technology, history, gerontology, mathematics, office systems technology, practical nursing, psychology, physical therapy assisting, modern languages and sociology.

Registration for the spring semester is currently underway in the daytime at the college's Cranford and Scotch Plains campuses and at the Plainfield center, and in the evening at the Cranford campus. One can call the admission hot line at 709-7500 for additional information.

AARP meeting is scheduled

The next regular meeting of Mountainside Chapter 4498 of the American Association of Retirees will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Community Presbyterian Church, Deer Path, Mountainside.

All senior citizens, both members and non-members, are welcome.

During the meeting, members

will participate in the cutting, stamping and folding of cravat bandages for the Mountainside Rescue Squad. It is requested that participating members bring pinkish shears or sharp scissors.

The chapter's Lunch Bunch will hold a luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Westwood, Garwood. For further information, one can call 654-8684.

Cruise program planned

The Mountainside Active Retirees has announced that the theme of its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, will be "Is a Cruise the Best Vacation for You?" The meeting will be held at Borough Hall in Mountainside at 10 a.m.

Public Welfare
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A feature film entitled "Destination, The Orient" will be shown by Karen Hannon.

Anyone interested in further information about the program or in becoming a member of the organization can contact Helen Didoardo at 233-4309.

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Concert to honor Mozart

NYNEX/AGS Information Services of Mountainside and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts are funding a concert by the Westfield Symphony on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8 p.m. at Westfield High School celebrating the music of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

A second concert will be performed on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. in the Wilkins Theater at Kean College in Union. The program will include the

Piano Concerto in G, K 453 with Santiago Rodriguez as guest artist, and Symphony 36.

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ECUMENICAL CHAPEL — The New Jersey Jewish War Veterans Fairlawn Post conducts prayer services for people of the Jewish faith. Shown here, from left, are State Junior Vice Commander Murray Nathanson of Springfield, State Commander George Tilton of Passaic and State Junior Vice Commander Marshall Klein.

Memorabilia is desired

The Trailside Nature and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in May of 1991, and is planning a special celebration to mark the milestone.

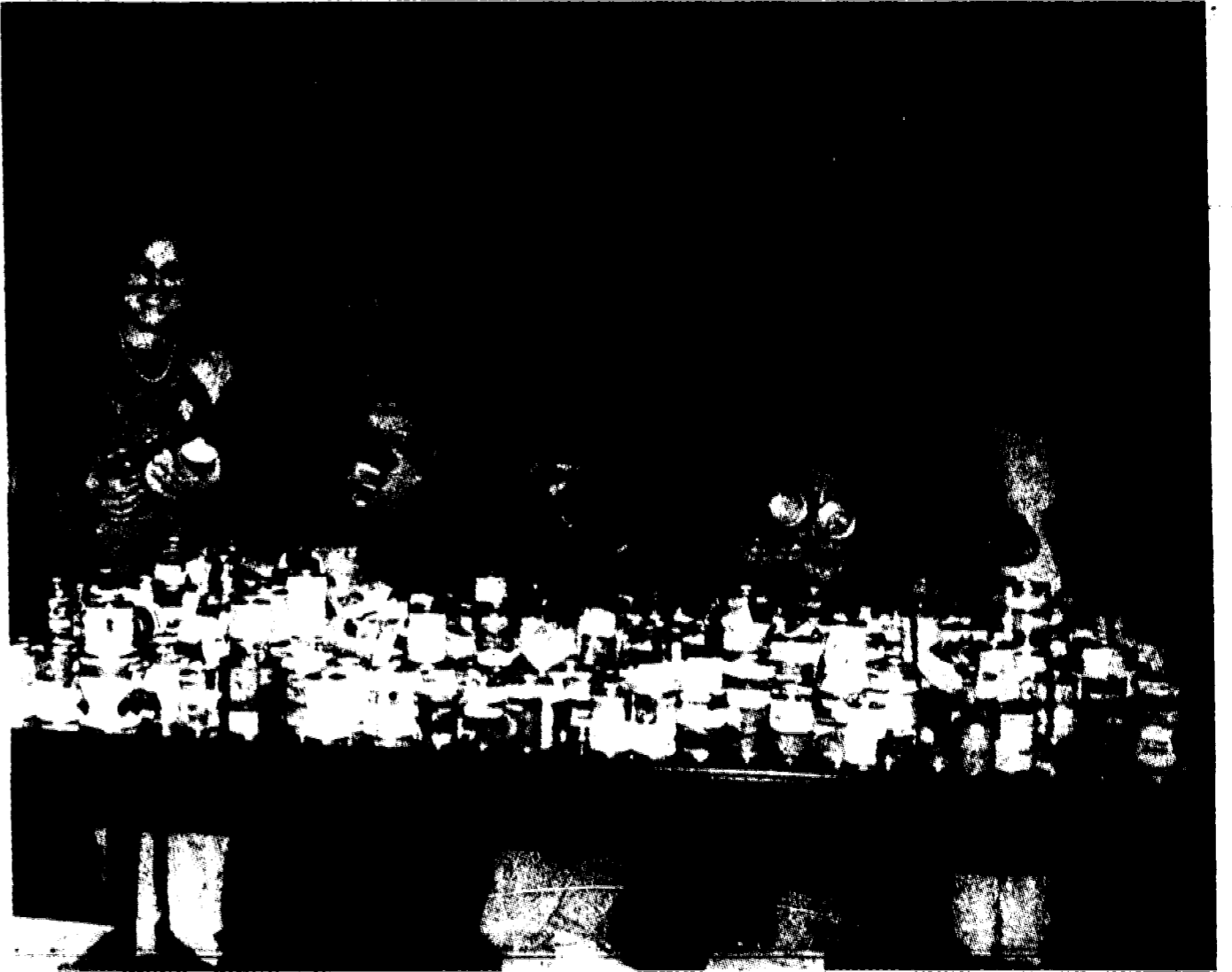
To help with the celebration, the center is seeking donations of originals or copies of photographs depicting individuals, school, scout or other groups participating in programs or just visiting Trailside.

Old newspaper articles and other publicity, including literature or publications, will also be accepted. In addition, Trailside is also interested in obtaining photographs of any volunteers or volunteer groups in action at the center.

To donate photographs or other information, one can contact Betty Ann Kelly, 50th Anniversary, Trailside Nature and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside, 07092. For further information, one can call 789-3670.



HOWDY, PARTNER! — These second graders, from left, Andrew Dubno, George Grindlinger and Shaun Kroon, at Deerfield School in Mountainside are clad in cowboy costumes as they await their turn to perform during a dress rehearsal for a recent holiday program which was held at the school. The show featured the talents of many Deerfield students in different grade levels.



A TABLE OF PLENTY — The Key Club of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, a community service organization, recently conducted a canned food drive to benefit needy residents of the area. Pictured with some of the goods they collected from their classmates are Jonathan Dayton Key Club officers, from left, Kathy McCabe, Michelle Weinberg, Jason Perle, Nancy Bolton and Sheryl Affitto. The food drive was just one of several charitable activities conducted by the Key Club during the recent holiday season.

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An introductory course in cross country skiing will be offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center, Coles Avenue and New Providence Road, Mountainside, on Saturdays, Jan. 12 and 26, from 10-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 9 and 23 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The course, which is open to adults and children ages 12 and up, will be taught by certified Nordic ski specialists of Pleasant Valley Cycle and Ski Shop, Chatham.

An indoor lecture covering such topics as clothing, equipment and equipment care will be given, regardless of whether or not there is skiable snow. If there is no skiable snow, the award-winning film "If You Can Walk" will also be shown.

The outdoor portion of the program will only be held if there is skiable snow, and one should call ahead at Trailside at 789-3670 if one is unsure about snow conditions for the program.

The program features instruction and demonstration in ski basics, including "correct falling," snow plow stopping/striding and kick turns. Also, telemark turns will be demonstrated if time allows.

Participants must bring their own equipment. One can contact Trailside at 789-3670 for information concerning registration, fees and rentals. Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation.

people in service

Timothy Ross Penna, son of David and Jill Penna of Springfield, recently enlisted in the United States Navy in a two-year enlistment program.

Enlisting under the Delayed Entry Program, Penna will report to Recruit Training Center, San Diego, Calif., in mid-January for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

Following basic training, Penna will begin four weeks of schooling at San Diego, Calif., in the Seaman Apprentice field. Under the Seaman Apprentice Program, persons who have not chosen a specific career field receive general shipboard and nauti-

cal training prior to being assigned to a Navy ship.

Upon completion of Seaman apprenticeship training, Penna's initial obligation will be two years instead of the normal four.

Petty Officer Gregory Newman of Navy Recruiting Station Somerville, Penna's recruiter, stated that if Penna chooses to re-enlist after the initial two years, he is guaranteed a technical school, and upon successful completion, automatic promotion.

Citizens Action Line
1-800-331-DYFS

Cross stitch scheduled

The Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, will feature counted cross-stitch on Sunday, Jan. 6, from 2-4 p.m. Trudy Johnson of Westfield will explain this form of needlework whereby the stitches form an "X," while working on a counted cross-stitch sampler.

It was during the harsh winter months that many women living in New Jersey during the 18th and 19th centuries spent time near the fireplace creating needlework designs which reflected their surroundings.

Other aspects of life during the

winter months will be highlighted by Eleanor Smith, president of the Museum Volunteers, and other docents in period dress as they guide outdoor visitors through the rooms of the 18th century farmhouse, which was a private home until 1972.

Visitors are also invited to explore the museum's gift shop, filled with educational items, and which will close at 4 p.m. during the months of January and February. For further information about the museum and its programs, one can call the office at 232-1776.



COLORS OF AMERICA — Members of the Color Guard of American Legion Post 228 of Springfield, from left, Herbert Quinton, Anthony Fabrizio and Raymond Schramm, display their flags during a recent ceremony at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield honoring American POW/MIAs and all veterans who served their country during this century.

Legion post cites POW/MIAs

American Legion Continental Post 228 of Springfield recently presented a POW-MIA flag to Judith Wickline, principal of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, during a special ceremony at the high school on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, which honored all veterans and POW/MIAs.

William Weber of Post 228 presented the flag to Wickline, and he and Joseph Ryback, American Legion Department vice commander of Post 328, Clark, raised the flag with Wickline, as members of the high school Key Club recited the names of 62 POW/MIAs from New Jersey.

Edward Cwirko, Union County American Legion Commander and Robert Wacker of Kenilworth, department president of the Korean Veterans Association were among the other dignitaries who attended, as well as Jonathan Dayton students from Springfield and Mountainside.

The ceremony honored 1st Lt. Robert E. Bennett of the United States Air Force, whose aircraft was downed over South Vietnam on Dec. 13, 1967, and all American veterans who served their country during World War I and II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

school menu

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS

FRIDAY, pizza parlor, plain, sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions, manager's choice luncheon, egg salad sandwich, tossed salad with dressing, vegetable, fresh fruit, large salad platter with bread and butter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **MONDAY**, veal parmisan on bun, hamburger on bun, tuna salad sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruit punch, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **TUESDAY**, chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, soft roll, potatoes, vegetable,

fruit, cold submarine sandwich with shredded lettuce, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **WEDNESDAY**, frankfurter on roll, fish filet on bun with tartar sauce, American cheese and tomato sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruited gelatin, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; **THURSDAY**, cheese ravioli, bread and butter, tossed salad with dressing, fresh fruit, chicken patty on bun, bologna sandwich, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk.

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How to announce achievements

Friends & Neighbors would like to congratulate individuals for a job well done. Use the coupon below to tell us about your accomplishment, or that of a child, a neighbor, a friend — no matter how small that accomplishment is, we will be glad to publish it, along with a photograph when possible.

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WHERE _____

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How to announce a wedding anniversary

If you have been married 25 years or more, and your anniversary is divisible by 5, we want your Friends & Neighbors to know. Submit the following information, along with a photograph if you have one, and we'll publish it as soon as possible.

HUSBAND'S FULL NAME _____

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CITY _____

MARRIED: month _____ day _____ year _____

Tell us how you plan to celebrate: _____

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Day phone _____

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PHOTO

How to join our photo gallery

Friends & Neighbors would like to take a look at your favorite photographs of local landmarks and groups. Use this form to be sure you've sent us all the information we require.

Name of people and places you can identify, from left to right: _____

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How to announce a 90th to 100th birthday

If you or someone you know is celebrating a 90th (or more) birthday, let Friends Neighbors know. Submit the following information, along with photograph if you have one, and we'll publish it as soon as possible.

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Address _____ City _____

BORN: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Tell us how you plan to celebrate: _____

Submitted by _____

Day phone _____

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

How to announce weddings and engagements

Friends Neighbors is also interested in hearing about weddings and engagements. We have special forms that will simplify providing the information. The forms can be picked up at 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union.

If you cannot pick up a form, we will be glad to mail it to you, if you will send us your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please specify whether you want the wedding or the engagement form, or both. Address your request to: **Friends & Neighbors**, Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Avenue, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

Return the completed form to us, accompanied by either a black and white or color photo and a check for \$10 and we will print your news at the earliest possible date. If there is no picture there is no charge.



STUDENTS SPOTLIGHTED — Students Bobby Johnston, left, and Michael DeCampo, who are enrolled in Alice Ortolfo's second-grade class at Deerfield School in Mountainside, prepare to perform "The Carolers" during the school's recent holiday program, which featured the talents of Deerfield students in different grade levels.

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PEN PALS — Students in Janet Cariello's sixth-grade class at Harding School in Kenilworth recently became pen pals with Michael Malgieri's sixth-grade class at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield. Pictured, in bottom row from left, Brant Krithak, Jimmy Sudnick, Jimmy Lehnhoff, Josh Duffy, Brian Van Buskirk, Brian Turner, Nick Vitale and Dawn Boyden. In middle row, from left, are Amanda Schultz, Carroll Gillet, Rina Errazo, Judy Murphy, Jackie Von Harm, Alexis Krihak, Kathryn Steeber and Tiz Cino. In bottom row, from left, are Mike Duda, Raul Chaverria, Jackie Zika, Tonianne Tripodi, Jackie Sweigart and Kristin Rhyner.

Living wills to be topic

Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, will present a "Living Will ABCs" workshop for the community on Wednesday, Jan. 23, from 7-9 p.m. in the hospital's Center for Community Health.

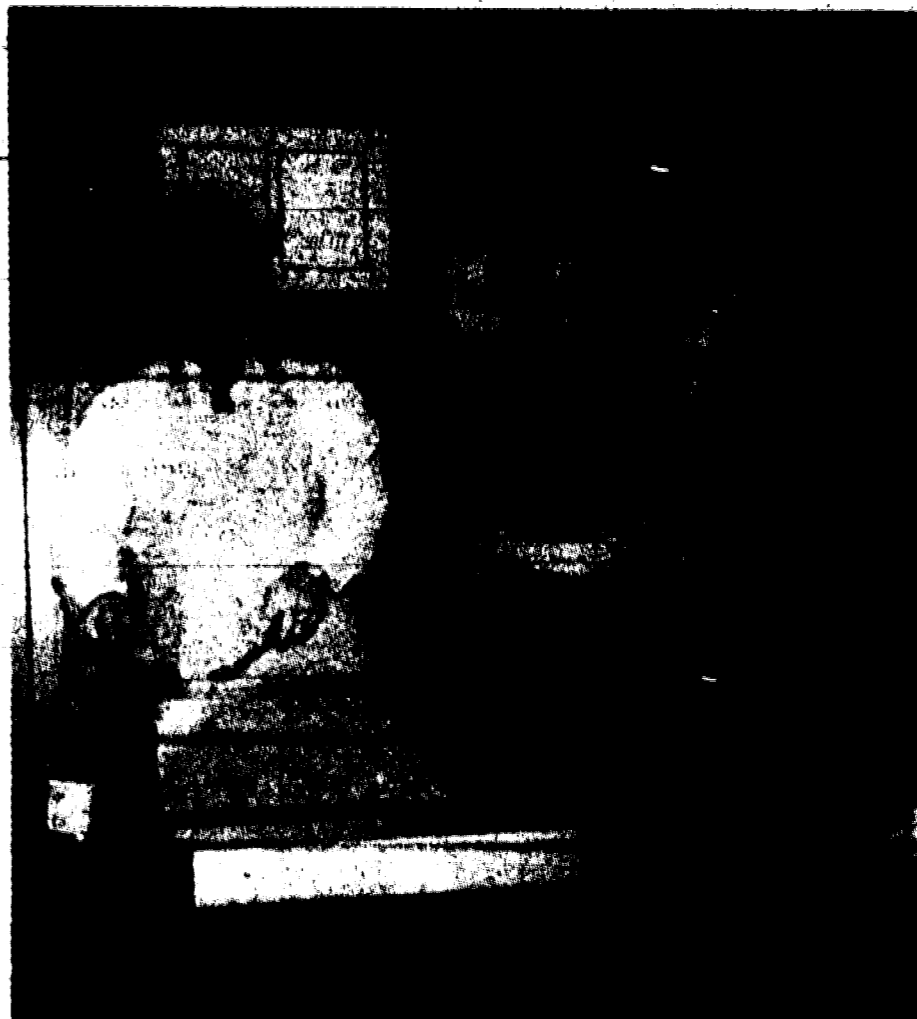
This program is the first in a series of monthly educational workshops sponsored by the hospital's Bioethics Committee, which has been dealing with critical medical/ethical issues since 1984.

In this age of high technology, there are many options available for health care for people who become seriously ill. Because of this, it is important for an individual to state his/her health care wishes in a "clear and convincing" manner, in the event of ever becoming unable to express them.

Workshops will be held every month at the following dates and times in the hospital's Center for Community Health:

- Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27, 3-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21, 7-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, noon-2 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28, 7-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 25, 3-5 p.m.

Members of Overlook Hospital's Bioethics Committee are also available to speak to community groups about "living wills." One can contact Overlook's Speakers Bureau at 522-2963 to arrange for a bioethics speaker for one's organization.



BEST HOTCAKES IN THE BOROUGH — Mountainside Borough Administrator James Roberts, left, gets ready to serve some pancakes to Theo Tamborlano, right, a Mountainside attorney, during a recent holiday breakfast which was held for municipal officials and others at Mountainside Borough Hall.

Merck's at work on anti-AIDS drug

By SHARON CATES

Merck & Co. of Rahway has announced that they are involved in the first testing phase of a compound that may be used as a therapy against AIDS.

Merck is working with two closely related compounds as a possible therapy against the AIDS virus.

"Both compounds are reverse transcriptase inhibitors — that is, they interfere in the test tube and in cultured human cells with the activity of

an enzyme called reverse transcriptase, which is produced by the virus and is necessary for its growth," a company official explained.

The company noted, however, that they are currently testing the compound to see if it is safe.

If the compound is considered safe, Merck will continue testing the compound to see if it is an effective compound to fight AIDS.

Pamela Adkins, a media relations spokeswoman for Merck, emphasized

that the compound is still in its beginning stage.

"It is still very, very preliminary," Adkins explained. "First we have to see that it is safe, then we can prove its effectiveness."

"Until Merck has that information — and that will take some time, even under the accelerated development schedule — the company will not be able to determine whether the compounds actually have an antiviral effect on people," the official said.

Deadlines

The following deadlines will be strictly enforced:

- Letters to the editor — noon Monday.
- Social items — noon Friday.
- Religious events — noon Friday.
- Focus and entertainment news — noon Friday.
- All other publicity releases — 4 p.m. Friday.

campus corner

Sandra Kelk of Springfield is serving as chair of the Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega of Alpha Chi Omega sorority at Bucknell University, Bucknell, Pa.

A senior majoring in business administration, Kelk is the daughter of Patricia Kelk of Lincoln Road and Jay Kelk. She is a 1987 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

A dean's list student, Kelk is a member of Delta Mu Delta honor society. She has served as chapter relations chair for Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

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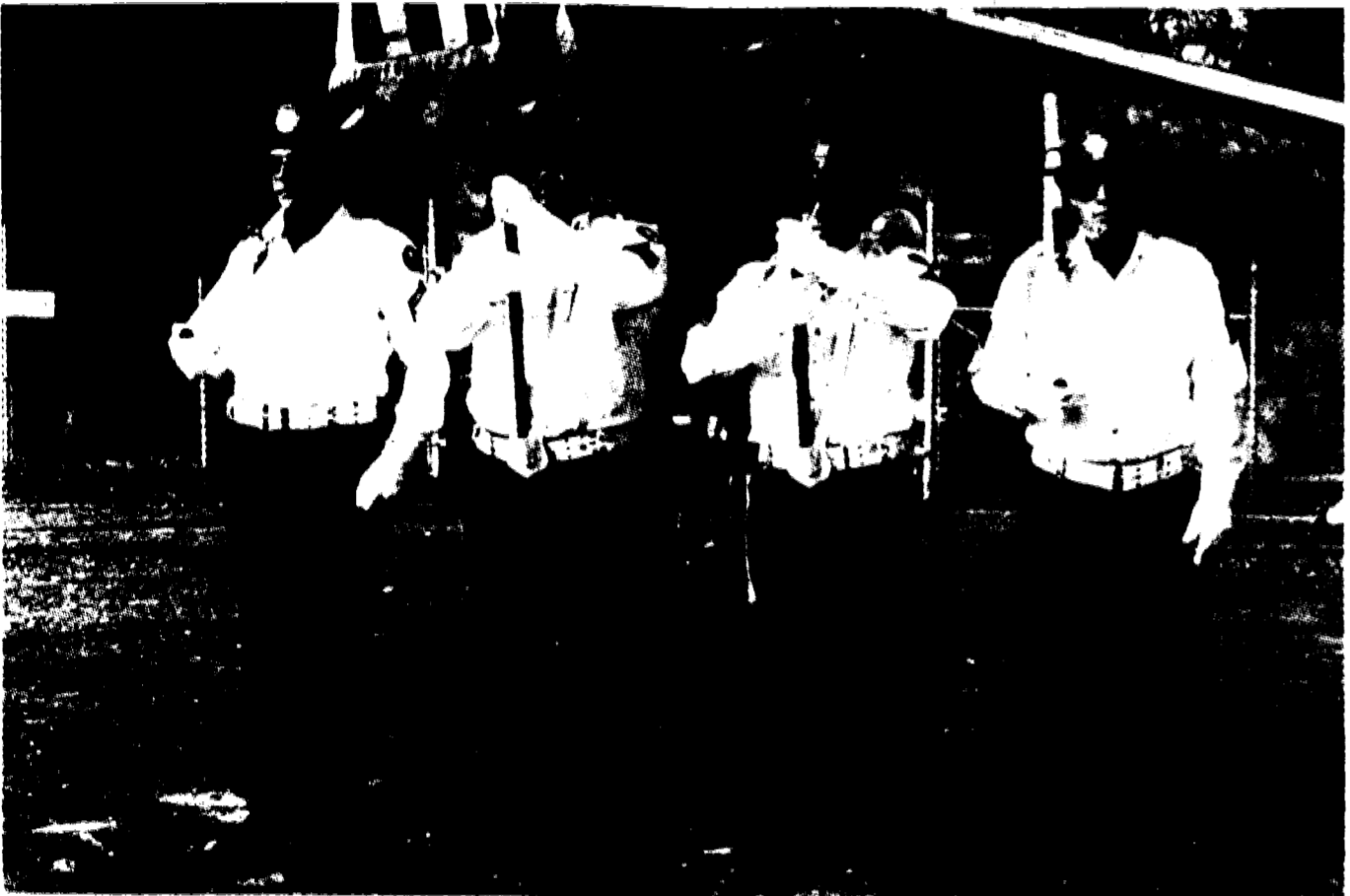
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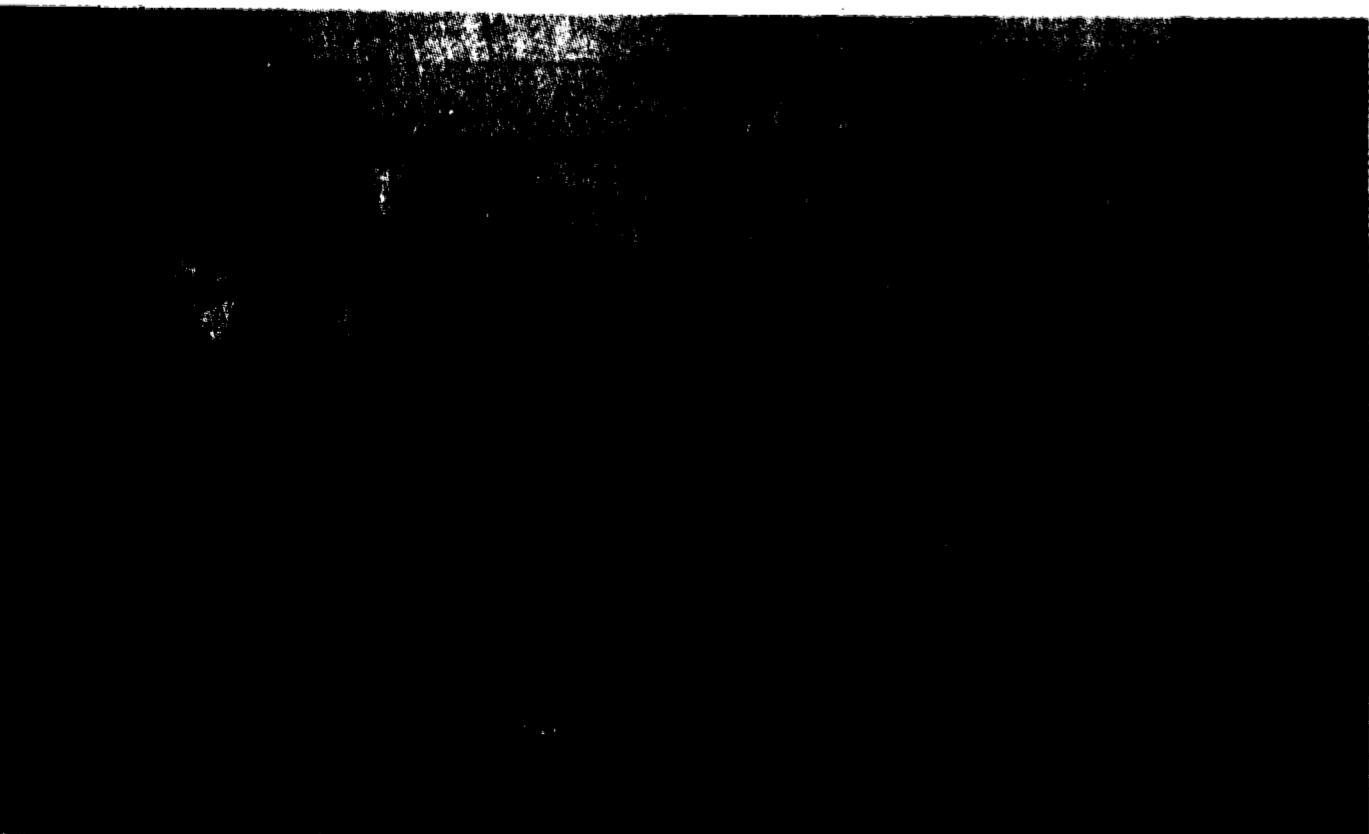
A FAVORITE VISITOR — Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Mountainside recently enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus before they left for Christmas vacation. Santa handed out gifts to the youngsters and helped them get into the holiday spirit.



STAND PROUD — The award-winning Springfield Elks Lodge 2004 Color Guard perform their drills during the opening ceremony at the recent Thanksgiving Day football game between Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights. Pictured, from left, are Color Guard Commander Cal Schnatz Sr. and sergeants Dan Kretchmer, Louis Annen, and Steve Newman.



YOUNG POET — Kenneth Sack, right, a fifth-grader at Robert Gordon School in Roselle Park, shows his teacher, Josephine Marino, left, a poem that he wrote recently, which is going to be published in Creative Kid magazine.



CASSANO CENTER — Administrators of the Cassano Center in Roselle Park recently honored a group of its volunteers. Pictured, in front row from left, are Ellen Williams, center director and Kim Decker, welfare director. In back row, from left, are volunteers Gina Pisano, chairperson; Dorothy Davis, Rosalie Tokarski, Jean Good and Bill Davis



BUSY WRITING LETTERS — to keep up the moral for those Americans in Saudi Arabia involved in Operation Desert Shield, are fourth graders in Nancy Holland's class at Sherman School. From left, are Lorena Reyes, Scott Battaglia, postal worker Michael Woodrow, Travis Meadlows, and Tammy Heskeyahu.

State issues grant for seat belt study

Gov. Jim Florio announced today that the Division of State Police will receive a \$101,679 federal grant to conduct a seat belt education program.

According to James A. Arena, director of the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the most recent study of seat belt compliance indicates that 44 percent of New Jerseyans use their seat belts.

"The State Police will be able to increase their efforts to educate drivers on seat belt usage," said Gov. Florio. "There is no question that seat belts save lives. If this saves one life, it will be money well spent."

The program, which was first

funded in 1989, involves the provision of instruction by State Police personnel to municipal police officers and police recruits about the importance of a seat belt use, Arena said. The municipal officers in turn conduct presentations for officers from other departments, state and local government personnel, elementary and high school staff and students, and members of private industry and civic groups.

"The case for seat belts is convincing — they increase the chances of surviving a crash by approximately 60 percent," Arena said. He explained that seat belts keep the driver in con-

trol of the car during an accident. Seats belts also prevent occupants from smashing into the steering column, dashboard or windshield, and from being thrown from the car.

"Many motor vehicle deaths could have been prevented if the motorists and their occupants wore seat belts," Arena said. In fact, more than three-quarters of the drivers and front seat passengers killed in New Jersey in recent years weren't wearing seat belts.

The federal funds for this program come from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and will be administered by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety.



THE NATIVITY — Nancy Tyndall's kindergarten class at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Mountainside recently constructed a bulletin board depicting the Birth of Christ. The bulletin board was composed entirely of tissue paper. Pictured, from left, are Elizabeth Klimuc, Kimberly Lepovsky, Meghan Schwab, Fiona Greeley, Phillip Cho and Yeolin Park.

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U0913 Springfield Leader, Dec. 28, 1990,
Jan. 4, 10, 17, 1991 (Fee: \$62.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 21, 1991 in the office of the Secretary, Florence M. Gaudineer School Board Offices, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey for the following:

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Bids shall be made only on the form provided with all blanks filled in and signed by the bidder. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes giving the name of the bidder and the type of materials or services bid on.

Specified bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to 10% of the bid total. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, and shall, further make awards in any way it deems advisable to the best interests of the School District.

Bidders are required to comply with the affirmative action statute, P.L. 1975, C. 127.

By order of the Board of Education, Springfield, Union County, New Jersey.

U0907 Springfield Leader,
January 4, 1991 (Fee: \$15.00)

Blood donors being sought

In an effort to avoid a life-threatening blood shortage this winter, North Jersey Blood Center is appealing to the community to give blood. NJBC is the state's oldest and largest blood banking facility is the primary blood supplier to over 40 Northern New Jersey Hospitals.

"We need a minimum of 150 blood donations every single day to service patients in local hospitals for platelet needs," states Andrew Skrzynski, Director of Donor Services at the Blood Center.

Platelets, the most fragile part of the blood has an extremely short shelf life — only 5 days. The important role of platelets is to aid the blood in clotting. Platelets are used mostly for accidents victims and leukemia patients. Platelets are also need for people who receive chemotherapy treatments.

The North Jersey Blood Center urges all healthy individuals who are 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. to "Give the Greatest Gift of All — Give Blood."

For more information about blood donations or to find a blood drive location nearest to you, please call the Blood Center at either one of their two facilities: East Orange, (201) 676-4700 or Parsippany (201) 335-6162. This holiday season give the Gift of Life. Please give blood.

MEETINGS OF MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR 1991

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	COUNCIL MEETINGS
January 3 and 17	January 10 and 24
February 7 and 21	February 14 and 28
March 7 and 21	March 14 and 27 (Wed)
April 4 and 18	April 11 and 25
May 2 and 16	May 9 and 23
June 6 and 20	June 13 and 27
July 3 (Wed)	July 11
Aug. 1	Aug. 8
Sept. 5 and 19	Sept. 12 and 26
Oct. 3 and 17	Oct. 10 and 24
Nov. 7 and 21	Nov. 14 and 28 (Tues.)
Dec. 6 and 19	Dec. 12 and 26

All meetings are held in the Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park on Thursday evenings (unless indicated otherwise). Executive Meetings and Council Meetings start at 7:30 p.m., unless notified otherwise.

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U0970 Roselle Park Leader,
January 4, 1991



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ANTHONY GAMBA

Ryan-Gamba marriage

Laureen Eve Ryan, daughter of Mrs. Carol Ryan of Hillside, was married recently to John Anthony Gamba, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Gamba of Union.

The Rev. Richard Carlson officiated at the ceremony in Christ the King Church, Hillside. A reception followed at the Chanticleer, Warren.

The bride was escorted by her father. Renee Scheuermann of Irvington served as matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Janet Ryan of Kenilworth, Kristen Gamba of Elizabeth, Kim Gamba of Seaside Heights, Doreen Hartman of Kendall Park and Kathy Friscia and Renita Wukovits, both of Union. Jennifer Scheuermann of Irvington served as flower girl.

Carl Gamba of Elizabeth served as best man for his brother. Ushers were Keith Ryan of Kenilworth, Nick Gamba of Seaside Heights, Rodney Tannenbaum of Maplewood and Paul Carnovale, Mark Wukovits and Jim Giordano, all of Union. Donald Scheuermann Jr. of Irvington served as ring bearer.

Mrs. Gamba, who was graduated from Hillside High School and the European Academy of Cosmetology of New Jersey, is employed by Dr. Melissa M. Brown of Short Hills.

Her husband, who was graduated from Union High School and Fort Lauderdale Institute of Art in Florida, is self-employed with AYR Composition Inc., Roselle Park.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon cruise, reside in Bridgewater.

SOCIAL



MR. AND MRS. JAMES STANLEY PYTELL

Rotolo-Pytell marriage

Lisa Ann Rotolo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rotolo of Union was married Oct. 14 to James Stanley Pytell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Pytell of Chatham Township.

The Rev. Leonard Dembar officiated at the ceremony in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Union. A reception followed at the Berkeley Plaza, Berkeley Heights.

The bride was escorted by her father. Denise Rotolo of Union served as maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Jackie Davis and Leah Cottrell, both of Union, Karen Rota of Fanwood and Barbara El Sher of Maryland.

David Prisk of Highland Park served as best man. Ushers were Troy

Pytell of Stirling and Heath Pytell of Chatham Township, brothers of the groom; Steve Rotolo of Union, brother of the bride, and Robert Staeger of Plainfield, cousin of the groom. Michael Rotolo of Union, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Mrs. Pytell, who was graduated from Union High School and Douglass College, New Brunswick, is employed by the Prudential Insurance Co., Parsippany.

Her husband, who was graduated from Chatham Township High School, is employed by Salerno-Duane Pontiac/Jeep/Eagle in Summit.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon trip to Aruba, reside in Glen Gardner.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MICHAEL KELLEHER

Fortunato-Kelleher wed

Jayne E. Fortunato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Fortunato Jr. of Kenilworth, was married Nov. 3 to John Michael Kelleher, son of Mrs. Barbara A. Kelleher of Union.

The Rev. Edward R. Oehling officiated at the ceremony in St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Kenilworth. A reception followed at the Town and Campus, Union.

The bride was escorted by her father. Kathleen Wirry of Union served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Christine Newton of Kenilworth, Karen Kumble of Westfield and Lu Ann Buy of Keansburg, cousin of the bride. Gracy Newton

and Katie Jereb served as flower girls.

Todd Stiles of Mountainside served as best man. Ushers were Eric Hulsen of Bridgewater, John Prescott of Hillside, cousin of the groom, and Robert Mega of Woodbridge.

Mrs. Kelleher, who was graduated from David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, is employed by William Blanchard Co., Springfield.

Her husband, who was graduated from Union High School and Lincoln Technical Institute, is employed by Douglas Sterling, Summit.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean Islands, reside in Roselle Park.

THERESA JOAN TURICK
FRANCIS KEITH ROES

Turick-Roes engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turick of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Joan, to Francis Keith Roes, son of Mrs. Agnes Hopkins of Westfield and Mr. Frank J. Roes of Scotch Plains.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union Catholic Regional High School and Georgian Court College, Lakewood, where she received a bachelor of science degree in business

administration, is employed by United Counties Trust Co., Hillside.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Westfield High School and Kean College of New Jersey, Union, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics, is employed by Neidich and Co., Accountants and Auditors, Mountainside.

A March wedding is planned.

Union Life Member Club to meet on Monday in Boys, Girls Club

Union County Life Member Club of AT&T will meet Monday at 1 p.m. at the Union Boys & Girls Club, 1050

Jeanette Ave., Union. It will feature Margaret Coloney, RN, president of the Center for Hope Hospice of Roselle.

Stevi Nicole Kurus

An 8-pound, 8-ounce daughter, Stevi Nicole, was born Nov. 10 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kurus of Hillside. Mrs. Kurus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Huss Sr. of Union. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kurus of Hillside.

Charles Scott Green

A son, Charles Scott, was born Dec. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. David A. Green of Springfield.

Mrs. Green, the former Barbara Panzer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Panzer of Hollis Hills, N.Y. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Brooklyn, N.Y.

James Gordon Stafford Jr.

A 10-pound, 11-ounce son, James Gordon Jr., was born Dec. 4 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Stafford of Kenilworth. He joins three sisters, Jessica, 12½, Jamie 10½, and Jenna, 4.

Mrs. Stafford is the daughter of Mrs. Muriel Galati of Roselle Park.

She will discuss the care of "at home" patients and meeting needs of non-denomination citizens residing in Union County "regardless of race,

creed, color or disease."

Frank Petela is president, and Sadie McDonald is publicity director.

happy birthday



WESLEY MC GINNIS

Wesley, son of Bill and Linda McGinnis of Long Valley, observed his birthday on Oct. 3. Joining in the celebration were his cousins, Timmy, Marissa, Ashley and Lexy, and grandparents, Nellie McGinnis of Roselle Park and Gene and Sybil Tarvilli of Martinsville.



LISA M. CUCCINIELLO

Lisa Michelle, daughter of Alan and Theresa Cucciniello of Union, marked her fifth birthday on Nov. 30. Joining in the occasion were her sister, Alison, and grandparents, Alfonso and Doris Cucciniello of South Orange and Louis and Carmella Pagano of Maplewood.



JAMIE J. RUZYCKI

Jamie Joseph, son of Doreen and Stanley Ruzycski of Union, marked his third birthday on Dec. 3. Joining in the celebration were his brother, Christopher; grandparents, Frances and Joseph Mayfield of Union; aunt Jill, Uncle Joe, cousin Jessica, aunt Peggy Milkowicz and cousin Jenna.



JORDANA M. ORNSTEIN

Jordana Meredith, daughter of Debbie and Lou Ornstein of Elizabeth, celebrated her fourth birthday Nov. 24. Joining in the occasion were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Blum of Union, Uncle Howard Blum of Iselin and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sokol-Rudy betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sokol of Kenilworth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly, to Joseph K. Rudy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Rudy of Sayreville.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, is employed as an executive secretary for Martindale-Hubbell, New Providence.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School and Middlesex County College, also is employed by Martindale-Hubbell as an administrator.

An October wedding is planned.

Bullen-Prachthouser

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bullen of Roselle Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Peter F. Prachthouser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Prachthouser of Roselle Park.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Roselle Park High School and Katharine Gibbs, is employed by Wakefern Food Corp.

Her fiancé, who was graduated from Roselle Park High School and Union County Vocational Institute, is employed by Elizabethtown Gas Co.

An October 1991 wedding is planned in the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park.

OPINION

Legacies

Last Saturday, Dec. 29, marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Wounded Knee. That was the last armed engagement between the U.S. Army and American Indians. It took place in what is now the Pine Ridge Reservation, in the southwestern part of South Dakota, in an army encampment on Wounded Knee Creek.

It was a massacre. The troops were in the process of disarming 350 Sioux, 240 of whom were women and children. The Indians had been fleeing for a safe haven, fearing trouble following the murder, two weeks before, of Sitting Bull by reservation police. Trouble had caught up with them. One of the Sioux refused to give up his rifle. It went off. The troops opened fire. When it was over more than 200 Indians and 25 soldiers were dead in the snow.

This was the sad and shameful culmination of about 150 years of Indian wars. Relations had seldom been good between our European ancestors and the people they encountered in the New World. In this area of New Jersey there were many less than pleasant confrontations between the Dutch and English settlers and native Americans of the Lenni Lenape tribes. Like other Indians, the Lenape were neolithic and semi-nomadic. They had a different way of looking at life and a tremendous disadvantage in weaponry. But they were just as innately intelligent and deserving of respect as any human beings. They lived like the settlers' ancient ancestors had in the forests and on the bison-rich plains of Europe. But the newcomers generally, and soon officially, regarded the Indians as savages and non-persons.

It is always easier to shoot a non-person.

One of the Indian problems in this region related to the way the Lenape regarded land. They had no concept of ownership. They used land seasonally for hunting, fishing, gathering and basic planting. They did not understand written contracts and had no knowledge of real estate deeds. So the chiefs put their marks on pieces of paper, smiled, feasted and took their people west for the winter. When the Lenape returned in the spring, the settlers wouldn't let them use the land for hunting or fishing. The settlers showed them paper and backed it up with muskets. The Indians were driven off, and retreated westward.

Those original inhabitants of New Jersey and Union County are distant ghosts. They seem unreal to us. The landscape has so drastically changed it is difficult to imagine the Lenape thriving in the forest, which is now reduced to a small woods pierced by Route 78. But the Indians have left some of their names behind: Lenape, Warinanco, Rahwak, Watchung, Nomahegan, Kawameeh, Unami, Wewanna. They have also had subtle yet enduring influences on our lives, in diet and clothing and council forms of government.

But it seems that some truly important things the Indians, both here and throughout the country, could have taught us, were lessons we did not think necessary to learn. After all, what did a prosperous, progressive civilization riding the mighty crest of the Industrial Revolution have to learn from half-naked savages?

Conservation comes to mind. Indians grew trees to replace the ones they used. Several of our largest timber companies have utilized no such foresight. Even today, the sheer expediency of greed causes tracts of the Northwest forest to be leveled and no seedlings planted. This is ecological idiocy, further endangering the food chain and the atmosphere, not to mention constantly driving up the price of paper.

The Indians' environmental sanity was interknit with a religious respect for nature as both a home and a constant, living companion. Our present society could use some sizeable doses of that attitude, not to revert to animism, but to raise our minds above treating nature like an unlimited dump and sewer. Things that we now must do, like recycling and composting, would come easier if we possessed something of the Indian's respect for nature. Development could proceed more sanely, agribusiness could be stopped short of soil depletion, and acid rain more comprehensively combated, if we better perceived the worth and the beauty and the delicate balances of nature.

It is still possible, at least on an individual basis, to better understand the Indian's relationship with the environment and learn from it. One of the truly positive offerings of our civilization, free public libraries, makes that knowledge accessible. The schools should also strive to relay this valuable knowledge to the citizens of tomorrow. Perhaps, as we struggle to save and clean our environment, we will develop a new, wholesome respect for nature and for the mealy-treated people who lived here before us.



HOLIDAY PROGRAM — Courtney Volpe, a second-grade student at Deerfield School in Mountainside and dressed as a cat, awaits her turn on stage during a rehearsal for the recent holiday program which was held at the school. The show featured performances by students in various costumes, all of which reflected a holiday theme.



HELPING HAND — C.J. Dodge, left, a patient at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, a member of the hospital's Junior Wheelchair Athletic Team, is congratulated by representatives of the Westfield YMCA, which sponsored C.J.'s recent participation in the national competitions in Colorado. Congratulating C.J. are YMCA treasurer Bill Graham, center, of Fanwood and president Mark Ciarrocca, right, of Scotch Plains.

letters to the editor

Appreciation

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many gifts donated to the 12th annual Weichert, Realtors Toy Drive to benefit needy children. The kindhearted generosity of the public this year helped us brighten the holiday season for many underprivileged children and made this year's toy drive the most successful ever! Thousands of toys were collected at our offices and distributed to local charities in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

We extend our warmest thanks to the people of the greater metropolitan area and your community for their continued support.

JAMES M. WEICHERT
President
Weichert, Realtors

Money Matters

Medical deductions have shrunk

Hair transplants, liposuction, birthing rooms...the types of medical expenses the IRS recognized as deductible have certainly kept pace with the newest medical advances. However, your opportunity to deduct medical expenses has been greatly reduced in recent years. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), you may now deduct unreimbursed medical expenses to the extent that they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. This means, if your family has an adjusted gross income of \$40,000, you may deduct any qualified medical expenses that exceed \$3,000. In most cases, unless your reportable income is modest, your insurance coverage has lapsed, or you have been unfortunate enough to have been faced with a serious illness, your chances of realizing a substantial medical deduction are small. But don't give up without reviewing your expenses. You may be surprised to find a few hundred dollars in medical deductions. In totaling your expenses, remember that you may deduct the payment of medical bills for you, your spouse, and your children, even if you are divorced and your ex-spouse is entitled to claim the children as

dependents. Generally, you may also include the medical expenses you pay for any person you can claim as a dependent. Be sure to look beyond the obvious for expenses that are eligible for the medical deduction. In addition to the more common expenses such as doctor, dentist, and hospital bills, you may deduct the cost of transportation to and from the doctor, hospital or pharmacy; special items like eyeglasses, contact lenses, dentures and hearing aids; health, hospitalization and Medicare insurance premiums; and prescription drugs and insulin. While medical expenses generally do not lend themselves very well to tax planning, timing can be an important tax strategy to follow when it comes to deducting medical expenses. If you have incurred heavy medical expenses this year and are approaching or exceeding the 7.5 percent floor, it may be wise to accelerate any planned medical expenses that can be scheduled at your convenience. This just might be the right time to buy that extra pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses, refill a prescription that is running low, schedule that long-delayed routine check-up, plan for elective surgery, or finally get the dental work

done that you have been putting off. The costs of a face lift, tummy tuck, and hair transplant may also qualify as deductible medical expenses. (Please note that the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990 contains a provision that would make unnecessary cosmetic surgery not deductible). By paying for all the procedures in the same year, you increase your chances of deducting these expenses. Since medical bills are deductible in the year you pay them, you may be able to maximize your deduction simply by controlling the timing of your payment. Be sure you know the rules. If you pay by check, the day you deliver or mail the payment is considered the payment date regardless of when the check is cashed. If you use your credit card to charge a medical expense, the date you make the charge is considered the payment date, not the date you pay your bill. So, if you are looking to maximize this year's deduction, be sure your payment is mailed or charged by December 31. Keep in mind, however, that if your return is selected for an audit, you may be asked to provide proof for large, year-end checks written to doctors, dentists and hospitals.

On the other hand, if it appears that your medical deductions for the year will not reach the 7.5 percent threshold, try to delay paying outstanding medical bills until 1991. The strategy of deferring the payment of medical bills to next year is also a good one to follow when you suspect that your adjusted gross income will be significantly lower next year. In short, accelerate or defer medical payments into the year when you expect your payments to exceed the 7.5 percent floor. Your filing status is another factor that may affect your ability to deduct medical expenses. If the medical expenses of one spouse in a two-income family substantially exceed the medical expenses of the other spouse, it may be worthwhile to file separate tax returns. While doing so generally results in higher taxes than filing jointly, this strategy could pay off — particularly if the spouse who had high medical expenses earns less. By filing separately, the 7.5 percent floor applies separately to the individual's adjusted gross income and not to the higher joint income. To be sure, CPAs suggest that you calculate your taxes both ways to see which is the most beneficial.

Think About It

New syndrome discovered here!

By **JOHN TARTAGLINO**
I keep checking my machine for that call from the AMA. I'm not sure what's keeping them. A few weeks ago, I sent them some information on a new disease I've discovered. If they have any integrity at all, they'll have to accept my clinical findings. I also expect them to agree to keep my name from this dread scourge. With all due modesty, I've called it "Tartaglino's Syndrome."

the Crab singing "Kiss the Girl."
If you find yourself with any of these symptoms, have a kid over the age of 2, and own a VCR, there's a good chance that you're suffering through the early stages of "Tartaglino's Syndrome." While there is yet no known cure, a therapy that combines aspirin, ear plugs, and a refusal to pay the electric bill for a few months shows real promise. As research widens, we're beginning to get a handle on the basics. Let's look through our files at the case study of a typical victim. Like many, he fears for his privacy. For the sake of anonymity, therefore, let's simply call him "Mr. John T." In this pitiful case, our records suggest it all starts at about dawn, when a certain unnamed 2-year-old opens her eyes: "Daddy...Mermaid on?"

"Again, Daddy."
"Sweetheart...why don't you watch something else?" The victim squirms. "Nooo, Daddy...Mermaid on."
"How about Roger Rabbit?" he pleads.
"Mermaid."
"Cinderella?"
"Popeye?...Fraggles?...CNN?"
"Mermaid!!!!!"
At this point I'd...I mean, "Mr. John T." would rather watch three solid hours of Geraldo while getting an anesthetic-free root canal from a dental student with the di's.

Some sufferers have been known to "accidentally" drop tapes in trash-mashers, swimming pools and dish washers. One unconfirmed report mentioned a riding mower, but again, that is unconfirmed. Regardless, these feeble attempts are doomed to ultimate failure. First, destruction of a given tape may merely force carriers of the disorder to lock in on another movie, thereby sowing the seeds for the next go-round. Secondly, chances are someone (like grandparents) will probably leap to replace the executed cassette with the newly released "DELUXE" version that not only includes scenes originally cut out, but also the making of the film, and a "follow the bouncing ball" sing-along segment.

This is a very new, very '90s disorder. Preliminary work suggests that "Tartaglino's Syndrome" strikes parents almost exclusively. The primary carriers appear to be kids who spend days at a time replaying the same movie over and over again on the VCR. In the situation I've focused in on here, the movie is "The Little Mermaid," but my research has uncovered chronic cases brought on by massive overdoses of everything from "Batman" to "Care Bears." Symptoms include: A sharp burning in your stomach whenever you hear the words: "Daddy, can I watch (fill in the blank)?" The sudden, nearly uncontrollable urge to tear the VCR from the cabinet and hurl it into the street; and Nightly dreams where erotic trysts are abruptly interrupted by Sebastian

The tape rewinds, buying three or four minutes of blessed peace before the next assault. But any relief from "Tartaglino's Syndrome" is shortlived and only serves to intensify the agony of the next attack. Soon the victim sprawls glassy-eyed and slack-jawed, silently mouthing all dialogue, songs and sound effects from memory. In later stages, the victim finds himself spending entire days with the soundtrack of the offending movie running through his head at all times. To illustrate, our case study was discovered on line in the post office half singing, half mumbling the words to "Under the Sea," oblivious to his surroundings, while those around him looked on in horror.

Since this is such a new disorder, much of what we think we know is conjecture. However, there IS hope. Some suggest that "Tartaglino's Syndrome" is a temporary condition. Many predict that if a parent can hold on to a small shred of sanity, children will eventually move from the VCR stage to the Walkman stage. That point, where you can't hear what they're listening to, and they can't hear you at all seems the most satisfying to all concerned.

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Health Watch

N.J. is trailing in fight vs. a type of heart disease

New Jersey trails the national average in reducing deaths from a major form of heart disease, report scientists at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

Consequently, New Jersey's statewide death rate from ischemic heart disease (IHD) is 29 percent higher than the national rate. The New Jersey rate is 168.5 deaths per

100,000 population, compared with 139.3 nationally.

IHD is synonymous with coronary heart disease or heart attack.

According to a study at the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School, Newark, IHD death rates in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties exceeded the national average by as much as 56 percent.

IHD results when blood supply to

the heart is slowed or stopped by an obstructed or constricted blood vessel.

The study was conducted by Dr. G. Reza Najem, professor of preventive medicine and community health at the medical school and published in the International Journal of Epidemiology.

Dr. Najem attributed the state's IHD death rate to its extensive urbani-

zation, industrialization and population density.

Dr. Najem compared national and New Jersey statistics on deaths caused by IHD for the period 1968 to 1982 and found:

- While deaths from IHD nationally declined 47 percent over the past 15 years, New Jersey's statewide decline was only 38 percent.
- IHD death rates in New Jersey's

21 counties ranged from 4 to 56 percent higher than the national average.

• Hudson County's IHD death rate is 56 percent higher than the national rate and was the highest of New Jersey's 21 counties. The next highest counties were Passaic (35 percent), Ocean (31 percent), Middlesex (28 percent) and Atlantic (25 percent). Union County ranks 12 on this list.

• Cape May, Camden and Gloucester Counties were the only New Jersey counties whose rate of decline in IHD deaths was better than the national rate. Their rates of decline were, respectively, 51, 50 and 48 percent, compared with the national rate of 47 percent.

"Based on this study, low-income people and those living in highly urbanized and industrialized communities appear to have a life-style pattern that predisposes them to heart attack deaths," Dr. Najem said. "Elevated blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking are the major risk factors for heart attack."

Other possible contributors to heart attack are heredity, personality factors, such as hostility and inward-directed anger, inadequate physical activity and excessive body weight, said Dr. Najem, who added: "It's reasonable to assume that some of these heart attack deaths among urban dwellers and low-income groups are

due to inadequate medical care".

New Jersey is the nation's fifth smallest state, but it is the most densely populated. The state is also ranked first in population density per square mile. It ranks seventh in manufacturing. Eighty-nine percent of the state is urbanized and about 85 percent of its residents live in cities compared with 61 percent nationally. Statewide, 16 counties are 70 to 100 percent urbanized.

Dr. Najem noted that New Jersey's 14 most industrialized and densely populated counties also had the state's highest number of heart attack death rates. Hudson County, which leads the state in IHD deaths, is the state's most crowded county with nearly 13,000 people per square mile and is 100 percent urbanized.

He added that Passaic and Middlesex Counties, which also have relatively high IHD death rates, are highly industrialized and urbanized and that Atlantic County is quickly joining the ranks of high-density counties with the proliferation of casinos and related industries.

"Excessive heart attack mortality in New Jersey's high-risk counties," Dr. Najem said, "warrants further investigation of the specific risk factors and the establishment of an effective preventive program to reduce the risk factors."

UCC offering PC classes for beginners

A wide variety of non-credit computer courses for novices as well as those more proficient in computer usage will be offered this spring by Union County College's Department of Continuing Education.

Classes, all providing hands-on instruction, are held on the Cranford, Scotch Plains, and Plainfield Campuses during weekday, weeknight, and weekend hour for participants' convenience.

Newly introduced for the Spring Semester is "PFS First Choice: The Choice of First-Time Computer Users." This course exposes the student to a simple, integrated software package designed especially for persons who are new to computer usage.

Other new courses are the "Lotus Series," combining beginning, intermediate, and advanced elements of

Lotus 1-2-3 instruction. "Intermediate Paradox" provides students such advanced Paradox 3 database features as making graphs, automatic cross-tabulations, sophisticated data validation, building forms that show multiple tables and multiple records on one screen. Students also will learn to use query by example (QBE) to locate records based on values of groups of other records.

Also new this semester is the "Multimate Series," a word processing course covering beginning techniques of this package, such as creating and editing text to more sophisticated topics, such as library functions, importing and exporting, and advanced printing techniques and line draw.

Another new course, "Pagemaker/ Desktop Publishing-Macintosh,"

exposes student to Macintosh computers and desktop publishing using Pagemaker. Student will learn the basics, and also pick up a few tips and techniques. "Designing with Pagemaker/Macintosh" helps students work at their own pace on a project of their choice, with instructor consultation and guidance.

Also new is "Introduction to Microsoft Works on the Mac," dealing with the power of a Macintosh computer in a spreadsheet, database, word processing program, and Microsoft Works as a fully integrated package. Beginners are welcome. "Pagemaker 4.0/New Features" also is new this semester.

Among other computer courses available are: "Introduction to Computers: Using a PC," "The DOS Operating System," "Advanced DOS

Techniques," "Public Domain and Inexpensive Software for the IBM-PC," "Clones," "Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3," "Introduction to dBase IV," "Introduction to Paradox 3," "Application in Lotus 1-2-3," "Application in DOS," "Applications in Word Processing," "Applications Using Database," "Word Perfect 5 Style Sheets and Word Publishing," and computer desktop publishing courses in Macintosh, Pagemaker/Macintosh package, Ventura desktop publishing, and a Ventura desktop publishing series. Those interested in further information should call 709-7601.

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<p>BRAND NEW 1991 EAGLE SUMMIT 3 DOOR HATCH</p>  <p>red. 4-spd. 4-cyl. r & p strng. p/b. vel. int. bw tires. am/fm radio. 1/glass. rw. def. VIN No. M1009625. STK. No. 244-1. MSRP \$7560. \$781 dealer discount. \$400 fact. rebate. Total of pymts. \$7960.</p> <p>BUY FOR \$6799 OR LEASE FOR \$89 MO*</p>	<p>BRAND NEW 1991 JEEP WRANGLER 2 DOOR</p>  <p>white. 5-spd. 4-cyl. p/a/b. bkt. sts. spt. mirrs. all-seas. rads. am/fm radio. VIN No. MJ120296. STK. No. 235-1. MSRP \$12,097. \$1068 dealer discount. \$600 fact. rebate. Total of pymts. \$10,899.</p> <p>BUY FOR \$10,999 OR LEASE FOR \$143 MO*</p>
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UP, UP AND AWAY — Linden's Rodney Zamor goes up over two Seton Hall Prep defenders for two of his eight points in the semi-final game of the Hillside Boys' Basketball Holiday Tournament played December 28 at Hillside High School. The Pony Pirates defeated the Tigers 71-54, and then captured the tournament championship with a 66-51 victory over Hillside on December 31.

Johnson wrestlers capture fourth

By SUSAN KRAKOWIECKI
The Arthur L. Johnson High School wrestling team was one of 12 teams that participated in the annual Wood-bridge Tournament on December 28. The Crusaders placed fourth overall in the tournament.

"Last season we had only three wrestlers that placed in the top four, this year we had eight," he said. "Last year, only one of our guys made it to the final round, this year we had two. Overall, I'd say the guys doubled, even tripled, their performance from last year."

Head coach Richard McSorley was pleased with the Crusaders' perfor-

Individually for the Crusaders, Joe

Lucariello placed third at 112 pounds, Craig Mahon placed fourth at 119 pounds, Tim Hoerle placed fourth at 125 pounds, Gil Virtuocio placed third at 130 pounds, Andy Troczynski placed second at 135 pounds, Taso Lyrstis placed fourth at 140 pounds, Lenny Rothbard won the 145-pound class, and Justin LaSala finished fourth at 171 pounds.

Lady Rams drop three

By SUSAN KRAKOWIECKI
The Abraham Clark High School girls' basketball team has a 1-3 record so far this season, but head coach Bob Giannotti says that the Lady Rams have played much better than the record indicates.

"I think we're a better team than a 1-3 record would lead people to believe," Giannotti said. "We played harder and the games were closer than the scores of our three losses would indicate."

The Lady Rams won their opening game, 33-28, over Newark Central, and then dropped their next three contests. The slump started when Roselle lost 42-33 to crosstown rival Roselle Catholic on December 19.

"We had a two-point lead going into the fourth quarter against R.C., but then one of our starters had to leave," Giannotti said. "And then we played poorly in the final period. They outscored us 18-7 and got the win."


Tahisa Palin was the leading scorer for the Lady Rams with 15 points, including three three-pointers. "Tahisa is our leading scorer and shooter," said Giannotti. "She's especially effective from three-point range."

The next afternoon, the Lady Rams went up against Governor Livingston, one of the higher-ranked teams in the area, and held them to 37 points. But Roselle still came out on the short end of a 37-30 game.

Palin again was the key to the Roselle offense, scoring a team-high 14 points, including two three-pointers. Shawanna Felton added seven points for the Lady Rams.

On December 28, Roselle played without two starters and suffered a 46-27 loss to David Brearley High School, although, Giannotti said, "the game was closer than the score indicated. We played them close in the first, third and fourth quarters. But we played a lousy second quarter, and they outscored us 10-3 in that period and that was the game. It's hard to win when you're shorthanded like we were. We need to work on our consistency and putting four good quarters together."

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This week's question:
Oh, the weather outside is frightful, which inspires us to pose another ice hockey question. Who was the first player in the history of the National Hockey League to score 50 goals in one season?

Last week's answer: The record for most goals scored in a National Hockey League All-Star game, four, is shared by two of the greatest players the game has ever seen.
Wayne Gretzky, then of the Edmonton Oilers, scored four goals in the 1983 All-Star game played at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, Long Island. All of Gretzky's goals came in the third period.
Gretzky broke a record that had stood for more than 30 years, set when Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings scored three goals in the 1950 NHL All-Star game.
Gretzky's record was equaled in the 1990 All-Star game by Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins. It was the first All-Star game played at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena, and Lemieux put on a show for the hometown fans, winning the game's Most Valuable Player award.
This week, Henry Hascup of Lodi submitted a correct answer.
Please have your responses in our Union offices — at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave. — by no later than noon each Monday.

Baldwin earns Mention


Roselle resident Scott Baldwin, a former standout running back for Abraham Clark High School who now plays for the University of Nebraska, was an Honorable Mention selection to the 1990 All-Big Eight Conference football team.

Baldwin, a sophomore, this year gained a net total of 579 yards in 92 carries for the Cornhuskers, scoring five touchdowns, and caught two passes for 33 yards. He finished the regular season as NU's second-leading rusher.

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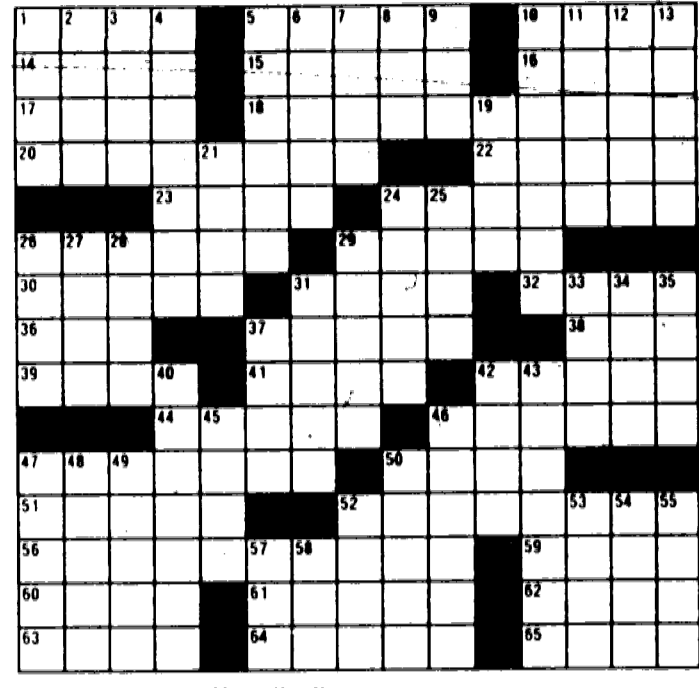
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 - 42 Boris, Peter and Nicholas
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 - 56 A way to take the stairs
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horoscope

For week of Jan. 6-Jan. 12

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) This is a good time to make a career move. You might tactfully suggest to your boss that you could handle more responsibility. If he turns you down, don't let it get to you — just start considering that other attractive opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Somebody who has been bothering you needs to be told off. Disregard your friends' advice, and let the jerk have it. You won't be sorry.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone you've trusted a long time is about to let you down. Be ready for it. This is also the time to be more cautious, particularly regarding long-term financial investments. Try to save a little more than usual.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A secret admirer is about to come forward. But play it coy. There could be pitfalls in this relationship you won't recognize immediately. But it's OK — your admirer is more patient than you might think.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Brush up on your neglected talents this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may be getting bored, and planning for a long trip now will help lift you out of the doldrums. Also, look for new community activities to augment that humdrum routine. You could meet someone who will prove to be a close friend.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Debts are starting to accumulate, but a surprise source of income is looming, so don't get overly concerned about your creditors. Take a chance, even if people think you're being foolhardy. You'll have the last laugh.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you have children, they need a lot of communication from you now. Teach them to have greater respect for each other's differences, and try to do this by using your reasoning ability. They will understand, and the family will experience a new-found harmony.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're neglecting too many small projects. Fin-

ish that book you're reading, organize your desk, do some cleaning, and don't forget to make those phone calls you've been procrastinating on. A little more organization will go a long way this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Everyone thinks you're happy, but in reality something is eating at you. Get it off your chest. Your associates will be much more sympathetic than you might think, and your fears of negative consequences will prove to be unfounded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your intuition has served you well lately, but don't rely on it. Make a cold, hard decision that you know is the right one.

even if others criticize. You will soon find out who is really on your side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Try lending a hand to someone you don't particularly like, especially at work. It may not be appreciated at first, but in the long run it will pay off. Start visualizing what you want your life to be like in the future. Try to ignore the pain of the moment.

lottery

The following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the week of Dec. 23.

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- Dec. 23—132, 7575
- Dec. 24—884, 2032
- Dec. 26—875, 6372
- Dec. 27—511, 6996
- Dec. 28—316, 4249
- Dec. 29—101, 3622

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- Dec. 24—9, 12, 14, 20, 37, 38; bonus — 15833.
- Dec. 27—10, 18, 21, 28, 42, 44; bonus — 40160.

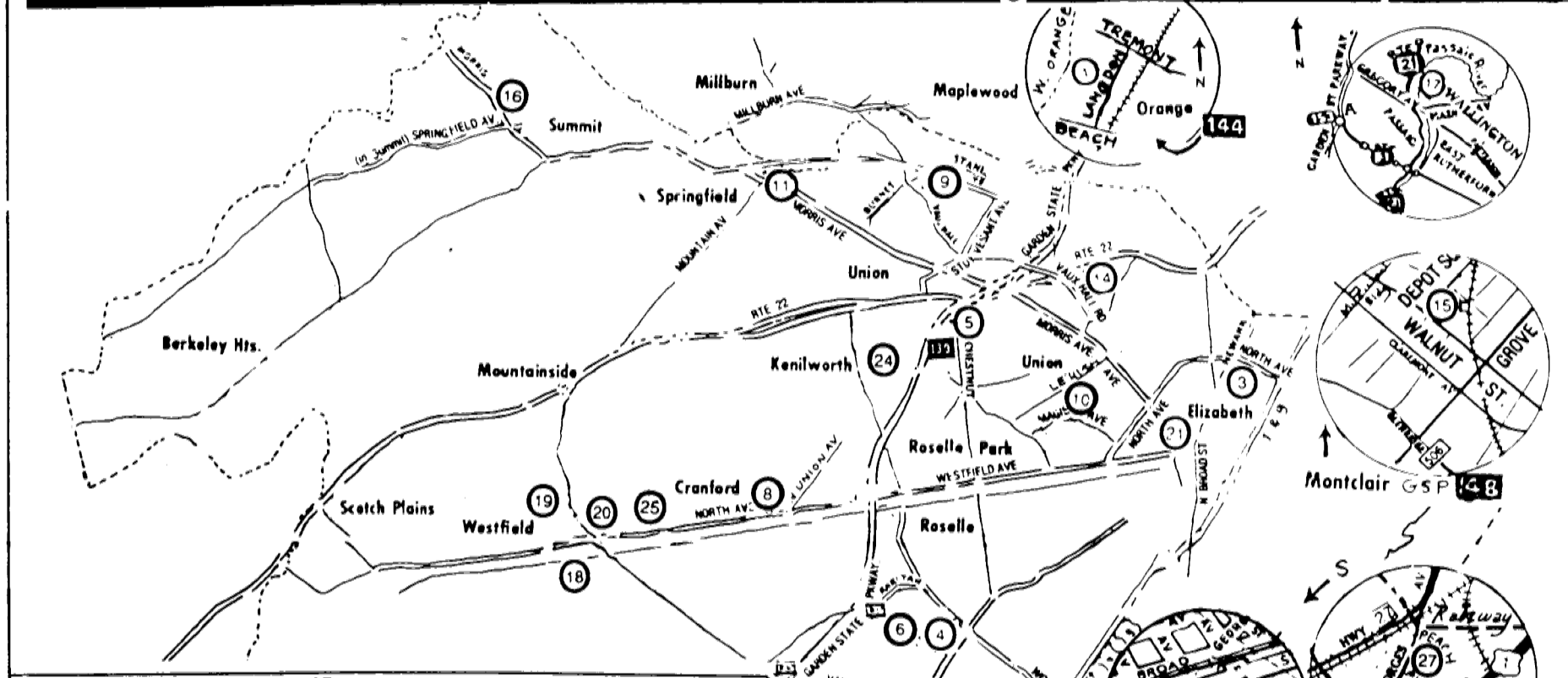
Chorus to meet

The Jerseyaires Chorus of the Rahway Valley Chapter of the Barber-shop Harmony Society, SPEBSQSA, will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Male singers of all ages are invited, it was announced.

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Restaurant review

The Cedars

By DEBBI AGINS

I was looking forward to eating at The Cedars in Elizabeth because it boasts the biggest salad bar in Union County. I thought I could stay on my diet while still enjoying a fine meal out.

Well, it didn't work out that way. While thumbing through the extensive menu, I realized there was no way I could only eat a salad. Very rarely have I seen a menu that offers such a variety of dishes. Not only does one have a choice of seafood, veal, pasta, poultry and beef, but also house seafood specials, a mesquite grill, combination specials and nightly specials. After each entree, the menu suggests a fine wine that would accent the food.

Not willing to give up my quest for a good salad, I was delighted when our waitress informed us that the all-you-can-eat salad bar was included with our meal.

Cedars advertises that they have "The Largest Salad Bar Selection in Union County," and I was not disappointed. The salad bar contained an abundant selection of chilled greens, vegetables, garnishes and prepared salads. It also had peel-and-eat shrimp and a choice of two homemade soups.

Our helpful waitress recommended a hot appetizer of stuffed mushrooms. In addition, we ordered Clams Casino. The mushrooms were generous in size and the half-dozen clams were baked to perfection with bacon pieces. If the meal had ended there, we would have been satisfied.

Before our entrees arrived, we were amused by a large party celebrating a birthday. The waiters and waitresses presented a cake and discreetly but enthusiastically sang "Happy Birthday." This was the first time I did not feel sorry for the guest of honor. He didn't seem embarrassed either.

The setting at The Cedars is intimate, but at the same time spacious. I liked the fact that the tables are not crowded; conversations from other tables never intruded on our enjoyment. The tasteful decor of Cedars also contributes to the relaxing atmosphere.

Service at The Cedars is excellent. Our entrees arrived promptly after the appetizers. My meal, from the mesquite grill, Cajun Red Snapper, was superb. The fish was cooked perfectly and the spices gave it a nice zing. I must say, The Cedars definitely shatters the myth that seafood entrees are skimpy. On the side, a nice-sized baked potato and broccoli were served.

My friend ordered the Chicken Primavera. It was loaded with tender vegetables, chicken filets and pasta. After dinner we indulged in chocolate cake, cheese cake, cappuccino and tea, a definite departure from my diet but well worth it.

Over all, my comments on The Cedars are only favorable. My companion and I were pleased with the service and the cleanliness. Our meal was not rushed; we were given an ideal amount of time to enjoy it. If you are looking for a pleasurable dining experience, with entrees averaging \$13, The Cedars, at 1200 North Ave., Elizabeth, is the place to go.

Devlin display set

An exhibition of works by Harry Devlin of Mountainside will be shown at the Morris Museum, Morristown, Saturday through March 3, with a reception on Saturday for members of the museum and invited guests from 6 to 9 p.m.

Devlin's career began more than 50 years ago as an illustrator in New York City during World War II, responsible for all aircraft identification art for the Office of Naval Intelligence. The artist went on to have approximately four or five careers.

He has created imaginative illustrations for children's books, the first of which was entitled, "The Wonderful Tree House." Twenty additional children's books followed, most written in collaboration with his wife, Wende. Devlin's portfolio also contains political cartoons, advertising and architectural portraits, many of which are contained in his book on "American Romantic" architecture.

A symposium, "Nineteenth Century Residential Architecture in N.J. Our Heritage and Its Future," will be presented Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum in conjunction with the exhibition. The lectures will feature Devlin, among others, with his topic of discussion, "Victorian Architecture: A Personal History." The exhibition will be accompanied by a fully illustrated 68-page catalogue written by the guest curator, Barbara J. Mitnick.

Sponsors are Chemical Bank New Jersey/Princeton Bank and Trust, the Friends of Harry Devlin, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the Friends of the Morris Museum.

New deadline listed for pageant

New dates have been set for the Mrs. Union County New Jersey America Pageant 1991, it was announced by Cynthia West, county director for the pageant. The deadline for applications from prospective contestants is now Jan. 15.

The winner of the Union County Pageant "will go on to represent Union County in the State Pageant scheduled for March 1991."

Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years old, married at least six months, and must reside in Union County in order to compete. Interested persons can call for further details at 688-0077.

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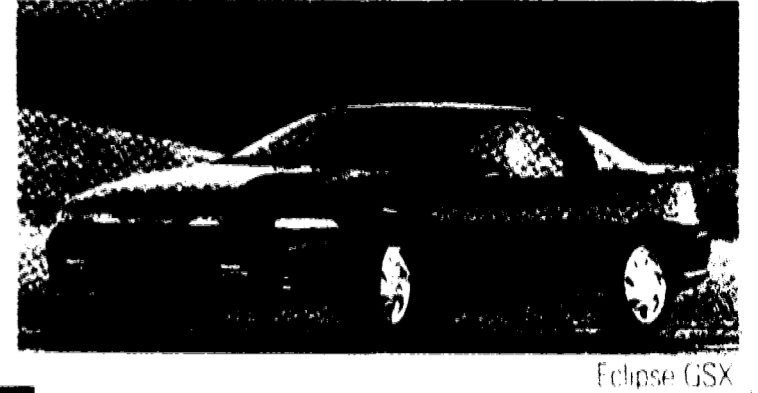
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