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**Holiday schedule**  
The offices of this newspaper will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 27. Deadlines for the Nov. 30 edition remain the same.

**New lights needed**  
Due to the Christmas tree's growth, additional decorative lights are needed for its Dec. 2 lighting. The Tree Committee plans to replace the present lights with miniature bulbs, which are expected to be less expensive than the bulbs used in past years. To donate money for the new lights, send a check, payable to Lewis Strohmeyer, 390 Creek Bed Road.

**Time capsule display**  
The contents of the 75th Anniversary Time Capsule, opened at the Heritage Days Fair in September, will be on display at the Hetfield House on Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Newcomers' schedule**  
The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable nonprofit organization designed to introduce new residents, and current residents who have recently had a change in lifestyle, such as a new baby, to the community. There will be a holiday luncheon fund-raiser on Wednesday. For membership information, call Pat Colwell at 233-8414.

**Christmas party**  
The Springfield/Mountainside chapter of UNICO National will hold its annual Christmas Party at L'Affaire restaurant on Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. There will be a dinner and Santa plans to have gifts for all those attending. The public is invited, but reservations must be made in advance with President Vince Bonadies at 277-1414 or Joseph Chicappa at 233-7675.

**Santa Claus visit**  
Holy Trinity Interparochial School's Home and School Association will sponsor "Breakfast With Santa" Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Lourdes' at 300 Central Ave. Tickets went on sale Wednesday at Diane B. Fine Furnishings on Broad Street in Westfield. General admission is \$10; \$6 for children under two.

**Poodle show**  
The Watchung Mountain Poodle Club will hold its 39th Speciality Show and Obedience Trial on Dec. 1 at the National Guard Armory, 625 Main St., in Woodbridge at 9 a.m. For more information about the show, the club or the breed, call Marion Banta at (201) 569-8591.

## Christmas cheer



The cast of 'I'll be Home for Christmas' gathers for another performance at the Mountainside Chapel on Spruce Drive. This year, the 1940-era production will take place on Dec. 1, 2 and 3. The Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., Sunday musicals begin at 6 p.m. Swing-style holiday classics, simulated radio broadcasts and period costumes highlight this second annual performance. The chapel is presenting this musical to the public free of charge as a holiday greeting to the community. RSVP the chapel at 232-3456 so adequate seating may be arranged.

## Toy drive to benefit hospitalized children

New toys and clothing are being accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital through Dec. 13 as part of its annual Holiday Toy Drive for the hospital's patients. Each year, the hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for the youngsters who will be spending their holiday in the hospital. Only new clothing and toys will be accepted for newborns through 21-year-olds. Suggested toys include infant rattles, mobiles, squeeze toys, and baby blankets. For toddlers and preschoolers: multi-cultural, washable dolls, crayons, puzzles and cars. For older children: board games, craft items, tools and model airplane kits. Appropriate items for all ages include musical cassettes, videotapes, sporting equipment, socks and undershirts. Many of the gifts are used to reinforce the children's therapies. Cars may be parked at the curb during the drop-offs. All gifts must be dropped off by Dec. 13 to allow for sorting, wrapping and distribution of the gifts. Those who donate are asked to leave their name and address with the gift. Donations will be accepted at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call Susan Baxter, volunteer services director, at 233-3720, Ext. 379. Children's Specialized Hospital is New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital. It currently treats children and adolescents from birth through 21 years of age. In addition to the 85-bed facility on New Providence Road, Children's Specialized maintains an Outpatient Center in Fanwood and a 30-bed facility in Tom's River.

## Rebate checks ready for seniors, disabled

**By Kathryn Fitzgerald**  
Managing Editor  
More than one million Homestead Rebate checks will be mailed to New Jersey residents; \$305,978,456 will be distributed to senior citizens age 65 and older, the disabled, the blind and tenants or homeowners who earn \$40,000 or less. The state's average rebate will be increased from last year to \$231.07. The average rebate for senior citizens has not yet been reported, but is expected to be higher than last year's \$446. Refunds of Homestead Rebates received by the borough in error were given to residents during Tuesday night's meeting, which took place after the *Mountainside Echo* went to press. Statewide, the population of residents 45 years old and over is expected to increase between this year and 2005; with this increase, the costs of this rebate program also may be expected to expand, according to a report released by the state treasury office. According to this report, when the "Baby Boomers" reach retirement age, the program's cost is predicted to skyrocket as the retirees command larger rebates available to seniors. Seniors who earn less than \$100,000, the report states, are currently the main recipients of these rebates, which range from \$65 to \$500. The disabled and blind also are eligible for rebates in this range. State residents who earn \$40,000 per year or less are eligible for payments of \$90 if they are homeowners and \$30 if they are tenants. The amount of the refund will depend upon the person's income and property tax burden. This rebate program was begun by Gov. Brendan Byrne and a Democratic-heavy Legislature in 1977. It was initiated to soften the blow of income tax, which had been introduced a year earlier. In 1990, the program's payment formula was altered. Appropriations acts limited payments to reduce the total cost to the state in 1993, 1994 and again this year. In 1993, New Jersey paid \$323.9 million in rebates; 1994's refund total reached \$325.6 million. The program reached its lowest point in 1992, when it paid \$707.2 million in rebates, more than two times that spent in previous years. That year, the program was scaled back by Gov. Jim Florio and a Republican-majority legislature. Before this reduction, all taxpayers earning \$100,000 or less received refunds, as did married couples or

## Borough waiting dissolution specifics

**By Kathryn Fitzgerald**  
Managing Editor  
Though pleased that the dissolution of the regional district will be sent to referendum, borough residents see a long road ahead of them before the issue actually comes to a vote. Earlier this month, Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz released a letter to the member towns of the regional district informing them that the petition for dissolution of the district had been granted. The proposal was accepted conditionally, provided Kenilworth agrees to accept Garwood high school students in a send/receive relationship in the event that Garwood accepts this as an option. The commissioner's decision may be appealed, which has been given as a possibility for Garwood, which does not wish to see the Regional District dissolved. In his letter, Klagholz conceded that the current educational structure lacked the continuity that a system educating student from pre-kindergarten levels through high school would provide. He also noted that no excessive debt burden would be inflicted on post-dissolution districts. The commissioner did not release a date for the referendum. According to Mayor Robert Vigilanti, this is only one step in the lengthy process that lies ahead. "All we know now is that we have the vote," he explained. "We don't know what's involved." The next step, Vigilanti said, is for all the member towns of the regional district to get together and determine what will be included on the referendum. One problem that may delay the voting process is the change in leadership that at least three of the member towns will be experiencing. Once this has settled down, however, a meeting will be arranged to decide what the particulars of the referendum will include. To keep the community up to date with all of the available deregionalization information, the Borough Council will engage in massive communications with the public and work with the Board of Education to answer residents' questions. Although there is no present determination of what residents of the regional district will be voting for, Vigilanti assures the public that "we will somewhere in the future be able to tell what a 'yes' vote will mean and what a 'no' vote will mean" through both written communication and meetings with the community. At present, Vigilanti estimates that there are at least 10 possibilities of the effects the referendum will have on the borough should the vote pass. "There is one definite effect," Vigilanti stated. "If we deregionalize, there will definitely be a reduction in taxes in Mountainside." Most of the effects that dissolution will have on the community, however, will depend on what is contained in the referendum. "Our work has just begun," Vigilanti said, adding that he does not anticipate voting on the referendum for at least four months. Recently elected to his third term on the Borough Council, Vigilanti, along with fellow Republicans and re-elected council members David Hart and Werner Schon, is making the dissolution of the regional district his top priority. Three reports compiled by consulting firms on behalf of the members towns of the regional district are available for the public at local libraries. These studies contain information concerning possible configurations of the regional district should dissolution pass and the potential effects of the passage of the referendum on member towns of the district. The next meeting of Union County Regional High School District 1 is scheduled for Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

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## Community Access honors DiFrancesco

Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, has been named Humanitarian of the Year by Community Access, a nonprofit agency which uses a partnership of private and public funding to serve the developmentally disabled of Union County. DiFrancesco was honored for his many contributions to the agency. Among the other honorees were John Davis, president and chief executive officer of Union Center National Bank, and Union County Republican Chairman Frank McDermott. More than 530 people attended the 15th Annual Gala held at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Hillside Township resident Greg Felzenberg also was presented with the Community Education Award from Community Access. Honoree, DiFrancesco, in his remarks pointed to a recent law authorizing \$160 million in funding to provide housing for the developmentally disabled. He added, "I will remain your ardent supporter and look forward to another productive year in the Legislature." Community Access is a United Way agency serving teens and adults with disabilities, so that they are able to function and live independently in their own community. The gala is held each year to reach a



Senate President Donald DiFrancesco chats with fellow senators Gerald Cardinale and Richard LaRossa during the 15th annual Community Access Gala Dinner Dance. Cardinale, chairperson of the Senate Commerce Committee, and LaRossa, chairperson of the Urban Policy Committee, attended to honor DiFrancesco, who was honored by the agency and named its humanitarian of the year.

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**Honored scholars**



Dean of Faculty William Crane, far right, and Delbarton Headmaster the Rev. John Hesketh, far left, congratulate Benjamin Wei of Mountainside, second from right, Alvin Cabrera of Warren, Luke Platzer of Califon and Shawn Ahmad of Boonton. Delbarton's four National Advanced Placement Scholars were recognized at a students' award ceremony on Sept. 28.

**Refund program scaled back in 1992**

(Continued from Page 1)  
single wage-earners of a family who earned less than \$70,000. Single residents who earned less than \$35,000 were eligible for rebates as high as \$500.

Under Florio's control, rebates were eliminated for nearly 850,000 state residents.

Those now ineligible for Home-

Time capsule contains Women's Club calendar

Many interesting items were found in the 75th anniversary time capsule opened at the Heritage Fair in September. The most unique is the "Community Birthday Calendar" submitted by the Mountainside Woman's Club.

In a newspaper article which was also enclosed, Mrs. H. Arthur Tonnese, Ways and Means chairman of the Woman's Club in announcing plans for the calendar said:

"The regular monthly meeting dates for 1970-71 of all service organizations in Mountainside will be printed free of charge on our community birthday calendar, as well as special school vacation dates.

stead Rebates include occupants of residences who do not pay property tax and primarily subsidized housing. People who owe payments for income tax, child support, college loans or other governmental obligations are still eligible for rebates, but may find their money reduced or withheld.

Questions or concerns about these rebates should be directed to the New

Jersey Division of Taxation, Home-  
stead Rebate, CN253, Trenton, NJ 08646. Those seeking more information also may call the state tax hotline at (609) 588-2200.

**MOUNTAINSIDE WOMAN'S CLUB**

*Community Birthday Calendar*  
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Birthday calendar plans announced by Woman's Club

This calendar was one of the items recovered from the 75th anniversary timecapsule, opened at this year's Heritage Fair.

**Foothill dinner**  
The members of the Foothill Club of Mountainside invite all spouses and friends to their Christmas dinner dance to be held Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Centurion, 440 Madison Hill Rd. in Clark. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations can be made by calling 232-7113.

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**Bestowers aid borough's needy**

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**Scouts recruiting singers**

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council is seeking new members of all ages to join its 1995-96 chorus. Adult volunteers are also needed to assist at rehearsals. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue in Westfield at 7 p.m. Chorus rehearsals are scheduled for: this Wednesday, Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13, and April dates to be announced. For more information on the chorus, or for membership information, please call Karen Haber at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at 232-3236.

**Trailside plans events for children**

Join Rodney on board the Rock and Roll Rocket as he tours the planets and beyond. Hear the story about Mr. Moonrock's capture by astronauts. Look for aliens and rock to the planet song. This program is for children 4-6 years old, accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. The program will begin Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

**Behold A Star**

Thousands of years ago, something special happened in the sky. Today, many cultures celebrate holidays in December that are centered around lights. Join us in this special holiday offering under the starry skies of the planetarium. This show begins at 2 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. Admission is \$3 per person, \$2.55 for seniors. No children under 6, please.

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## Pumpkin-mania



Courtesy of Deerfield School  
 First-graders Gregory Chilson, left, Julie Buonaguro, Thomas Amalfe and Leanne Skorge weigh and measure pumpkins as part of a class project. The first-grade at Deerfield recently completed a unit on pumpkins where students taste-tested pumpkin products, learned pumpkin poems, tallied pumpkin seeds, wrote pumpkin stories and made pumpkin pancakes.

## New book explains leukemia-related blood disorders

A new book explaining Myelodysplastic Syndromes, funded by Pharmacia Laboratories, is now available from the Leukemia Society of America, 45 Springfield Ave. in Springfield.

MDS are a group of disorders in which the bone marrow does not function normally and fails to produce sufficient numbers of healthy blood cells.

The blood disorders are related to leukemia. In only a minority of cases, however, MDS will progress to a form of leukemia.

The exact cause and means to prevent MDS are unknown. Although MDS can occur at any age, it most often develops in patients over the age of 60. At least 10,000 new cases occur annually in the United States.

A diagnosis of MDS may be made during a regular medical checkup or routine blood tests. Some common signs of the disease include tiredness, shortness of breath, weakness and pallor.

Research into the development of

therapies for MDS is sponsored by the Leukemia Society of America. The free booklet contains information about symptoms, diagnosis, risk factors and treatment of MDS.

The Leukemia Society of America is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to curing leukemia and its related cancers — lymphoma, multiple myeloma and Hodgkin's disease — and to improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

## Library schedules art exhibits, plays

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library has several events planned during upcoming months, including two art exhibits and an evening of theatrical performances.

Joan Powers, a fine arts photographer, and David J. Lipman, watercolorist, will exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library through Nov. 30.

Powers will present "Insights and Corners of New York." Using fast film and increased negative development to expand the grain, she has captured the experience of New York at night. Powers, a Roselle Park resident, has a bachelor of arts degree and master of fine arts degree in photography from Brooklyn College.

Powers is director of photography at C.W. Post University, Long Island. She has had exhibitions at Drew University in Madison, the Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, and, most recently, the Riverview Gallery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lipman, a resident of Short Hills, will be exhibiting watercolors. The subjects range from landscapes and marine studies to portraits, sports and architectural renderings. Lipman was born in London, England, where he studied art and technical drawing and entered the advertising field specializing in photography and illustration.

In the United States, under his company name Medina Studios, Lipman has combined these abilities in a profession of special effects. His work has appeared in magazines including Life, National Geographic, Vogue, Time and Newsweek. He has had shows in England and the United States and his work is represented in galleries in the Northeast and Florida.

"Shadows and Memories," a photography exhibit by Nancy J. Ori of Gillette, will be held at the Donald B.

Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library from Dec. 2 through Jan. 4.

Respected internationally as an industrial photographer and video producer, Ori also enjoys teaching at photography workshops each year throughout the United States. She has been affiliated for many years with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California and is also on the faculty of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Summit Area Community Schools and the Watchung Adult School.

In 1990, she established the New Jersey Heritage Photography Workshop which she holds annually in Cape May. This year, she founded the New Jersey Photography Forum, which is a group of professional and serious amateur photographers that meet regularly to discuss their work as well as exhibit within the state.

The photographs in this exhibit are from a portfolio by Nancy Ori called "Shadows and Memories." The images shown were created over a period of about five years during several visits to what is now a ghost town in Bodie, Calif.

The collection features portraits of artifacts and architecture which in turn represent a portrait of a group of people during a fascinating era in American life — the Gold Rush Era. Ori says, "Like some of the early adventurers, I also made quite a discovery. The reward for a photographer though was not gold but has instead become a bounty of photographs while completing this portfolio. I have developed a great deal of interest in the value of this town and feel the need to recognize the energy and vitality of these people. I think we can learn a lot about ourselves through our history."

Ori has a bachelor of arts degree in

fine arts from Elmira College and a master's degree in communication design from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y. She is employed at Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals in Summit.

"Shadows and Memories" opens to the public with a "meet the artist" reception on Dec. 2 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

"An Evening of Pleasant Plays" will be presented at the museum on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. This is a free performance open to all.

The one-act plays were all written by Springfield resident Sid Frank. Performers will include Murray and Roda Staub of Mountainside, Margaret Gerst of Springfield and Frank himself.

Frank has had a long career in theater and recording. He wrote the book and lyrics for a series of educational musical presentations including "Jerz," a play about New Jersey, "Tarheel," about North Carolina, "One for Good Measure," a musical history and introduction to the metric system, "They Knew New Brunswick" for the city's tercentennial, and "Rebel," a musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's play "The Devil's Disciple." He also penned "Gold Pieces" and "The Wizard of Oz," both children's musicals.

Frank has written the lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughn. He also has written the scripts and lyrics for 40 children's LPs for Golden Records, Wonderland Records and Pickwick Records.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Seniors benefit from financial aid workshop

The Guidance Department of the Union County Regional High School District on Dec. 6 will sponsor a Financial Aid Workshop.

The presentation will be held in the cafeteria of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School, located on Westfield Avenue in Clark.

The featured speaker for the evening is Joyce Faner, director of

financial assistance at Drew University. Faner will provide an overview of the financial aid process and review the completion of the free application for federal aid. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Seniors and their parents from all six communities are invited to attend. For more information, call

Allison Ahrens, head counselor, at (908) 382-0910.

Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School is one of the three regional high schools serving the educational needs of students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield.

## Borough-based singing group lands Nets gig

MadJazz, an a cappella singing group based in Mountainside, landed a top place finish at the New Jersey Nets open auditions and will perform the national anthem during several upcoming Nets home games.

The judges took particular note of the MadJazz rendition of "Oh, Canada" and specified that the group should perform at all home games hosting Canadian teams.

MadJazz performs works across the

musical spectrum from old English madrigals to rousing jazz favorites. The group is composed of nine singers from neighboring towns. Kristy Weeks Boyce, Warren and Julie Fris-tensky, Andrew Hoyditch and Laurie Weeks Thomas hail from Mountainside. Kathleen Weeks Flath performed as a stand-in singer at the finals, for her sister, Laurie. Kathleen, Kristy and Laurie are daughters of Ted and Bobbie Weeks of Mountain-

side. James Flath and Brenda Kay Kucin reside in Scotch Plains.

Other highlights of MadJazz's season have included appearances at the Mountainside Centennial celebration and the group's New York City debut last month at The National Arts Club. Upcoming December engagements include a return visit to the Mountainside Library on Dec. 10 and a third appearance with the First Night Summit celebration on New Year's Eve.

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# OPINION PAGE

## Helping the needy

"Mountainside Pride" is a term used frequently in and around the borough to convey the community spirit that unites residents. Nowhere is this felt more strongly than in the community's dedication to the less fortunate.

Too often we read and hear of unfortunate people cast into the world by an uncaring society, forced to spend the holiday season without food, warm clothes or shelter from the cold.

Fortunately, Mountainside residents are making sure this doesn't happen near their community.

Using whatever methods are at their disposal, community groups, religious organizations, school-oriented activities and other residents of the borough are mounting campaigns to ensure that the needy of the community receive a full dose of Mountainside pride not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year as well.

The Mountainside Westfield chapter of the Red Cross has joined with First Nationwide Bank of Westfield and the town's Department of Human Services in a campaign to collect food for distribution to food pantries and individual recipients. Social organizations and groups are organizing fund-raisers to benefit local charities.

The Mountainside Lions Club, in conjunction with Lenscrafters on Route 22, collected and donated two barrels of used eyeglasses to the store's Gift of Sight program.

This international program is credited with providing much needed eye care to residents of countries, particularly those in South America, who otherwise would not have the opportunity to get eyeglasses.

Not only does this generous donation benefit the needy around the world, it allows volunteers to participate in the "global community."

The Mountainside Newcomers Club, a nonprofit organization designed to introduce new residents and those who have gone through changes in their lifestyles to the community, is organizing a holiday luncheon to raise funds for various charities.

Another social group, The Bestowers, help the borough's less fortunate by donating items of non-perishable food and supplies that are brought to the annual gathering of these charity-minded neighbors.

Past recipients of these organizations' donations include Children's Specialized Hospital, the Kaitlin Marie Clark Scholarship Fund, DARE programs and the Volunteer Fire and Rescue squads.

Children's Specialized Hospital, which already provides the community with invaluable pediatric health services, has organized a toy drive to benefit youngsters who will be spending their holiday season in the hospital.

The community also has experienced an added bonus. Not only have the needy of the community benefitted, but the volunteers involved in fund-raising and other services are learning valuable lessons in humanity, community and compassion for their fellow man.

This is especially evident in the younger members of the community, who have taken their cue from their elders and have gotten involved in volunteering their time to helping the less fortunate.

Scouts from various troops and packs in this borough and other towns of the Watchung District of the Boy Scouts of America donated their time and energy to collecting food for the local food banks and pantries through the national Scouting for Food program.

Mariene Lourenco donated her time on Halloween to giving the needy and sick children of Mountainside the best that All Hallow's Eve has to offer.

This Deerfield student encouraged her classmates to donate Halloween candy to give to local children who were homeless or in the hospital for Halloween and unable to trick-or-treat.

These are only a few of the examples of the kindness and generosity put forth by borough residents.

Unfortunately, as many of those involved with volunteering on behalf of the needy will say, the efforts put forth are, sadly, not enough. More volunteers, more supplies and more funds are needed desperately.

Food pantries, food banks and other organizations that supply services are shockingly low on inventory as the holiday season approaches, while the needs of the unfortunate continue to grow.

Many service organizations, such as the Lion's Club, the Bestowers or the Red Cross, can provide information about current programs and those planned for the future.

The food drives, clothing drives, soup kitchens, shelters and other valuable volunteer services give the community a chance to donate its time and ensure a more secure existence for its needy.

Remember, it's never too late to show "Mountainside Pride."



HELPING THE HUNGRY — Director of the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Gail Moffet, right, and First Nationwide Bank of Westfield's Service Representative Frank Deluca, center, present donated food items to Lillian Corsi, director of the Department of Human Services in Westfield. The food was collected through a drive sponsored by the Red Cross and the bank to help people in the area who find themselves short of food, especially during the fall and winter months. According to local referral agencies, food banks and pantries are at their lowest during this time of year. People wishing to donate may drop off nonperishable food stuffs at the bank, located at One Lincoln Plaza in Westfield.

## Schools should reinforce family values

In another stunning example of the failure of the American Educational system in general, and New Jersey specifically, the SAT scores in New Jersey are still 12 points below the average national score. Most unnerving is that New Jersey boast the most expensive teachers in the nation.

To add insult to injury, we find the SAT test is no longer the same exam we had taken in the past, especially for its degree of difficulty. The new Scholastic Assessment Test, has allotted students an additional 30 minutes to complete the test, and they now have been allowed to use calculators.

Educators may brag that the verbal score was the highest since 1988, and the math score the highest since 1973. However, these scores (math — 478 and verbal — 420) are still a breathtaking drop from several decades ago when the average was 500.

New Jersey's scores are even less impressive when you consider that although the average math score has increased 14 points — taking New Jersey students from a dismal 44th in the nation to a still disappointing 35th — the average verbal score has

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By Jeffrey T. Karl

dropped five points since 1985.

Not to despair! There's an answer to every problem. Next year the new "recentered" scoring system will be used, a paper fraud which is expected to increase marks by up to 100 points.

But the real validity of comparisons of SAT scores has been destroyed by one major change which has gone largely unmentioned on by the secular/liberal media. The most difficult part of the verbal section has been eliminated. Antonyms! That's correct, the part of the verbal section which students got wrong more than any other has been dropped from the exam.

We at the Union County Christian Coalition find these results deplorable. With the authority that parents have vested with our educators they

also expect accountability. One of the 10 points of the "Contract With the American Family" is to return the educational control back to the local level. There should be a transfer of funding of the federal Department of Education to families and local school boards.

Parents involvement and local control is the most pressing need in education today. But in 1993, Congress tightened the federal choke hold on local schools by passing Goals 2000, which seeks to set up a "National School Board." Increased spending is not the answer, rather, the answer lies in eliminating bureaucracies, administrative cost and federal restrictions that prevent effective reform at the local level.

Since the time of its creation in 1980, the United States Department of Education has grown in magnitude to the point that it now consists of 241 separate programs, a budget of \$30 billion and more than 5,000 employees. Federal control of education has dramatically increased, culminating with the passage of Goals 2000, in 1993. Overall, the U.S. currently spends approximately \$275 billion

per year on public education, less than half of federal education dollars reach classrooms for instruction.

Parents in New Jersey as well as in the entire U.S. are distressed over the drop in SAT scores, over the failure of schools to teach children basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. Too, often, sex education emphasizes contraception and condom use rather than abstinence and self-control. Homosexuality is produced as an acceptable and "natural" lifestyle. Outcome-based education supplants basic skills. Psychological counseling takes place without parental involvement or notification.

The Christian Coalition members, either Republican or Democrat, Protestant, Roman Catholic or Jewish, believe schools should reinforce rather than undermine the values taught in homes, churches and synagogues. If you feel the same way, please call your congressman or congresswoman and show your support for parts of the "Contract With the American Family".

Jeffrey T. Karl is chairman of the Union County Catholic Coalition.

## New job requires 'respectable' new clothes

I'm excited about the new job I'll be starting in another week. I'll have new responsibilities and new co-workers to meet. I'll be making more money, with more stress, of course. But I'd become far too comfortable in my old job: the opportunities for change and advancement just weren't there. It was time to go.

My immediate concern is with clothes. My new job requires a jacket and tie. My old job only required that one be clothed, preferably in a manner that was not unduly distracting or infuriating to others. The manager was quite lenient, notwithstanding her occasional crackdowns over vulgar T-shirts or extremely short skirts. I've worked beside homeboys, femme fatales, denizens of gothic midnight, and people with so many piercings that I thought they would leak when they drank Pepsi. New tattoos were always exhibited and admired, no matter what part of the body they were on. Co-workers, male and female, have had rainbow hair,

### Free Form

By Bob Rixon

shaved heads, dreadlocks, and ponytails. Psychedelic tie dyes coexisted with Harley Davidson designs. One college girl came to work every day as a vampire wannabe, complete with a pocketbook shaped like a casket.

My own uniform rarely changed. I wore dark jeans or khaki pants, a WFMU promotional T-shirt — I own about 30 of them — and an old, soft flannel, with either beat-up trail boots or black canvas sneakers. On the few days I tried dressing better, I'd invariably end up crawling around a dirty floor on hands and knees or leave an open marker in my pocket. I finally gave up and stuck with my uniform. In the meantime, a closet full of

sports coats turned to rags. I have only three other outfits. One is for vacations at the shore, is not color coordinated, and is effective at scaring away hungry sea gulls. One involves an expensive silk coat and black bow tie, but you'd have to see me wearing it to believe it. The other I call my "substitute teacher costume." It consists of a loose tweed jacket I bought at a rummage shop, a print sports shirt, an out-of-date tie and a can of mace. I wear this outfit whenever I go into a school to teach poetry.

Now I have to buy several sports coats, a stack of white shirts, pants, dark socks, and ties that don't look like they contain Pythagorean mathematics encoded into the Sumerian alphabet. What's more, when I show up for my first day at work, I don't want these clothes to look like I just bought them. It's enough that I might have to pawn my word processor without also picking up a quick rep as a clothes horse, which I am sometimes in fantasies as I sit in my jammies on Sunday morning looking at

department store advertisements.

Yes, I'll have to look respectable now to people who will never suspect what kind of music I play at ear-splitting volume in the car. Now I'll really have to worry about spilling coffee on myself, something that happens more mornings than not and hasn't concerned me for over four years.

No more complimenting a co-worker's new Marvin the Martian shirt or fake fingernails impressed with the visage of Nefertiti. No more wondering how someone can keep pants six sizes too large from falling down, or asking if it hurts much to poke a jeweled rod through one's septum. The world has lovely, colorful people mixed in like confetti. They've taught me that familiarity can breed tolerance and affection, not contempt.

I have to end here and go shopping.

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway and a weekly columnist for this publication.

## Letters to the editor

### We must give equal time

To the Editor:

It recently has been brought to my attention, via obscene fliers, that Planned Parenthood is doing "Safer Sex Workshops" for new students at Kean College. The college has been approached to give equal time to the "Respect Sex Message — Abstinence" by faculty member Dr. Carolyn W. Carmichael. When Peggy Melchione, who heads the freshman center, and her staff reviewed Dr. Joanne Mohn's tasteful slide presentations on facts of the results from sexually transmitted diseases, she and Kean College refused to give equal time to the "Respect Sex Message — Abstinence" workshops. It should be noted that one-third of Planned Parenthood's budget is funded by our tax dollars. As a taxpayer and mother of a college-bound student, I am most concerned with this issue.

Those who believe in truth, health, what is right, and equal time given to all issues should call President of Kean College Henry Ross and ask why equal time is not allowed for the "Respect Sex Message — Abstinence" workshops. Those who believe in fairness should call Peggy Melchione and ask why she is so against the "Respect Sex Message" workshops.

So please tell us Ms. Meschione and Dr. Ross: "What exactly is going on here?" And what has happened to the rights of the people in having both sides of an issue heard?"

Last time I looked, I was still waking up in the U.S.A. We need to all wake up to the fact that there are still some people who are trying to take away our rights!

Maureen K. Lueddeke  
Kenilworth

### Coping with Diabetes

To the Editor:

Sixteen million people in this country, including more than 500,000 in New Jersey, are faced with a daily balancing act that requires them to avidly monitor their food intake, weight and blood sugar levels in order to avoid deadly health problems. The cause? Diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious lifelong disease that demands strict attention each and every day. It's a disease that, perhaps more than any other, requires a significant commitment and lifestyle change to keep it in check. It's a disease that doesn't just wreak havoc on one part of the body — it goes for your eyes, your kidneys, your limbs and even your heart.

For people with diabetes, one of the best weapons they can use to disarm the disease is knowledge. Knowledge about the latest research, local support networks, eating right and exercise. Knowledge about testing their blood sugar, having a baby, keeping an eye out for complications and fighting discrimination. Knowledge available from the American Diabetes Association.

November is National Diabetes Month. There's no better time for the people with diabetes in this community to call us at (800) DIABETES for free information on managing the disease.

Until there's a cure, there's the American Diabetes Association.

Patricia Barta  
President

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# OP-ED PAGE

## Paper or plastic, which is correct?

You're at the grocery store check-out and the clerk asks "paper or plastic?" I answer — "neither is great." What is the environmentally correct choice? Neither paper nor plastic gets a gold star from environmentalists. Proponents of both plastic and paper present convincing arguments.

Paper is a renewable resource. Although man has stripped forests in the past, paper manufacturers today plant and harvest all paper products from "tree farms." In the early 1990s, paper grocery bags were made solely from virgin paper. Today, most contain 20 percent to 35 percent recycled fibers, conditioned so that recycled bags match the strength of virgin-fiber bags.

Today, most communities collect and recycle paper bags. In 1994, a survey of 14,236 residential curbside collection programs, about 21 percent of communities accept brown paper grocery bags compared to just 4 percent that accept plastic grocery bags.

Paper bags, if not recycled, end up in landfills where they degrade no faster than plastic because of the lack of oxygen. If the bags end up in water, they degrade in one week while plastic pollutes forever.

Unfortunately, the recycling of paper requires shredding and redissolving using sulfite compounds. Sulfur fumes are emitted into the air and give off a horrible "paper mill" smell. The American Forest & Paper Association can provide information on paper bag recycling centers in New Jersey. Call (800) 878-8878.

Is plastic better or worse? Plastic grocery bags are reusable for many

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By Karen M. Enslie

household purposes. They may be used to line wastebaskets, lunch bags, and carryall bags for dirty diapers and old clothes to gym clothes. They are durable, lightweight and less bulky to store than paper bags. They cost less to ship, use less fuel to transport and they take up less space in landfills.

Environmentalists argue that production of plastic bags uses valuable petroleum resource, but during the past few years, the plastic industry has set up new recycling plants which direct recycled plastic bags into new markets. Most plastic bags at this time still aren't recycled and if they are deposited by consumers in streams, rivers or the ocean, present hazards to marine life.

Even though recycling plastic is cleaner and simpler than producing plastic, there is still a problem. Plastic can only be recycled a few times before it must be discarded. New plastics must be continually produced which depletes our natural resources. To obtain a list of plastic bag recycling collection centers within your zip code, call the Plastic Bag Information Clearing House hotline at (800) 438-5856.

Karen M. Enslie is an instructor at Rutgers Cooperative Extension in Union County.

## letters to the editor

### Happy Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish every resident of Springfield a happy Thanksgiving and ask that they join us in remembering those who are less fortunate.

William A. Ruocco  
and Judith Blitzer  
Township Committee Members-elect  
Springfield

### Bring back Lombardo and Welk

To the Editor:

Hey, we may be old, but we're still, technically, alive. We still have feelings. We still have memories. We still have our needs. We still have our desires.

So, on the one night of the year, New Year's Eve, when everyone else is getting ready to usher in the new year at midnight, why are we denied a chance to celebrate in our own manner?

Most of us would like to get out to ring in the new year, but because of our age, and in some cases, our health, we are forced to celebrate at home. We are a captive audience obliged either to watch programs we don't want to see, or as an alternative, retire to our bedrooms for an early journey to slumberland.

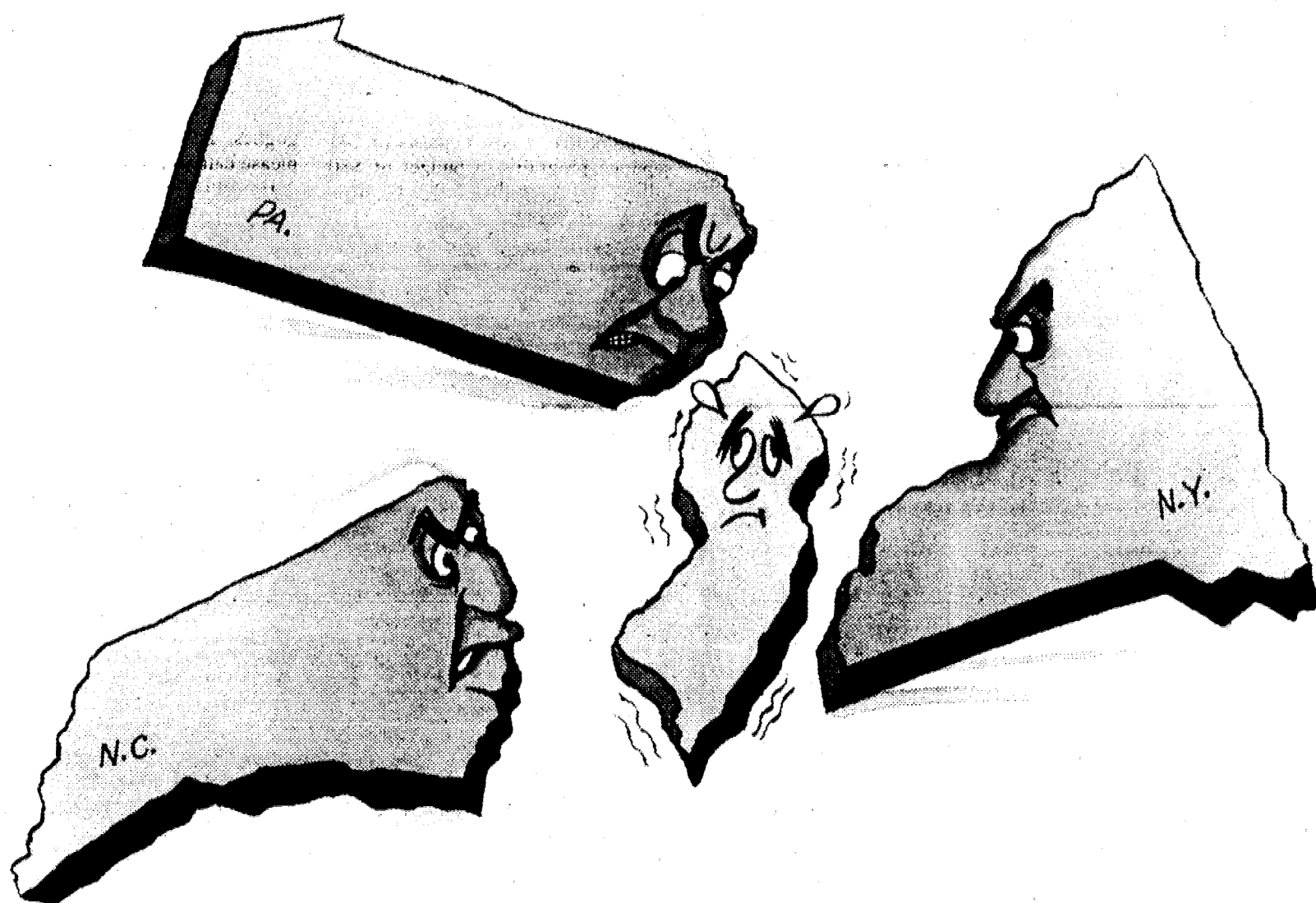
We all know Guy Lombardo and Lawrence Welk passed away, but there should be other orchestras and entertainment available to make us able to glue our eyes to the television screen and to make us reminisce about past New Year's eves. We can be provided with some of the Lombardo and Welk shows of yesteryear. Any energetic producer or director should be able to put together a nice one hour — or more — show to give us a New Year's Eve extravaganza we'll never forget.

We're not ready for the grave yet. Most of us still harbor an appetite for a New Year's toast, whether it be soda, eggnog, or champagne. We can still stomp our feet — albeit much slower now — and we can still dance a jig or two.

We should not be intimidated by the media to sit and watch the barrage of rock n' roll, soft rock, MTV, etc. The young and middle-aged segment of our population deserve to have their desires met on this gala occasion, but let's not forget the desires of the "Golden Agers."

Finally, it should be possible for innovative television stations, including cable, to provide us with the programs we crave to see. The ratings might reveal a tremendous surprise for those stations and we hope it happens this New Year's Eve "1995."

James Lucia  
Linden



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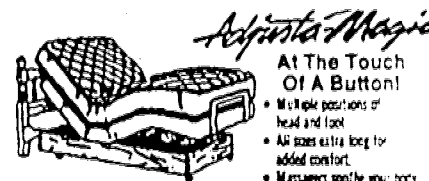
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# religion

## Preschool workshops teach about holidays

Congregation Beth Hatikvah will continue the preschool program it initiated last year with a series of four holiday workshops.

Programs will be available for children 3 and up who have not yet entered kindergarten.

Through stories, crafts, and special foods and activities, each workshop will help children understand and enjoy a different holiday.

Workshops in the series will teach preschoolers about the history and customs of Hanukkah, Dec. 9; Purim, March 2, and Passover, March 23.

Preschool holiday workshops are available to members of the public as well as congregation members.

All sessions will be held at Beth Hatikvah's facilities in the Friends Meeting House, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham.

In addition to programs for preschoolers, it offers weekly religious instruction for children from kindergarten age through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

For more information concerning holiday workshops or religious school, call religious school committee members Jill Merves (chair) of Berkeley Heights at (908) 464-1678, Joan Brody of Morristown at (201) 984-0864, or Debbie Kallowitz of New Providence at (908) 665-0765.

## Adult education courses scheduled

Yiddish conversation and the psychology of Judaism are two of the highlights of the Adult Education schedule of mini-courses this fall at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Ruth Schaffer and Elsie Zurkoff will lead an hour of speaking, listen-

ing, and fun in Yiddish from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and Dec. 12 and 19.

All courses take place at Temple Beth Ahm, Baltusrol Way, Springfield.

For more information, contact the Adult Education co-chairs, Claire Falkin and Lenore Halper, through the Temple office at 376-0539.

## Jewish culture weekend

From the Catskills to the deep South, from coast to coast, Jews have made their mark in American Life. Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield will celebrate a weekend of Jewish Culture in America Dec. 8-10, featuring author Kenneth Libo and Cantor Mark Biddleman.

Cantor Biddleman, a native of Springfield and now affiliated with Temple Emanuel of Pascaek Valley, will present "A Jewish Musical Journey" including Jewish Secular and liturgical music from around the world, on Saturday evening beginning at 5:45 p.m. His program is part of a dinner for patrons of the weekend.

The weekend concludes with Sunday brunch at 9:30 a.m. and "From Tumbler to Top Banana," a look at the influence of Yiddish humor with Dr. Libo.

All are invited to become patrons for the weekend at \$36 per person, which includes dinner Saturday evening and brunch on Sunday. Sunday brunch is \$7 per person; Friday evening's program is free of charge.

The Jewish Cultural Weekend is sponsored by Temple Beth Ahm's Adult Educational Committee, co-chaired by Claire Falkin and Lenore Halper.

For more information about the Temple Beth Ahm, contact the temple office at 376-0539.

# Trailside Center offers programs for children

Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside offers programs for preschoolers and older children throughout November.

"Baby Makes 3," for 2- to 4-year-olds and their younger siblings, accompanied by an adult, offers threesomes an opportunity to become acquainted with their natural surroundings and the Watchung Reservation through activities and hikes.

This program is offered on alternate Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and spaces are still available for all October and November programs. Fee is \$7 per class.

"Two of Us" offers one-on-one interaction between preschoolers and adults. Nature-related information is offered in an easy-to-understand and entertaining format. Activities include short hikes, crafts, games and storytelling.

Sessions are offered either Tuesdays from 12:45-1:45 p.m. or Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m., or 11 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$3.50 per person.

"Small Fry Days" meets on Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. or 1 to 2:15 p.m. or on Fridays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Small Fry Days is a drop-off program designed to heighten awareness and appreciation of the natural world through exploration, hikes, crafts and games. Fee is \$7 per class.

Future program topics for all preliminary first-grade programs include turkeys, snails, berries, woodchucks and bears.

"Afterschool Explorations" for first- and second-graders is held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. and gives students a chance to explore plants, wildlife habitats and hiking trails. Fee is \$7 per class.

"Afterschool Skywatchers" explores the stars, planets and the solar system during workshops in the planetarium. Skywatchers is offered to first- and second-graders on alternate Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Upcoming topics include aliens, Saturn and a behind-the-scenes tour of Trailside's Planetarium. Fee is \$7 per class.

For third- and fifth-graders, "Trailside Explorers" immerses students in habitat exploration. Explorers is offered on alternate Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Topics to be explored include deer, Lenape lore and geology. The fee for this program is \$7 per class.

Pre-registration is required for all programs and class size is limited. For space availability or for more information, call Trailside at 789-3670.

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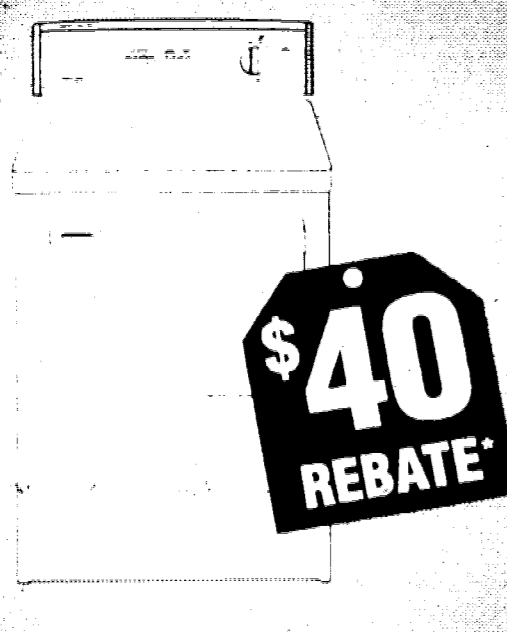
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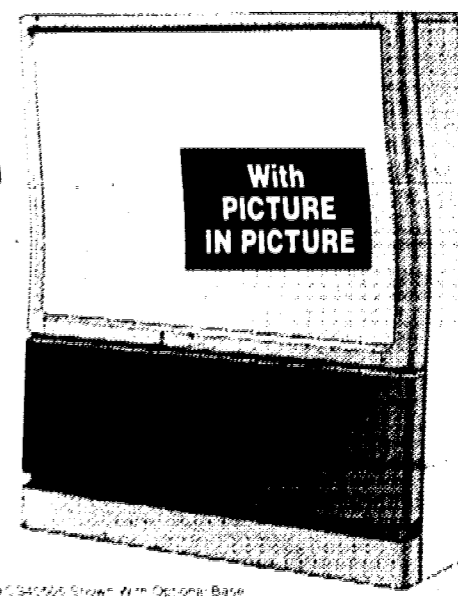
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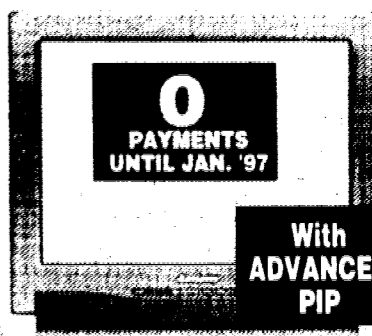
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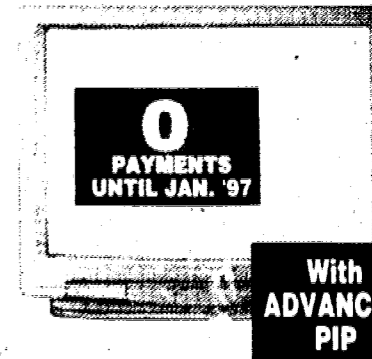
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Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, December 15, 1995 in the office of the Secretary, Florence M. Gaudineer School Board Offices, South 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 rules and regulations of Chapter 127 P.L. 1975 concerning Affirmative Action and must furnish Notice of Compliance with same with their bid. Bidders are required to comply with the rules and regulations of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) concerning unlawful discrimination in employment.

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By order of the Board of Education, Springfield, Union County, New Jersey, Dated: November 22, 1995  
Eilon J. Ball  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
U3399 Springfield Leader,  
November 22, 1995 (Fee: \$27.00)

**obituaries**

**Velma H. Terry**

Velma H. Terry, 78, of Mountainside died Nov. 13 in her home.

Born in Marlborough, Mass., Mrs. Terry lived in Mountainside since 1972. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Westfield Chapter; the New Jersey Chapter of the Mayflower Society, the Ancient and Honorable Society and the Colonial Dame Society.

Surviving are a son, Milton E. 3rd; two daughters, Jacquelyn Holland-Davis and Luanna Jeffrey; a brother, Lowell T.; a sister, Lois Westerholm, and seven grandchildren.

**Anna Eglow**

Anna Eglow of Springfield died Nov. 14 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Bloomfield, Mrs. Eglow lived in Newark and Livingston before moving to Springfield 17 years ago. She was a department manager for Ohrbach's Department Store, Newark, where she worked for 30 years before retiring 25 years ago. Mrs. Eglow was a member of the Livingston Hadassah and worked in its thrift store. She was a volunteer for Overlook Hospital, Summit, and was a member of the Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training of Essex County and the Senior League of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Elaine Halper; a son, Alvin, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Elizabeth Johnson and Matthieu Uyttendaele

**Johnson-Uyttendaele wed**

Elizabeth Johnson, daughter of Robert and Judith of Murrysville, Pa., and Matthieu Uyttendaele, son of Tony and Chantal Uyttendaele of Mountainside, were married Oct. 7 in the East Liberty Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The service was performed by the Rev. Richard Adams and Father Alex Moreschi. A reception followed at the Phipps Conservatory, also in Pittsburgh. Lynne Bushey of Alexandria, Va. served as maid of honor. David Uyttendaele of New York, NY presided as best man.

The bride is an alumna of Franklin

Regional High School in Murrysville, Pa. She received her bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. She is employed by WTVH-5 news in Syracuse, NY.

The groom attended Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains and received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He is employed by AT&T Bell laboratories in Holmdel.

The couple will honeymoon in Italy for two weeks, after which they will reside in Syracuse and Deal, NY.

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**KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI**  
Secretary  
Rent Leveling Board  
U3502 The Springfield Leader,  
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The Township Committee of the Township of Springfield at its regular meeting to be held on November 28, 1995 will assign, transfer and set over to Julie Trainkman, assignee, all of its right, title and interest in and to all of the Certificate of Sale For Unpaid Municipal liens which it holds for Block 124, Lot 16, known as 75 Ruby Street, and assessed in the name of Luoren Prather.

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## Summit on course for third straight title

Foushee's TD run, Schroeder's pass INT, earn Hilltoppers 7-0 victory over West Essex

By Michael Ziegler  
 Assistant Sports Editor

"We've been playing good defense all season and Saturday was no exception." Summit High School football coach Ray McCrann said. "We knew going in they were big and would try to blow our heads off with the run, and they certainly didn't disappoint us there."

Undersized, the Hilltoppers handled the run and turned the lights out against the West Essex Knights en route to a 7-0 victory in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 semifinals at Tatlock Field Saturday.

The defense, which utilized a bend but don't break attitude, was also helped by a strong kicking game — 20 percent of successful football

according to McCrann — and didn't let West Essex inside its own 30-yard line all game. Steve Schroeder was able to kick the ball deep enough and the coverage was good enough to keep West Essex pinned in its own half all afternoon. And when the Summit defense did give up a big play, it was not hurt but them because the Knights were being forced to drive the length of the field.

ball in Summit's possession.

"I didn't want to risk a hand off in that situation and told Steve to fake an inside hand off to Kawon, keep it and go around the corner on the naked bootleg," Dietz said. "They were looking for the blast inside so I knew it would work."

Assistant coach Sean Dowling, who works in the booth, said "most

calls come from upstairs, but that one was all coach Dietz. It was the play call of the season."

**Summit**  
 (H) Summit 28, Cranford 0  
 (A) Linden 7, Summit 0  
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**Away:** 3-1  
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### HILLTOPPERS FOOTBALL

Although the Summit High School football team advanced to the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 finals with its 7-0 win over West Essex at Tatlock Field Saturday, coach Ray McCrann and his team cannot start preparing for it — at least not yet.

Instead of preparing for 9-0 Johnson Regional, who advanced to the finals with a 14-0 win over Caldwell in Caldwell, the Hilltoppers must focus their attention toward 7-1 Irvington — who missed the Group 4 playoffs by a single power point.

"We have to prepare for a war this Thursday," McCrann said. "Irvington is an exceptional team and I'm sure they will be treating Thursday as their playoff game. They are a big and physical team which we will have to play good defense against to be successful."

Summit comes into the game riding a seven-game winning streak following the Sept. 30, 7-0 loss to Linden, and off only four days rest. But McCrann and his staff have no intentions of changing the game because it will have nine days to rest and prepare for their game against Johnson.

Irvington, whose only loss is a 41-22 decision to Elizabeth five weeks ago, has shut out six of its opponents and would like to make it seven. Some coaches change their team's approach to a meaningless game before a state final, but McCrann is not one of them.

"This is the only game in town," McCrann said. "We are not looking past Irvington to our other game because they will be out to get us. We are going to play our hardest game and look to execute the same things we have all season."

#### GAME NINE

Summit 7, West Essex 0

**FIRST DOWNS:** West Essex 8, Summit 13  
**RUSHES-YARDS:** West Essex 37-141, Summit 37-147  
**PASSES:** West Essex 4-8-2, Summit 4-18-0  
**PASSING YARDS:** West Essex 35, Summit 42  
**FUMBLES-LOST:** West Essex 2-2, Summit 2-1  
**PUNTS-AVG.:** West Essex 5-26.6, Summit 4-27.5  
**PENALTIES:** West Essex 5-33, Summit 6-46  
**TIME OF POSSESSION:** West Essex 27:01, Summit 20:59

West Essex (6-3) 0 0 0 0 — 0  
 Summit (8-1) 0 0 7 0 — 7

**Summit — Foushee 1 run, Schroeder Kick (S 7-0)**  
 (Third quarter; 7 plays, 43 yards, 2:42 used)

**RUSHING:** West Essex — Mario D'Angelo 14-59; Tim DeLorenzo 10-46; Darren DeFazio 10-41; Justin Kleinman 3(-5); (37-141: first half 22-105/second half 15-36). **Summit — Kawon Foushee 22-121, one touchdown; Jeff Lovell 5-15; Peter Torres 1-7; Steve Schroeder 9-4; (37-147: first half 15-78/second half 22-71).**

**PASSING:** West Essex — Justin Kleinman 4-8-2, 35 yards. Summit — Steve Schroeder 4-18-0, 42 yards.

**RECEIVING:** West Essex — Mario D'Angelo 2-9; Rocco Fiataruolo 1-18; Darren DeFazio 1-8. **Summit — Chuck Mullens 2-21; Peter Torres 1-18; Jamal Stewart 1-3.**

— MICHAEL ZIEGLER

### H.S. Football

"Our kicking game consistently gave them the ball in poor field position," McCrann said. "By keeping them pinned deep, it forced them to move the ball over two thirds of the field."

But West Essex could not move the ball over two thirds of the field, and Summit's defense held its ground and tightened up when it had to.

The Hilltoppers scored the game-winning points on its first possession of the second half when Kawon Foushee, who finished with 121 yards on 22 carries, plunged in from the one-yard line. Again, it was the kicking game which set up the score.

John Brown collected the kick off at his own 16-yard line and broke up the middle of the field for 41 yards to start Summit at the West Essex 43-yard line. Foushee ran 11 yards on the first play front scrimmage and four more plays moved the ball down to the Knights' 12, to set up a third-and-five. Schroeder, who completed just 4-of-18 passes for 42 yards, then found tight end Chuck Mullens over the middle for 11 yards before Foushee scored from the one. Schroeder's point after attempt gave Summit its 7-0 lead.

From there the defense took over and was led by Schroeder and safety Jamal Stewart — each finishing with 13 tackles. And although West Essex fullback Mario D'Angelo ran for 59 yards on 14 carries, the secondary had a big part in holding him to just 11 yards in the second half.

"We allowed their fullback some good yardage which annoys me," McCrann said, "but the secondary came up big on the run support and made some very good open field tackles."

Schroeder picked off Justin Kleinman's screen pass at the Summit 30 with 2:39 left and the Hilltoppers ran out the clock for the win, but it took an improvised play from offensive coordinator Jim Dietz on third-and-short from the Knights' 35 to keep the

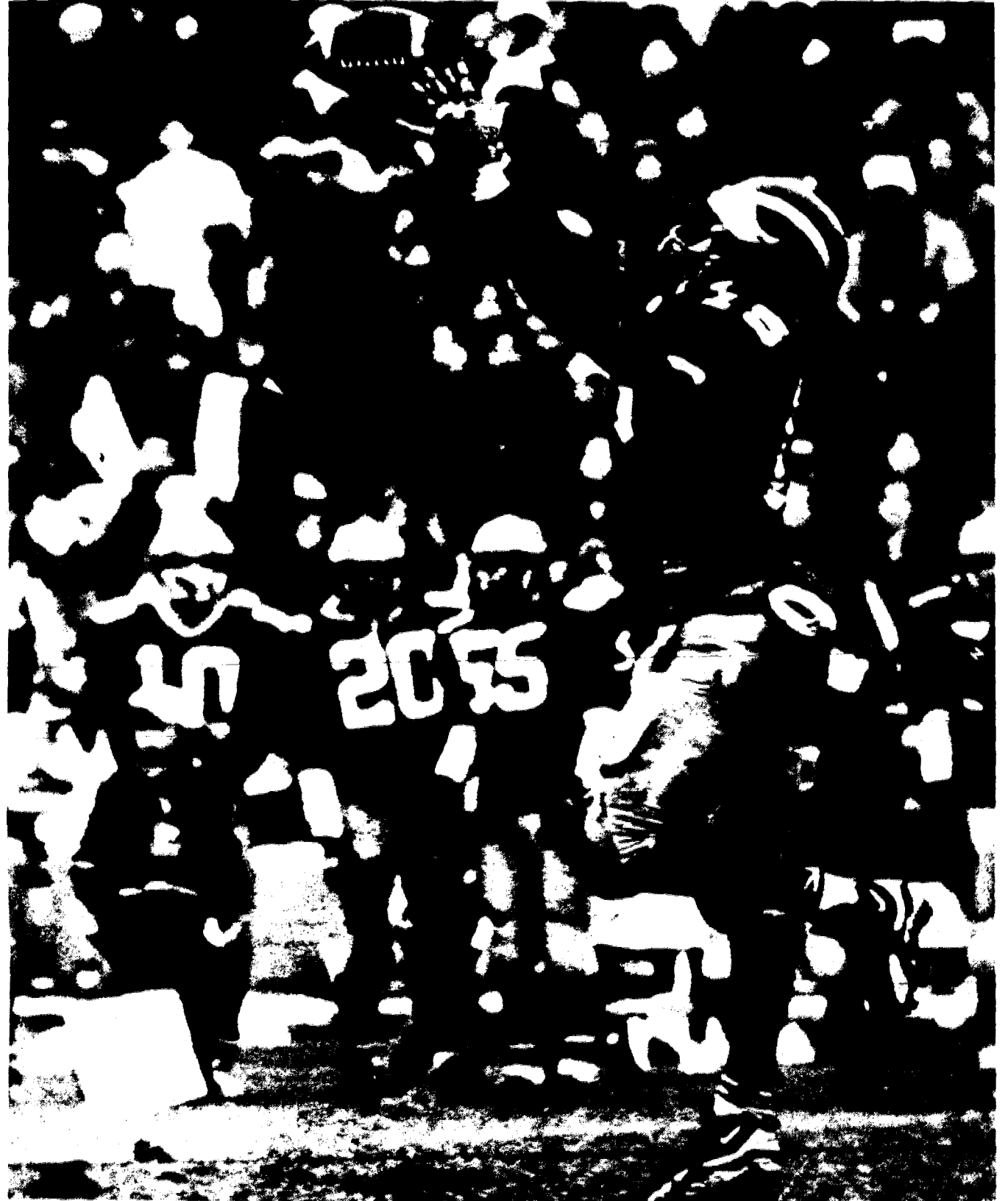


Photo By Joe Long  
 Steve Schroeder played a great game from his linebacker position and topped it off with this interception with 2:39 left in the game to give Summit a 7-0 victory over West Essex and a place in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final Dec. 2.



The Springfield B Team won the Suburban Conference title with a 5-1 record. Sitting, from left, are Altay Vigilante, Russell Haywood, Josh Adirim, Mohamad Abdelaziz and Stef Sarracino. Kneeling, from left, are Steve Malcolm, Mike Puorro, Eugene Silva, Ross Rahmani, Mike Orman, Matt Caputo and Mike Colandrea. Standing, from left, are coach Eric Tuma, Justin Hunter, Brian Birch, Sean Jones, Joe Albiez, Steve Silverman, Justin Stefanelli and coach Steve Florio.

## Springfield A Team captures Suburban with six shutouts

The Springfield A Team became the first squad in league history to record a 6-0 Suburban Conference record and not allow a point in any conference game.

Springfield finished its season with a 33-0 win at Hanover last Sunday.

Brian Berger was Springfield's leading tackler against Hanover and also playing well were Doran Scott, Matt Fisher, Charles Beyer, Michael Kessel, Michael Basile, Scott Beckelman and Sean Tuma.

Quarterback Richard Shanley threw three touchdown passes and ran for another.

David Woodruff and Keith Allen made spectacular touchdown receptions and running backs Justin Azran, B.J. Jones and Basile continued to

gain yardage. Basile scoring his first touchdown.

The A Team outscored its conference opponents by an impressive 148-0 mark.

### Youth Football

#### B Team also won title

Springfield's B Team also won the Suburban Conference championship, although it lost to Hanover 6-0.

Still, Springfield had an impressive 5-1 mark, good for the crown.

Team members included Altay Vigilante, Russell Haywood, Josh Adirim, Mohamad Abdelaziz, Stef Sarracino, Steve Malcolm, Mike Puorro, Eugene Silva, Ross Rahmani, Mike Orman, Matt Caputo, Mike

Colandrea, Justin Hunter, Brian Birch, Sean Jones, Joe Albiez, Steve Silverman and Justin Stefanelli.

Silverman scored on a 50-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, however the run was called back when it was ruled that he was out of bounds at the 40.

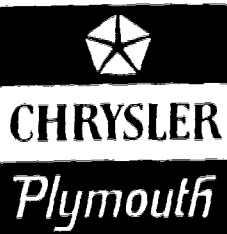
Playing well on defense for the Minutemen were Birch, Stefanelli and Hunter.

#### C Team played well

Springfield's C Team gave a great effort, but also fell short, losing to Hanover by a 6-0 score. The Minutemen finished 1-5 in the Suburban Conference.

Playing well for the Minutemen were Joe Kahoonei and Dean Chencharik.

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## City to mark holidays with tree-lighting

Linden has plans to welcome the holiday season.

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For details of holiday events, see Page 2.

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Welcome to another edition of *Let's Talk Linden*. With the cooperation of you, the consumers and merchants, the dream of remaking Linden an economic boom town will become a reality.

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to welcome you to our community. Take advantage of all we have to offer. With the benefit of being centrally located in Union County, we are readily accessible to major highways, airports and railways.

Why not take advantage of the Wood Avenue shopping district for all your holiday needs. And keep in mind that we will have our City Hall tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

In addition, on weekends during the holiday shopping season, the city will offer free horse and buggy rides, and there will be a hospitality hut offering free hot chocolate, coffee and tea to all our shoppers.

Be sure to come by and take advantage of all we have to offer. If you have any questions, call Joyce at the Mayor's office at 474-8493.

On behalf of the Linden Business and Professional Association, Mayor John T. Gregorio and the members of the City Council, we would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. We also remind you that your merchants are here to serve you. Come visit our shops, use our services and see progress being made. Let's all make Linden a better place to shop, live and enjoy.

*Thank You*



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# Wood Avenue rehab scheduled to begin in April

Sidewalks and facades to kick off renovations to district

By Tom Canavan  
Editor in Chief

With funding in place — all \$920,000 — members of the Special Improvement District have taken the first steps to begin the renovation project along Wood Avenue.

According to Michael Bono, director of the Special Improvement District, his committee already has met with landlords and merchants to discuss the specifics of the SID on Wood Avenue, and soon, an architect and the contracted engineering firm will be visiting the buildings on Wood Avenue to gain input from landlords and merchants and eventually develop a proposal that meets their needs.

Renovations to the Wood Avenue shopping district are expected to begin in April, said Bono, who reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that the project is completed within 18 months.

That's a realistic goal for the SID committee, Bono said, but cooperation among the contractors will be an important facet.

Specifically, in April, some of the renovations that are expected to occur are to the facades of the buildings, as well as the sidewalks.

Bono said the SID committee is in discussion with merchants and landlords to develop an agreement that will be pleasing to all business owners.

Concerning the facades, the SID committee is proposing to connect the stores with a roof, which will extend over the stores from the beginning of one block to the next. A connector is a facade that will be built on the roofs of buildings that are lower than the others on the block for the purpose of conforming the height of the buildings.

In September, Mayor John Gregorio and the City Council approved an ordinance that appropriated \$920,000 of its \$2 million capital improvement budget to the SID, with a goal in mind that landlords and business owners along Wood Avenue would be assessed a special tax that would go back into the business district in the form of renovations and upgrades.

An arch is planned to be constructed across Wood Avenue at the entrance and exit of the business district. This will alert motorists that they are within the Wood Avenue business district.

In addition to the connectors that will create a certain uniformity among all the stores, the SID committee also is proposing a certain uniformity in signage that appears on the stores' facades.

Special Improvement Districts have begun to appear in many communities as local officials realize the impact of a loss in ratables that have begun to strain local property owners. In addition, merchants have

been complaining about an exodus of customers, who feel more inclined to travel to malls for their one-stop shopping needs.

SIDs are proposed to take care of that need in a municipality's downtown area. SID committees generally search for various kinds of stores and place them in the business district to fulfill a shopper's needs right in their own community.

What's most important to the local property owner is that with Special Improvement Districts, there is no increase in taxes because the tax is placed on the business community that falls within the designated district.

Bono said he has so far received good response from landlords and no resistance to the SID from landlords or merchants.

"We're still targeting that 18-month period," Bono said. "It's an ambitious project, and we have been receiving tremendous cooperation from everyone."

The SID committee has contracted with

*The area marked for improvements includes 16 blocks and 144 businesses.*

T&M Associates to design the concepts and plans for the Wood Avenue improvements. The area marked for improvements includes 16 blocks and 144 businesses.

One of three "gateway" proposals may be accepted by the SID committee. T&M Associates has designed an arch, a brick intersection, and a tree engraved into a brick wall.

The arch would be constructed at the beginning of the shopping area and read "Welcome to the City of Linden." The brick intersection concept would have a section of Wood Avenue made of red brick to catch the eye, and the third proposal suggests having a tree engraved into the brickface of Woolworth's wall facing Blancke Street with the words "Linden's Tree."

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Bruns' winning entry was on display with other exceptional works of art in the freeholder meeting room from July 12 to Sept. 1.

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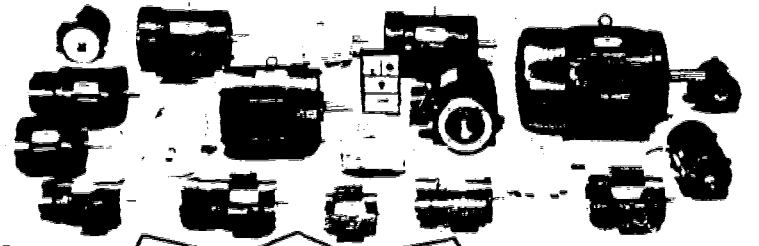
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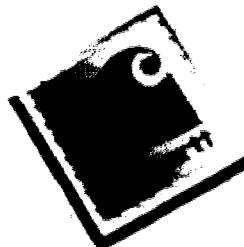
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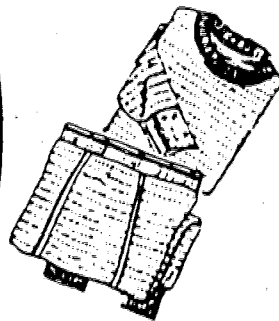
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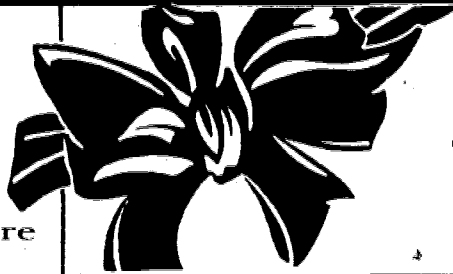
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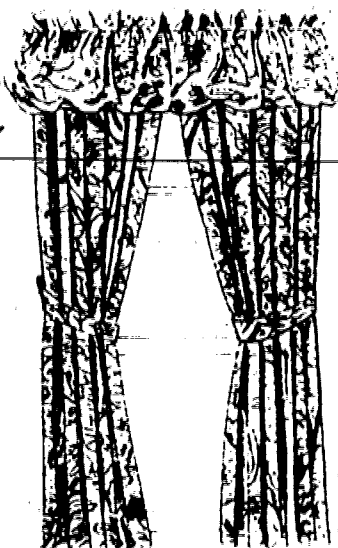
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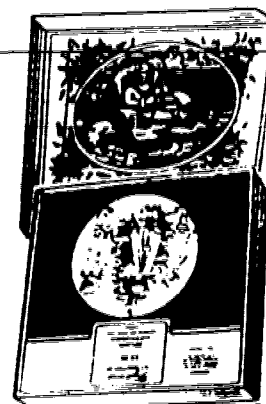
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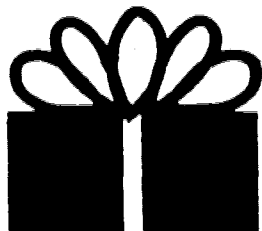
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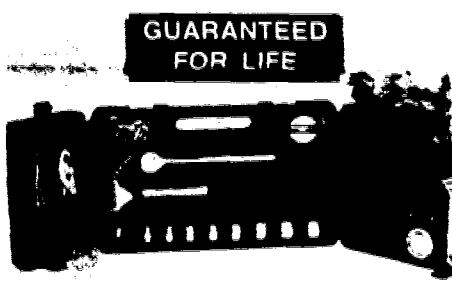




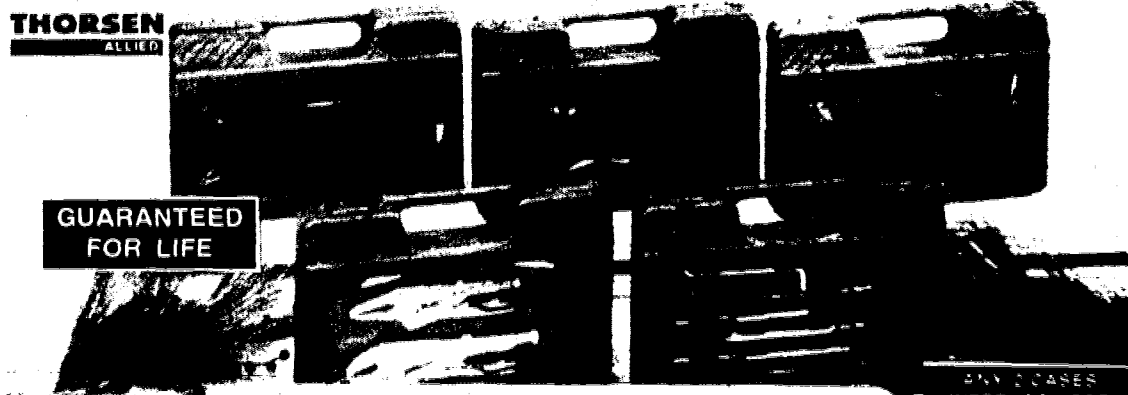
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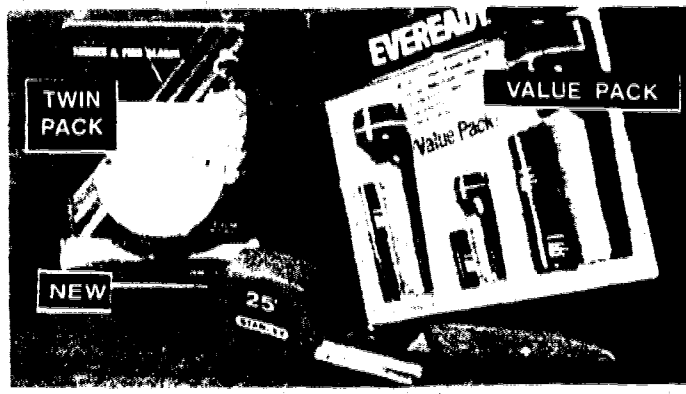
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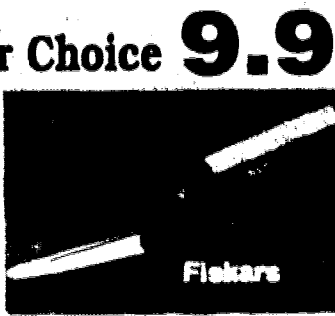


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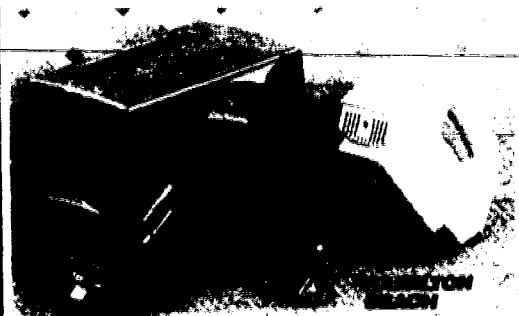
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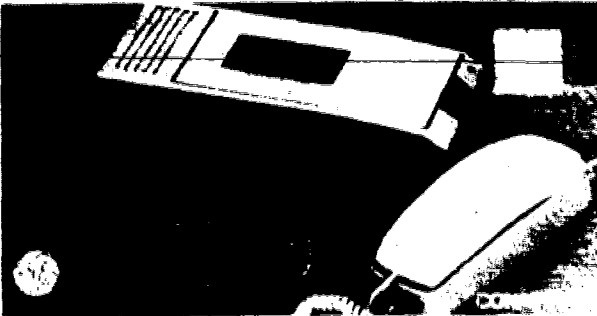
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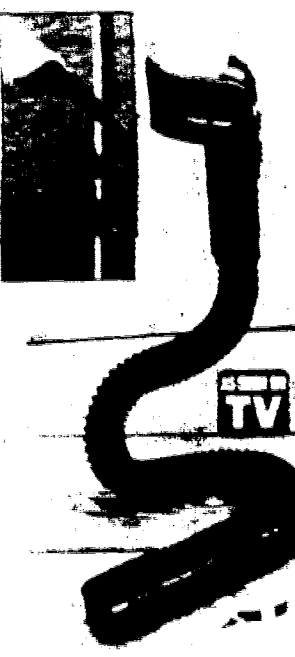
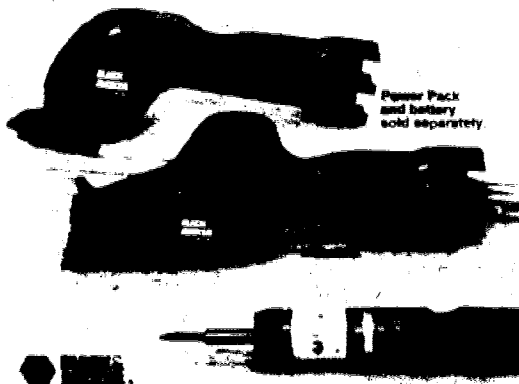
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**LET'S TALK LINDEN**

**Recreation Department plans events for December, January**

The Linden Recreation Department will be offering a variety of programs for residents young and old during December and January.

The following is a list and brief description of the programs.

- Hypertension screening — Screening will take place on Dec. 8 in the City Hall council chambers, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

- Program du jour — Stop in the office and pick up the program de jour calendar. Plan to join Linden seniors for trivia, bingo, kaffee klatsches, sing-a-longs, videos, exercise programs and forums. The program is held weekly from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Gregorio Center.

- Nutrition program — The Gregorio Center is a county nutrition site, serving lunch to the elderly, over the age of 60, Monday through Friday at noon. Breakfast is served every Tuesday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. A \$1.50 donation is suggested. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Call Dolores at 474-8629.

- Senior citizen ID cards — Identification cards will be issued the first Tuesday, Dec. 5, to Linden residents 60 years of age and older. Cards will be issued at the John T. Gregorio Center.

- Merchant discount — The Gregorio Center has available the 1994-1997 Senior Citizen Merchant Discount Booklet. The program is designed to give a discount on

goods or services to Linden seniors. Stop by the Gregorio Center and pick up a copy.

- LERS — Linden Emergency Response System is available to anyone who may be in need of medical care. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the service, call Walter Cymerman at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center for an application.

- Festival of wreaths — The 7th annual Festival of Wreaths will be held Dec. 9 at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are encouraged to enter a hand-decorated holiday wreath. For more information, call 474-8627.

- VITA volunteers — The Recreation Center is looking for people who would like to help with the 1996 income tax program. Classes will be held in January. Anyone interested in volunteering may call the Gregorio Center.

- Self defense classes — The Recreation Department will have self-defense classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Jan. 16, 1996, from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

- Country Western line dancing — Classes will be held for 10 weeks beginning Jan. 16, 1996. The cost of the class will be \$20. Country Western line dancing class will be for beginners and Linden residents only. Come on out and join the fun.

- Ceramic classes — Anyone interested in

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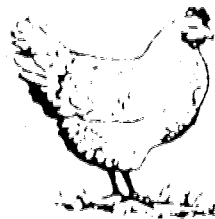
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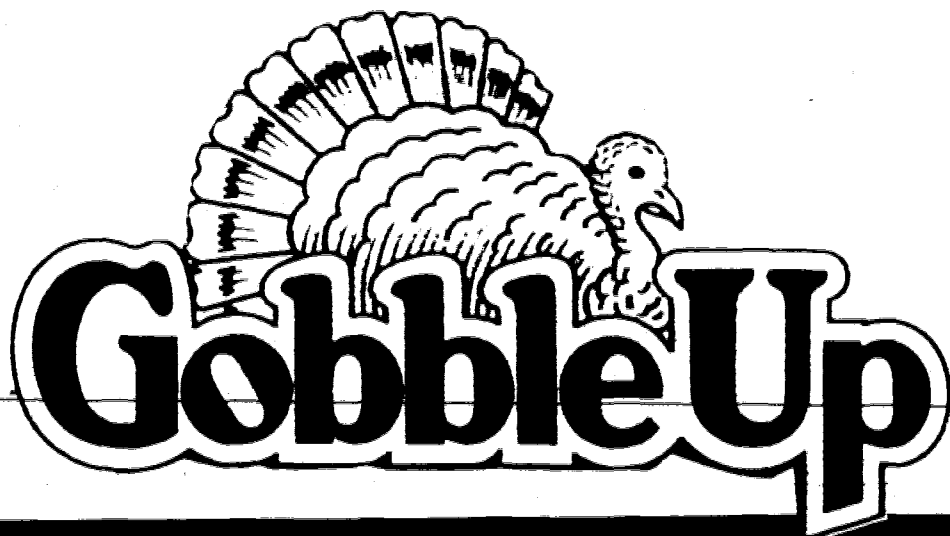
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# Above and Beyond offers more than just weddings

*Holiday decorations, supplies in full stock*

By Douglas Miller  
Managing Editor

That collective wail you just heard was the rejoicing of thousands of Linden children because, for them at least, this week marks the beginning of the countdown to Christmas.

For grown-ups, of course, the beginning of the holiday season means something far different. Decorations must be put up, gifts must be searched for and holiday supplies must be acquired ahead of the rush. And for just more than a year now, the best place to find all your holiday needs has been Foti's Above and Beyond, located at 224 North Wood Ave.

When a customer first enters the mammoth 5,000-square foot showroom, they are instantly hit with the atmosphere and scents of the great outdoors. In addition to being the area's leading bridal boutique, Above and Beyond deals in holiday supplies, prom accessories and all flower-related items.

Owned and operated by JoAnn Foti and her son Anthony, the Foti family brings decades of experience to any type of banquet one may be hosting.

"I have been doing this since I was 10," said the younger Foti.

Planning a wedding? Put yourself in their hands. The Fotis will arrange flowers and decorations, and then see to it that invitations, limousines and all other bridal accessory needs are fulfilled. Bridal needs are such a big part of Above and Beyond's business that they are already accepting wedding bookings into 1997.

But for now, Above and Beyond is eager to serve a customer's holiday needs. They offer something for all tastes, holidays and budgets. From the simplest gift basket — an adorable gold-dipped wicker basket with a coffee mug and exotic coffees for under \$10 — to the most fabulous gourmet basket with cheeses, pastas, cookies, dried fruits, nuts, chocolates, coffees, teas, crackers, liqueurs, truffles, jellies and mustards, all custom made to order.

Above and Beyond is also a leading retailer for holiday decoration needs. Featuring a wide variety of hand-crafted ornaments, wrapping paper, lights, faux trees, truly unique vases, tinsel and garlins, the Foti family has everything anyone will need to make their home or business the envy of their neighbors.

And Foti's Above and Beyond is not just



At Above and Beyond, the Foti family has everything a bridal party can need for that special day.

a holiday store. Come January, they will again focus their business on flower delivery and spring decorations.

And don't forget weddings.

Champagne glasses, pillows, registry books, albums, invitations, cake tops, money bags, candles, chocolate favors and gift baskets — along with the flowers — are some of the bridal accessories available on site. What they cannot provide themselves,

the Foti's will order specially.

Above and Beyond offers a special hotline for customers, who can call 1-800-377-1727 for a free event consultation.

Above and Beyond is open seven days per week — Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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| Chicken Parmesan _____  | 4.00 | 6.75  |
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| 9. Veal & Peppers _____                                      | 4.50 | 7.75  |
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### Recreation Department plans events

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learning pouring, cleaning, glazing and firing of ceramic pieces should register for classes, which will begin in January at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center on Fridays from noon to 3 p.m., and at the 7th Ward Recreation Center on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants are urged to register early because class sizes are limited.

• Crafts — Senior citizen craft classes

will begin the week of Jan. 8 at the following places: John T. Gregorio Recreation Center — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Greater Mount Moriah on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.; 7th Ward Recreation Center on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Gregorio Center at 474-8627.

### Festival of Wreaths on tap

#### Festival of Wreaths

The Linden Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Linden Garden Circle, announced the 7th annual Festival of Wreaths.

Linden residents, clubs, businesses and organizations are invited to enter a hand-decorated holiday wreath.

Applications must be submitted to the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 33 Helen St., by Dec. 1.

The wreaths will be displayed on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gregorio Center. Mrs. Claus will be on hand with hot chocolate and cookies for all.

Further information about entering a wreath or about the display can be obtained by calling the Gregorio Center at 474-8627.

#### Ceramic class

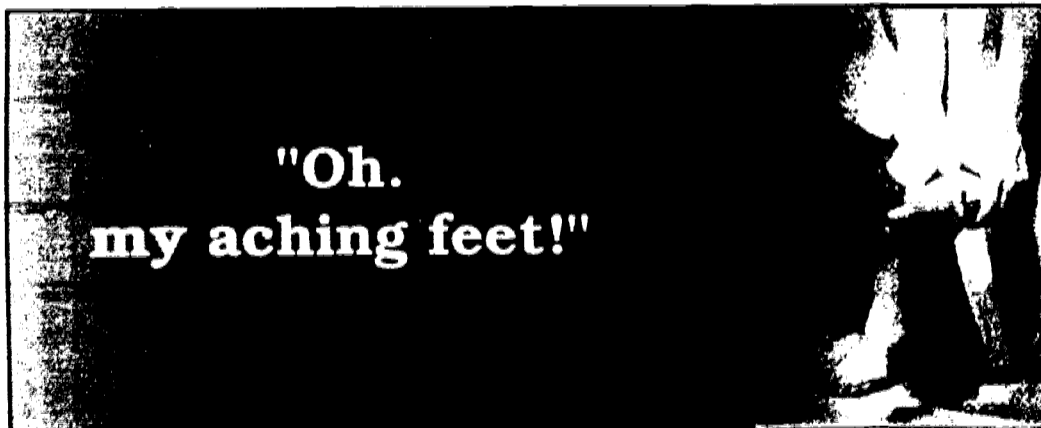
The City of Linden Recreation Department, in conjunction with the citywide holiday celebration, will hold a Christmas ceramic class on Dec. 9 at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center.

There will be two classes with a limit of 25 students per class. The classes will be for students in grades four through 12. They must be Linden residents only.

The first class will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second class will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Deadline for registration is Dec. 1. There will be a \$5 fee.

This is a one-day make and take project. All supplies are included. Each participant will make and take home two Christmas ceramic ornaments.

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# BZ Fashions is right fit for all sizes, lifestyles

'One-stop clothing shopping' is easy

By Melodie Warner  
Staff Writer

BZ Fashions fits every woman and every lifestyle.

One-stop clothing shopping is easy at BZ because there are four stores with something for everyone: Misses, Queens, Contemporary and Lingerie.

The store's wide variety of formalwear, sportswear, dresses and lingerie is well complemented by BZ's extensive accessory selection.

BZ makes the latest styles more affordable by carrying "knock-offs" of the major fashion designers, Executive Vice President Nyda Boerea said.

Knock-offs are quality clothing, and the only thing sacrificed is the brand name label.

What is unique about the store is its top notch service. All salespeople are well-trained professionals who create accentuating outfits from head to toe. Boerea describes the salespeople as "fashion doctors."

They help women select outfits that highlight their natural assets while downplaying the less than perfect parts. On Saturdays, the staff sits through fashion seminars to keep up to date on the latest fashion trends.

Image is important to many young women and BZ recognizes this.

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Around from time, the store records the kind of dress a young lady buys and what school she attends. This practice prevents two people from the same school wearing the same dress.

Women love to shop at BZ but keep the great selection and prices to themselves, Boerea said. "We're the best kept secret," she added.


BZ accepts all major credit cards and offers a store credit card. After applying for the BZ card, customers will receive a discount book worth \$550 in savings, Boerea said.

The store's hours are Monday to Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday to Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. Beginning Dec. 7, the hours will be extended from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except Sunday for the holiday season.



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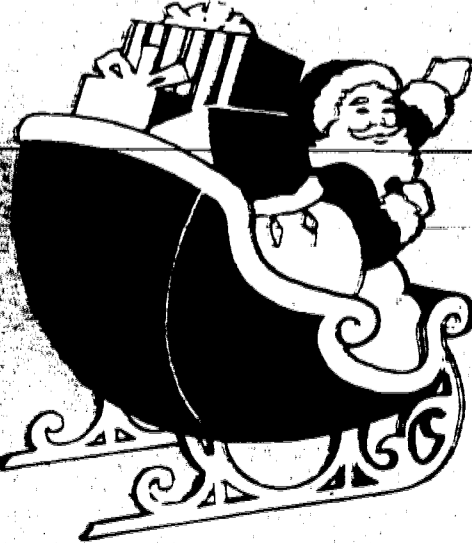
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**A Family Business For Over 60 Years**

# Hearing aids lose stigma with new concept

Miracle Ear offers devices that fit snugly behind the ears

By Douglas Miller  
Managing Editor

Linden is a city of industry, business and entrepreneurship. In that regard, it is a city much like America itself. And as the 20th century draws to its conclusion, many people often find that there is no product, no service and no industry that some entrepreneur is not willing to provide better and more efficiently than it had ever been provided for before. Remember when downtown areas had the local pharmacy? Now there is Rite-Aid and CVS. Remember when there were cozy lunch counters? Now there is McDonald's and Wendy's. Remember when hearing loss was a stigma? Remember when you needed to go to the hospital for a hearing aid?

Now there is Miracle Ear. And it's right in Linden.

Founded in 1948 as a subsidiary of Bausch & Lomb Co., Miracle Ear is the brand name for a line of the tiniest possible hearing aids. Depending on the depth of the patient's hearing loss, the units vary in size from about 1 inch, which wraps behind the ear, to just a few millimeters — like the ones in the commercials that cannot be seen from any angle. The miracle of new technology and franchised industry has arrived in Linden for good.

Located at 632 N. Wood Ave., Miracle

Ear is owned and operated by Matthew C. Mango, who, with his staff, are licensed to dispense hearing aids.

Generally, one goes to a doctor, who prescribes a cure. The patient then goes to the retailer, who sells the cure. For nearly all forms of medicine, that is the way it works. If, for example, you feel your eyesight is fading, you would go to an eye doctor, who would prescribe lenses, and you would take that prescription to the retailer, who would make you a set of glasses.

With Miracle Ear, it works almost the opposite way. Residents who feel they are not getting all they can out of life because of a hearing deficiency would stop by the Miracle Ear office during business hours for a

free hearing test. Miracle Ear's business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Evening hours are by appointment only.

There is, of course, no obligation. And often, a customer does not need a hearing aid, in which case Mango and his staff will help the customer in any other way possible.

"We offer an otoscopic test, a visual inspection of the ear canal, and if we find any medical conditions, we would send them right to a physician," Mango said.

In addition to the free, initial consultation, Miracle Ear patients are under no obligation and receive a free video explaining the process. Walk-in customers are welcome, or they can call 925-0098.

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The registration fee is \$150.

Trainees must be healthy and physically capable of participation in all aspects of personal care of the client. The training as a certified home health aide will prepare future aides to provide support services for the sick and disabled of all ages, in areas such as: oral nutritional intake, planning and preparation of meals, transfer of patient from their bed to a wheelchair and maintenance of general hygiene.

Certified home health aides work under the direction of a registered nurse and are an essential member of the home health care team. Aides gain the satisfaction of knowing that they are aiding in serving the health care needs of people in their community.

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## Imperial Diamond owner shares secrets for how to buy the engagement ring

By Douglas Miller  
Managing Editor

Feliks Dinspechin, a Russian-born professional jeweler, is the owner of the Imperial Diamond store, located at 225 North Wood Ave.

And while he and his family have been doing business in Linden since October 1993, he says he still finds the need to keep giving back to the community.

"I do repairs on the premises, which is what I was trained to do. I provide other services too, and I try to be a community-oriented jeweler," he said.

With the holiday gift-giving season upon us, Worrall Newspapers paid a visit to Dinspechin at his store to ask him about holiday gift-giving ideas. There, he was seen dealing with his loyal customers, greeting them with a smile, sending them on their way with a handshake. In addition to being a leading area retailer, Imperial Diamonds also specializes in repair, both for watches and for other jewelry. And if the job takes less time and effort than expected, it is Imperial's policy to then come in under the estimate.

In terms of what is the ideal gift for this or any holiday season depends on a variety of factors.

"Of course, the customer's budget is important because everyone goes into the holiday season with a fixed amount they are willing to spend. Then we need to know if it is a spouse, friend or family member. From there, we talk. We have everything anyone could want — from earrings that are \$15 or less, to diamond rings that cost thousands — and what we don't have, we can make," Dinspechin said.

"I do as much of my work as possible in front of the customer," he said, "because there are so many bad apples in this business that I try to show them I am not one of them. And besides, I like it when people watch me work."

Much of his business is, of course, engagement jewelry. We see so many commercials for diamonds, but we're unsure what they mean. Dinspechin explained his ideal way for a young man in love to find the perfect ring for his future mate.

"So many times, young men come in looking for a ring, and my first question is always, after the price range, what shape they would like the stone. And do you know what they always tell me? She will take what I give her!" Dinspechin said

*'I do as much of my work as possible in front of the customer.'*

— Feliks Dinspechin

with his boom of a laugh. "I always have to explain that the setting, the size, even the color of the metal can all be changed, but that stone is what you are buying. And each girl likes her stone in a different shape."

He suggested that guys take their girls shopping for something else in a jewelry store, like earrings for mom, and then watch for which engagement rings she points at. "Sometimes, you have to be sneaky," he chuckled.

Imperial Diamond, located at 225 North Wood Ave., is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the holiday season, hours will be extended and will include some Sunday hours, but they have not yet been finalized.

## Rotary Club seeks angels for holidays

The upcoming holiday season marks the seventh year that the Rotary Club of Linden has embarked on its Be An Angel project. The project generated gifts for more than 500 needy people in the Linden community last year.

For the past six years, the Rotary Club of Linden has reached out to the Linden community for names of people who are deserving of holiday assistance. The first names of those in need are identified on a hand-crafted angel tree ornament along with three wishes. The needy are of all ages and the wishes are varied. Those participating in the holiday project purchase any or all of the three wishes and return the wrapped packages to return sites in the Linden community.

The hand-crafted angel ornament is given to the participant as an expression of thanks. Many groups as well as individuals participate in the community service program.

Angel ornaments with names of needy recipients and their wishes were placed on trees in Linden City Hall and at the Wood Avenue office of United Counties Trust Company beginning Nov. 20.

It's the Rotary Club's hope that people will come, choose an angel ornament with a card, buy the appropriate gifts and deliver these gifts to one of the collection points prior to Dec. 15.

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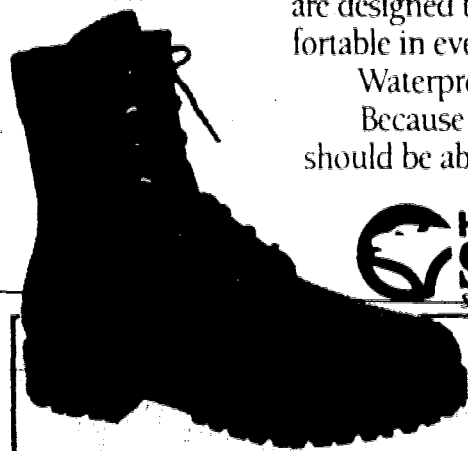
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# At Nason's, customers are treated like family

*Individual fashion tastes are targeted*

By Melodie Warner  
Staff Writer

Are you tired of commission-hungry salespeople hounding you while you shop for clothes?

Then Nason's, at 316 Wood Ave., is just what you need.

The close-knit staff of nine salespeople and management don't pressure customers into buying clothing simply to increase their revenue.

At Nason's, the salespeople help customers make their own choices based on individual fashion tastes and personal price ranges.

"People feel comfortable shopping here," a store manager said. "We try to give the customers the best service, and we treat them like family."

Treating people like family has been important to Nason's since the family-owned business first opened in 1946.

Nason's President Joseph Dorin said he and his parents, Harold and Shirley, purchased the business in 1978 from the original owners.

The store's wide selection of dresses, outerwear, sportswear, lingerie and various accessories fit every occasion a woman may encounter.

*'We try to give the customers the best service, and we treat them like family.'*

— Nason's

"We offer customers fashion, service, value and convenience," Dorin said.

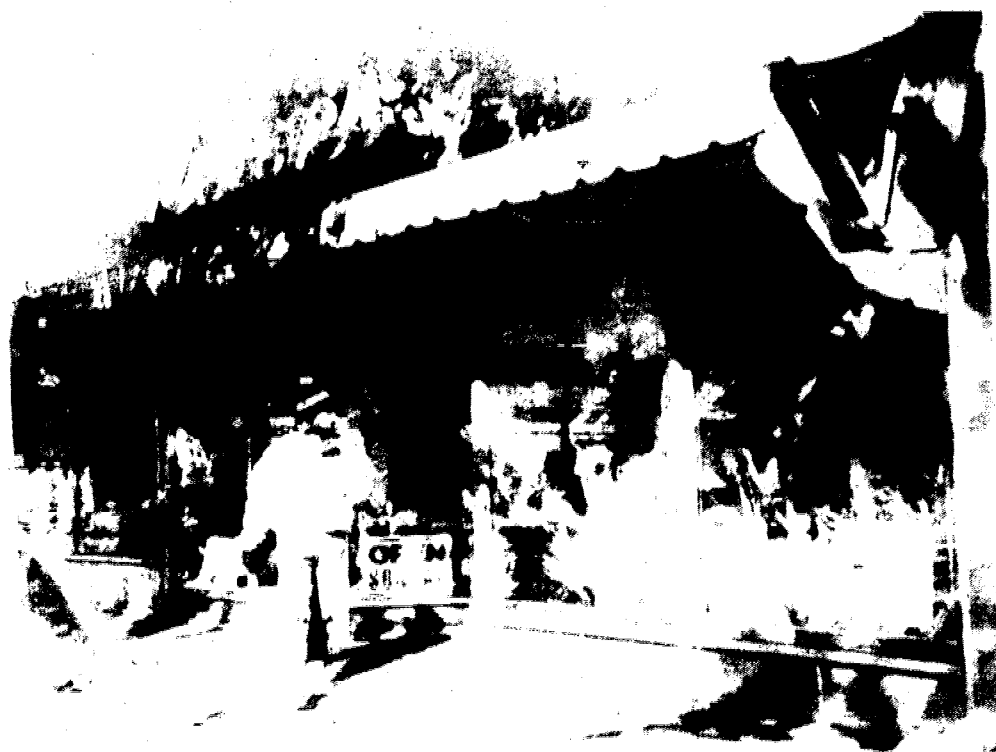
He added that competitive prices are an important feature Nason's offers to its customers.

On top of low competitive prices, Nason's runs special sales promotions. Customers can receive advanced notice by signing onto the store's mailing list.

"It's a personalized kind of business," Dorin said. "Half of the business is from the people in town and the other half is from surrounding towns."

"We know a lot of people on a first name basis. We help the customers; we're service-oriented," he added.

The manager agreed with Dorin on the store's commitment to service. "We carry nice goods and the service is good. It's a



Nason's customers get some of the best treatment.

pleasant place to work," she added.

With the Special Improvement District redevelopment of Wood Avenue, Dorin said it "will help the image of the town and make the shopping environment more pleasant."

But until the project is completed, he and

his staff will continue to make the shopping experience pleasant for their customers.

The store is open Monday to Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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# Customers stay warm when they wear a fur purchased at Severyn's

By Melodie Warner  
Staff Writer

Want to stay warm this winter? Severyn Fur Salon has the hottest styles in fashion furs that will keep you toasty warm all season.

Conveniently located in the heart of Linden at 401 North Wood Ave., Severyn Fur Salon has been manufacturing fine furs since 1951.

The salon provides more than 100 styles of coats which are available in mink, beaver, fox, raccoon, coyote, lynx and tanuki. Customers can browse and try on the more than 1,000 coats displayed in sizes up to 26.

Men should not feel left out in the cold, because Severyn carries a full men's collection.

In addition to the fine furs, Severyn carries a selection of leather coats designed in-house. "If you want to get a regular leather coat, you can go anywhere," sales manager Albert Severyn said. "If you want to get something very special, we have it."

Severyn Fur Salon is a hands-on business. "This is our only business. We are not a highway fur salon or a department store," he said. Severyn offers personal attention.

The staff possesses a vast knowledge of fur quality and styles. They help you select

*'There is a fur for any occasion, any day, and any place. If you can't find it at Severyn, you won't find it at all.'*

— Albert Severyn

the right fur coat, jacket or hat that is best suited for your personality and lifestyle.

"There is a fur for any occasion, any day, and any place," Severyn said. "If you can't find it at Severyn, you won't find it at all."

Severyn said mink continues to be the most popular fur. The most selected color this year is ranch, a mixture of brown tones.

The color is preferred by many customers because it shows the design details of certain styles better than a darker color.

Severyn provides numerous services for maintaining furs such as alterations, repairs, restyling, cleaning, glazing, and cold fur storage. Monogramming is available to add a personal touch to any fur.

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**Officer completes safety course**

Officer Thomas Toth of the Linden Police Department recently completed the Computerized Collision Diagramming course sponsored by the New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety and Education in Florham Park.

"Police officers who participated in the course learned how to use computer technology to reconstruct and determine the cause of accidents," said Paul Kielblock, AAA's safety manager. "We're very pleased to sponsor this course because it benefits the entire community."

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**Anshe Chesed holds annual dinner**

The Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Chesed of Linden will hold its annual Achievement Dinner Dec. 5. The cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Jan-Marc caterers.

Minnette Raiffe, chairperson of the affair, has arranged for Tuvia Zimber, an Israeli-born musician and singer, to entertain. Zimber sings in 10 languages; Yiddish and Israeli songs are his speciality.

For reservations, contact Joanne Shapiro at 925-6676.

**Synagogue sponsors rummage sale**

Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Chesed of Linden will hold a rummage sale Dec. 3 and 4 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The sale will take place in the gym downstairs at the rear of the synagogue-center on St. George Avenue and Orchard Terrace in Linden. Featured will be clothing, housewares, linens, shoes, knickknacks and great bargains for the whole family and home. For further information, call the synagogue office at 486-8616.

**Hadassah plans entertaining evening**

The Linden-Rahway chapter of Hadassah has planned an evening of entertainment and refreshment to benefit Youth Aliyah. Youth Aliyah is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and education of children so they may enter the world as adjusted, constructive citizens, and Hadassah is the only organization that contributes to the total budget of Youth Aliyah. The event is scheduled for Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. at Congregation Anshe Chesed, Orchard Terrace, Linden.

The program for the evening will include a fashion show sponsored by Mary's Fashions. The public is welcome to attend. For further information and reservations, call Helen Rappel at 486-5597.



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LET'S TALK LINDEN

# Anacapri expands business as Linden plans expansion

By Douglas Miller  
Managing Editor

With the City Council's recent decision to invest nearly \$1 million in improvements to the Wood Avenue shopping district, at least one business in town decided that the new opportunities the SID would bring made it worth their while to invest some money of their own.

Anacapri Restaurant, a downtown institution for 35 years, decided to uproot and move across the street, adding space, service and new menu items in the process.

Craig Cohrs, who once worked at Anacapri, decided that the new opportunities would allow him to build on his already fiercely loyal customer base.

"I bought Anacapri after working my way up from washing dishes to making the pizza. Then, through saving my pennies — a lot of pennies — I was able to purchase it."

And how has Linden treated him?

"I am thriving, without a doubt. I have plenty of steady customers, who thankfully followed us when we moved across the street," Cohrs said.

In the new location, Anacapri has gone upscale — from just being a pizzeria, with orange booths, an orange counter and a set of ovens, to being a full restaurant with a full northern and southern menu.

Among the highlights of the new Anaca-

pri are the Penne a la Vodka, which nearly jumps off the menu at just \$7.25, the Chicken Francese at \$9, Veal Marsala at \$9.75, and the crown jewel of Zuppa di Pesce, with mussels, calamari, shrimp and scungilli, which is not overpriced at \$12.95 per serving. And, of course, all meals are prepared to taste.

"We do what we have to do to keep our customers happy," Cohrs said.

And, of course, pasta and salad are included with all dinners.

Part of the new restaurant setting is an increased emphasis on families and casual dining. Anacapri encourages all Linden residents to again embrace them as their favorite family restaurant, "and it is a great place to bring a date," said Cohrs with a grin. Anacapri, in keeping with family tradition, remains a BYOB restaurant.

Lest anyone think Anacapri has gone too upscale, they still offer Linden's favorite pizza. Whether it is a plain slice you are craving or one of the variety of gourmet pies — with roasted peppers and fresh mozzarella, white pizza with broccoli or fresh tomatoes and basil — whatever you need, they have.

Cohrs also insisted that he and his staff, chef Frank Liquori and manager Rocco Liquori, are ready to take on any catering challenge the public needs, corporate or family.



Anacapri has such great faith in Linden's future that its owners moved to a larger, more expansive building on Wood Avenue.

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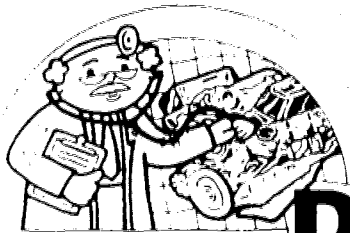
In addition, delivery is available.

Cohrs acknowledges that he took a risk in moving the business across the street, but now that he has made the move, he is doing his best to protect his investment.

"I and Al Marchese from Towne Bakery

next door have been working together to keep our area of Linden clean and create a fresh clean look to the avenue. Hopefully, the SID will pay off and an even higher percentage of our customers will come from Linden. We want to be everyone's favorite pizza place."

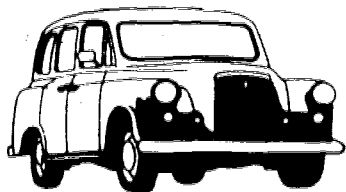
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## Senior complex nears open date

Linden was expected to complete work on its third senior citizen housing complex by this month, which will mean 60 more seniors will have housing in the city.

Located on the corner of Cranford and Dill avenues, the Morningstar Senior Citizen Project will bring a total of three senior housing complexes to the city with a total of approximately 350 units for the elderly population.

The complex is expected to be open on Jan. 1, 1996, which city officials say is ahead of schedule.

The project has been in the plans for the city for the last two years, according to Linden Mayor John T. Gregorio, and will be unique from the other two complexes in that this complex will be funded by county and state money, or public concerns, while being sponsored by Morningstar United Holy Church on Chandler Avenue, a private con-

cern. The other two complexes are funded by Section 8 money.

According to Gregorio, there is a need for more senior housing in the city. A long waiting list has been prepared.

The new apartments are one bedroom and are available for \$400 per month. To qualify, seniors must be 62 years of age or older and have an income of not more than \$20,000 per year.

Linden residents will get preference for the apartments in the new complex, but they will be open to residents of other communities as well.

Applications are available through the Linden Economic Development Office, located at the mayor's complex on the third floor of City Hall. Seniors interested in obtaining an application should call 474-8405 or 486-8489.

## Linden resident wins Waterford lamp

A.J. Cross of Linden received a Waterford crystal lamp in a raffle sponsored by the Union County College Foundation.

The drawing was held Oct. 21 during the foundation's third annual gala at the Cranford campus. Some 200 guests attended the event.

Cross was one of 12 people who won prizes.

Nadine Brechner, executive director of development for the college, said the winners each have some type of connection with Union County College, either through their work or through family members or friends.

A highlight of the gala was the awarding of a crystal statue to Meeker Sharkey Financial Group Inc., of Cranford, as the evening's honored firm for its long-time support of the college. A video, "Shaping Our Future," featured vignettes of various graduates' and current students' experiences with UCC, as well as interviews with a corporate leader from Schering-Plough Corporation; Richard F. Neblett, president of the foundation, and Thomas H. Brown, the college's president.



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# Exxon hosts recycling day for business

For the third time in the past year, Exxon Chemical Company's New Jersey Operations in Linden hosted fluorescent bulb recycling day on Oct. 12 for local businesses in Union County.

The program, which began in the spring of 1994, is a joint effort between industry and government to reduce mercury in the Union County incinerator. It all started when the Union County Utilities Authority asked businesses with more than 100 employees to recycle fluorescent bulbs.

Soon after, Exxon Chemical in Linden, among other companies in the county, volunteered to work with the UCUA, Union County Chamber of Commerce and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to develop an efficient process to drop off their bulbs for consolidation and transported safely to a recycling site.

"Exxon Chemical is proud to be a part of this pilot program, which collects the bulbs in bulk at various sites, takes them out of the hazardous waste system and puts them into phosphorous powder, aluminum and glass. This is not only an environmentally sound way of handling used fluorescent bulbs, but it is also cost effective," said Sharon Sexton, hazardous waste coordinator for ECC/NJO.

DEP officials say that if this pilot program continues to work, it will work to implement



Leah Riley, Union County Utilities Authority environmental specialist, helps unload boxes of mercury-containing used fluorescent bulbs at Exxon Chemical Company's New Jersey Operations site for recycling pickup. This is the third time in the past year Exxon has hosted bulb recycling day for local businesses in the county.

recycled bulbs as universal waste throughout the state in 1996.

Following are some of the programs' key benefits:

- Mercury-containing bulbs are recycled

vs. disposed, which is better for the health and safety of the environment and the community.

- It demonstrates that partnerships between industry and government can work.

• It heightens awareness of future mercury-containing bulb issues in the community.

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### Library launches annual book drive

The Linden Free Public Library launched its annual Books for Tots to Teens book donation drive last week. Books will be presented to disadvantaged children during the holiday season and throughout the year. Books for children from preschool through age 14 are needed.

Books for Tots to Teens is a state wide program sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association's Children's Services Section, to promote literacy.

In 1994, with the help of more than 100 libraries, 6,000 books were distributed to children across New Jersey.

Book donations will be accepted through Dec. 11. For further information, contact Mary Skramovsky at the Main Library, 298-3830.

### Linden seniors offered ID program

Linden residents 60 years of age or older may register for a Senior Citizen Identification Card on Dec. 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Identification cards are given out monthly on the first Tuesday.

Senior Citizens must bring proof of age, proof of Linden residency, and their Social Security card. The cards are necessary for identification on the city-operated senior citizen buses and in local stores participating in the Merchant Discount Program.

The ID Card Program, which has been in existence since 1975, is sponsored by the Linden Recreation Department and conducted by Linden senior citizens. To date nearly 12,000 identification cards have been issued to the senior citizens of Linden.

For further information, call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627.

### Center seeks income tax preparers

The Gregorio Recreation Center is seeking volunteers to assist with the 1996 Income Tax Program. Every year, for the past several years, volunteers have been trained in the preparation of federal and state tax forms; upon completion of the training session, the volunteers assist low- to middle-income Linden residents with their tax returns.

Volunteers will be expected to attend a four-day training session at the Gregorio Center. Training dates will be announced in the near future. Upon completion of classes, the volunteers will then be able to assist area residents.

If you have the interest and time to volunteer for the upcoming tax season, call the Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627. Last year, the volunteers assisted with nearly 700 tax forms.

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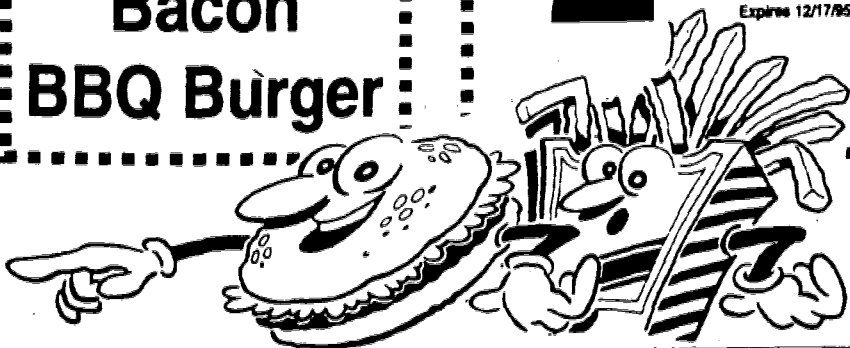
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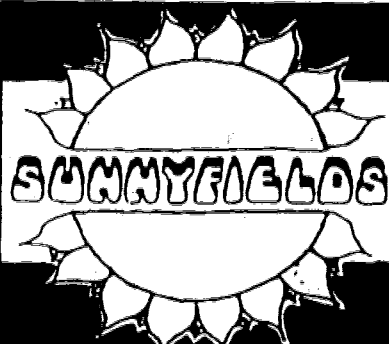
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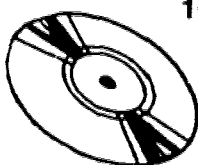
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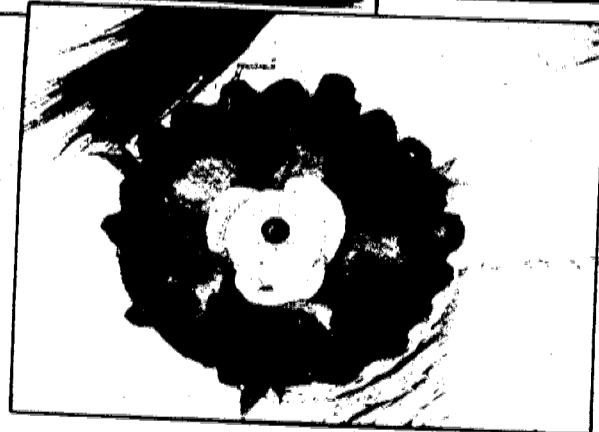
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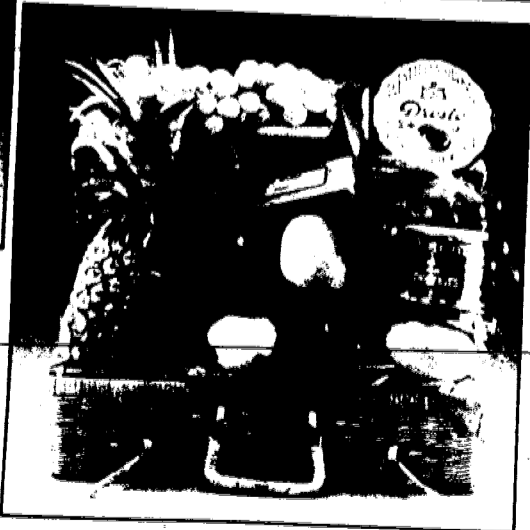


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So much to buy, so little time

# With stereos, knowing a little can save a lot

Considering the many audio and video components that potentially can be mixed and matched to build a home-entertainment system, shopping for those components can become an intimidating venture for those who haven't defined their needs and budget.

When seeing all of the gadgets and goodies on display in the consumer electronics retail stores, it is tempting to prefer items covered with lights and buttons or that offer features the shopper may never use.

The major decision you have to make is whether to base your stereo system around a receiver or whether you want separate components. A receiver is comprised of a pre-amplifier, which strengthens weak signals for more powerful amplification; a tuner, or radio; and a power amplifier, which links power with sound — all in one piece.

Separate components might include combinations of a tuner, a pre-amp and a power amp; a tuner/pre-amp and a power amp; and a tuner and integrated amp, which combines a pre-amp with a power amp.

Which is better?

There is no easy answer; it depends on the consumer's needs, space, budget, neighbors and desired sound-quality.

Purists long have contended that separate components are the way to go for the highest level of performance, adaptability and flexibility. Separates allow you to pick just the features you really want, and many will argue that they employ better parts. These separates will cost more, but may be worth the money.

Receivers are cost effective, because they combine many features in one unit, and convenient because you only need one remote control. Since they are popular, you benefit from low prices due to large-scale production and heavy competition.

More is not necessarily better and too many buttons do not mean quality performance.

If you want functions that filter sounds into various effects, like echo, you should get them. Be reminded that these buttons and others, like a loudness button or a graphic equalizer, are distorting the true sound.

A serious stereophile even will scoff at bass and treble tone controls, insisting that if you have them, a tone defeat button, which negates these controls, is a must. Serious listeners contend that any interruption in the sound's flow through a wire from point A to point B degrades and strips away the subtle textures of an instrument or voice. Some of the best components have the fewest features, but if your system is mediocre or if a favorite cassette is getting old, these features may make your system sound brighter.

Whether you have separate components or a receiver, you probably want to know how much power you need. There is no easy answer, but it's impossible to have too much power. The wattage you need depends on the speakers' sensitivity, the size of the room, its acoustics and how loudly you play your music.

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into the speakers at any given time.

Ten watts-per-channel may be enough for background music, but the amp may be rated at 80 watts-per channel.

Serious listeners may want 100 watts-per-channel. The danger to the speakers comes from asking your amplifier to deliver more power than it has. Though the volume knob may be numbered to 12, it doesn't mean it should be turned up that high.

Many consumers who buy new electronics also shop for speakers and a compact disc player. It is important to test each new component; try different receivers plugged into the same speakers; different CD players plugged into the same receivers or with the same components and speakers. You should be able to hear a difference, but if you can't, that may mean you can save yourself a lot of time and money by choosing from among the least expensive models.

Bring along discs that are familiar, in order to hear any differences among the speakers and components you'll test. If you test the pieces with a disc of acoustic music, it may not perform to your expectations when you bring it home and play a classical symphony.

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# 'Bubbles' available for 18-hole course

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Receiving rave reviews since it had been introduced, the Burner Bubble is becoming the hottest-selling club in pro shops around the country, with first-year sales nearing the 1 million-unit mark.

The club's design relocates weight from the grip and toward the middle, with a slight bulge below the grip that *Golf Digest* says gives the shaft the appearance of "a long-legged New York fashion model."

The relocation of weight boosts clubhead speed for increased power and distance. The thickened shaft below the grip stabilizes the club at impact, enhancing accuracy.

*Petersen's Golfing* rates the Burner Bubble as the best club it ever tested, ranking it highest in control and distance.

"Our testers haven't been as excited about any club tested to date: wedge, iron, putter — whatever. Seventy percent of the testers said they'd give up their current driver on the spot for a Burner Bubble," the publication also reports.

The fastest growing driver on the PGA Tour, the Burner Bubble has recorded the most top 10 finishes and was used by winners of the 1995 Bob Hope, Honda and BellSouth classics.

***Equipment testers haven't been as excited about a golf club to date, saying they'd give up their current driver on the spot for a Burner Bubble.***

Listed among the *Golfweek* "Eighteen People, Places Events and Issues" to watch in 1995, the Burner Bubble's record-setting introduction has been covered in *USA Today*, *Brandweek*, *The New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, *GQ*, *Men's Journal*, *Robb Report*, *Fortune*, and *Playboy*, among others.

The entire line of metalwoods, including the champagne-colored women's line and new titanium Burner Bubble, is available at retail outlets throughout the area for use on any of the public or private golf courses in Union County. Prices range from \$299-\$499.

# Neiman Marcus offers holiday help to poor

Every year, the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book offers gifts for "the person who has everything" — including a \$20,000 mechanical bull that rocks gently or romps wildly, according to the rider's preference.

That mechanical bull might be the perfect present for the well-to-do would-be broncobusters, but you don't have to spend that much money to buy an unusual and useful gift this holiday season.

For a fraction of the cost of one of the counterfeit cattle, Heifer Project International offers animal alternatives, including a bull that won't rust.

A non-profit development organization, HPI alleviates hunger and poverty and restores the environment by providing livestock and training to farm families in more than 35 countries. Since 1944, HPI has helped more than 1 million impoverished families become self-reliant through the gift of livestock and training.

HPI's 1995 gift catalog lets you give the gift of hope by purchasing an animal or share of an animal for a needy family.

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The catalog's special highlight, the Gift Ark, provides a spectrum of animals, two by two, to poor people worldwide. The \$5,000 ark is the perfect way for an individual, business or civic group to begin a global menagerie that will help hungry families for years.

The organization's training, which begins before the receipt of animals, includes instruction in community leadership and representation. HPI project communities make their own decisions about how to solve their problems — an act that equips future generations to overcome obstacles. All families that receive HPI assistance "pass on the gift" of one or more of their animals to other struggling families.

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# 'Scentsational' gifts relieve holiday stress

The holiday season is definitely a "season to be jolly," but in essence, if the popular carol was to be rewritten by modern-day realists, it would read: "'tis the season to be stressful."

"Regardless of religion or how we choose to celebrate the holiday season, it cannot be denied that the love of fragrance is a common thread among all people," said Bob Hobe, director of accessories and home fragancing for The Body Shop, the manufacturer and retailer of cosmetics and fragrances. "We prize fragrance as a luxury; other societies prize it as a divine bridge between our world and the spiritual worlds."

Fragrance always has been central to magic and religions everywhere. In ancient Egypt, as in many other ancient cultures, it was initially forbidden for any but sacred and royal uses. Burning incense was offered to the gods, because it was pure and invisible; it was thought that the gods only nourished themselves on this most exquisite substance. The Chinese believed that jasmine could clear an oppressive atmosphere and favored its use in the bedroom at night. In India, the wedding bed of a Hindu couple is often decorated with jasmine.

If this "exquisite food" called scent can be so therapeutic to the "gods," imagine the possibilities if people, as mere mortals, scented their surroundings.

It can be agreed that, today, the most popular way of scenting your home is by spraying a bit of air freshener from room to room. Quick and convenient? Yes. Beautiful and exciting for gift-giving? Maybe not.

"The Body Shop has taken a few lessons from history and has incorporated modern technology to develop a line of exquisite home-fragancing options that are not only great-smelling, but beautiful to look at, reusable and, best of all, practical," said Hobe.

Enter any location of The Body Shop and you will find a delightful feast for the nose. The Body Shop's concentrated home-fragancing oils are based on natural essences derived from flower extracts, aromatic resins, balsams and synthetic fragrances; no alcohol is added. Apply it to your favorite method of home fragancing — the effect will be a long-lasting, gentle linger. Gold-laced botanical potpourris, ornamental angels, brandied apple stained glass potpourri, mulled spice sachets, lamp rings, aroma pots and fragranced candles are just a few of The Body Shop's "scentsational" delights that are perfect for gift-giving.

What do you choose? There's no need to worry. Hobe offers a few holiday tips to help add a little spice to every one this holiday season:

- Use potpourri to "lift" a room, particularly the bathroom. Fragrance sachets are great to freshen drawers and closets; they will evoke a lasting scent that will linger around the home for weeks.

- Add a tablespoon of the contents of your favorite home-fragrance sachet or potpourri to your vacuum bag to infuse your surroundings with a festive scent every time you clean.

- If you are planning a special evening for two, create a bit of romance and mystery in your environment by burning a fragranced candle.

- Need to add a little holiday cheer to that boring guest room? Create a bit of ambiance by filling a few of your favorite baskets or glass jars with beautiful, fragrant potpourri; place them around the room for an instant "lift."

- Tired of the same old party favors and hostess gifts? The mulled spice ornamental angel dish is an elegant alternative to jazz up a place setting and a perfect way to say "thank you" to that special hostess.

If you really want to skip the stress and make your holiday shopping a breeze, The Body Shop's holiday catalog offers a full range of gift ideas designed to suit every taste and pocket size; call (800) 541-2535.

While the choices may seem dazzling and daunting, it cannot be denied that scents excite and stimulate the imagination. As Kipling wrote, "scents are surer than sights and sounds to make the heartstrings crack."

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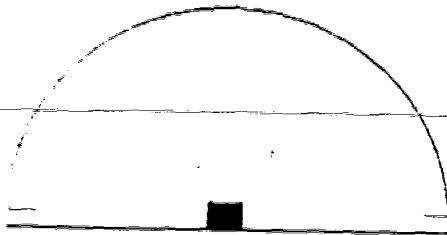
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This season marks the introduction of the Glenn Doman "How to Teach Your Baby to Read" video and the Glenn Doman "Baby's Reading Kit" home versions of the intelligence-expanding reading program developed at Philadelphia's Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential.

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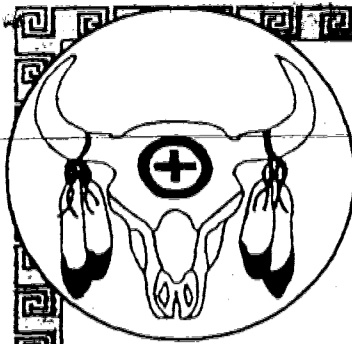
Now with the launch of the video and kit, parents across the country have the opportunity to take advantage of this program to provide their children with vital early mental stimulation.

The program encourages reading and vocabulary growth in newborns and infants through regular exposure to written words. Over time, the words grow into couplets, then phrases, then sentences. Soon, the child begins reading entire books made up of the words he or she has learned. The child begins creating his or her own stories using an ever-expanding vocabulary.

The Glenn Doman video and kit differ greatly from phonics programs, which are intended as remedial teaching tools for older children having problems with reading. Doman's program is designed to teach mastery of reading skills by age three, using couplets, phrases and sentences to generate complete comprehension and understanding, not just word recognition.

The information-packed "How to Teach Your baby to Read" video is available for \$29.95 at retailers. The complete Glenn Doman "Baby's Reading Kit," published by Love to Learn, includes the video, as well as a revised and updated edition of Doman's best-selling book "How to Teach Your Baby to Read," 150 flashcards of varying types, and the children's book "Enough, Inigo, Enough," the institutes' developmental profile and many other instructional materials.

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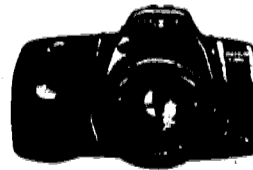
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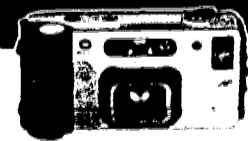
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# Cranford Rep marks holidays with benefit

The Cranford Repertory Theater will perform its fall play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," on Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10 at Randolph Hall in Cranford.

The year 1995 marks the 52nd anniversary of the rescue of 95 percent of Denmark's Jewish community. Protected by their Christian countrymen — from the simplest fisherman to the king himself — 7,200 Danish Jews were hidden, housed, and smuggled to safety in Sweden.

Danish rescuer Preben Munch-Nielsen and Niels Bamberger who were Danish survivors boated to freedom by Preben and his group.

The town of Cranford will also be honoring two of its own residents: Orest and Helena Zahajkewycz.

Orest and his sister Helena and their father hid two Jewish families for two years. They also provided food and shelter to other Jews. They lived in Peremyshl which is in the Ukraine, and they currently reside in Cranford.

The cost of the program is \$5. All proceeds will benefit the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers. There will be a dessert reception following the program.

## The Cranford Rep's performance of 'Anne Frank' celebrates a solemn event in Judeo-Christian history.

For more information call Michael Goldberg at (201) 912-9051.

will be a guest speaker for this special program. When the Germans occupied Denmark in 1940, Preben joined the resistance as a courier. In October 1943, when the Gestapo began the round-up of Danish Jews, Preben and his group in the resistance began to help the Jews. They hid them in houses near the shore and brought them to waiting boats. Under cover of darkness, Preben and his friends took up to 12 Jews at a time across the straits to Sweden. The four-mile trip took about 50 minutes. Preben helped transport 1,400 Jews to Sweden. He fled to Sweden as well in November 1943 when the Germans seized the Danish government. Preben returned home in May 1945.

## Neighborly good buys



Holiday shopping may not always involve driving to malls and walking through enormous stores. Simple house and garage sales, conducted by individuals or by groups of neighbors, as shown here, often offer items that are no longer available in commercial markets — antiques, collectibles and furniture made of rare hardwoods, for example — at bargain-basement prices. In addition, this sort of shopping keeps neighbors in touch and provides a safe shopping environment.



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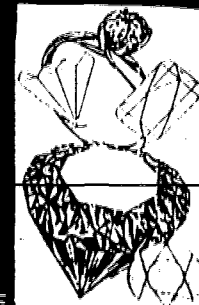
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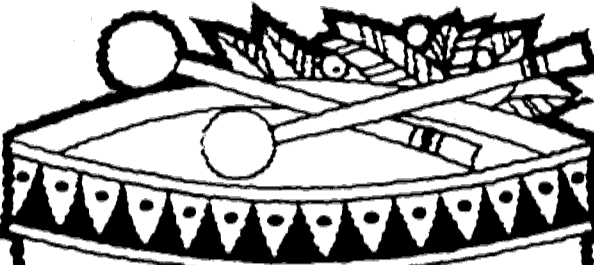
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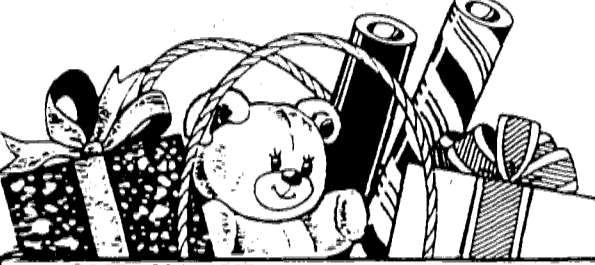
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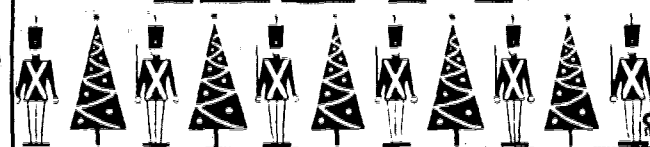
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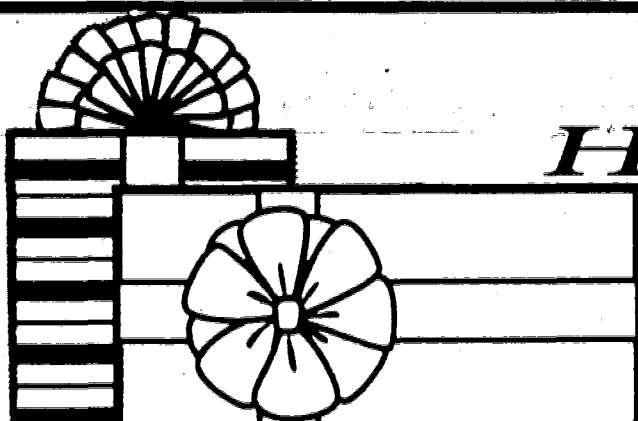
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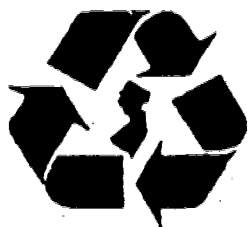
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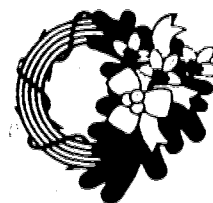
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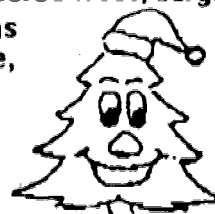
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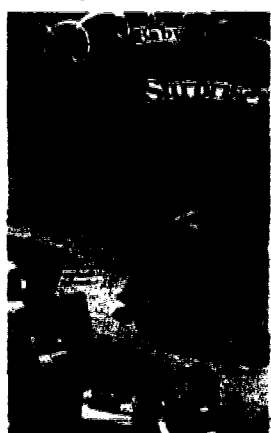
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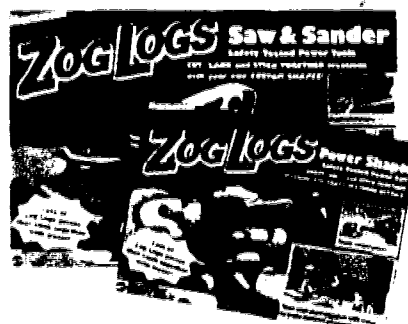
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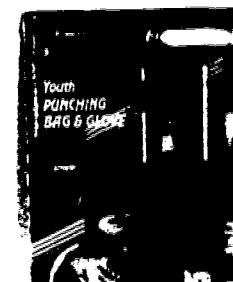


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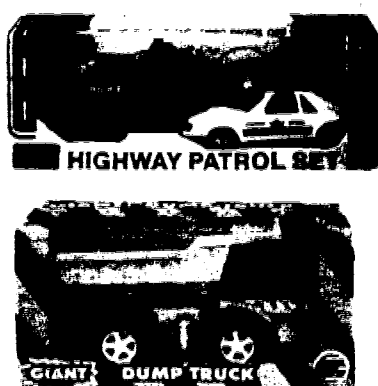
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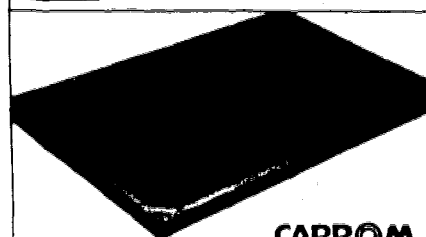
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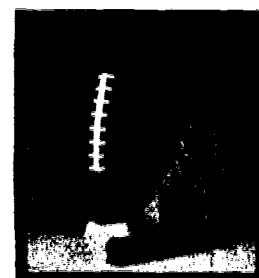
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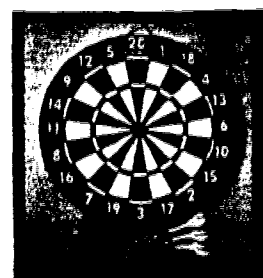


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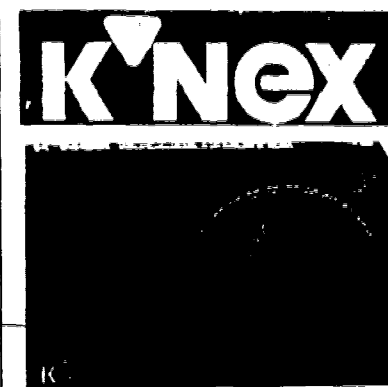
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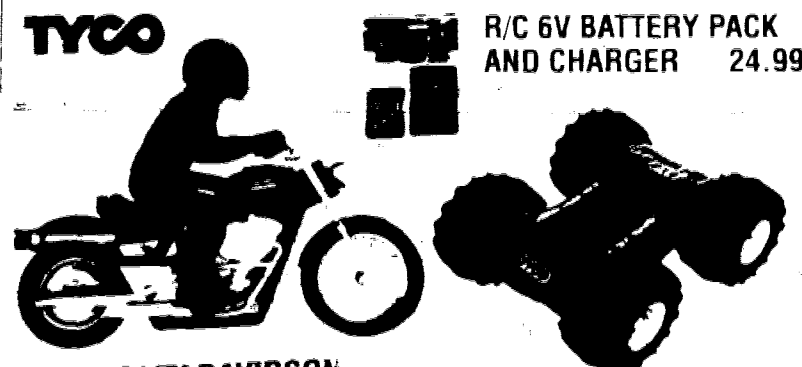
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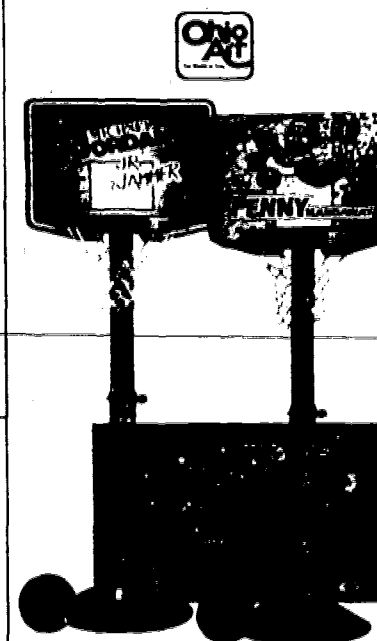
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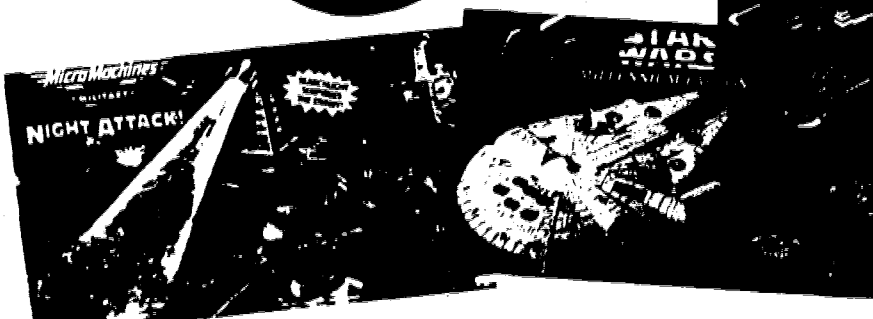
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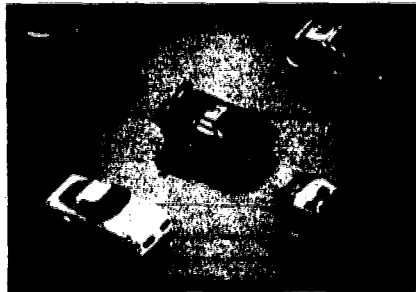


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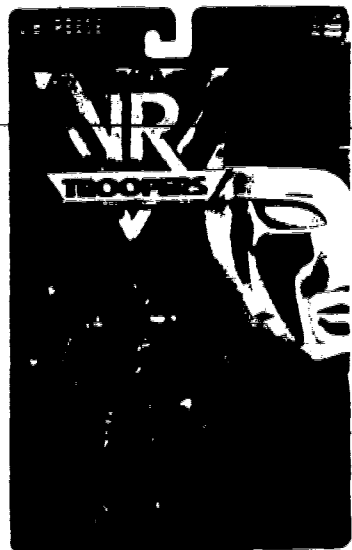


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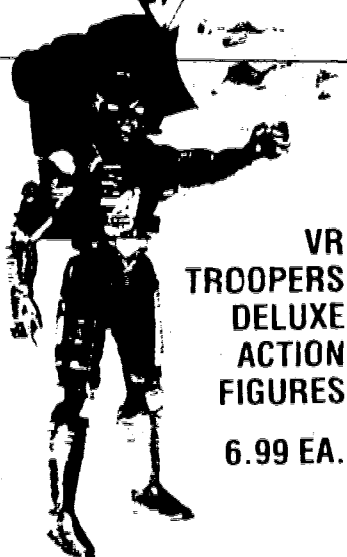


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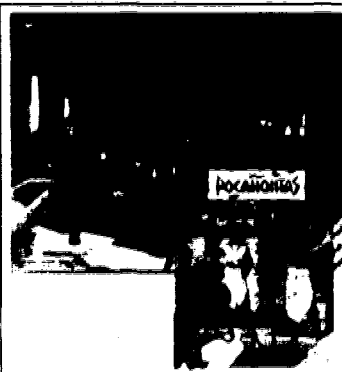
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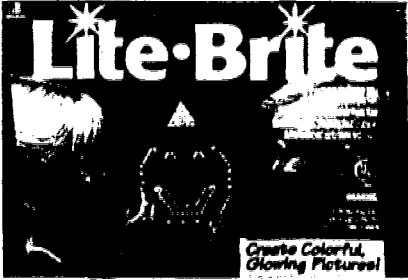
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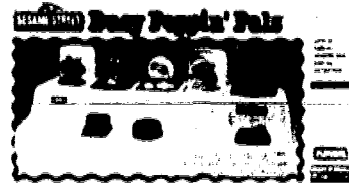
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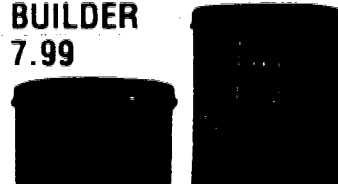
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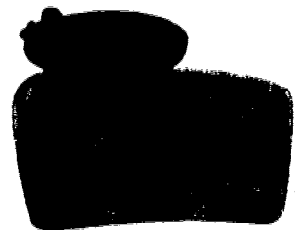
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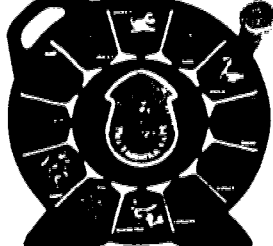
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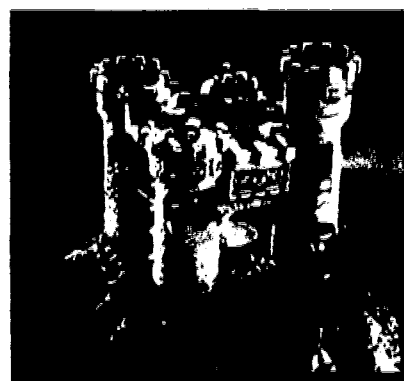
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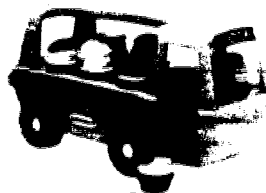
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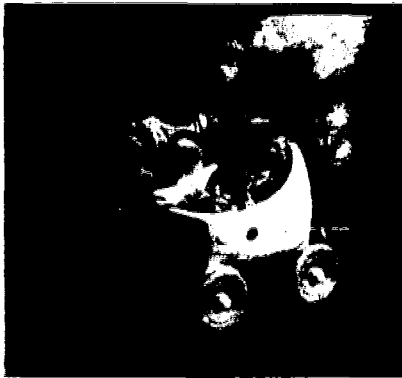
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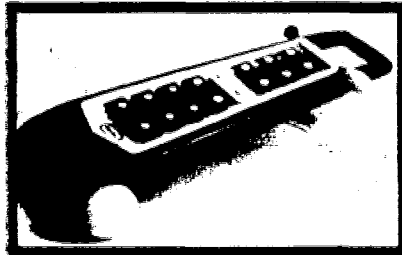
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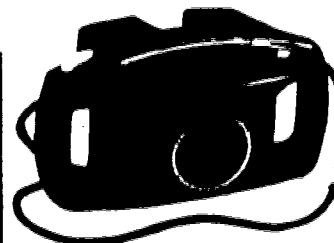
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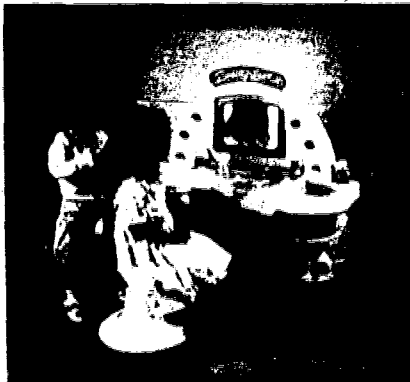




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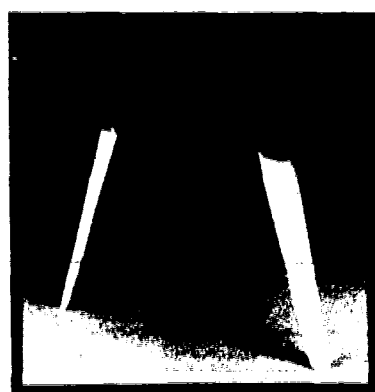


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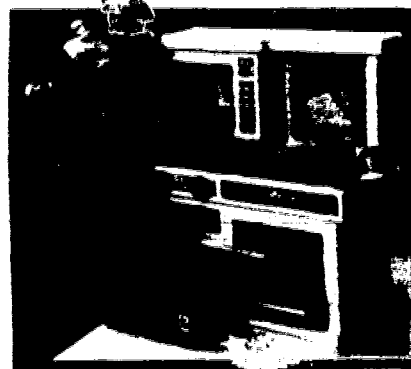
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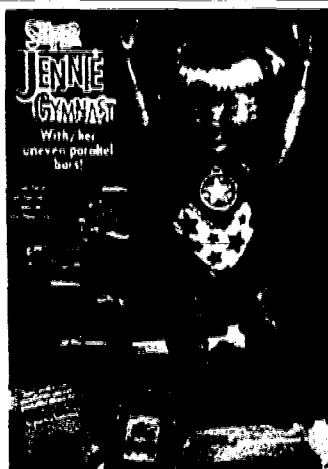
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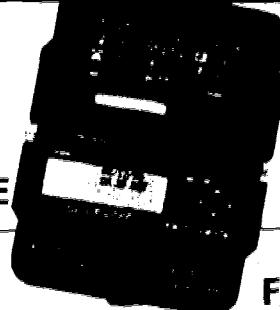


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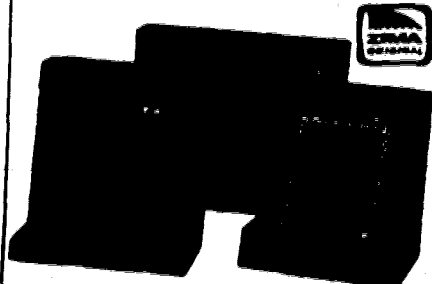
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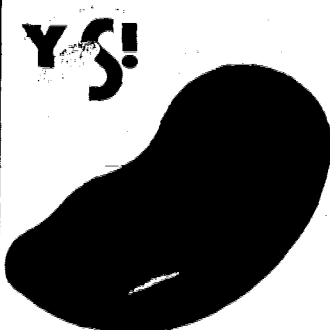
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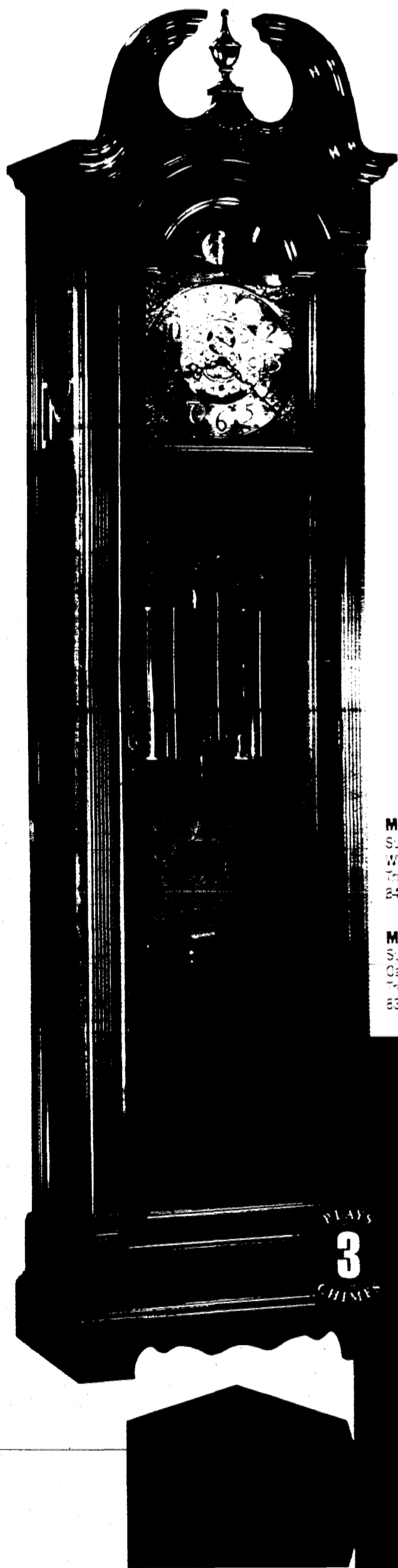
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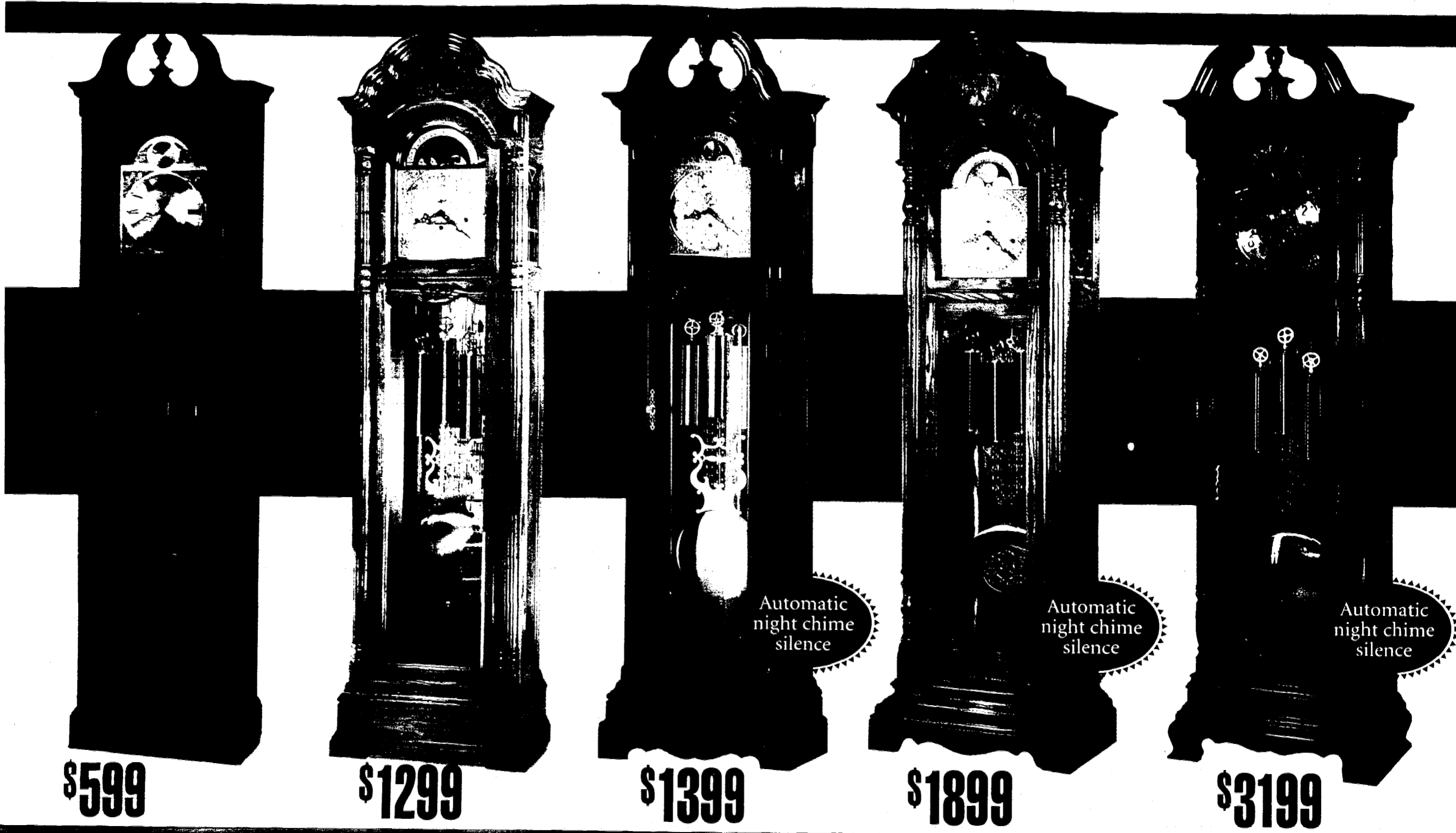
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