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### 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 Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

### 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 Chieppa at 233-7675.

### Board of Education

All Mountainside Board of Education meetings for 1995 are held in the library of Deerfield School at 8 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

### Poodle show

The Watchung Mountain Poodle Club will hold its 39th Speciality Show and Obedience Trial on Friday 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.

### Santa Claus visit

Holy Trinity Interparochial School's Home and School Association will sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Lourdes at 300 Central Ave. General admission is \$10; \$6 for children under 2.

### Financial aid workshop

On Dec. 6, the guidance department of the Union County Regional High School District will sponsor a financial aid workshop in the cafeteria of Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

Joyce Farrer, the director of financial assistance at Drew University, will give an overview of the financial aid process and review the completion of the Free Application for Financial Aid.

Seniors and parents from all six communities in the regional district are invited to attend. For more information, contact Allison Ahrens, head counselor, at (908) 382-0910.

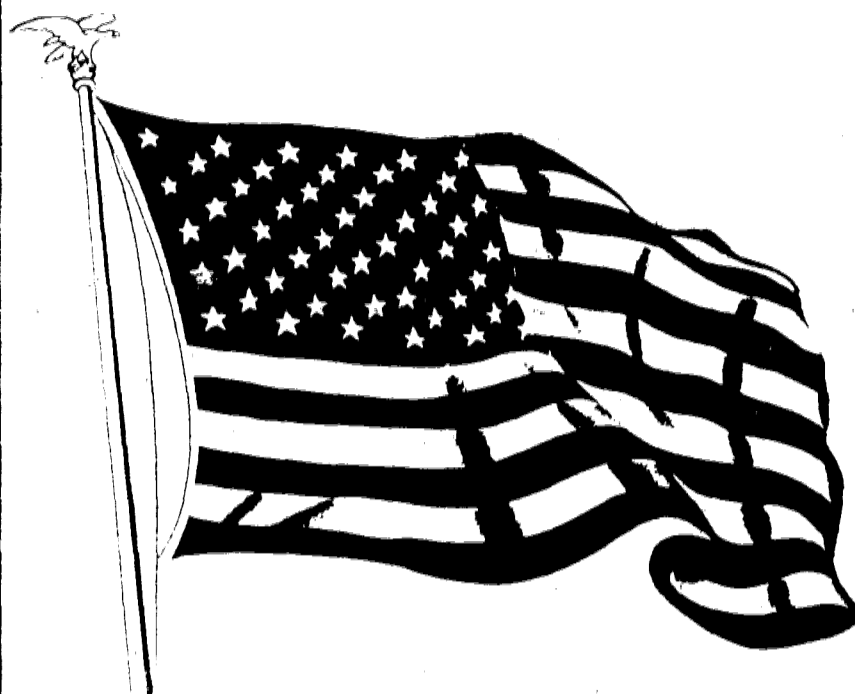
### MadJazz visits library

The Friends of the Mountainside Library invite the public to a performance of MadJazz on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

The MadJazz musicians, all Mountainside residents, have performed before to great acclaim, and this promises to be a lively, entertaining holiday concert.

Refreshments will be provided.

## Patriotic poster



# THIS IS OUR FLAG BE PROUD OF IT!

V.F.W. Mountainside Memorial Post 10135

Courtesy of Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee

Included in the 75th Anniversary Time Capsule was a package of material submitted by Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 Veterans of Foreign Wars. This poster was part of that package, and the following message was written on the back: "This poster will start off a new campaign to make people more aware of this wonderful country we live in. There seems to be a need for this drive at this time — 1970." A message from the past — appropriate for today? This and other contents of the time capsule will be on display at the Hetfield House this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Clean Communities grant awaits application to DEP

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

In an ongoing effort to provide borough residents with a clean environment, free from litter and other unsightly obstructions, the Borough Council will make an application to the state's Department of Environmental Protection for funds to continue to keep Mountainside trash-free.

At its Tuesday meeting, the council approved a resolution that would allow such an application to be submitted to the state.

In compliance with state regulations, the council must adopt a model program of litter control and place Constitution Plaza, where the library and the Hetfield House are currently located, under the Adopt-A-Highway program to be eligible for this annual grant.

This grant, given under the Clean Communities Act of the state of New Jersey, exists to create or supplement any existing litter reduction program within the borough.

The borough's Public Works Department will execute all the documentation necessary for a minimum grant of \$9,816. Should any additional funding be awarded, it will be put toward a litter program that complies with the grant requirements and all other conditions of the application.

Public Works has also been designated responsible for the borough's Clean Communities Program, with Robert Wyckoff as the Clean Communities coordinator.

An action and spending plan will be submitted with the application.

A change to the Land Use Ordinance and Storm Water Control and Flood Plan Ordinance was also introduced as this ordinance appeared before the council in its second reading.

The amendment replaces a section

of the ordinance with new material concerning escrow deposits made by applicants or developers at the time of filing an application.

This is in addition to any application fees required.

Escrow deposits, according to this ordinance, will be placed in an interest-bearing account by a council-designated official in accordance with state requirements.

Payments to professionals for services rendered to the municipality or Land Use Board for review of applications for development, review and preparation of documents, inspection of improvements or other purposes will be made by the chief financial officer.

Fees or charges will be based on a schedule established by resolution.

Application review and inspection charges will be limited to professional charges for review of applications, review and preparation of documents and inspections of developments under construction. Review by outside consultants may also be included when the application is outside the realm of expertise of the regular consultants used by the borough.

The only costs that may be added to these charges will be out-of-pocket expenses of professionals or consultants, including the usual expenses that arise from processing applications and inspecting improvements.

Escrow funds will not be used to pay inspection costs incurred during construction.

Any application that involves one or more categories of the fee schedule will require the payment of the total of the individual application fees. An escrow payment equal to the sum of the individual and applicable escrow accounts will also be made.

Payments must be made and completed with the administrative official before the application will be consid-

ered by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

If an escrow account or deposit is depleted to 20 percent of the original amount, the chief financial officer will provide the applicant with a notice of insufficient escrow or deposit balance. In order for work to continue on the development or application, the applicant must post a deposit to the account in an amount agreed upon by the municipality or Land Use Board and the applicant.

The hourly billing rate for borough-employed professionals and non-professionals will be one-third of their weekly compensation plus 40 percent, to compensate for the benefits paid to the employee. The attorney's time will be billed at the contract rate with the board; the clerk's time will be billed at \$35 per hour.

Under this ordinance, in close-out procedures, the applicant must send written notice by certified mail to the chief finance officer, the Land Use Board and the relevant municipal professional that the application or improvements are completed.

Upon receiving such notice, the professional must render the final bill to the chief finance officer within 30 days, sending a copy to the applicant.

A final written account on the uses to which the deposit was put will be made by the chief financial officer and given to the applicant within 45 days of receiving the final bill.

Any balances remaining in the deposit or escrow account, including interest, will be refunded to the developer along with the final accounting.

Any resolution of approval adopted by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment will specify that all required fees and escrow payments are made in full before the board officers sign any map, deed or plan.

This ordinance will take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

## Dissolution could appear in April school election

By Cynthia B. Gordon  
Staff Writer

The end of Union County Regional High School District No. 1 could be as near as April, according to the Board of Education.

At its Tuesday meeting, the board updated the public on the current status of deregionalization in Mountainside.

"We're still waiting for the commissioner of education to set a date for the election," said board member Richard Kress. There will be a meeting on Thursday evening to discuss the final date and other matters surrounding deregionalization, getting information out to residents of Moun-

taininside, and letting them know what the vote will mean.

According to Kress, the vote could be as early as April with the school board elections; or there may be a special election, possibly by late spring.

One question on the minds of both board members and residents is whether or not Garwood's appeal of Commissioner Leo Klagholz's decision to allow deregionalization to be put to referendum will influence the date.

"Garwood attempted to put a stay in," said Kress. "First, it won't be granted, and second, the commissioner of education won't address the issue. They have a right to appeal the decision 45 days after the vote, but I

don't anticipate that will delay the vote at all."

According to Kress, Mountainside residents can expect to receive information from the board in early January. The information will allow them to be fully aware of the educational and financial issues involved regarding deregionalization.

"I think the important thing is to get people to the polls and make sure there is only one thing they have to vote on," said board member Pat Knodel.

Other board members concurred, stating that they would "like to get a big number passing deregionalization. We're very much in favor of it, but we need to offset Garwood entirely."

Concerns were also raised at the meeting about the stability of the current send/receive relationship with Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights. "We should fine-tune any agreement after the election," said Kress.

Another concern addressed the possibility of changing Governor Livingston to accommodate students from grades seven to 12. "I don't see that happening," said Kress.

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," said Knodel. According to Kress, Clark may need to open up an elementary school and have Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School take on grades seven to 12.

According to Kress, the send/

receive contract can be continued for two years, five years or reassessed on an annual basis. "Even though it's a send/receive relationship, it's still a marriage," said Kress. Any party can terminate the agreement, but it would still have to be approved by the commissioner of education.

Berkeley Heights has "really extended themselves to show that they want Mountainside to be part of their high school," said Kress.

The maximum cost per pupil is set by statute. "We'll know what the cost per pupil will be," said Kress. "The anticipated cost is not to exceed \$9,000 per pupil. But we wouldn't be in a position to give the exact figure at this time."

## Students get referral, intervention services

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

Students experiencing academic, personal or interpersonal difficulties will have new places to turn for intervention and referral services within the general education system upon passage of procedures put forth by the Board of Education.

In its first reading Tuesday night, the plan charges the chief school administrator to begin implementing procedures to help students function productively and develop positively in the classroom environment.

Under the guidelines established by this policy, which is slated for adoption next month, the chief administrator will need to:

- Identify pupils in need, plan and provide for appropriate intervention or referral services and/or referral to

school and community resources;

- Identify the roles and responsibilities of the staff who participate in planning and providing these services;

- Provide support, guidance and professional development to school staff who identify and refer pupils, and to school staff who participate in planning and providing the services;
- Actively involve parents or guardians in the development and implementation of these plans;

- Coordinate the access to and delivery of school services for identified pupils;
- Coordinate the services of community-based social and health provider agencies;

- Review and assess the effectiveness of the services provided in achieving the outcomes identified in the plans.

## Spooky singers



Students in Deerfield's fourth grade perform Halloween songs during the school's annual Halloween Parade and Sing Out.



## Fall harvest



Courtesy of Deerfield School

Scott Ecker and Brendon Rehm, students in Deerfield School's MOPPET program, display items they collected during a recent field-trip to Hillview Farms.

# Lions Club awards township man

The Lions Club presented township resident Stanley Grossman with its International President's Award, in recognition of his contributions to the association.

"Indeed, I am proud to have an extraordinary person like you as a member of our international association, and through this award, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the unselfish commitment you have made in serving suffering mankind," said Lions International President Giuseppe Grimaldi, when presenting the award. "Your affirmation of



Stanley Grossman  
Past Lions president

humanitarian solidarity truly represents the finest example to the Lions of the World."

In presenting the President's Award to Grossman, Lions International Director Charles Weimer observed that this honor is bestowed on approximately one in every 5,000 Lions worldwide.

Grossman is a past president of the Springfield Lions Club, which celebrated its 70th year in Springfield Nov. 10. He also has been the Council of Governors chairman for Multiple

District 16 of New Jersey. He is a retired educator, who served as the director of Vocational Education for the Union County Regional High School District.

Grossman and his wife Ruth, also a retired educator, have lived in Springfield for 35 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's largest service organization. Its 1.4 million members belong to more than 35,000 clubs in 180 counties.

## Church group launches 'divorce' play contest

The Gemini Group, based at the Community Presbyterian Church, located at Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, announced its inaugural one act-play contest.

The contest, open to all area residents, has a set of rules:

- Only one play, either a comedy or a drama, may be submitted by each individual.

- Plays must run no longer than 20 minutes.

- The action must take place in one setting: the foyer of divorce court.

- There must be three characters involved in the action.

- Entries must be typed and double-spaced, with the author's name, address and phone number included

on a separate title page.

- Entries will remain the property of the authors.

To be considered, entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 1996. They should be sent to the Gemini Group, c/o Scott Coffey, 569 Trinity Pl. in Westfield, NJ 07090. Entries cannot be returned.

Winners will be notified by mail on or before March 15, 1996 and the results will be made public thereafter. And the selected plays will be performed by the Gemini Group as part of the company's 1996 theatrical schedule.

For more information, contact Scott Coffey at 654-1054.

## Library to host art exhibitions

Several art exhibits and theatrical performances have been planned for the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library during upcoming months.

"Shadows and Memories," a photography exhibit by Nancy Ori of Gillette, will be held Saturday through Jan. 4.

Ori also teaches at national photography workshops each year. 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.

The photographs in this exhibit are from a portfolio called "Shadows and Memories." The images shown were created during a period of five years in what is now a ghost town in Bodie, Ca.

The collection features portraits of artifacts and architecture which in turn represent a portrait of a group of people during the Gold Rush era. Ori said, "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."

"Shadows and Memories" opens to the public with a "meet the artist" reception Saturday at 2 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.

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, "Tareheel," 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 also has written the lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Ekstine and Sarah Vaughn as well as scripts and lyrics for 40 children's records.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Hours are: from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

### Attention churches, clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Lifestyle Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

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### Irwin Street receives facelift from DOT

Twelve Essex and Union County municipalities in the 21st Legislative District are set to receive more than \$1.8 million from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to repair, resurface or pave local streets, it was announced by state Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union.

"I'm pleased that the Legislature's renewal of the Transportation Trust Fund will result in the critically important repairs so many municipalities throughout New Jersey urgently need," said Bassano. "Essex and Union counties are both densely populated areas, so we need funding from the DOT to ensure our roads remain safe and in good driving condition."

Bassano said the DOT allocated \$62 million to municipalities throughout New Jersey through the Transportation Trust Fund. Of that allocation, 21st District municipalities in Union County that will receive funds are: Kenilworth,

\$90,000 for the resurfacing of South 21st Street; Roselle Park, \$90,000 for the resurfacing of East Grant Avenue; Springfield, \$118,000 for the resurfacing of Irwin Street; Summit, \$230,000 for the resurfacing of Springfield Avenue; and Union, \$109,000 for the resurfacing of Caldwell Avenue.

Bassano said that under legislation signed into law this year, local aid from the Transportation Trust Fund was increased from \$100 million to \$130 million.

"Motorists only need look around them to see all of the potential improvements that can be made to our transportation infrastructure," said Bassano. "The renewal of the Transportation Trust Fund has enabled us to get these improvement projects under way to cut down on travel time, keep New Jersey's air clean, and most importantly, keep the roads safe for commuters."

### Commercial satellites become jamproof with help from township business

Electromagnetic Technologies, Inc. of Springfield is quietly helping commercial satellite companies reach the same jamproof abilities used on the U.S. Air Force's recently launched Milstar communications satellite.

The latest Milstar, the second in a series, is designed for secure, jamproof communications during nuclear war and was launched on Nov. 4 from Cape Canaveral Air Station by a Lockheed Martin Titan-4 rocket.

"Such military satellites' communication, which are still as critical to our national security as during the Cold War, have been made jamproof by using sophisticated frequency-shifting techniques and on-board signal processing," according to John Howard, chairman and co-founder of Electromagnetic Technologies, Inc. "This is the identical unique technology ETI now has readily available for use in civilian and military satellites."

Due to this engineering feat, this fledgling company, founded by a group of young engineers and scientists a year ago, already has more than quadrupled the size of its staff and picked up several lucrative contracts with defense and civilian satellite companies.

Its customers are eager to mount ETI's new jamproof beamformers in their new generation of commercial satellites and other flying communication platforms. "Our company was created for the sole purpose of helping our customers solve highly advanced technological problems," Howard said. "I am proud of the fact that ETI's engineers and scientists have already been responsible for a number of unique technological breakthroughs in antenna beamformer networks and microwave circuits. And, of course, our research for new theories and models continues unabated."

### Knights of Columbus schedule pancake breakfast

The Messenger Francis X. Coyle Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a pancake breakfast on Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the council home on Old Snunpike Road.

Travels for adults are \$5 and for children between 5 and 12 are \$3. Children under 5 are admitted free. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. For further information, call 379-7044 or 379-2714.

### Dayton Thespians to perform 'Dream'

The Jonathon Dayton Thespians will present their annual fall play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," today and tomorrow at Jonathon Dayton Regional High School. The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. in Halsey Hall for both performances.

Jonathon Dayton students Jamie Maccia, Aaron Feldon, Josh Ginsberg, Leyora Zuberman, Carrie Fischbein, Lisa Malina, Vincent Salvato, Liron Bensimon and Dan Avidan are among those featured in this presentation of Shakespeare's popular romantic comedy. Also in the cast for the Dayton production are Laura Tenna, Claire Keller, Courtney McNanna, Adam Steele, Steve Keppler, Jackie Hunt, Joanne Murphy, Dana Avidan and Chelsea Page. Mrs. Susan Deubner is the director of the show, while Nicole Nelson is serving as stage manager.

Tickets are priced at \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information, call the Jonathon Dayton Regional High School at 376-6300.

### Foothill Club schedules holiday dinner dance

The members of the Foothill Club of Mountainside invite all spouses and friends to their Christmas dinner dance to be held Thursday 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.

## Safety tips can keep your holiday season happy

The Springfield Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has issued the following personal safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season throughout the month of December.

First, there are some things one must remember while driving:

- Keep all doors locked.
- When stopped at a traffic light or stop sign, make sure there is at least one car length distance between your car and the car in front of you.
- Be aware of your surroundings and of what's going on around you. The greatest weapon a criminal has is in the element of surprise. Take away the element of surprise and you gain the advantage.

The police department also has safety tips for shopping during the holiday season as well as everyday shopping trips.

- Always try to go shopping (especially in the malls) with another person.
- Park as close to the building as possible. If you park your car during daylight and don't expect to be finished shopping until after dark, park under or near a light.
- Never carry more than one shopping bag. Make several trips to your car if you have to and lock your packages in the trunk. Always have at least

one free hand. If an assailant grabs your purse or packages, do not resist.

- When walking back to your car, walk far enough away from the parked cars so that you can see into the spaces between the cars. Always stop and check between your car and the cars parked next to yours.
  - Carry a security whistle and keep it ready when walking to your car or unlocking your car.
  - When unlocking your car door, always keep one free hand. Check in all directions before you start to unlock your door.
  - Never allow yourself to be boxed in. Make sure you have an avenue of escape.
  - Never get into a car with an assailant. If an assailant surprises you, drop to the ground. Try and position yourself so your feet are facing the assailant. Use your security whistle.
- As the holiday time draws closer, many people will be spending numerous hours shopping for gifts. While shopping, you should remember:
- Don't carry large sums of cash. Carry only the cash you will need make your purchases. If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between several locations, such as your purse, pocket and wallet.
  - Don't carry excess credit cards. Carry only those cards for the stores

that you intend to shop in. In addition, make sure that you have recorded, at home, the account numbers for each of the credit cards you own.

- Don't carry your purse by the handle, or place your arm through the strap and let it dangle. Place one end of the purse in the palm of your hand, the other in the bend of the elbow; or carry it upside down with the clasp locked, but held closed in your hand.
  - Don't put packages on the rear seat of your car and leave them unattended, even for a moment. Place all packages in the trunk and be sure the trunk is locked.
  - Don't leave delivered packages out on your door step. Arrange to be home when a delivery is anticipated.
  - Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand.
  - Don't wait until you have put your packages down inside before you lock your front door. Lock the front door immediately upon entering your home.
  - A tip for men — don't place your wallet in your rear trouser pocket, carry it in the breast pocket of your jacket.
- Consumers must also be aware that certain confidence games increase during this time of the year. Bargains

such as expensive perfumes or clothing at a fraction of the real cost are notorious frauds during the holiday season.

To make your trip more enjoyable and carefree, the police offered a few simple steps to reduce the possibility of houses being burglarized or vandalized while you are gone:

- Instruct neighbors to watch your home.
- Stop deliveries or have a neighbor pick-up the mail.
- Use automatic timers for lights and radios.
- Put shades and blinds in normal positions.
- Remove extra cash from your home and deposit it in your bank account. Store expensive jewelry in a safe deposit vault.
- Turn down the volume control on the bottom of your telephone so it cannot be heard from outside.
- Make sure the last person out of the house locks the door. Take a walk around the house and check the doors and windows.
- Make sure your home has a "lived-in" look.
- Remember, lock up, light up and have a safe and pleasant trip.

### Counseling Center holds parenting workshop

Resolve Community Counseling Center will be presenting a parenting workshop titled "Parents are People, Too!"

The meetings are intended to help both married and single parents to remember to take care of themselves while in the midst of raising their children. Often this role conflict can lead to anger and resentment between parents and their children, and is a leading cause of marital conflict. At this hectic time of the year, it's easy to let priorities become unclear due to stress.

The next workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Resolve Community Counseling Center.

This meeting is fully funded by a grant from the Community Alliance and is free to the public. They will be co-facilitated by Jane Marantz and Rosemarie Diener.

Seating is limited, and will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Please phone in your reservation to 322-9180.

### Female executives networking meeting

The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will meet on Dec. 12 at the Spanish Tavern Restaurant, Route 22 East.

Networking will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The program for the evening will be a panel discussion on "The Sandwich Generation," focusing on the problems and responsibilities of job, children, and aging parents, grandparents, or in-laws.

For more information on attending this meeting, call the NJAFE Hotline, (908) 548-5959, Ext. 4455. Dinner reservations must be made by Dec. 6. Pre-paid costs for dinner and program are \$20 for NJAFE members and \$24 for nonmembers.

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# Balanced budget will be benefit for New Jersey constituents

The following speech was delivered by Rep. Bob Franks on Nov. 20.

After a tumultuous week in Washington in which the disagreements between Republicans in Congress and President Clinton led to a partial shutdown of the federal government, I want to share with my constituents what really is at stake in the battle over the federal budget.

I am delighted and relieved that, last night, an agreement was reached between the president and Congress that enables federal employees to return to work today. And although this agreement marks a major advancement, we still have a way to go before a balanced budget is enacted. The agreement, however, does commit the president to work with Congress to produce a seven-year plan to balance the federal budget.

When you sort through all the rhe-

education, to make improvements to their home, or perhaps even take a long overdue family vacation.

Let's take a look at another family, the Smiths. They have a \$75,000 mortgage on their home. It's a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage with an annual interest rate of 8.75 percent. Saving 2 percent on their mortgage payment would give the family an extra \$1,248 a year to spend as they please, perhaps to use as a down payment on a new car that will be more affordable since lower interest rates on car loans will be the result of a

balanced federal budget. But take another look at the Smiths' mortgage. Over the 30-year life of their mortgage, the Smith family would save \$37,440.

And then there is the Brown family. They are a young couple in their 20s who are expecting their first child. They want their child to grow up in a home with a yard and a tree house. And although they've been saving every dollar they can, they still can't afford to buy a nice home because they can't shoulder the mortgage payments. If we could balance the federal

budget, lower mortgage payments could make the difference that would allow the Browns to buy their first home.

For families throughout New Jersey, a balanced federal budget is the first step toward making their dream of a new home a reality.

Finally, there is the Wilson family. They bought their modest three-bedroom home 20 years ago. Now their three children are teen-agers and want their own bedrooms. Mrs. Wilson would like to be able to have her elderly mother move in with them.

They need to add on to their home, but their family income has remained the same for the last few years and they don't know how they could afford a home improvement loan at current interest rates. Lower interest rates mean lower-cost home improvement loans and a larger, affordable home.

Experts agree that lower interest rates will have a ripple effect on the entire home-buying market. According to a DRI, McGraw Hill study, lower interest rates resulting from a balanced budget will lead to a surge in the construction of new homes nation-

wide — climbing by 200,000 per year in just seven years.

Another study by the Heritage Foundation paints a similar picture for new home construction under a balanced budget. That study estimates that if we get on the path to a balanced budget, there will be an additional 103,700 new homes built over the next seven years.

Bob Franks is New Jersey's 7th Congressional District representative in the House of Representatives.

## Be Our Guest

By Bob Franks

and posturing of the last few days, the fundamental issue remains: Will we as Americans permit Washington to continue borrowing money from our children and grandchildren to pay for the current expenses of the federal government?

On average, our government spends more than \$4.3 billion every day. And of that amount, \$446 million every day is deficit spending — relying on borrowed money to pay today's bills.

Let's look at it another way. Over the past 30 years, our nation has accumulated a debt of nearly \$5 trillion. Five trillion dollars seems like an incomprehensible number. Let me give you some idea of what we're talking about. If you took \$1,000 bills and tightly stacked them into a pile, you'd need a pile 300 miles high to reach \$5 trillion — yes, 300 miles into outer space.

The government in Washington has the most abused credit card in the world. And it is our children and grandchildren who will ultimately be getting hit with the bill. Every child born today in this country will have to pay \$187,000 in taxes over their lifetime as their share of the interest payment on the national debt. Remember, that's just the interest payment; it doesn't cover paying off even one penny of the \$5 trillion principal.

Our kids deserve a better future. But balancing the budget isn't just about saving the American dream for our children, it's about enriching the lives of families today who are struggling to make ends meet. And it's about the need to adopt a plan that will lower the interest payments on the national debt. Interest payments on the debt are now the second biggest item in the federal budget.

For the past 11 months, as a member of the House Budget Committee, I have been going through the process of developing a comprehensive plan that will end deficit spending in seven years. When I return to Washington later today, the House will approve a detailed plan that will end deficit spending in seven years — the Balanced Budget Act of 1995 — and we will send it to the president.

But I'm not here today to discuss the merits of our particular budget proposal. Instead, I want to discuss the real, tangible benefits that families throughout New Jersey can expect if we enact any credible plan that results in a balanced budget in seven years.

Let me tell you what the nation's chief independent economic expert has to say. Alan Greenspan is the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. Greenspan says that just the expectation of a balanced budget has raised long-term interest rates to drop, and that once a balanced budget plan is put into place, "I think the first thing that is likely to happen is that long-term interest rates will fall significantly."

Although economists agree that a balanced budget will lead to lower interest rates, there is some disagreement on exactly how far the rates will drop. The estimates range from 1 to 3 percentage points with around 2 percent as the most frequently cited projection.

Let's look in terms of dollars and cents at what a 2 percent drop in interest rates would mean to a family's mortgage payment.

Take the Jones' family. They have two children and an annual income of \$45,000 a year. The Jones' have an \$898,000 mortgage on their home and pay \$7,451 a year in mortgage payments on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage at 7.45 percent. A 2-percent drop in interest payments would allow the Joneses to refinance their mortgage at an interest rate of 5.45 percent. That would allow the Jones family to save \$1,400 a year. They could use that savings to help pay for their children's

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## Oklahoma hopefuls



Tuning up their skills were participants in Franklin School's musical theater workshop. Director Ann Poyner, right, organized the recent workshop in preparation for the Feb. 8 and 9 performances of "Oklahoma," which will be staged at Franklin School.

Photo contributed by M. McGuire

## Newcomers select new president

Karen Thwaites of New Providence was elected president of the Newcomers Club of Summit, Berkeley Heights and New Providence. She replaces Jo Woodworth, who returns to England in December. Thwaites has most recently served on the executive board of Newcomers as nominating chairperson.

and has been a member of the club since 1992.

The Newcomers, which recently celebrated its 48th anniversary, provides social activities for families new to the area.

For more information, or to find out the dates and times of the next mem-

bership coffee, call Susan Nycum at 508-0214, or Linda Littlejohn at 464-7617.

Mothers with young children should want to participate in all that the Moms and Tots group has to offer, including play groups, outings and babysitting co-ops.

## Oak Knoll students join Cum Laude Society

Area residents Flavia Lega of Berkeley Heights and Jennifer McKenna of Summit are among six seniors at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit who were recently inducted into the Cum Laude Society in a special ceremony in the school's Mother Mary Campion Center for the Performing Arts.

Lega is an Advanced Placement Senior and honors student, as well as vice president of her class. She was named a Connolly Scholar in the eighth grade, an honor which she has earned through six years of high school. She has also been named a semi-finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program and a Scholar Finalist in the National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program. Lega is

a member of the Concert Choir and an instrumental accompanist, a member of the field hockey team and manager of the basketball team. As a junior, she scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SAT, an accomplishment which has earned her recognition by the American High School Math Association. She plans to pursue a future in the sciences and mathematics. Lega is the daughter of Mario and Beatriz Lega of Berkeley Heights.

McKenna is a member of the Concert Choir and the Oak Knoll Swim Team. An honors and Advanced Placement student, McKenna is also an outstanding writer who has been published. She won the English Department Award for her junior year. She is interested in pursuing a



Jennifer McKenna, left, and Flavia Lega of Summit, members of the class of 1996, are part of the Cum Laude Society of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child.

future in genetics and physical therapy. McKenna is the daughter of Walter and Constance McKenna of Summit.

The Cum Laude Society is a national

## Overlook holds seminar at science center

Recent state-of-the-art technology and breakthrough treatments prompted Overlook's Henry R. Liss Neuroscience Center to host the Neuroscience Stereotactic Radiosurgery Seminar at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. Neurologists, oncologists, radiologists and neurosurgeons from across the state attended the event.

Included in the discussion was an overview of stereotactic radiosurgery, indications and techniques of treatment, benefits of choosing stereotactic radiosurgery for treatment, and results of recent stereotactic cases.

The seminar's keynote speaker, Dr. Eben Alexander III, is director of Stereotactic Radiotherapy at Brigham & Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School in Boston.

Dr. Brian Beyrel, board certified neurosurgeon and president of the New Jersey State Neurological Society, and Dr. Louis Schwartz, board certified radiation oncologist, were also featured speakers.

Stereotactic radiosurgery is a new technology that is available at few centers across the country. Overlook Hospital was the first medical center in New Jersey to offer this method as an alternative surgical procedure. Based on Harvard Medical School's stereotactic radiosurgery technique, Overlook remains at the forefront of advanced-technology and innovative treatments in the state.

## Indian lore



Photo contributed by Kate Bartley

Washington Elementary School was the site of a recent visit by Les Gesner of Young Audiences who shared information with the students on Native American history and culture. The event was sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

## Ahmad makes Oratory Student of the Month

Rev. Paul R. Manning, headmaster of Oratory Preparatory School in Summit, announced that senior Ali Ahmad was named the school's most recent Student of the Month.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Muhammad Ahmad of Roseland, Ahmad has ranked No. 1 in his class since his freshman year. A consistent honor roll student, Ahmad is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been selected a New Jersey Scholar Finalist and a Bausch and Lomb Honorary Scholar. The distinguished senior has been on the school's Chemistry Team and has been named the 1994 top scorer on the Junior Varsity Math League.

In addition to these accomplishments, Ahmad is this year's editor in chief of the *Omega*, Oratory's newspaper. Some of his other extracurricular activities include being captain of the Quiz Bowl Team and having a membership in the Spanish Club, Art Club, Environmental Club and Conservation Club.

In the area of sports, Ahmad includes participation in intramural volleyball and plays on the varsity tennis team.

The Roseland resident also finds time to be involved in community activities. He is vice president of the American Islamic Academy's Student Government and does volunteer work at St. Barnabas Medical Center and Clifton Medical Center.

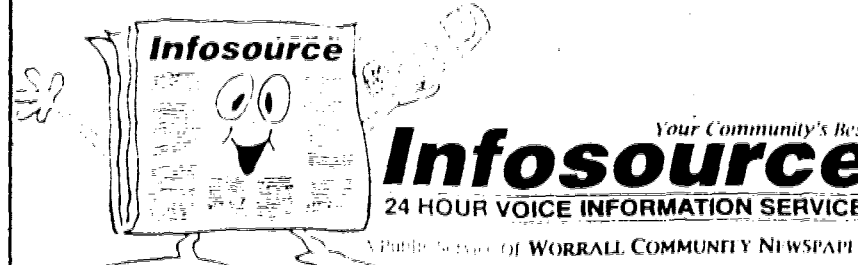
The senior's career plans include an interest in pre-med, pre-law, mathematics and philosophy. He is awaiting an early decision admission to college.

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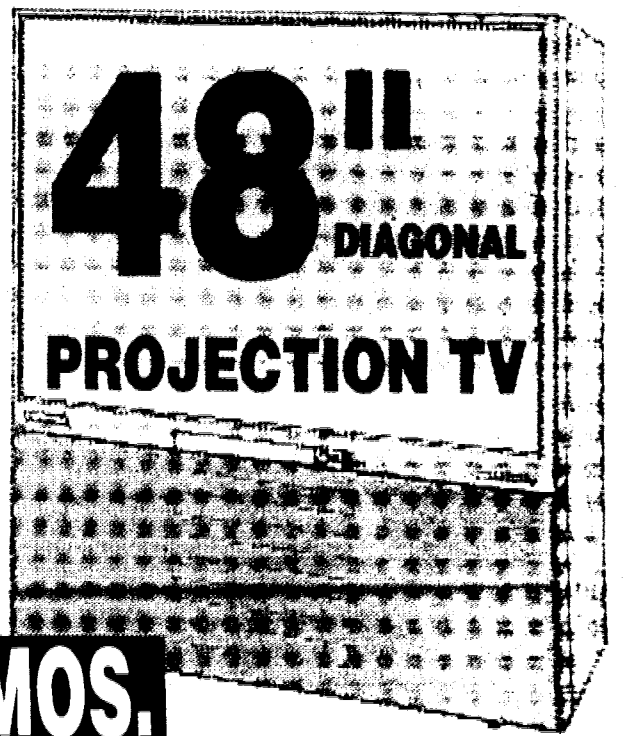
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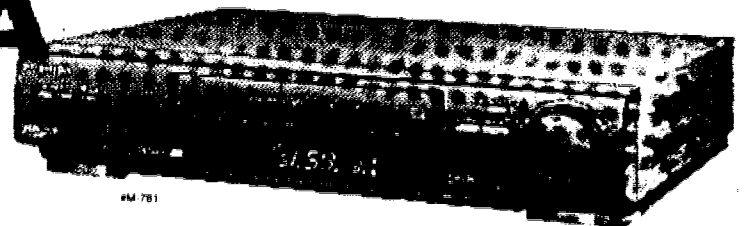
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Jack Walsh, Jr., left, and Alyce Walsh help to commemorate late Mountainside Recreation Commission Chairman John Walsh during an Oct. 26 ceremony at Echo Lake Park. Helping to honor Walsh are Union County Park Maintenance Director William Gallman, Mountainside Recreation Director Sue Winans and Kathryn Porter, former NRPA chairman.

**Local Post Office offers holiday tips**

In an effort to help make residents' holidays a pleasant experience, the Post Office has offered an assortment of tips to help make sure that the delivery of gifts goes as smoothly as possible.

Postmaster William Daniels offers these tips on addressing and packaging techniques:

- Print your return address and the recipient's address neatly on only one side of the package, the same where the postage will go. Use waterproof, smudgeproof ink.
- Include the address information inside the package as well.
- Never guess at a zip code. Call the local post office to get the correct one.
- Always include apartment or suite numbers in an address. Use the correct directional (N, W, SW, etc.) and street suffix (Ave., Blvd., St., etc.)
- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling.

The local post office offers packaging products designed to get packages delivered looking as good as they did when you wrapped and sent them.

• Always use reinforced tape. Twine and cord tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.

• Leave space for cushioning inside the carton. The container should have space to hold the contents plus cushioning to prevent damage. Always use leak-proof containers and mailing materials when shipping liquids.

• Plain, air-popped popcorn makes an inexpensive, environmentally-friendly packing material. Other materials include polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble plastic and fiberboard inserts.

• Special tip: protect holiday film sent off for processing from getting lost by taping your name and address to the side of the film container. Then, if the film is separated from the envelope, it can be returned to you.

**student update**

**Wei takes gold**

Delbarton's science teams took a first in the state for cumulative team score in physics, biology and chemistry at Merck State Science Day.

Ben Wei of Mountainside, a member of the biology team, received a gold medal for individual achievement.

Faculty advisors were Josephine Laurenzano (chemistry), Gregory Devine (physics), and Frances Bonalsky (biology), who was also faculty coordinator for the teams.

This May, 2470 students participated in 1995 Merck Science Day. The top five school teams, as well as the five top teams in each discipline, receive plaques. Winning schools also received monetary awards. The top 40 first and second-year students statewide receive gold medals.

**Students receive honor**

The Governor Livingston Regional High School organization known as Turning Recreational Excitement in New Directions was recently honored for its drug and alcohol prevention efforts by the Teen Institute of the Garden State.

The Governor Livingston students

in TREND received the Andrew Malek Memorial Award, presented annually to the Most Outstanding Action Group in New Jersey's high schools.

The award is named for Andrew Malek, a student at Montgomery High School who lost his life in an automobile accident caused by a drunken driver.

The TREND group at Governor Livingston conducts many activities which promote a strong "no-use" message with regard to drugs and alcohol. Through drug-free and alcohol-free social events, peer counseling, and educating younger students, TREND espouses the many benefits of a lifestyle free of substance use.

The members of TREND received this prestigious award during the T.I.G.S.'s week-long educational conference, which is held annually in Blairstown. Teenagers from throughout New Jersey attend the conference so that they may learn about how substance use prevention programs can be conducted in their schools and communities.

Governor Livingston TREND members Lisa Dickson, Leigh Paf-

ford, Mario LoPresti, Jamie Elkin, Stephen Phillips, Mike Trezza, Nykii Southerland, Laurie Evans, Tim Pierson and Brian Pavlik participated in T.I.G.S. this year. They were accompanied by Governor Livingston TREND faculty advisors Karen Kellerman, Cliff Lauterhahn and Monica Lewis.

**Student enters Pingry**

Haley Wynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wynne of Mountainside, entered the Short Hills Campus of the Pingry School as a new first-grader this year.

**Honor society taps junio**

Laurie Prudente, a junior at the Academy of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, was named to the National Honor Society. She achieved honor

roll status for the first quarter.

Prudente is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Olivo of Springfield.

**Student inducted**

Christine Sempepos, daughter of Carolyn and the late Philip Sempepos of Mountainside, is one of 35 students from Salve Regina University named to the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nomination committees and editors of the annual directory have recognized these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Sempepos joins an elite group selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in the United States and abroad.

**Quality Control Society meeting**

The North Jersey American Society for Quality Control will meet from 6—9 p.m. at the Friar Tuck Inn, Cedar Grove Dec. 13.

The topic for this evening is "Cus-

tomor Retention," presented by Ren Verasco, managing principal and senior consultant at ROI Systems.

For more information, call 827-4749 or (908) 272-3058.

**Novelist to hold book-signing at UCC**

**Professor of English will come to UCC Cranford campus Tuesday**

Oscar Fishtein, director of the Learning Is For Ever Center and professor emeritus of English at Union County College, will sign copies of his new novel "I'll Sell You a Million Jews," at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the commons of the college's Cranford campus.

Publication of the 300-page book is the fulfillment of Fishtein's fondest wish. The novel tells the story of one man's attempt to discover his Jewish identity in the course of his struggle in facing a horrible catastrophe, with the Holocaust being the backdrop.

It is based on a historical incident

that took place in Budapest in the spring of 1944, when Hitler's assistant, Adolph Eichmann, offered a Jewish underground leader a deal in which the Nazis would free 1 million Jewish prisoners of war in exchange for 10,000 tanks. In order to effectuate this, Eichmann had promised to send these individuals to whichever Allied country they wished to live. He sent the novel's protagonist, whose name had been changed to a fictitious one, to Istanbul.

The story evolves around the protagonist's attempt to save as many Jews as he could, and the frustrations that

he encountered in obtaining the necessary help that resulted ultimately in depression and despair when he found that neither Gentiles nor Jews themselves would help. It also covers the frustrations that the protagonist experienced as a result of chaotic life in Budapest and Istanbul, and his capture by the British to silence him, so as not to carry out such a scheme.

While the story is based on historical fact, Fishtein said he developed the actual storyline, so as to highlight the internal struggle that such an individual would have to go through in

order to effectuate such a monumental task.

A graduate of Brown University, where he earned a bachelor's degree, Fishtein received a master's degree from Rutgers University. He joined the UCC faculty in 1960 and, in 1976, he founded the LIFE Center. The LIFE Center provides credit level instructions to persons age 62 and over at several off-campus locations throughout Union County.

Those interested in further information about the book signing should call Fishtein at 709-7590.

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The township's Municipal Building will be adorned with an assortment of Christmas lights and decorations, much like it appears above beginning on Dec. 3. Light poles throughout Union Center once again will be dressed in their holiday best as well.

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As we begin the holiday season, the Special Improvement District and the retailers of Union Center would like to thank the people of Union for their support and encouragement. It has been another positive year in our ongoing commitment to once again make the "Center" a community gathering place to shop and meet your friends.

The past year has seen a marked improvement in both the appearance of the Center and the number of successful promotions. Our "streetscape" program is nearing completion, and has been a determining factor in the relocation and expansion of retail stores.

There remains a great deal of work ahead, and the Special Improvement District faces the challenges of competing retail operations in our area. However, with a well-designed plan to meet the challenges, and a determination, the Special Improvement District will continue to adjust to the demands of the public.

This year, the Special Improvement District and the retailers of Union Center have created an atmosphere that promises to raise everyone's "holiday spirit." New holiday banners, lights, music, refreshments and holiday characters all add to your shopping pleasure.

The Special Improvement District and the retailers of Union Center wish the people of Union a wonderful holiday season and a truly successful and healthy 1996!

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Fashion Finds Inc.

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Kiddie's World  
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### Apparel/Men

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### Apparel/Women

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# Here comes Santa Claus, but wait ... there's more!

By Chris Gatto  
Regional Editor

Santa Claus is coming to Union. But, old Saint Nick will not be the only attraction; he'll be joined by kiddie rides, music and all the holiday trimmings.

Santa's visit on Dec. 3 is part of the Township of Union Holiday Celebration, an annual event which seems to grow larger every year.

Tied in with the township's tree-lighting ceremony outside the Municipal Building, Santa will greet children in the building's main meeting room immediately following the 6 p.m. extravaganza.

The ceremony and Santa's appearance, though, are merely the culmination of a full day's slate of events, which begins at noon. With the township's creation of a special improvement district a couple of years ago, the focus on Union's central business district during the holidays has increased; whereas previously it was the decorative Municipal Building which garnered all of the attention.

In Union Center, during the day there will be a Winter Carnival for Children including free kiddie rides from noon to 4 p.m., a clown, music and everything from hot cocoa to hot pretzels to chestnuts doing what else but roasting on an open fire — something which seems to bring out the holiday spirit in everyone. Also, the annual New York City-style horse-and-buggy rides will be back again, those rides being offered Nov. 22-24, Dec. 8-10 and Dec. 15-17 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Holiday characters also will be on hand on Friday nights from 5 to 9 p.m.

On Dec. 3, children also may wish to partake in a breakfast buffet beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Jahn's Restaurant on Stuyvesant Avenue. Breakfast buffets also are scheduled for Dec. 10 at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. as well as Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m. and Dec. 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. For reservations, call 964-1511. Cost for children is \$5, \$7 for adults.

Luminaria candles will be sold at assorted locations throughout the township including Terminal Mill Ends, 980 Stuyvesant Ave., and Union Center National Bank, 2455 Morris Ave. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 688-2777.

Prior to the tree lighting ceremony, the Union Township Municipal Band will perform holiday music. Beginning at 5 p.m., the band, led by Director John Bunnell, will entertain. Additionally featured will be the Central Five Lite Singers, along with their conductor, Ula Mae Lite.

# It's not difficult to find police officers in Center

Holiday shoppers know how to reach police in the center. All they have to do is walk outside and they can easily spot one of the three police officers who routinely patrol the area.

Since the foot patrol was started almost a year ago, these men have been a consistent and highly visible police presence for the center.

"It's had a big effect on the center," Police Officer Keith Brochu said. "People feel safer and more secure. They know they can always find us."

Brochu, along with police officers Matt Lepski and Richard Ginta, cover the center year-round. The three men maintain the safety of shoppers and businesses.

In turn, the setting lets the officers develop a more personal relationship with residents.

"We get to meet a lot of people," Brochu said. "We see what they're about, what their concerns are, what their gripes are."

They don't hear complaints about the increase in police presence, though.

"People are happy to see us," Brochu said. "A lot of people congratulated the department for starting the patrols."

The officers also have benefitted from communication with store owners.

"I know just about every one of them on my side and most of the other side too," Brochu said.

Brochu covers Morris Avenue to Rose-

*'We get to meet a lot of people. We see what they're about, what their concerns are, what their gripes are.'*

— Keith Brochu  
Police Officer

ont Avenue. Lepski patrols Stuyvesant and Morris avenues while Ginta covers Morris Avenue to Axton Avenue.

Police Chief Dennis Farrell said the increased police presence is connected to the community-policing approach used throughout the township. The center's foot patrol has been so successful that, four months ago, the division added a walking patrolmen on the corner of Vauxhall Road and Stuyvesant Avenue to crack down on loiterers.

With the holidays coming, residents can expect to see an increase in the center's activity. The officers will be on hand to discourage shoplifters and to answer hold-up calls from the banks. They're often the first ones on the scene because they're always within walking distance of the stores.

The busy season doesn't start until two

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# Police becoming very visible in town's Center

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 weeks after Thanksgiving, so it's too soon to tell what effect the new sidewalks and the construction will have on the center, Brochu said.

He can count on residents and businesses being glad to see him, though.

"They like to see us out here," Brochu said. "We walk back and forth and do what we have to do. A lot of people say 'Hi.' They're used to us now. They're friendly."

As part of their beat, the officers also have become familiar with school children. Part of patrolling the center includes covering school posts. The officers spend part of their day covering posts near Connecticut Farms School.

The walking patrols are assigned beats but the officers have enjoyed their posts and have noticed changes in the center as a result of their work.

When the walking patrol first started, illegal parking was commonplace. Brochu said the police presence has significantly cut down on illegal parking.

The construction "threw things off-balance because there was no place to park,"

Brochu said, noting the officers took the construction into consideration when giving tickets.

Walking the center everyday, the officers are aware of the problems and may assess the situation before assigning tickets. They patrol the area in a strict but fair manner.

Parking tickets may be plentiful, but officers try not to "hammer on that too much because we don't want to discourage people from coming to the center," Brochu said. "We try to find a happy medium."

The patrol covers much more than parking. Officers are responsible for enforcing motor vehicle violations including driving with a revoked license, fictitious license plates, intoxicated pedestrians, and people carrying controlled dangerous substances. They also have responded to car accidents and pedestrian accidents.

"Anything that happens in the center, we're involved with," Brochu said. "It's not boring because it's always busy."

The walking officers are always near their cars and are able to make arrests when necessary. Brochu has made approximately 12 arrests in the last 11 months.



Photo By Kevin O'Rourke

Police Officer Keith Brochu walks along Stuyvesant Avenue in Union Center during a day of routine foot patrol.

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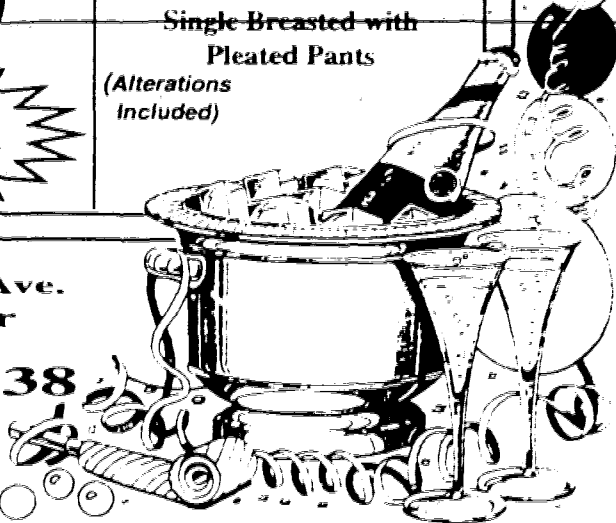
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# SID hoping theater upgrades will lure nighttime shoppers

By Chris Gatto  
Regional Editor

Just what would it take to keep the average person home on a Friday night?

While many may already have answered that such an occurrence would be an impossibility — probably out of fear of being labeled a social outcast — it may be necessary to clarify what it is being asked.

Relax. It's not a matter of what would sway locals to spend Friday inside their home, but rather what would convince them to spend the outset of the weekend within the confines of their hometown.

An obvious answer would be if all the most appealing aspects of their favorite nightspot were somehow physically lifted up and transported to Union. It's difficult for anyone to say such an occurrence wouldn't at least make them think twice about staying close to home at least for one of the two big weekend nights.

Mike Minitelli, Union Center Special Improvement District executive director, says he knows just what would entice locals to stay home, and he is working on bringing some of those missing ingredients to the Center — in hopes of revitalizing the depressed central business district.

Atop Minitelli's list is a revamping of the center's movie theater, a move he suggests will lure restaurants, which in turn would create the appropriate atmosphere for nighttime shoppers.

"The important thing is a community theater," said Minitelli. It "is a great base for a revitalization of night business. If you have a movie theater that is viable and restaurants, then you have restaurants that become viable. (If) you have restaurants that become viable, then you can attract shoppers. So, it's all interplay in there for night business.

"Without a movie theater, it is very difficult to attract the restaurants which is very difficult, therefore, to attract customers which is even more difficult to attract shoppers at night, because our society is geared to the 'Come on let's go grab a bite to eat and go out shopping,' or 'Let's go to the movies.'" mentality, he said. "So society is planned to do things that are convenient and this is all part of the convenient message for Union and the hometown, main street, downtown theme to keep people home."

It is this philosophy which has caused Minitelli to work on cementing a better relationship with the movie theater's owner, Cineplex Odeon Corporation of New York. This partnership, according to Minitelli, may result in a theater getting a facelift.

The theater company is said to be considering enhancing its own look. Minitelli, though, said no dollar figures have been discussed as yet regarding the company's possible facade improvements. He said he expects the company to file a grant application for public funding to offset anticipated costs of remodeling the theater.

"They are currently looking at the footprint — the architectural structure of the building — to see if they can go from a two-plex theater to a fourplex, a three or a four," said Minitelli. "They're, of course, analyzing the condition of the marketplace to see whether that will work ... They're pretty optimistic."

The SID director said Cineplex Odeon, which owns community movie theaters in Millburn and Cranford, is community-oriented. "They don't just want to go into the Sony 13 plex. Though that's where the money is too, they also feel there is a place for the downtown movie theater," said Minitelli. "Because of all the things that we're doing and the commitment that we're making, they're willing to make a commitment."

A representative for Cineplex Odeon could not be reached to discuss the company's plans for theater prior to this newspaper's deadline.

The commitment to which Minitelli referred is the controversial move to make physical improvements to the central business district. New sidewalks, benches and lighting are part of the Center's new look.

The theater apparently also is considering offering Saturday matinees for children in December.

Although final approval has not yet been given, Minitelli said "we're probably going to have matinees ... We're supposed to have matinees every Saturday in December and I'm just waiting for the final OK on that where we can charge maybe \$2 or run some kind of promotion around that. (We can) have children's matinees so that people can drop off their children and go to shop."

# Using stamp service helps speed the waiting process

Several stamp-buying services that help postal customers year-round are particularly handy during the holiday season, Postmaster Michael J. Collins points out.

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"Credit cards can also be used for telephone orders for stamps by calling (800) Stamps-24 and using your VISA, Discover or MasterCard," said Collins.

"Stamps are also available from vending machines in the lobby of the main post office, at postal stations, and can be requested from your letter carrier," he said.

"Another time-saver this year," said Collins, is that post offices are now accepting credit cards and many ATM bank cards for stamp purchases."



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Linda Jacobs and her dog, Sugar, pose amidst the rugs at the Corinthian Rugs Inc. on the corner of Morris and Stuyvesant avenues.

## For the finest in rugs, take walk down Center

By Kevin O'Rourke  
Managing Editor

The shopper who seeks the finest area rugs no longer needs to travel to New York City, or to the Short Hills Mall, or one of those brand-name stores with the huge advertising budgets. Now, they can just visit Corinthian Rugs.

Corinthian Rugs is snugly located at 1000 Stuyvesant Ave. at the corner of Morris and Stuyvesant avenues, but it is the store's visibility which has led to its success.

Proprietor Linda Jacobs recalls the factors that led her to open her first store in September after working as a freelance rug designer for manufacturers.

"I was looking for office space and a studio space. We are basically wholesale, we started out as wholesale, but the retail store is really an accident," said Jacobs, a native of California. "This store has such great visibility. It is on such a terrific corner."

"Union is central enough so that my clients from throughout the Metropolitan area can come here," Jacobs explains. "I like Union because of its proximity to New York City, and yet it has a small-town atmosphere."

"I think that the direction that (the Special Improvement District) is trying to go is very good. I think they are on the right track with their attitude," she said.

Jacobs admits that her rugs aren't priced

for everyone. "I serve an upscale clientele, the people who shop at the Short Hills Mall," she said. "I like to think that we bring shoppers to Union Center who normally wouldn't come here."

All of the rugs are handmade, imported and made of wool. Many are Jacob's own exclusive designs.

With the holiday's fast approaching, Jacobs says she's got some special pieces on the way from overseas. "I was just in India in October and I brought in a number of things that are smaller that people can pick up for gifts and have them in their own home without going broke in the process," she said. "I did bring in smaller things that people can put in their entrances, so they can have something nice and something imported. Everything here is handmade and everything here is wool. There are no machine-made rugs, there are no synthetics," said Jacobs.

Jacobs says there is another advantage to shopping at Corinthian Rugs. "Because I am the designer and the manufacturer, I can offer customization that a shopper can't buy from a retailer. If a customer wants a rug with fluer-de-ly and it has stars, I can make that custom change," she said.

Corinthian Rugs is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday through Saturday. The telephone number is (908) 686-6600.

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# Card store is 'hallmark' of town's Center

By Kevin O'Rourke  
Managing Editor

One of, if not, the hallmark (pun intended) of Union Center is Maria's Hallmark Store on the corner of Stuyvesant and Haines avenues. Specializing in cards for all occasions, owner Maria Stitz also stocks a large variety of fine gift ideas.

With the holidays fast approaching, Maria's Hallmark stands out as the headquarters for decorative holiday trinkets and novelties.

"I carry fine gifts from Mikasa to Lennox, both scent and glassware, Precious Moments and Hummels," said Stitz. "I have a new line of goods called Kiddie Car Classics by Hallmark, which are reproductions of cars from the past. They have become very popular. I also carry balloons."

Stitz said she believes shoppers will be impressed by her gift ideas and bedazzled by the number of holiday card she carries. No matter what people are looking for, they are going to find it here and if they can't find it, they can make their own card on our personalizing computer.

"I have such a variety of things here that no matter what they are looking for, they are going to find it here, everything from a \$5 gift to a \$200 gift," she said.

Stitz said her customers come for "convenience and the variety of merchandise that I carry."

"We're going to be open seven days a week beginning Dec. 3, until 8:30 p.m.," said Stitz. "We're going to have extra help on staff to keep our customers happy. Plus we do free gift wrapping, which we do all year-round," she said.

"We also have a new program which is the Gold Crown Card," she said, "where customers can earn points with every purchase, and as points accumulate frequent customers will receive cash certificates in the mail."

When she purchased this store five years ago it was the fulfillment of a dream come true. "I had always wanted to own a Hallmark store," she said.

In the beginning of 1993, Stitz moved the store from 1043 Stuyvesant Ave. to its present location. "After we moved, we picked up an extra 1,000 feet of space. We almost doubled the size of the store," she said.

Stitz said she is pleased with renovations being made in the Center and is hoping the Center can turn the corner shortly and fill all vacancies.



Photo By Kevin O'Rourke

Maria Stitz, owner of Maria's Hallmark Store in Union Center, displays some of the items which may be of interest to holiday shoppers this year.

*'I have the largest counter-card assortment that Hallmark puts out.'*

*— Maria Stitz, owner  
Maria's Hallmark Store*

"I'm very happy that this restoration is finally coming to an end," she said. "I am still hoping that some more stores will be rented and we can make a go of it."

She's hoping the holiday spirit will help merchants in the Center. "This Christmas will be the first Christmas everything will be done. It should be good for us," he said.

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**HOLIDAY SPIRIT** — Workers last week began putting up holiday decorations on the grounds of the Municipal Building on Morris Avenue. Early decor includes wreaths affixed to light poles on the building's spacious front lawn. A tree lighting ceremony and Menorah lighting are planned for December.

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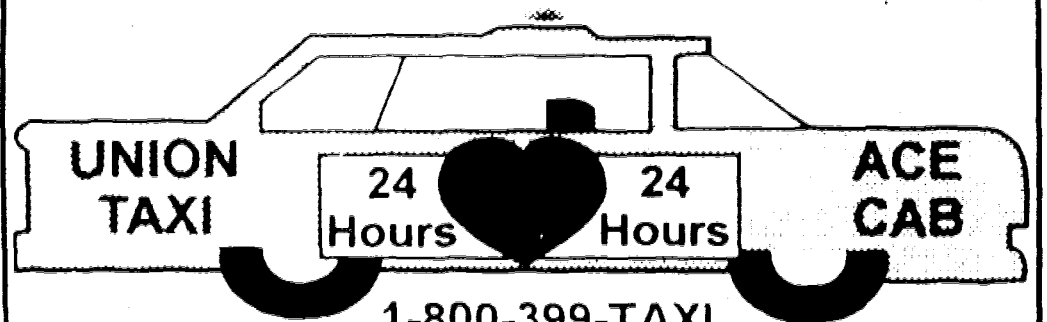
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# Sun Tavern offers 'homey' dining experience

By Kevin O'Rourke

The Sun Tavern, on Morris Avenue in Union Center, delivers a number of tasty combinations, from the split atmosphere of the bar area in front to the family-friendly back room for dining.

## Dining review

The combinations abound on the menu as well. With "world famous pizza" including toppings which allow you to combine ham and onion, basil and bacon or, if so inclined pineapple with anchovie. There is always the staples, such as pepperoni, homemade meatball, and sausage, as well.

However, the pizza does not really need to topped with anything. Myself, I prefer the plain. With a crisp, wafer-thin crust combined with the perfect balance of cheese and sauce. The Sun Tavern offers, this pizza connoisseur a delicacy found only in special corners of the pizza-serving world.

While the pizza remains a standout, the menu is filled with other delicious choices. There is a Taylor ham and cheese sandwich which my dining partner rated a nine on a scale of 1-to-10. "Only because there is no such thing as a 10," he said. This comes from a man who is very particular about his pork products. The menu has a number of interesting starters such as jalapeno poppers, chicken fingers and potato skins. Dawn, our waitress, took good care of us. She was



Photo By Kevin O'Rourke

The Sun Tavern, located on Morris Avenue in Union Center, offers a variety of dining experiences.

courteous and went out of her way to ensure that our dining experience was a pleasant one.

It is that homey feeling which keeps me going back. It is perfect for whichever mood I may be in. In the bar area, the Sun Tavern offers a wide variety of imported and domestic beers and a number of televisions

including a wall-sized big-screen television for all sporting events, especially Sunday or Monday Night Football. Plus a full compact disc jukebox, with a wide variety of musical selections.

When I'm not in the mood for sports while I eat, there is the back room which seems to be a favorite for families. Cozy, but

never crowded the back room offers families a break from run-of-the-mill diners and sending out for pizza.

As the holidays approach, families and friends may take a break from the hysterics of pre-holiday preparation and relax, have a beer, take in a ballgame and enjoy top-notch pizza at the Sun Tavern.

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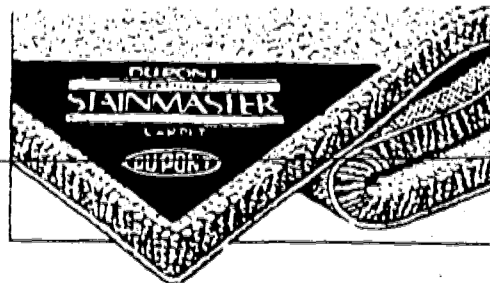
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