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Christmas party

The Springfield/Mountainside chapter of UNICO National will hold its annual Christmas Party at L'Affaire restaurant on Tuesday 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 Chiappa at 233-7675.

MadJazz visits library

The Friends of the Mountainside Library invite the public to a performance of MadJazz on Sunday 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.

Networking meeting

The North Jersey Association of Female Executives will meet on Wednesday 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.

Doing lunch

The Union County Regional High School District offers low-cost lunches to its students and provides free lunches to children from households of gross incomes at or below federally established standards.

Applications for both the reduced price and the free lunch programs have been mailed to the parents of all of the high school students and additional forms are available at each of the three high schools.

These applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. For more information about these programs, contact Director of Special Services John Christiano at 376-6300, Ext. 280.

Youth employment

The Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) has expanded its program to include Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. The program is designed to match students looking for employment with available jobs in the area.

If you are interested in hiring students 14-21 years of age for child care, yard work, office help, etc., please call Debby Stern at 508-9345. Y.E.S. hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Best of the best



Andrew Bonaventura of Mountainside, right, is one of 17 Houghton College students appearing in this year's volume of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities are Houghton College students.

Students give patients dose of holiday cheer

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

Students at James Caldwell School in Springfield will show the patients of Children's Specialized Hospital on New Providence Road the true meaning of Christmas this year.

As part of a continuing campaign at Caldwell to increase student sensitivity and respect for others sponsored by the school's Sensitivity Committee, students will perform chores around their homes in exchange for money that will be put toward purchasing toys for hospitalized children.

The Sensitivity Committee's activities for December follow the theme of "Celebrating Differences." Instead of focusing on the many different holidays that take place during this season, the children will learn about handicaps or disabilities that may make some children different from them, according to Sensitivity Committee member Judy Cariani.

"We want them to learn that this season is not just about getting gifts," Cariani said. "It's about helping others, too."

During December, students at Caldwell School will be involved in a project to give the patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside a present. Students will perform chores at home in exchange for money that will be put toward a present. There will be a collection box

Another assembly will be held during this month to expound on the theme of accepting each other's differences.

This drive is being run independently of Children's Specialized current toy drive now under way.

Each year, the hospital collects new, unwrapped gifts for the youngsters who will be spending their holiday in the hospital.

Suggested toys include rattles, mobiles, squeeze toys, and baby blankets for infants; multi-cultural, washable dolls, crayons, puzzles and cars for toddlers and pre-schoolers; and board games and craft items and tools for older children. Appropriate items for all ages include musical cassettes, videotapes, sporting equipment, socks and undershirts.

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 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact James Caldwell School at (201) 376-1028 or Susan Baxter, volunteer services director at Children's Specialized Hospital, at (908) 233-3720.

Senator's actions cited as improper

Accusations of impropriety arose during a plenary hearing in Superior Court in Springfield before Judge John Pisansky as plaintiff Jerry Pecaro, representing himself, informed the court that he had subpoenaed state Senate President Donald DiFrancesco to testify concerning his involvement in the case.

Under oath, Pecaro testified that DiFrancesco co-signed legislation that would allow Union County to purchase the Houdaille Quarry property from the Department of Transportation for the consideration of \$1 while Pecaro was a client with his law firm.

This bill, Pecaro stated, was part of a larger effort to avoid providing the affordable housing required under New Jersey state law. He had previously tried to purchase the land but found this bill in effect.

DiFrancesco's possible testimony was offered as a "smoking gun" should the court not feel that Pecaro possessed ample evidence to persuade it that the defendants in the case, the governments of Springfield, Union County and the New Jersey DOT, have fostered avoidance of the Mount

Laurel laws in Springfield.

Accordingly, the state of New Jersey, through Attorney General Deborah Poritz, moved to quash the subpoena on the grounds that the "Speech or Debate" clause of the New Jersey Constitution prohibits the questioning of a member of the Legislature about the legislative deliberative process in "any other place."

DiFrancesco was not present at the hearing.

Pecaro asserted he would not question the senator about the legislative process, but instead would focus on the background of his co-sponsoring the bill knowing that it was in direct conflict with the interests of one of his clients.

Pecaro insisted that an attempt to quash the subpoena would hurt his right to prove avoidance to the court; he added that the attorney general could object to any question directed at DiFrancesco deemed objectionable by existing law.

Based on the evidence included in the transcripts of the hearing, Pisansky is expected to rule on the subpoena quash and, ultimately, make a final ruling on the case.

Sharpshooting applications made available for deer hunt

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

Union County officials have announced that applications for the sharpshooting program to reduce the white-tailed deer population at Watchung reservation are available.

The hunt is scheduled to begin on Jan. 10 and last until March 31 or until the maximum number of deer for next year are eliminated.

Applicants must be 21 and own a valid New Jersey Firearm Hunting or All-Around Sportsman license and a valid state firearm purchaser identification card.

Applicants must also not have convictions for firearm violations, pertaining to wildlife or otherwise. They must have three years' experience in using a shotgun to hunt white-tailed deer, be willing to volunteer at least 20 hours of service, and be able to demonstrate marksmanship.

Marksmen will be divided into two categories: hunters employed as law

enforcement officers and all other hunters. Preference will be given to Union County residents in both categories. Separate lotteries will be held to choose 10 law enforcement officers and 20 hunters from the other group.

Applicants who performed satisfactorily in last year's hunt will be given preference in the law enforcement category.

Participants will be selected through a lottery drawing on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. The deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. Dec. 19.

Applications are available in the lobby of the county Administration Building in Elizabeth, at any staffed facility of the county's Division of Parks and Recreation, Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield and Charlie Brenner's Sport Shop in Rahway.

In October, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders passed a five-year plan to reduce the Watchung Reservation white-tail herd by 120 deer each year. The program may be

shortened in the future to a three-year plan, requiring that 189 deer be killed each year.

The plan, as outlined by the Watchung Deer Management Subcommittee, includes the possibility of installing barrier reflectors along roads prone to deer-related accidents, replacing indigenous plant life and implementing a contraceptive vaccine.

The immunocontraception vaccine would entail a one-shot inoculation of porcine zona pellucida, administered in an attempt to interrupt the deer's immune system and interfere with reproduction.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' next meeting will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in the county Administration Building in Elizabeth.

Applications must be mailed or returned in person to the Division of Parks and Recreation, Union County Administration Building, Elizabeth, 07207.

Board approves teacher contract

By Kathryn Fitzgerald
Managing Editor

After two mediation sessions with the American Federation of Teachers, Local 3417, and lengthy negotiations, 235 teachers within Union County Regional High School District 1 received a new, two-year contract.

The federation, which received the contract on Nov. 28, ratified the contract the previous night.

Included within the contract, which will cover the 1995-96 and 1996-97 academic years, are the following:

- A salary increase of 3.8 percent, including increment and longevity in the first year of the contract and a 3 percent increase in the second year, which also includes an increment and longevity stipend;
- An increase in the dental insurance deductible from \$50 per person

and \$150 per family to \$75 per person and \$255 per family;

- An increase in the number of professional meetings from 22 to 25 per year;

- An increase in the number of school-sponsored activities for teachers from two to three and establishing a modified eight-period day by adding an early morning flex period.

In addition, teachers will receive an increased tuition course reimbursement with a reduction in the total number of course credits permitted each year from 21 to 15 as well as:

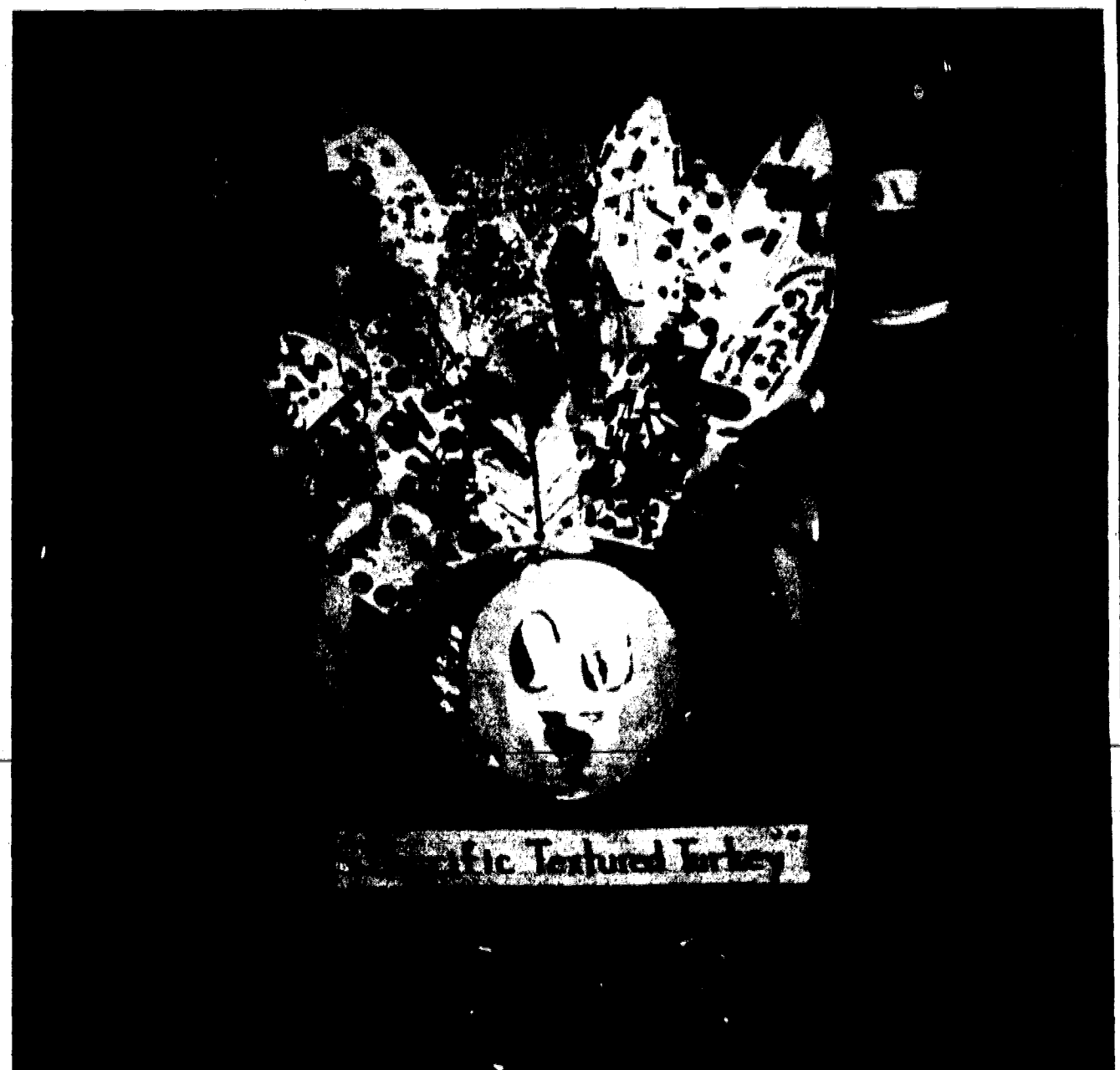
- An increase of \$5 per day for terminal leave benefits in the second year of the contract;
- An increase of \$50 per year for coaches and class advisers, also during the second year;

- An increase in the district longevity stipend for each year of the contract for teachers with more than 20 years of service.

The Board of Education stated that it was pleased that the "negotiations and mediation sessions have resulted in a successful two-year pact" and is "appreciative of the professional conduct and cooperation of the federation during negotiations and their understanding of the difficult financial position of the regional district."

In four of the last five years, the Board of Education has experienced budget defeats as well as a significant reduction in its budget. It now feels that the agreed-upon package represents a "fair compromise with one of the smallest increases in negotiated agreements in the State of New Jersey."

Textured turkey



Kindergarten students Samantha Garber and Kyle Deombeleg proudly display their textured turkey feathers. Each student decorated a feather with textures of their own choice.

Courtesy of Deerfield School

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Veteran's Room highlights borough's service in armed forces



Courtesy of Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee

This Service flag is one of many that hung in the windows of American homes with members in the armed forces during World War II. The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee currently is looking for one of these flags for display in the Veteran's Room of the Hetfield House.

The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee has designated one of the rooms in the Hetfield House as the "Veteran's Room."

Since Andrew Hetfield served as a private in the Revolutionary War, it is appropriate that a room in the historic house that he built be designated in tribute to all those who served this country in the armed forces.

The idea came about as a result of the gift the committee received from the Mountainside Memorial Post 10136 Veterans of Foreign Wars detailing the establishment of the Mountainside Veterans Memorial. In

addition, the committee has collected much World War II memorabilia for display in this room.

For the centennial year open house held in June, the committee decided to display much of the historic material it has collected. Centering around the Veterans Memorial history book, the "Veterans Room" was developed.

Centering around gifts from a number of Mountansiders, the room contains an Army induction notice, a V-Mail letter form, two food-rationing books (one with intact stamps), a worn 48-star American flag, a photograph and the listing of the honor role that stood in front of the original Bor-

ough Hall and an extensive collection of Time magazines documenting major events of World War II.

The committee currently is looking for a Service flag — the red, white and blue banner decorated with a star that hung in the window of every home with a member in service — for their display.

Any material connected with World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War will be a welcomed addition to this collection. The committee hopes that this collection will soon outgrow the small room in which it is currently housed.

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 per-

formed by the Gemini Group as part of the company's 1996 theatrical schedule.

Founded in 1994, the Gemini Group's mission is to provide an outlet for playwrights, directors, actors and production people of all levels of experience who have always wanted to work in the theater, who have been away from the theater for a time, or who currently work with other local theater groups but are intrigued by the challenges of presenting local plays by local writers.

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

Trailside plans events for children

Behold A Star

Thousands of years ago, something special happened in the sky. Today, many cultures celebrate holidays in December centered around lights. Join us in this special holiday offering under the starry skies of the planetarium.

The show will begin at 2 p.m. on Sundays during December. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.55 for seniors. No children under 6, please.

Laser-light concert

A laser-light concert featuring holiday related music by a variety of artists. Join us under the starry canopy for this new holiday laser show. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and Dec. 17. Admission is \$3.25 for adults, \$2.75 for seniors. No children under 8 will be permitted.

For more information about any of the programs offered, call Trailside at 789-3670.

Jonathon Sprout tickets available through Scouts

The Washington Rock Girl Scout Council announces that tickets are available for a Jonathon Sprout concert Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Edison Intermediate School, Rahway Avenue, Westfield.

Tickets are \$4.25 each and can be obtained through the council service center at 201 Grove St., E. Westfield or by calling 232-3236. Ticket are on a first come, first serve basis and are open to the public.

The Council is also seeking new members of all ages to join its 1995-96 chorus. Adult volunteers are also needed to assist at rehearsals, which are held on Wednesdays at Edison Intermediate School on Rahway Avenue in Westfield at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are scheduled for: Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28, and March 13.

For more information on the chorus or membership, please call the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council Service Center at 232-3236.

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Residential fires plague winter months

During the winter months, the Red Cross sees more people affected by residential fires than at any other time. This is because more people are confined indoors and use heating equipment and candles that lead too often to fires.

The National Fire Protection Association confirms that more than 600 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees in the United States, causing an average of 36 deaths, 112 injuries and \$15 million in direct property damage.

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the America Red Cross is offering the following tips for a safe and happy holiday season:

- Test your smoke detectors. Push the button on each smoke detector to see if it's working. If it's not working, replace the battery and test again. If it's still not working, replace the detector.
- If you use candles during the holiday season, always keep an eye on them and extinguish them when no

one is in the room. Don't leave children unattended in a room with candles, and always keep candles as well as matches and lighters, up high, out of children's reach.

• Do not use candles during power outages. Instead use flashlights and have plenty of extra batteries on hand. Most people have died in fires after a disaster as a result of using candles than by the direct effects of the disaster itself.

• Keep space heaters away from anything that could catch fire, including drapes, curtains, blankets, furniture and carpeting. Make sure there is at least three feet of space between a space heater and anything else — including walls, furniture and other flammable items.

The Red Cross offers courses to help educate the public on Community Disaster Education concerning public safety.

Newcomers schedule events

The Mountainside Newcomers Club has scheduled the following events:

- Dec. 15, Mommy and Me Children's Holiday Party, includes a visit with Santa and a gift for each child, to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Dec. 17, Santa's House to House Visit, Santa will visit children at their homes and deliver a special gift. Visits begin at 3 p.m.
- The Newcomers Annual Formal Gala is planned for late January.

For information on any Mountainside Newcomers Club activities, contact Carol Goggi at (908) 789-9420.



Depression doesn't take a break during the Holidays.

Depression affects millions of people each year. For some, the holidays compound the feeling, making them an even more difficult time to cope.

If you or someone you care about is suffering from an emotional problem such as depression, the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Services at Overlook Hospital can help.

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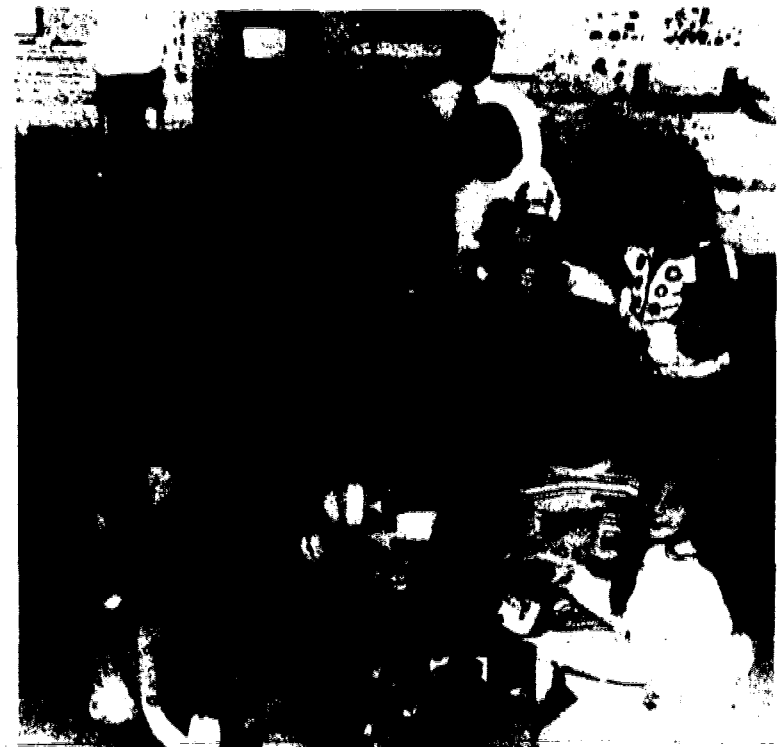
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Drive and determination



Courtesy of Thelma Sandmeier School

Members of the Student Council pack boxes with canned food donated to benefit local families in need. This program was sponsored by the school in conjunction with Calvary Tabernacle in Elizabeth and University Hospital in Newark. Clockwise, from top, are Student Council Advisor Stephen Presa, Gabrielle Cohen, Jarred Weiss, Erin O'Connor, Dara Poltrock, Amanda DiCocco, Corey Falkin, Cassie Fishkin, Abby Nadel, Larry Fish, Sara Steinman and Marisa Bianco.

Sony Electronics opens Mountain Avenue center

Sony Electronics, Inc. will hold the grand opening of its newest service center at 899 Mountain Ave. in the Echo Plaza Shopping Center on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

The company has served the people of Union County for the past five years, with a facility previously located in the Bradlees Shopping Center.

Regular hours of operation for the new facility, beginning Monday, will

be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

In addition to the repair of all Sony Electronics products, the service center has available many Sony Accessories to maximize enjoyment of any Sony Consumer Product, including video lights and lenses, carrying cases, rechargeable and alkaline batteries, patch cords and blank tape.

For more information, call (800) 282-2848.

Local printer joins Coats for Kids campaign

GT Distinctive Printing of Springfield has joined Mix 105, WMXV by becoming a designated drop-off location for their Coats for Kids Campaign. Area residents may stop by new or like-new child-sized coats through Dec. 21.

"Many of us here at GT Distinctive Printing have children of our own and

feel as though if we could get our customers as well as the community involved, we could help a lot of children stay warm this winter," stated Terry Taylor, co-owner.

Anyone who has a child-sized coat that they would like to donate should stop by GT Distinctive Printing at 36 Commerce St. or call 467-1800.

Miller-Cory House offers traditional Christmas dinner

The Miller-Cory House Museum will celebrate a Swedish Christmas on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Mae Frantz of Cranford will explain Swedish Christmas customs as celebrated in early New Jersey. Swedish children received their holiday gifts on Wednesday, a festival of fire and light known as St. Lucy's Day. Two ceremonies took place on this day, one in the home and one in the church.

Early in the morning, usually the youngest female child in the family

was dressed in a white gown, perhaps ornamented with glittering stars and a billowy crown fitted with lighted candles. She would bring hot beverages and food to family members, guests and farmhands.

Ellen Hess of Cranford and Penny Maslo of Elizabeth will prepare a traditional Swedish Christmas dinner over the open hearth using authentic recipes and techniques. Visitors can sample these creations.

The gift shop is stocked with many gift items such as dried foods, teas, reading material, cookbooks, Colonial

reproductions, crafts and games. Tours of the restored farmhouse will be conducted throughout the afternoon by authentically costumed volunteers. The last tour begins at 4:30 p.m.

Visitors will be able to learn about other aspects of life during the early American period by participating in guided tours by costumed docents through the rooms of the 1740 farmhouse.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children over 6.

On Sunday, the museum will feature a Swedish Christmas. On Saturday, the museum will conduct a Bayberry candlelight tour.

Visitors to the candlelight tour will be treated to homemade sweets and mulled cider while listening to holiday music. On Dec. 17, the "Belsnickel" arrives at the Miller-Cory House. He will be throwing candy to the children.

To make reservations for the candlelight tour and for information about the museum and its programs, call the Museum office at (908) 332-1776.

Neighborhood streams suffer from human polluters

At the Sierra Club's Loantaka Group's monthly meeting in the Clark Municipal Building, the group discussed local efforts to restore creeks and rivers to a more healthy state and how important it is for the average citizen to become more aware and

responsible for their activities and what affect they have on their neighborhood streams.

"Many of the problems our streams and lakes face today," says Dominick Villane, the group's chairperson, "are actually results from rain-water wash-

ing laws, fertilizers and poisons, (and) road contaminants, such as road salt and petroleum products.

Echo Lake in Mountainside, Westfield is a prime example of government being blamed for the errors of individual citizens. The ever-

abundance of lawn fertilizers leads to such degradation.

The Sierra Club is now enlisting citizens that want to help restore their local streamways. Anyone interested in joining should call (908) 654-9420.

Hockey dinner benefits Children's Specialized Hospital

The New Jersey Devils have selected the Children's Miracle Network as the beneficiary of its annual "Tip-A-Devil" charity dinner.

This season's dinner will be held Tuesday at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Miracle Network is a North American not-for-profit organization which actively provides better health care to children through its associated hospitals. The New Jersey/

New York Metro CMN benefits the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, New Jersey and Children's Hospital of New Jersey in Newark.

All of the Devil players will be on hand to serve food, drinks and participate in the fund-raiser. Tickets for the dinner are priced at \$75 for adults and \$50 for children 15 and under and can be purchased by sending a check or money order to "Tip-A-Devil" dinner, c/o New Jersey Devils, Meadowlands Arena, P.O. Box 504, East Rutherford, NJ 07073.

Those wishing to attend should include their name, address, telephone number and number of guests with their payment. They will receive a confirmation by mail prior to the event.

The dinner, which is benefiting the NJNY Metro Children's Miracle Network for the first time, features many new attractions this year.

Mike Miller, the radio play-by-play voice of the Devils, will serve as emcee. He will introduce the players

as well as their wives/girlfriends, and video highlights will be shown as each player enters the ballroom.

A silent auction of sports memorabilia donated by sports teams from the four major sports will be a feature of the evening and all items will be on display the entire evening.

The last "Tip-A-Devil" dinner raised over \$32,000 for charity. Seating is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information, call the Devils at (201) 335-6050.

Hospital displays local artists' work

The work of two local artists will be on display at Children's Specialized Hospital throughout December.

One exhibit, consisting of paintings and monoprints, is titled "Life and Art." The artwork was created by borough resident Doris Krueger.

Krueger received training at the University of Southern California; California School of Art, Los Angeles; Rider College and the Art Students League, New York City.

She is a sculpture-painter whose artwork relates to nature and mankind, nature and floral and figure. She

is represented by the Pejman Gallery of Millburn and is a member of the New Jersey Center of Visual Arts in Summit.

Recent exhibitions of her work include The Palmer Museum, Springfield; Watchung Art Gallery; Les Malmut Gallery, Union; National Council for Jewish Women, West Orange and Haddasah Art Show, Westfield.

Artwork by Sylvia Cloughly, also on display next month, focuses on capturing light shining through transparent and translucent objects, the

glitter of wet surfaces in the sun or the appearance of objects beneath the surface of the water in streams and lakes. She works on location and from still-life compositions.

Cloughly received training at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, attending nights while working full time. She then studied painting and sculpture at Columbia University. She has studied oil painting with

Albert Bross; sculpture with Professor Salvatori, Adelaide Barkhorn and Ruth Auncher; watercolor with Bill Senior and Betty Stroppel; and attended workshops with Nita Engle and Tom Lynch.

For more information about the display, call the hospital's community resource coordinator, Susan Baxter, at 233-3720, Ext. 379.

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Thanksgiving treat



Courtesy of Deerfield School

Scott Ecker, left, and Brenton Rehm, MOPPET students at Deerfield School, show off the stuffed turkeys they created for Thanksgiving.

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 the coming months.

"Shadows and Memories," a photography exhibit by Nancy Ori of Gillette, will be held Saturday through Jan. 14.

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, Calif.

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 adventures, 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 Monday 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; "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 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.

people in the news

Borough artist receives honor during reception

Brooke Gardiner of Mountainside will be among seven artists that will be honored during a champagne reception at The Eugenie Gallery, 501 Park Ave., Scotch Plains, on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Her honored artwork is a glass-blown sculpture.

Other featured artists include Joseph Spohr of Elizabeth, glass and furniture design; Salvatore Lumetta of Scotch Plains, oils; Sonya S. Grossman of Oakhurst, abstract oils; Shelby Sacks of Deal, abstract oils, and Steve Koloday and Susan Gallagher of New York City, jewelry.

Township lawyer speaks during bar convention

Kenneth S. Javerbaum, senior partner in the Springfield firm of Javerbaum Wurgaft & Hicks, was a principal speaker Nov. 8-11 before an overflow crowd of judges, court administrators and lawyers during the mid-year convention for the New Jersey State Bar Association in California.

Javerbaum addressed the San Francisco convention on four recent decisions by the New Jersey Supreme Court that have profoundly affected ethical standards for attorneys as well as potential malpractice claims brought against them by their clients. Javerbaum last week was scheduled to argue a significant case in this area before the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The Springfield attorney, who is a certified trial attorney, has achieved statewide prominence for his representation of victims of catastrophic injuries and persons harmed by legal malpractice. He has long been active in numerous county, state and national bar activities.

He currently serves as president of the Richard J. Hughes Inn of Court, a two-year Union County program in which senior members of the bar and judiciary share their knowledge and experience with newly admitted attorneys.

Homeless get help from local students

Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside took third prize in the central region of the state for the planning of a project to help mankind.

The 19 students, who are among 5,000 New Jersey fourth-graders participating in the "Together We Can Make a Difference" program, will collect hygiene products throughout the year for homeless people at the Plainfield YMCA.

The "Together We Can Make a Difference" program is sponsored by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives and NatWest Bank, in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of New Jersey, to foster a new generation of philanthropists.

Rotarians judged the projects on the basis of their potential benefit to others, quality of planning, presentation and creativity. First-, second- and

third-place winners were chosen in each of three regions — north, south and central New Jersey.

The nine winning classes received their awards during the Philanthropy Day in New Jersey Celebration held Nov. 16 at the Somerset Radisson Hotel. Following a videotape message from First Lady Hillary Clinton encouraging philanthropy, the students heard laudatory addresses from Rowena Madden, executive director of the Office of Innovative Programs, New Jersey Commission on National Service; Chan Peterson, senior vice president of NatWest Bank; and Kent Aldershof, Meadowlands Rotary, District 7490.

All participating classes will now implement their projects. In November, projects will be judged again, this time on the basis of their effectiveness.

Red Cross elects new officers

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross held its Annual Meeting and Luncheon recently to recognize chapter service volunteers and members of the board for their terms of office.

The following officers were elected for 1995-96: Edward Gottko, chapter

chairman; Dennis Kinsella, past chairman; Dr. John Tabachnick, first vice chairman; Kevin J. O'Neill, second vice chairman; Dr. William Bon-sull, third vice chairman/secretary; George Gatesy, treasurer; James Dodd, assistant treasurer, and James Flynn, legal counsel.

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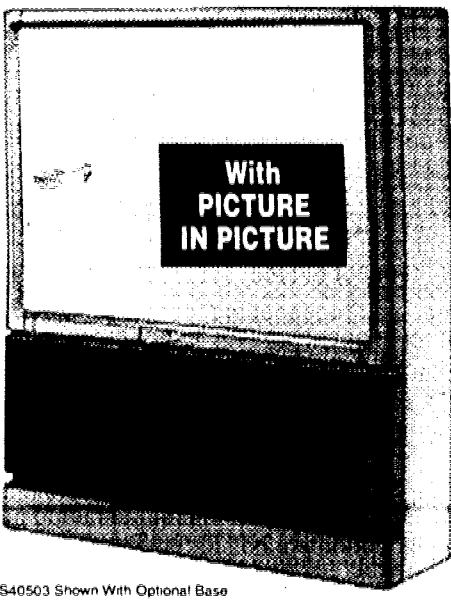
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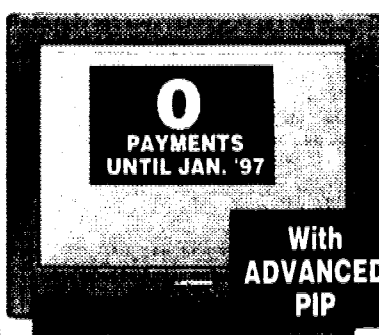
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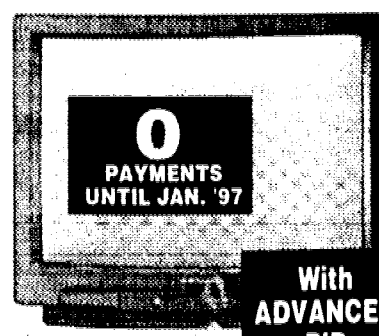


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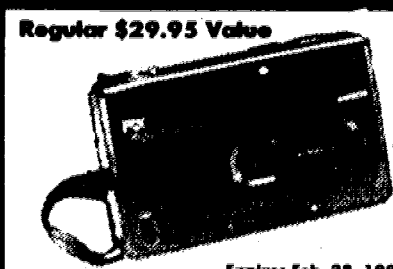
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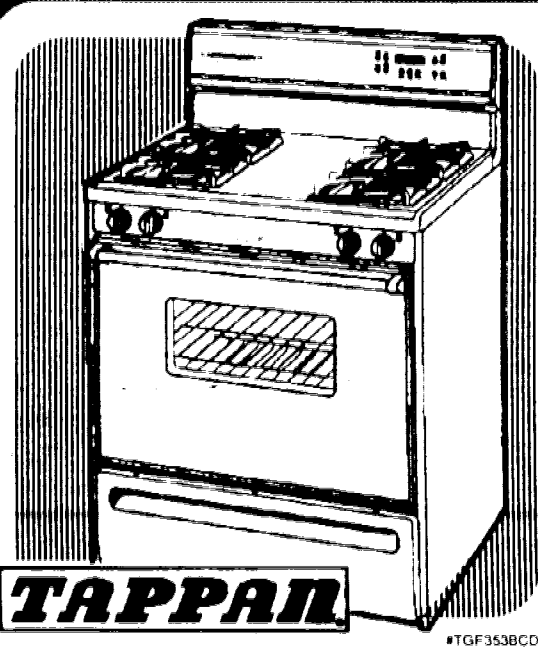


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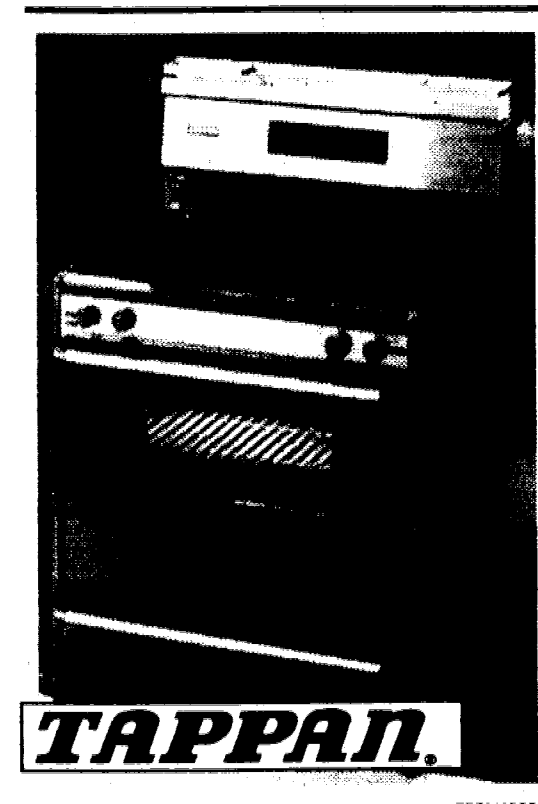
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OPINION PAGE

Once isn't enough

Each year, civic-minded members of the community band together to wipe out the litter and garbage that have become a blight on their surrounding neighborhoods. Residents pitch in to wipe away the ugliness of trash and to preserve the beauty that makes their town special and endearing.

Clean Community Day, as it has been named, brings out the best in all those involved while cleaning the area. Local residents, most notably the children who participate through the local troops and packs of the Boy and Girl Scouts, learn community spirit and pride while making their town a more attractive place to live.

The question then must stand, "Where have these people been all year?"

The quick fix, a symbol of recent times, has surfaced in the area of local community maintenance. Instead of taking care of business on a more permanent basis, everyone opts for the "easy" route:

Clean Community Day, though most certainly a worthwhile undertaking, is essentially a one-shot attempt at atoning for the other 364 days everyone spent not caring about the garbage that was piling up around them.

Instead of doing their duty as townspeople and cleaning after themselves or each other all along, citizens have allowed enough refuse to pile up that an entire day needed to be set aside to take care of it. And, as anyone will tell you, one day is not enough.

It is not realistic to assume that you can ignore — or worse, contribute to — the mountains of food wrappers, paper, beverage containers and other throw-aways all year, then spend one day knuckling down to return your town to its original splendor and resume your wasteful, destructive ways the very next day.

The blame for this neglect cannot fall on any one resident; the entire community must take responsibility for the upkeep of their town. One spirited day of litter-busting is not and never will be sufficient to atone for a year of littering and other community neglect.

A more logical and productive plan of operation should ultimately include a year-round program that would continually tackle the growing trash problem. As with any program, this would require money, unless it's a volunteer effort.

Grants provided by state government help fund area efforts, such as the Adopt-A-Highway program and Clean Community Day itself as well as other litter collection and prevention measures.

Funds for programs established or participated in by the community can go a long way toward lessening the pressure put on Clean Community Day participants, but, as often is the case, grants can only go so far.

All the organizations and private citizens who participated in this year's Clean Community Day should be commended for the fantastic job they did for the town — a job, however, that should not have needed to be done.

In essence, a day set aside for mass community cleansing should not be necessary if the problem is taken care of all year.

If, instead of dropping refuse on the ground, pedestrians would walk that extra few feet to a garbage can, if people who saw litter lying around would take it upon themselves to dispose of it instead of assuming that it is not "their responsibility" and the "next guy will get it," half of the problem would be solved.

The next time you pass a bit of litter blowing along by your feet, assume that the "next guy" is most likely thinking the same thing you are: "It's not my problem. Someone else will get it."

It is this kind of apathy and habitual buck-passing that leads to the destruction of a community's beauty. Before this happens, action must be taken. It will be increasingly difficult to engender pride in one's hometown when that hometown is buried in garbage.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9898, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infosource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



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Local boards have been honest with voters

Be Our Guest

By Janet Glynos

On Nov. 21, Union County Regional District Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik released a bulletin to update residents on the deregionalization process. Within the bulletin, Merachnik implied that information needed by the voters to make an informed decision at the ballot box "may not be forthcoming in an accurate and honest way."

Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

In this bulletin, he refers to his concern for what our tax bills may be five years after deregionalization.

- This from a superintendent whose district's tax levy continues to climb until it has become the most expensive school district in the state.

- This from a superintendent whose Board of Education has for the last several years removed millions of dollars from surplus and applied these monies to reduce the tax impact of its budgets.

- This same superintendent and Board of Education refuses year after year to tell voters what they will do when they run out of surplus — and

public to suit their needs. A district with a Board of Education that allows open meetings to show, then closes its meetings when it wants to shut out the public.

For the last four years I have attended almost every regional Board of Education meeting and for those four years this superintendent and regional board have completely shut out the public from any input into the development of the budget. Now, in the midst of the possibility of dissolution, the superintendent and regional board decided that it is important to have public input into developing the budget.

Talk about honesty. Dr. Merachnik tries to imply that the local districts have something to hide and are less than willing to be honest. My answer to you, Dr. Merachnik, is that the local boards of education have proved to a board of review — comprised of a representative from the state Board of Education, the state Treasury Department, Department of Community Affairs and the commissioner of education — that they are capable of running their

own districts and that an excessive financial burden would not be left on any of the communities.

The local boards of education have presented the financial report of Deloitte & Touche during public meetings in their communities, but of course you know, that since you attended these meetings.

The local communities have developed courses of study which have been discussed and presented during public meetings. The local boards never have hid behind the screen of executive session and instead have faced the issues.

Dr. Merachnik, as superintendent of the most costly district in New Jersey — whose costs will continue to increase even in the next five years — I have one thing to say to you: The local districts know they can do a better job financially and educationally, and there is nothing inaccurate or dishonest about that.

Janet Glynos is president of Kenilworth's Committee of Concerned Parents and is a member of that borough's Board of Education.

Juvenile justice system needs overhaul

As I See it

By Norman Rauscher

A day doesn't go by that a blaring headline from a daily newspaper tells us more discouraging news.

The other day there was a story in one of the dailies that a surge in one of the youthful crimes has pushed the Union County Youth Detention to its physical limits. Holding cells designed for one youthful offender now hold two or three.

Authorities blame a dramatic increase in youthful crime that runs the gamut from simple violence to drug possession and armed robbery to murder.

Since it takes the courts almost forever to complete a case, the detention center is taking on the appearance of a full can of sardines. This can be a very dangerous situation. Most of these youthful offenders are angry and want to be free. We can see their point. But some of these young people have committed heinous crimes and they are sent to the detention center to wait and sweat it out, scheming and plotting ways to get back at the system for putting them there.

What bothers the Detention House authorities is that some spark could ignite the emotions of these kids and suddenly we have a riot on our hands.

It has come to a point that counties call each other to see if a holding cell is available for a couple of days.

We don't understand the delay in bringing young delinquents to trial. Statistics show that 15 of the 17 centers are operating dangerously beyond capacity. At the end of October the 933 juveniles between 15 and 18 are being held in facilities designed for 619. That's a red flag that can't be ignored.

Juvenile experts cannot fathom why kids who get into trouble are getting younger and are committing more serious crimes — carjacking, car theft, holding up the corner candy store or breaking into a house. Some get their kicks by assaulting someone.

However, what is thoroughly startling is the viciousness of some crimes. Without the least provocation, some of these juveniles will beat up a victim after they have gotten his money. Age makes no difference. The victim could be a little old helpless woman or a man walking on crutches, or even a little kid minding his own business. There are even those who

will abuse a person with gasoline and set the victim on fire. That must be great fun. The victims are generally helpless and homeless. This must be a sure-fire way to gain a "rep," as they say, among peers.

When these young troublemakers are caught, they are hustled off to the Detention Center to wait for a hearing. On the other hand, some juvenile authorities will pick up a 13- or 14-year-old after he/she has committed an especially vicious crime to find they show no remorse and even laugh and kid around. Obviously they have no understanding of what they've done to themselves, their families and the victim's family. To them, being arrested is cool. They know that juvenile justice laws are limited as to what kind of punishment the courts can mete out. The juvenile's name cannot be made public, they cannot serve more than a couple of years, even if the crime is murder, and if they behave themselves in the future, they can be released in a few months or so. Under certain circumstances, the courts will expunge the record of the crime and they can go about their business as though nothing ever happened. There is something wrong here, and the juvenile justice system needs a remodeling and a complete overhaul.

I think the first thing that should happen is to make public the names of juveniles who commit vicious acts. They should not remain anonymous. Prison sentences should be longer. The only thing is, the more we toss these malcontents into the slammer, the more overcrowded the jails become. It's like a "Catch-22."

What can be done? Some think the parents should take more responsibility for their kid's behavior. Some parents think it's the schools' obligation to keep track of these kids. I think it's some of the parents who are getting "off too easily. If not the parents? Who?

When you hear that a 14-year-old has been arrested at 4 a.m. on the streets after a carjacking, we wonder where the parents are for permitting the kid to be out so late. What is frightening is that juvenile crime is increasing and the detention centers are bulging at the seams. Where are we going wrong? In a few years, we will inherit a new generation of adults who have committed crimes and done time in jail. Isn't that just cool?

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is a columnist for Worrall Community Newspapers.

letters to the editor

Clinton unconvincing on Bosnia

To the Editor:
President Clinton's attempts thus far to justify his declared intention to send 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia remain totally unconvincing. First, he says that "the mission will be precisely defined with clear realistic goals that can be achieved in a definite period of time." Yet, he utterly fails to define that mission, as if mission definition were someone else's responsibility, not his.

Second, he claims that "the risks to our troops will be minimized" and that they will have the authority "to respond immediately and with overwhelming force to any threat to their own safety." Yet, he seems totally oblivious to the likelihood that the principal threat to the safety of U.S. personnel may come from guerrilla warfare, not conventional conflict with readily identifiable military forces.

Just how President Clinton would respond to surprise attacks upon small units or individuals coming from guerrillas who quickly lose themselves in the indigenous population, he completely fails to say.

Finally, the president totally fails to identify any vital U.S. security interest at stake in Bosnia. The complex treaty structure of mutual support that bound Austria-Hungary to Germany and bound Serbia to Russia and France in 1914

has no counterpart today. President Clinton's attempt to link Sarajevo in 1995 to Sarajevo in 1914 has more basis in emotion than in reality.

Although we all agree that terrible things have happened on all sides in Bosnia during the past several years, President Clinton needs to make a more convincing case before he places American lives at risk in a part of the world where, for reasons best known to themselves, people have been hating and killing one another and remain mortal enemies after hundreds and hundreds of years.

Robert B. Ardis
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OP-ED PAGE

Beatles helped American people to see themselves anew

Paul McCartney imitated Little Richard's and Jerry Lee Lewis' vocal mannerisms without quite capturing any of their madness or menace. He really was cute and silly. Paul was the professional entertainer. He could have been an actor or a TV variety show host. Leslie set up an altar to Paul on top of her dresser, complete with framed photographs, incense and votive candles.

Janine liked gruff, enigmatic guys, preferably ones who wanted to save the world with poetry. John Lennon and Bob Dylan were her dual champions. "They're really sweet," she'd explain. "They don't mean to be difficult." But of course, being difficult is

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

exactly what they were about. Lennon growled when he sang. He needed "Help." He expected you to "Run For Your Life." Later, when people still insisted upon loving him, he turned into a walrus.

Maureen's uncle got her a pass to see the Beatles arrive at McGuire Air Force Base. I don't remember how it happened, but somewhere between

the ramp and the limo. George Harrison stopped, kissed her on the cheek, and signed his autograph. Three hours later, after she was back home, Maureen became hysterical. She remained hysterical until she passed out from exhaustion, with Janine holding cold compresses to her head. For this encounter with one of the fabled, fab four, she received the jealousy and enmity of many of her classmates, with the exception of Janine, Leslie and Amy. I bet she still has that autograph. Amy adored Ringo above all. No one ever figured out why.

It is difficult to convey the depth of change that occurred with the coming of The Beatles. The music and the old

news clips convey the genius and lunacy, but not the transformation. It was so great that a generation gap opened between myself and my sister, who is only two years older, but whose tastes and attitudes are pre-Beatle. Since that era, only Punk has had a similar impact, and it began on a much smaller scale. Hair style, language, dress, morality, political and religious belief all were turned upside down. The Beatles did not cause this upheaval — it had been in the wind for awhile — but they ushered it in as revolutionary symbols. So powerful were they that high school social culture broke into antagonistic factions, one with a '50s hangover, the other

looking toward new possibilities.

The Beatles never really left any have flowed through the current of popular culture for years as nostalgic reminders of unkept promises and unfulfilled dreams. They deserve our gratitude because they helped Americans see itself with new eyes and hear itself with new ears. John Lennon was correct: In their prime, they were more popular than Jesus among American kids.

The current corporate promotional campaign is sicker than anything Brian Epstein, the original Beatles manager, conducted during the '60s. The object now, as then, is to sell recordings. The only is that there is

longer is an authentic, living entity known as "The Beatles." This circus is mostly bogus, yet the promises and dreams remain all too affectionate of succeeding generations of young dreamers — the musicians, poets and idealists.

"I don't know" what happened to these four beautiful girls, once close friends, who loved The Beatles. The last time I saw them, they were wearing love beads and long, gypsy dresses. Maybe they still do, or maybe their kids look like that now.

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

letters to the editor

Library a source of township pride

To the Editor:

As president, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the devoted members of the Springfield Library board of trustees for their hard work. The year is winding down and soon the holiday season will be upon us.

As I look back on all that has been accomplished in our library during 1995, I can't help but feel that the wonderful holiday spirit of giving has existed on our board the entire year. Nowhere can one find a more dedicated, hard-working group.

Those who gave so much of themselves include Helen Frank, Myrna Wasserman, Bill Welsch, Gil Cohen, Mayor Marcia Forman, the former superintendent's representative Al La Morges, who has retired, and present representative, Dr. Judy Zimmerman. They all worked tirelessly together, and the list of their accomplishments is truly remarkable.

However, nothing we did would have any meaning without the proper staff to provide the ever-expanding services. On behalf of the library board of trustees, I want to say thank you to our innovative director, Susan Permahos, her entire staff, the Friends of the Library, and to our many other wonderful volunteers.

Thank you all for working so hard to improve a library that is already a source of great pride for all of us who live in Springfield.

As the year comes to a close, so does my term as president. It has been a most gratifying and exciting experience working with this board and our director.

Living as we are in an age of runaway technology, it was especially rewarding to see the Springfield Public Library get ready to enter the 21st century by becoming automated and getting on the Internet. I am certain that my successor will enjoy the same cooperation from the board and experience the same feelings of fulfillment.

For those of you who are not familiar with our library, make one of your 1996 New Year's resolutions to take advantage of the myriad services our library has to offer.

Shirley Kurnos
Springfield

Ignoring the law

To the Editor:

There is an ongoing crime epidemic in New Jersey, and it is an epidemic of governmental crime. Every year, millions of dollars are stolen from New Jersey residents by county governments violating the provisions of N.J.S.A. 13:54-1.13 which forbids the collection of fees for background checks.

The attorney general and the state police know of this practice, but refuse to

enforce the law. Such enforcement, if it would be an admission of prior knowledge of, and thus complicity in, this ongoing crime, so they are patiently waiting for the passage of A-1152, and hoping that the issue of years of long-term governmental crime will somehow disappear.

A-1152 is a shameful amendment, but sponsored by Assemblymen Kavanaugh and Bateman, both R-Somerset. It would change state law to allow the collection of the aforementioned fees, and totally disregards the issue of prior theft of millions of dollars by county governments.

Their two co-sponsors, Assemblymen Augustine and Bagger, R-Union, have removed their names from the bill. They did so when study on their part showed the bill to be flawed in its premise.

Call your assemblyman and complain about A-1152. Call Assemblymen Kavanaugh and Bateman and ask them to withdraw this offensive legislation. Call the Office of the Attorney General, and demand that she enforce the law and ensure that the many millions of stolen dollars are returned to the victims.

Call the Office of the Governor, and demand that she force the attorney general to do her job.

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Weight loss programs, counseling available at Overlook Hospital

In an effort to help improve the health of the community, Overlook Hospital will be offering weight-loss programs during the upcoming year.

The HealthyLife Weigh program, Personal Fitness Counseling, and Personal Nutrition Counseling are just three of the programs Overlook provides for those seeking to improve their health through weight management.

HealthyLife Weigh, which will begin on Jan. 16 in the evening, is designed to educate participants in nutrition and exercise. Part of the

program involves meeting with a dietitian once a week to educate participants on guidelines they should follow for a healthy diet.

"My purpose is to provide participants with the tools they need to eat in a healthy manner," said Christine Scott, registered dietitian from Overlook. "We discuss how to make healthy food choices as well as guidelines needed to modify eating habits which have led to weight gain. Emotional eating and food triggers are just some of the behaviors that we try to identify so participants can adopt healthy

modifications that they can live with and enjoy."

The HealthyLife Weigh program also provides exercise classes twice a week. "One of the benefits of a healthy exercise regime, beside the weight loss, is an increase in energy," said Mary McLaughlin, exercise physiologist. "Our program teaches individuals techniques such as how to monitor their heart rate during exercise, how to exercise without over-exercising themselves, and how to increase flexibility. We provide the opportunity to exercise during

class, as well as the education needed to continue on their own."

Allison Schiller of Summit, a current student of HealthyLife Weigh, is pleased with the education and support she receives from the program.

"I have been through other weight loss programs but the weight always came back. This class has provided me with the focus I need to stay on the right track with my eating habits," said Schiller. "I knew that an exercise routine is an important component in weight control, but I needed to learn more. I have never been to a gym

before, so the techniques and tips I am learning have given me the confidence needed in looking for a place to exercise on my own. This program is really like having your own personal trainer and nutritionist, and there is the added support given with other classmates that are in similar situations and want solutions as well."

The Personal Fitness Counseling and Personal Nutrition Counseling programs, available for registration anytime, are designed to offer personalized guidelines for weight loss. Participants meet one-on-one with a dietitian or an exercise physiologist who guides them in the management of their own diet and exercise goals.

"Rather than attending a class every week, the participant buys a set of number of hours initially, to be used to their discretion, and additional hours can be purchased if necessary," said Scott. "They can buy fitness counseling or nutrition counseling, or both."

These programs are designed for individuals who prefer a personalized setting over the classroom environment, according to McLaughlin.

Overlook builds hospice room with donor's gift

A private donor's gift is making possible the decor of Overlook Hospital's first in-house Hospice room. The room's dedication occurs as part of the celebration of National Hospice and Home Care Month's theme: "Reclaim the Spirit of Life."

"When faced with a chronic or terminal illness, many patients and family members tend to dwell on possible losses rather than making the most of the life that remains," stated Judith Gordon, administrative director of Overlook's Hospice Department, stated.

Hospice and Home Care help patients reclaim this spirit of life. It helps patients and families understand that even though death can lead to sadness, pain and hopelessness, it can also lead to opportunities for reminiscence, laughter and reunion.

"We hope to give patients and their significant others opportunities to reclaim their spirit of life," Gordon said.

The interdisciplinary team caring approach helps patients, as well as their family members, with what may be one of the toughest transitions in life.

"We are able to do so by eliminating the physical pain associated with an illness, as well as supplying necessary psychological, spiritual and emotional support so a patient and family can concentrate on life," Lynn O'Brien, director of the department's Professional Services, said. "Overlook's program is primarily based in the home and treats the person, not only the disease; focuses on the family, not only the individual; and emphasizes the quality of life, not only the duration."

National Hospice and Home Care Month is an opportunity to enhance public awareness about hospice and home care.

"We also pay tribute to the thousands of caregivers who devote their time, love and support to the ill and their children," O'Brien said.

The Special Hospice Room also was dedicated during the month. The decorations giving the hospital room, a feeling of home-like comfort, were given anonymously to Overlook by a family in honor of the care received by their family member, a patient on the Hospice service.

Thanksgiving was brighter for families

Thanksgiving was a little brighter for seven families in Essex and Union counties thanks to the Northern New Jersey Eye Institute.

This year the physicians, staff and members of the Cataract Support Group donated food and their time to prepare and deliver boxes overflowing with everything needed for a Thanksgiving Day meal. There were treats for the children and adults alike.

The institute has sponsored Thanksgiving Day meals for needy families for several years. This year the donation drive was headed by Doris Tepperman, an institute employee and Peggy Kirschbaum, a long-time Cataract Support Group member. The Cataract Support Group is made up of patients who have had their cataracts removed by institute doctors.

The Northern New Jersey Eye Institute, located at 71 Second St. in South Orange, gives back to the community in several ways during the year. It has been a long-standing policy to donate a tree or gifts to the needy during the holiday, said Dr. John W. Norris. Dr. Bernard C. Spier added that once a year the institute's doctors provide free cataract and implant surgery to those who have no means to pay.

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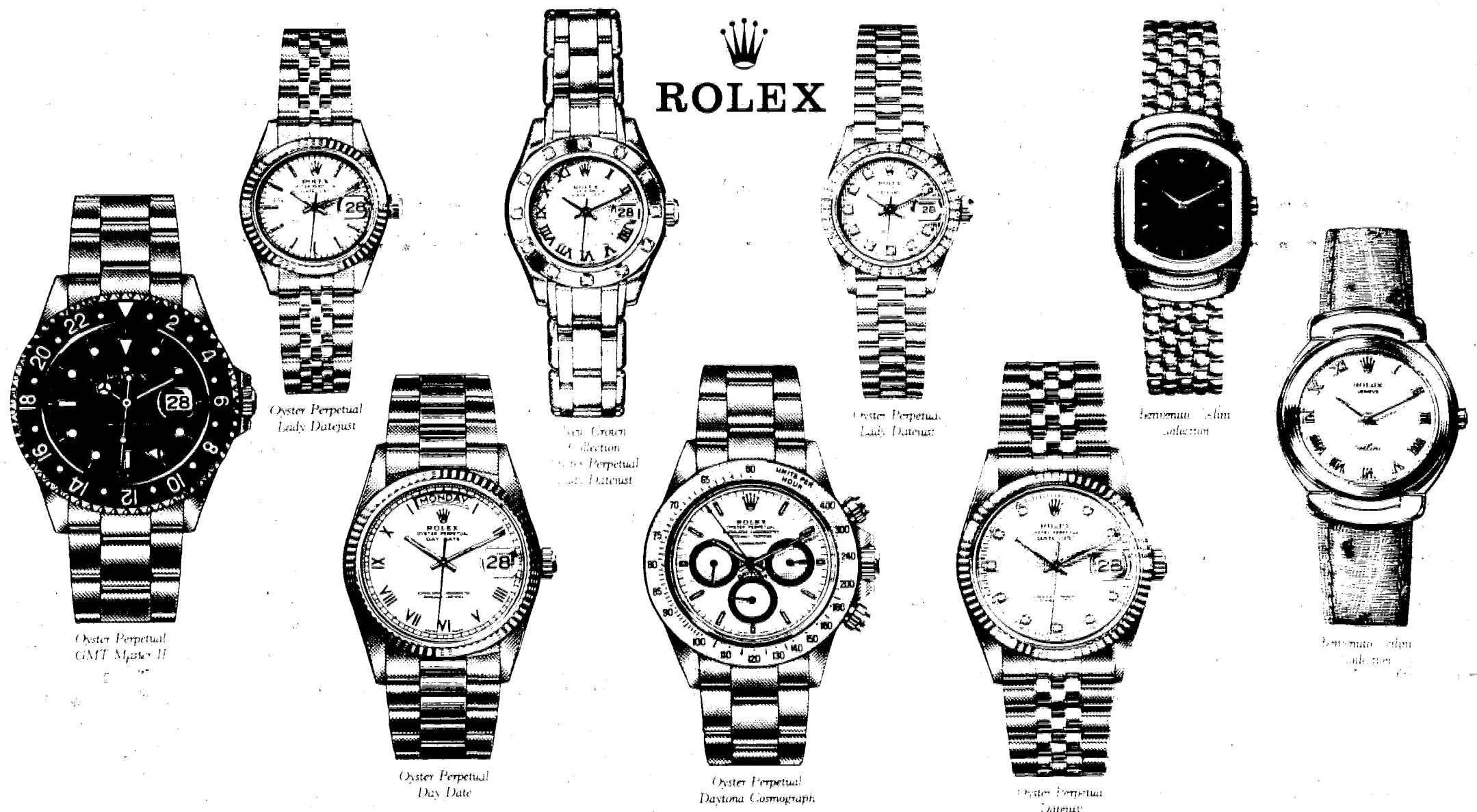
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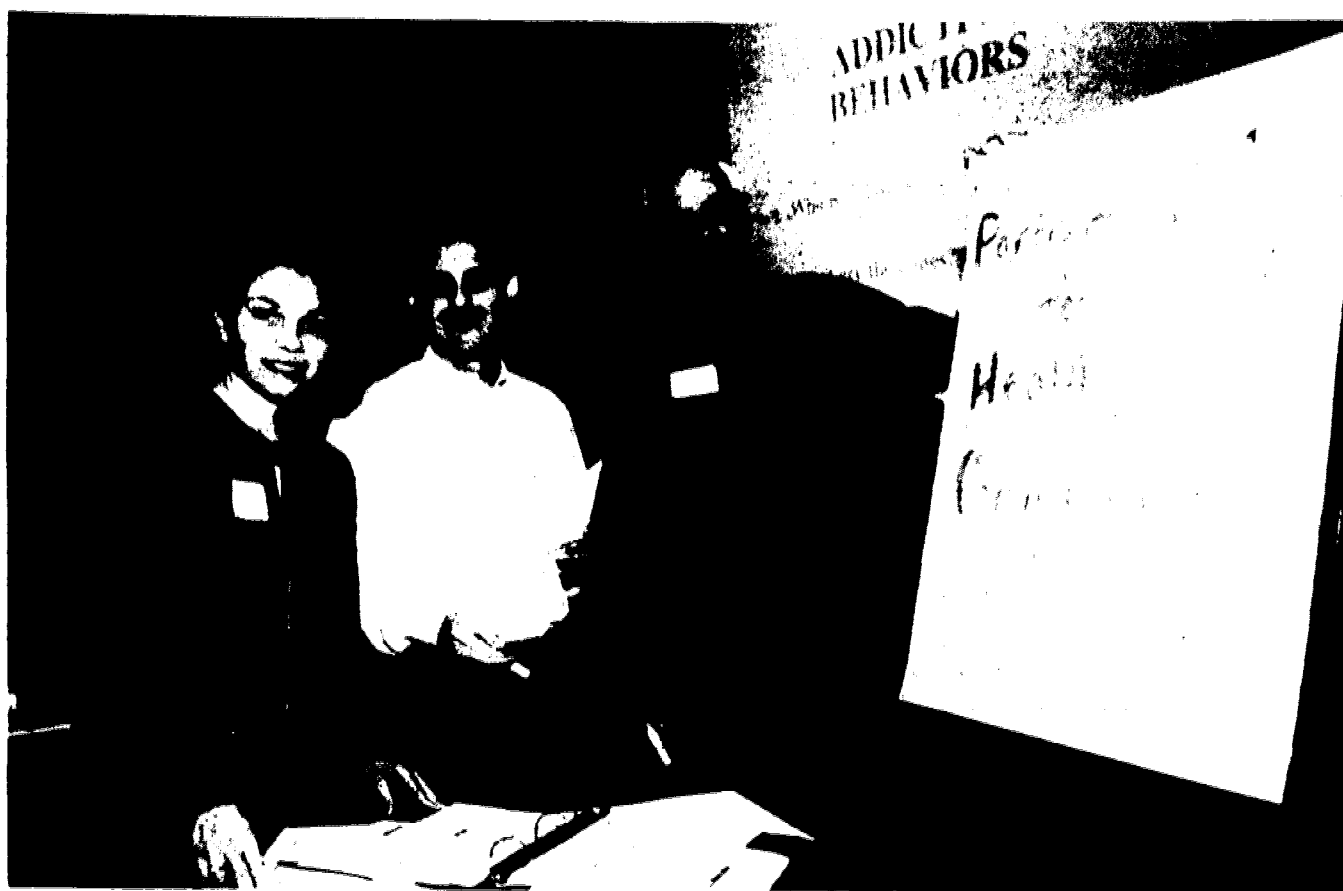
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Partnership for Healthy Communities has completed research on local health needs which are not being met. From left are Essex Community Committee Co-Chairs Ann-Marie Nazzarro, executive director of the YWCA in Montclair; Roger Cost, executive director of the United Way of North Essex in Montclair, and the chairman of the North Central Community Committee, Robert C. Reiss.

Partnership reports on community needs

During the summer, area residents were surveyed to gain insight into the health care needs they may have which are presently not being met. Statistics compiled from their responses included the following:

- Thirty-one percent of the children in our service area have asthma;
- There is significant anxiety or stress in the households of three in five residents;
- Fifty-eight percent of residents are trying to lose weight, an average of 20 pounds each;
- Violent or abusive behavior has been displayed in over 5 percent of area households, nearly twice the state and national averages.

The survey was the first part of a

research effort conducted by the Partnership for Healthy Communities, an initiative spearheaded by a community committee comprised of 50 diverse stakeholders and leaders. The partnership was formed with the goal of improving the health status of our communities, and was co-sponsored by Overlook Hospital in Summit and Mountainside Hospital in Glen Ridge/Montclair. The intent of the Partnership is to define unmet, health-related needs of community residents, and the barriers they may face when seeking care. The project covers 19 municipalities surrounding Overlook Hospital and the 16 municipalities surrounding Mountainside Hospital.

Building on statistical information

currently available from local and state health departments, the Partnership for Healthy Communities had a two-pronged approach to learning more about the community's perceived health needs.

"We began with the survey mailed randomly to area residents, and then held focus groups based upon issues which surfaced from the surveys," said Roger Costa, Essex community committee co-chairman and executive director of the United Way of North Essex in Montclair. "The surveys were completed by individuals in over 1,300 households, and we were successful in meeting our goal of reaching all segments of our diverse communities."

Divorcees group meets Mondays

Mutual Aid Self-Help, a nonprofit, nonprofessional, nonsecretarian self-help group serving separated and divorced men and women of Central New Jersey meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at the First Baptist Church of New Market, 450 New Market Road, Piscataway.

MASH was started more than 10 years ago to provide support to men and women going through the pain associated with separation and divorce. This is accomplished through small group discussions, guest speakers, weekly co-ed social activities and contact with other members that can

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SAGE retirees restore furniture

Do you have a chair with a missing leg? A table that needs refinishing? Want a nice bird feeder for the backyard? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then a group of retired gentlemen would be glad to help you. Three mornings a week, the SAGE workshop at 50 DeForest Ave. is busy with volunteers repairing broken furniture, caning chairs, refinishing wood, and creating new wooden craft items. To reach the SAGE workshop, call 273-5550.

The men come from a variety of professional backgrounds. One is a former minister, two are doctors and others are retired managers or businessmen. They share a love of working with their hands and keeping busy.

"We rescue furniture!" said Peter Skarecki, workshop director. Helping others is an important goal of the retirees. All workshop proceeds help support SAGE programs for the frail elderly.

In addition to repairs, volunteers build a variety of folk art projects. Coat hangers, book ends, magazine racks, plant holders, bird feeders, step stools and an electrified doll house are some of the handcrafted items that are for sale at moderate prices.



Workshop volunteers A.J. Duis of Summit, left, and Dick Hubley of Maplewood 're-create' a chair.



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One of the most recent resources

added to the library is the Health Reference Center, a CD-Rom based system that provides access to more than 150 medical journals, newspapers, pamphlets and reference books available on-site to library visitors. With the touch of a few keys, the user has instant access to volumes of health information. The system is updated monthly to assure accuracy,

and some journals and pamphlets are available in full-text format. And for the computer shy, professional medical librarians are available for assistance.

In addition to the HRC, the library has a large consumer health collection which includes books, journals, audiovisuals, hundreds of free pamphlets and vertical files — all of

which are written in nontechnical language.

The library is open to the public, Monday through Thursday between 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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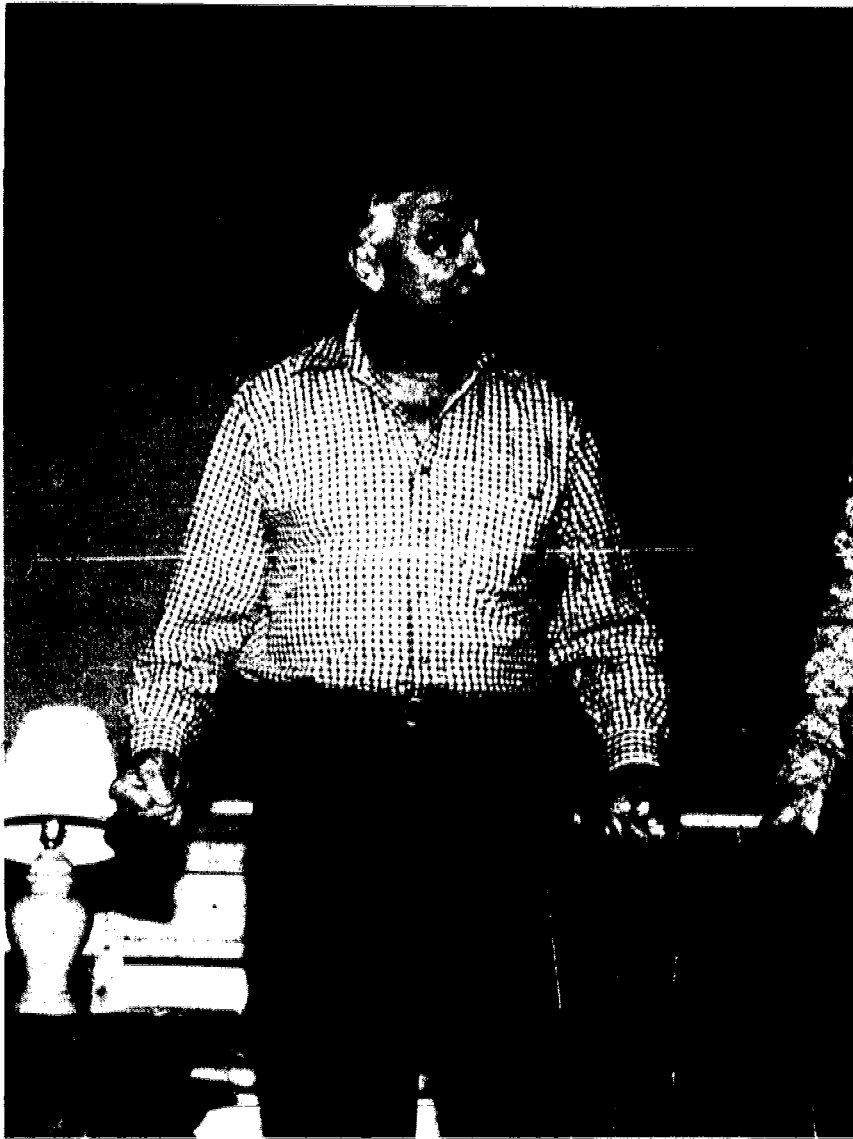
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Senior Lifestyles

Township man finds 'great release' in his acting



Courtesy of Cranford Repertory Theater

Township resident Eli Levine rehearses for his performance as Mr. Dussel in the Cranford Repertory Theater's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

By Cindy Gordon
Staff Writer

Township resident Eli Levine finds his acting to be "a great release."

"If you have tension or pressures in life," he added in explanation, "the best way to deal with them is to become a different character. It's good therapy."

No newcomer to the stage, Levine has had a long and successful career on the local stage. He has appeared in nearly 50 productions in the past 30 years, including versions of "Mornings At Seven" with the Stony Hill Players and the Playcrafters in West Caldwell, "Spoon River," and "Inherit the Wind" as a member of the Montclair Studio Players. He is currently appearing in the Cranford Repertory Theater's production "The Diary of Anne Frank."

In his current role as Mr. Dussel, Levine portrays a dentist who escapes

and brings medicine to the others in the family. "He is a fun character that relieves some of the tension," Levine said. "Being Jewish, the play has special meaning to me."

Levine describes his present performance in "The Diary of Anne Frank" and his portrayal of Matthew Harrison Brady in "Inherit the Wind" as the most memorable roles he's taken on. He said that roles like these can comprise the best aspects of acting and contribute to stellar performances: "If a play deals with a heavy social issue that you believe in, you can get behind them and give them a great push."

In one of his most challenging roles, Levine performed the monologues of "Spoon River." According to Levine, "the author, Edgar Lee Masters, created a fictional town and fictional characters, each one dead. Each character reviews the meaning of his life, thoughts and philosophy.

It's not pure fun. It's a play that makes you think a lot."

Born in New York City in 1923, Levine has been a resident of New Jersey for 49 years. He recently retired from a career as a chemist for Celanese in Summit.

Levine began acting when a job required him to perform some public speaking tasks. "I thought that learning to act would not be a bad thing to do," he said. "I found that the hobby helped me professionally and the profession helped me hobby. It worked out very well."

His first performance, at the old YMCA in Newark, was in "The Wooden Shoe," a story about a young man who took care of his father, but faced the possibility of having to put him into a nursing home. Levine said that the play was so upsetting that the audience would leave the theater in tears.

Although he enjoys his work, Levine claims that the hardest part of acting is making even the simplest actions look natural. "When you see an actor or actress perform a simple action, such as picking up a cup and taking a sip, it looks so easy and relaxed and natural, but it isn't — just the opposite, in fact."

One of Levine's favorite parts of performing is the opportunity to "interface and react with people in an ensemble. The success of a scene depends on everyone's performance."

Levine will appear in "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 7:30 p.m. tonight, 8 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. The performances will be held at the Cranford United Methodist Church. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors.

For more information, call (201) 276-5053.

Local cable television focuses on Social Security

In December, "Vintage Views," Union County's cable television program for senior citizens, focuses on essential, current, Social Security facts for seniors, in "Social Security Today."

Lou Coviello, program coordinator with the Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, discusses "Social Security Today" with Philip Matarese and Robert Vit-

olo, assistant manager and field representative respectively, for the Elizabeth district Social Security Administration.

Their purpose is to explain how the Social Security Administration meets its commitment to provide "world-class service" to its customers — seniors, the disabled, and children. Their emphasis is on late-breaking Social Security service changes which

are key to its customers' ability to plan their service.

"Vintage Views" is made possible through the facilities and technical assistance of the TKR Cable Company, Elizabeth, and is available throughout the county. The schedule is as follows: Elizabeth, TKR Cable, channel 12, Monday, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6 p.m.; Plainfield, Comcast Cable,

channel 20, Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.; Summit Area, Comcast Cable, channel 36, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., Friday, 11:30 a.m.; other county location: Comcast Cable, channel 32, Thursday, 7:05 p.m.

For more information on "Vintage Views," or comments on programming, call Lou Coviello at (908) 527-4872.

Home Share provides housing dilemma solution

Senior citizens facing a housing dilemma have a new option that might solve their difficulty. Community Access Unlimited, long a forerunner in providing housing options for people with disabilities, now offers Home Share — a housing option for today.

There are more than 400 Home Share programs in the United States, including 11 in New Jersey, and the number is growing. The program involves two or more unrelated people sharing a dwelling, where the homeowner charges rent or gets help maintaining the home while a person seeking housing shares the home for a monthly charge.

Every case is different, but any homeowner with extra space is eligible. This is considered attractive to "empty nesters" who are having trouble paying their bills but don't want to give up their home. Other possible benefits are for widows and widowers, who could share their home and enjoy companionship.

For more information on this program call Sophia Smith at Community Access at (908) 354-3040.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Social Services seeks volunteer advocates

Adults are needed to become certified volunteer advocates for the elderly, according to an appeal by Sue Rosenkranz, director of the Volunteer Advocacy Program of Senior Services, a nonprofit agency.

The advocacy program is administered by Senior Services and supervised by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Aging, Office of the Ombudsman.

Rosenkranz said the volunteers will be certified by the state after completing a free training course. They then will be given assign-

ments in Hudson, Essex, Morris and Union counties as advocates. Some will monitor the treatment of elderly residents in institutions and others will be concerned with the care of older, vulnerable adults living in the community. In their work, the advocates will receive guidance and support from professionals at Senior Services.

Adults over 18 who in Rosenkranz' words "are looking for important, interesting volunteer work and want to help improve the quality of life for elderly people," should call her at (201) 673-0640. Senior Services is headquartered at 439 Main St., Orange.

Seniors get help with applications

Union County's Department of Human Services, Division on Aging has announced its December schedule for its Outreach Services Program.

The program provides isolated elderly persons with help in applying for vital services such as pharmaceutical assistance, gas and electric support, grocery supplies, counseling on health Medicare enrollees, home energy assistance and Supplementary Security Income.

Program services will be available as follows:

- Dec. 13 — 1:30-3:30 p.m., Rahway Second Baptist Church, 378 East Milton Avenue and Lenox Place;
- Dec. 18 — 9:30-11:30 a.m., Vauxhall Bethel A.M.E. Church, 241 Hilton Ave., Union;
- Dec. 20 — 1:30-3:30 p.m., Roselle Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St., Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Roselle;
- Dec. 21 — 9:30-11:30 a.m., Elizabethport Family Center, Pioneer Homes P.O., Elizabeth;
- Dec. 21 — 1:30-3:30 p.m., PROCEED, 815 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth.

Private interviews will be conducted by senior staff from the Department of Human Services, Divisions on Aging and Social Services. For more information about the Outreach Services Program, call (908) 527-4870 or 527-4872.

HouseMoney offers reverse mortgage plan

Seniors who own their homes now can request a free workbook titled "HouseMoney," that describes a reverse mortgage plan that provides cash advances based on equity they hold in the home.

The workbook answers questions about reverse mortgages and shows how seniors can use HouseMoney to meet financial and lifestyle needs.

These plans are offered by Transamerica HomeFirst in New Jersey, California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington.

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Preschool workshops teach about holidays

Congregation Beth Hatikvah will continue the preschool program it initiated last year with a series of 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, Saturday, 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 Blvd. in Chatham.

In addition to programs for preschoolers, the temple 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 of Berkeley Heights at 464-1678, Joan Brody of Morristown at (201) 984-6864, or Debbie Kaflovitz of New Providence at 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, located on Baltusrol Way.

Ruth Schaffer and Elsie Zurkoff

will lead an hour of speaking, listening, and fun in Yiddish from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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

Temple Renaissance Club holds Chanukah Party

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's "Renaissance Club" will sponsor a Hanukkah party on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the South Springfield Avenue temple.

Cantor Amy Daniels will lead the events for the evening with Israeli music and folk dancing. A supper of potato latkes, sloppy joes and smoozy joes will be served.

The Renaissance Club is a newly formed group for members of Temple Sha'arey Shalom born around during or before 1946. It provides a social link to the temple through activities where members will enjoy, each other's company. Two of the club's founders are township resident Marge Grossbarth and Beverly Lerner from Warren.

The club already has over 100 participating members. In addition to the Hanukkah party, there are tentative plans for a speaker in March, a trip in April and an evening at the theater, including a post-performance supper, in May. There are also plans to visit Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate, next year.

For additional information, contact the Temple Office at 379-5387.

Women's League dinner

The Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm will hold its annual paid-up membership dinner on Monday at the synagogue. Brenda Cohen and Caren

Manders are co-chairwomen for the evening.

Officers include President Roberta Gersh, Administration Vice President Pat Adirim, Ways and Means Vice President Michelle Weiss, Vice Presidents of Membership Lisa Lieb and Rochelle Denning, Vice Presidents of Programming Lisa Nehmer and Evelyn Max and Treasurer Pearl Kaplan.

After dinner, Lieb and Denning will honor the new members. Membership in the Women's League is open to all female members of Temple Beth Ahm. Dues Secretary Judith Falkin will be accepting dues at the door.

Advance reservations are required. Additional information can be obtained by calling the temple office at 376-0539.

Holiday Boutique

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., will continue its annual Holiday Boutique today from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Dec. 17 from 10 a.m.-noon.

A wide assortment of holiday gifts will be available for purchase, including candles, Chanukah gelt, dreidels, games, books, menorahs, holiday greeting cards and more.

For more information, call the temple office at (201) 379-5387.

Temple Beth Hatikvah holds party

Congregation Beth Hatikvah invites the community to attend its second annual Chanukah party on Dec. 23 from 4-7 p.m.

The festivities will take place at the Reconstructionist congregation's facilities in the Friends Meeting House at 158 Southern Boulevard in Chatham.

Guests will enjoy a pot luck supper,

including latkes, the traditional potato pancakes. The evening's activities, designed to involve and entertain everyone from young children to adults, will include Israeli dancing with the guidance of professional dance teacher Etti Katz, singing Chanukah songs, and listening to a special story for the holiday. Guests who bring menorahs and candles will bring them together for a special blessing. In addition, every child attending the party will receive a dreidel and Chanukah gift.

There will be a reasonable admission charge to cover the cost of the party.

For more information, contact

organizers Missy Small of Springfield at (201) 467-2648 or Amy Klein of Chatham at (201) 701-0242.

New Year Eve party

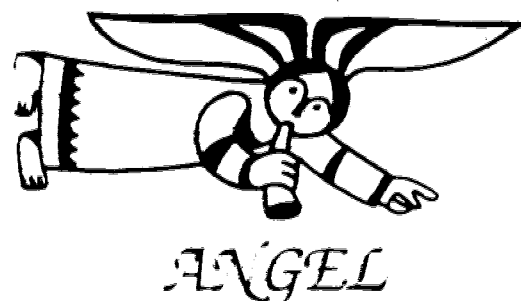
The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Avenue, will hold its New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the temple.

The public is invited to join temple members and friends for a fun-filled evening to welcome in 1996.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union, Rev. Robert S. Damrau, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975; Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten, Primary church for grades 1-4), Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month; 7:00 PM - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study. **Wednesday:** 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal, Thursday: 9:30 - 11:15 AM Women's Bible Study and Craft Class, free child care provided (meets

bimonthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "Christ Our Hope and Peace." 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School, 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery Care. DVBS Sundays 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM June 27 - August 27. 6:00 PM Evening Service, Nursery Care. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Koinonia. Active Youth Ministry, Women's Prayer Watch, Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2933 Vauxhall Road, Vauxhall, Millburn Mall Suite 6, Meets Sunday 10:00am Bible Study, 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 pm Evening Service. Wed. 7:30 pm Bible Study. We are offering a FREE Bible Correspondence course with no obligation; or private Bible Study in your own home at your convenience. Free for the asking. Harry Persaud, Evangelist. 908-964-6356.

EPISCOPAL

ST. LUKE & ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 398 Chestnut Street, Union 688-7253. Sunday Worship Service at 9 a.m. Morning Prayer Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m. The Rev. A. Wayne Bowers, Vicar and The Rev. Philip Wong, Associate Priest. Chinese School Saturday afternoon 2:30-5:00 p.m. for children and adults. Computer interest group, first Saturday of month 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Chinese Bible Study Saturday, 8:9 p.m. The Chinese Community Center provides job training activity and services, call for more information. Anyone interested in a Chinese Language Church Service, call Fr. Wong, 1-201-998-7934 or 1-908-688-7253.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening-8:30 PM; Shabbat day-9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings-9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 467-9666. Daily services 6:30, 7:15 A.M.; 7:15 P.M. or at sunset. During

the summer, evening services at sunset. During the summer, evening services at 7:15 P.M. Classes are held in Maimonides, Sunday, 8:30 A.M. During the winter months, we offer Torah study between mincha and ma'ariv, and during the summer months we offer a session in Jewish ethics, 45 minutes before mincha, after which we join for seuda shelishit fellowship. On Wednesday evenings after 8:00 P.M., or ma'ariv services, our Talmud study group meets. Sisterhood meets the second Tuesday evening of every month, and our Boy Scout Troop meets on Wednesday evenings. Please call our office for information concerning our NCSY youth group, nursery school, summer day camp, envy and our special programs at 201-467-9666. Office hours, Monday thru Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., Friday, 9:00 - 2:00 P.M.; summer hours, 9:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Emeritus.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi. Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director; Debbie Berger, Pre-School Director; William Moesch, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 8:00 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post/bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Vauxhall Road and Plane Street, Union, 688-6773. Harold Gottesman, Cantor; Dr. Allan Renkoff, President. Congregation Beth Shalom is an affiliated Traditional Conservative Synagogue. Daily Services - Mon & Thurs 6:45 A.M. Tues, Wed & Fri 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM; Saturday, 9:15 AM; The new creative Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korban, Rabbi; Hillel Sadovitz, Cantor; Esther Avniel, President; Hadassah Goldfisher, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM Minchah 5:30 PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4-5:30 PM. Primer Class for Grades One and Two, Sundays - 9-10:30 AM. Adult Hebrew Classes including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. (908) 686-3965. Family Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 10:30;

Visitors Expected: Barrier-free: Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 659 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525. Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is held at 10 a.m. with Children's Church and child care during worship. For information regarding our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office from Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Pastor, The Rev. Thomas Bagel, Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., English Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 282-1517. Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00; Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:50; child care during worship. Wednesday evening service 7:30 p.m. Various Choirs, Bible studies, Youth Groups. School N3 thru Grade 6. Handicap accessible.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHRIST CHURCH

CHRIST CHURCH, 561 Springfield Ave. Summit, NJ (908) 273-5549. Dr. Charles T. Rush, Senior Minister; Wayne Bradford, Minister of Music. Although affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA, and the United Church of Christ, our members come from various religious backgrounds. Sunday services: 10 am. Infant-2 child care. Sunday School Ages 3- Jr. High, 10:00-11:15. Sr. High Youth Fellowship, Sunday evening. Weekly ASSOCIATE BIBLE STUDENTS meetings held in Mainline Lodge, 1112 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. For a plan and you're in! We encourage a dialog on all spiritual matters. Sunday 10:30 pm-Sermon/Prayer Study. 9:00 pm - Bible Study/Prayer Study. Sunday School available for children. For more information call 908-688-9440.

METHODIST

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue Vauxhall, 964-1282. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gladwin A. Fubler-Pastor.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park. Rev. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phones: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. in our climate-controlled, barrier-free Sanctuary. Various groups: Periodically, the Elders and Men's groups perform within the worship service. Habitat for Humanity, Bridges Bridge Night food runs to New York City homeless Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inner City ministries.

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Rev. Linda Del Surdo, Pastor. Church office 276-1956, Parsonage 276-2322. Worship Service 10:00 A.M., Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Nursery available during Worship. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

The **SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, located on 40

Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us for Sunday morning worship at 10:30. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Our church is equipped with a chair lift for those unable to walk stairs. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. If you have any questions, interest or donations, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Martini at 201-379-1499. ALL PEOPLE ARE WELCOME HERE!

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Backman, Sunday School 9:15 am. Services of Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. First Sunday every month following 9:00 am after worship. Prayer Group every 2nd Sunday 7:30 pm. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 pm. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 pm and first Thursday 7:30 pm. monthly New Jersey Cheswathemum Society second Sunday of month 9:30 pm. (September, Jan., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

WORD OF GRACE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INC. 7000A, 64 Maple Street, Executive Meeting Room - 3rd Floor Summit, Florida, Service 10:30 am. A Non-Denominational Fellowship which adheres to the Grace and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Pastor John W. Sagan. For more information call 201-245-4854. Singers are welcome. **ASSOCIATE BIBLE STUDENTS** meetings held in Mainline Lodge, 1112 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. For a plan and you're in! We encourage a dialog on all spiritual matters. Sunday 10:30 pm-Sermon/Prayer Study. 9:00 pm - Bible Study/Prayer Study. Sunday School available for children. For more information call 908-688-9440.

MOUNTAIN SIDE TRAPEL 1140 Spruce Lane, Mountaintop, 212-3436. Dr. Gregory Day, Pastor. **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:** Sunday: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - Sunday School for all ages. 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE with Dr. Day. Nursery care provided for newborn to 2-year-olds. Children's Churches for 2-year-olds through 3rd grade. 8:00 PM Evening Service. First and third Sunday Care Groups meet. **WOMEN'S:** 7:00 PM Prayer and Senior High Youth Groups. **WEDNESDAY:** 7:30 PM - **MID-WEEK REHEARSAL:** Family Night Bible Study with Dr. Day. Christian Service Brigade. **STOCKADE:** for home in hurt through sixth grades. **PIONEER GOLF:** Program for girls in first through ninth grades. 7:45 PM Prayer meeting. **Choir Rehearsal.**

PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH established 1781, Spuytenwyff Avenue and Route 22, Union. Regular schedule September 10 to June 2. Sunday worship at 10:45 a.m. Child care provided during the Worship Service. Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. We have an Adult Chancel Choir Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible study group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 pm. The Living Room, a support group for those coping with aging persons, meets 4th Thursday of the month. Fall program of Scouting program. Everyone welcome. **Weekday Nursery:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4 yr olds available. 9:45-10:45 For additional information, please call Church Office at

688-3164. Serving Church Community for 265 years. Rev. R. Sidney Pinch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday Church School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through Worship, Christian education, youth groups, choir, church activities and fellowship. **Sunday Church School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:15 a.m.** - Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Ladies Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Day - 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.; Jr High Fellowship - 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Confirmation Class every Friday at 9:15 p.m. Rev. Jeffrey A. Curtis, Pastor.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 AM. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Brahm Luckhoff, Minister.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044. **SUNDAY EUCHARIST:** Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. 12 Noon. **Weekday Masses:** 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Miraculous Medal Novena following 7:30 pm Mass. **ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA** - Wednesday, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Biegrowicz, Pastor, Sunday Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm. Sun. 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am - 12 Noon. **Weekday Masses:** 7:00 - 9:00 am. **Miraculous Medal Novena** following 7:30 pm Mass. **ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA** - Wednesday, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

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NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 28th day of November, 1995 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration at final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 19th day of December, 1995, at 8:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE AND STORM WATER CONTROL AND FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Section 703 of an Ordinance entitled "Land Use Ordinance and Storm Water Control and Flood Plain Ordinance," also known as the "Land Use Ordinance," of the Borough of Mountainside, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

703. ESCROW FEES
 A) In addition to the Application Fee required by this Article, each applicant or developer, at the time of filing of the application, shall make the required escrow deposit(s) with the Borough as shown in Section 704, which will be expended in accordance with the provisions of this section. All disbursements to consulting professionals and applicable charges by Borough or Board-employed professionals and non-professionals for services involved in processing an application which requires the deposit of an escrow amount shall be made against the escrow account. Escrow deposits shall be placed in an interest-bearing account. Escrow deposits shall be placed in an interest-bearing account by the Council-designated official. The account shall be administered in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1.
 B) The Chief Financial Officer shall make all of the 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 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.
 C) Such fees or charges shall be based upon a schedule established by resolution.
 D) The application review and inspection charges shall be limited only to professional charges for review of applications, review and preparation of documents, inspection of developments under construction and review by outside consultants when an application is of a nature beyond the scope of the expertise of the professionals normally utilized by the municipality. The only costs that shall be added to any such charges shall be actual out-of-pocket expenses of any such professionals or consultants including normal and typical expenses incurred in processing applications and inspecting improvements.
 E) The municipality of Land Use Board shall not bill the applicant or charge any escrow account or deposit for any municipal clerical or administrative functions, overhead expenses, meeting room charges, or any other municipal costs and expenses except as provided for in this section, nor shall a municipal professional add any such charges to his bill.
 F) Escrow funds required by the Article shall not be used to pay inspection costs incurred during actual construction.
 G) Any application which involves more than one of the categories set forth in the

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fee schedule of Section 704 shall require the payment of the sum of the individual application fees and shall also require the deposit of an escrow payment equal to the sum of all the individual and applicable escrow accounts.
 H) All such payments shall be made and completed with the Administrative Official before the application(s) can be considered to be complete and before the applicant shall be permitted to appear and be heard before the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
 I) Each payment charged to the deposit for review of applications, review and preparation of documents and inspection of improvements shall be pursuant to the voucher from the professional, which voucher shall identify the personnel performing the service and for each date the services performed, the hours spent to one-quarter hour increments, the hourly rate and the expenses incurred.
 J) All professionals shall submit vouchers to the Chief Financial Officer on a monthly basis in accordance with schedules and procedures established by the Chief Financial Officer.
 K) If the services are provided by a municipal employee, the municipal employee shall prepare and submit to the Chief Financial Officer a statement containing the same information as required on a voucher, on a monthly basis.
 L) The professional shall send an informational copy of all vouchers or statements submitted to the chief financial officer simultaneously to the applicant. The chief financial officer shall prepare and send to the applicant a statement which shall include an accounting of funds listing all deposits, interest earnings, disbursements, and the cumulative balance of the escrow account. This information shall be provided on a quarterly basis if monthly charges are \$1,000 or less or on a monthly basis if monthly charges exceed \$1,000.
 M) If an escrow account or deposit is depleted to twenty percent (20%) of the original amount, then the chief financial officer shall provide the applicant with a notice of the insufficient escrow or deposit balance. In order for work to continue on the development of the application, the applicant shall within a reasonable time period post a deposit to the account in an amount to be agreed upon by the municipality or Land Use Board and the applicant. In the interim, any required health and safety inspections shall be made and charged back against the replenishment of funds.
 N) All charges by Borough-employed professionals and non-professionals shall specify the services performed on said application and the time expended relative thereto. The hourly billings for Borough-employed professionals and non-professionals shall be one thirty-fifth (1/35) of their weekly compensation, plus forty percent (40%) to compensate for the benefits supplied to said employee. The Attorney's time shall be billed at the contract rate with the Board; the Clerk's time shall be billed at thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per hour.
 O) The following close-out procedure shall apply to all deposits and escrow accounts established hereunder and shall commence after the Land Use Board has granted final approval and signed the subdivision plat or site plan. In the case of application review escrows and deposits, or after the improvements have been approved, in the case of improvement inspection escrows and deposits.
 (1) The applicant shall send written notice by certified mail to the chief financial officer and the Land Use Board, and to the relevant municipal professional, that the application or the improvements, as the case may be, are completed.
 (2) After receipt of such notice, the professionals shall render a final bill to the chief financial officer within 30 days, and shall send a copy simultaneously to the applicant.
 (3) The chief financial officer shall render

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a written final accounting to the applicant on the date to which the deposit was put within 45 days of receipt of the final bill.
 (4) Any balances remaining in the deposit or escrow account, including interest, shall be refunded to the developer along with the final accounting.
 P) Any resolution of approval adopted by the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall specify the condition that all fees and escrow payments required by this Article have been paid in full before the Board officers may sign any plan, map or deed.
 Q) All appeals by applicants of the municipal engineer's cost estimates required under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53 shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.4, and all appeals of any charges hereunder shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2(a).
 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law. U3548 Mountainside Echo, December 7, 1995. (Fee: \$80.75)

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey, in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 28th day of November, 1995.

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 937-95 BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
 WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to amend Ordinance 937-95 to conform with Article XII of the Agreement between the Borough of Mountainside and the Mountainside Employees Association;
 BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Salary Ordinance of the Borough of Mountainside be and the same is hereby amended as set forth below to provide for the paying of salaries to certain members of the Mountainside Employee's Association in accordance with Article XII of the Current

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agreement between the Borough of Mountainside and the Mountainside Employee's Association, a copy of which Article is annexed hereto.
 A. The starting salary for a Public Works Employee during the term of this contract is \$19,500.
 B. Salary increases are as follows:
 Public Works Employee
 5% commencing January, 1995; January, 1996; and January, 1997.
 C. Any Public Works Employee whose employment, whether as a Temporary or permanent employee, began before January 1, 1995, and whose salary would be less than \$20,475 for the 1995 calendar year after giving effect to the 5% increase specified in Paragraph B hereof, shall receive such increase for 1995 as may be necessary to establish for such employee a salary of \$20,475 for the 1995 calendar year.
 This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage.
 JUDITH E. OSTY
 BOROUGH CLERK
 U3547 Mountainside Echo, December 7, 1995. (Fee: \$21.50)

obituaries

Frances S. Day

Frances Statter Day, 84, of the Ward Homestead in Maplewood, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 29 in her home.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Day lived in Short Hills and Springfield before retiring to the Ward Homestead. She was an executive for several years in the field of temporary personnel in New York City many years ago. Mrs. Day was a cum laude graduate of Radcliff College. She served as director for many years of the Millburn-Short Hills Chapter of the American Red Cross and was chairman from 1958 to 1961. Mrs. Day was a long time director of the Essex County Chapter and the New Jersey Division of the American Heart Association and served as chairman of the patrons of Overlook Hospital, Summit, and the Community Division of St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

She served on committees for the Salvation Army, Planned Parenthood and the American Cancer Society. Mrs. Day was vice chairperson for many years of the Essex County Republican Committee. She was a member of the New York Junior League and editor of its *Observer Magazine* from 1950 to 1952. Mrs. Day was a founder and later president of the Garden Club in Short Hills and was a member of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills, the Short Hills Club, the Huguenot Society of America and the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames. She also was a judge and steward for the American Kennel Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Estella Day Parsons; a son, Fairfield Pope Jr.; a brother, Humphrey Slatter, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

death notices

GERHARDT - Emma, 90, of Mountainside, on December 4, 1995, wife of the late Richard Gerhardt, sister of Anna Radl. Funeral arrangements by The MC CRACKEN FUNERAL HOME, 1500 Morris Avenue, Union.

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SPORTS

Summit forced turnovers, played tough D

By Michael Ziegler
Assistant Sports Editor

SUMMIT — Both teams knew they would be facing their toughest opponent of the season and expected a close game dominated by the defenses. However, each team also brought an explosive offense which could turn around a game in a matter of seconds.

Saturday, at Tatlock Field, on a glorious day for high school football, they got what they expected.

The North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final between Johnson Regional and Summit high schools showcased every aspect of football played at its best — offense, defense and special teams.

The game had something for every spectator, and when the final whistle sounded, Johnson Regional had won its first state playoff championship in school history — defeating the two-time defending champions 21-6.

Johnson won pre-playoffs state championships in 1969 and 1970 in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3. High school football playoffs did not start in New Jersey until 1974.

Saturday, it was not Frank Mentzel, Dan Lueddeke or Greg Layden getting it done, it was Joe Aleffi (24 rushes for 158 yards and a touchdown).

"All year long, we've told our kids to always be ready because they could be called upon to do the job and Joe kept believing all year," Johnson coach Bob Taylor said. "They looked to contain Frank and we were smart to go to Joe."

But in order for a running back to have a big day, the offensive line must have one.

Summit coach Ray McCrann also recognized the job Johnson's offensive line did for its running back.

"When you win a game like this it is unfair to point out one or two kids as the reason the team won," McCrann said. "Aleffi had a great football game, but the kids on that offensive line were blocking for him and he was running behind them."

"We protected Steve very well in the first half and they made an adjustment at the break to change that," McCrann said. "They were coming off the corner to get more pressure on Steve and were able to get to him."

"Schroeder is their money player and we knew the ball would have to be in this hands at the end of the game," Taylor said. "We made some plays on defense and changed our blitz packages to get to him."

Johnson added its final points on their first possession of the second half as Aleffi carried five times for 43 yards — capping off the 49-yard drive with a seven-yard touchdown run. "I truly congratulate them because they are a great team and Bobby has a special group of kids," McCrann said. "It also takes great coaching along the way to go 11-0. They came in with a great team and proved it to everyone, but that doesn't take away from the effort and season our kids put together."

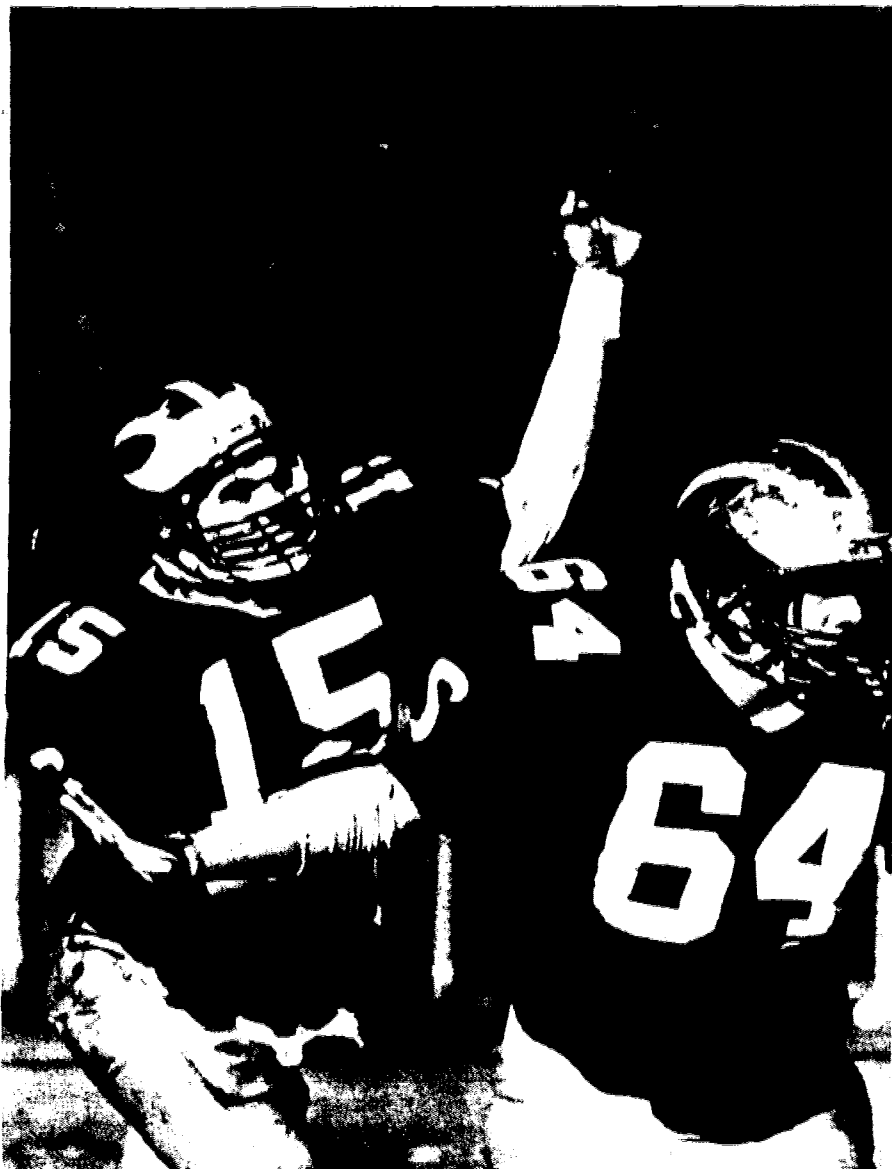


Photo By Joe Long

Steve Schroeder had plenty of time to throw the ball in the first half but Johnson put pressure on him in the second half as Summit fell 21-6.

H.S. Football

It was also a good job by the coaching staff to design a play which Summit had difficulty stopping. Time after time Aleffi ran through the defensive line — a line which has stopped team all season, said Taylor.

"Everyone has had trouble running up the middle against Summit because their linebackers fill the holes so quickly," Taylor said. "We put in a special play, a make shift draw play, to get into the hole quickly by forcing the linebackers to honor the pass."

Although Summit didn't score until late in the first half, it nearly put Johnson behind for the first time all season on the opening kick off when John Brown raced 79 yards to the 11-yard line. But the Crusader defense stiffened up and set the tone for the game by stopping the Hilltoppers twice from the one-yard-line and getting the ball back on downs.

"We worked on that all week and thought we had a good scheme to stop their returner," Taylor said. "They've got Alfie Critelli in the middle of that wedge and they popped it on us."

Johnson took the lead for good with 2:32 left in the first quarter on its second possession. Starting at their own 29, the Crusaders marched down with Mentzel and Aleffi, setting up second-and-five from the Summit 20. Lueddeke then went 14 yards on the option and Mentzel went in from the three on the next play. Jason Hassler's kick made it 7-0.

Following Summit's second punt, Johnson drove 89 yards in 10 plays to take a 14-0 lead with 6:10 left in the half. Lueddeke's 29-yard pass to Nick DeCorso set up Mentzel's second score of the day, this time from the two.

Johnson looked to dominate, but the Hilltoppers had other plans. On third-and-eight from his own 37, Lueddeke looked for Layden over the middle, but never saw Schroeder lying in wait. He picked off the pass and moved to the Crusaders' 42. One play later, the quick-strike offense got on the board when Schroeder found Kevin Schmidt. Schmidt jumped up over Layden at the one, gathered in the pass, and fell into the end zone for the score. The kick was blocked for a 14-6 Johnson lead, and Summit was back in it.

"I am very proud of how our kids stuck with it and never got down," McCrann said. "There was never a doubt in my mind that we were still in the game. We went down 14 points and could have packed it in, but the kids knew they could come back, got the quick touchdown and then went after it."

Unfortunately, Johnson adjusted its defensive scheme at the half and Schroeder never had time to throw the rest of the game.



Photo By Joe Long

Kevin Schmidt looks for approval after hauling in Schroeder's 42-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter for Summit's only points.

HILLTOPPERS FOOTBALL

GAME ELEVEN
Johnson 21, Summit 6

FIRST DOWNS: Johnson 17, Summit 5
RUSHES-YARDS: Johnson 46-269, Summit 20-29
PASSES: Johnson 4-11-1, Summit 6-15-1
FUMBLES-LOST: Johnson 4-3, Summit 2-1
PUNTS-AVG.: Johnson 2-36.5, Summit 6-27.8
PENALTIES: Johnson 4-23, Summit 3-23

Johnson (11-0) 6 8 7 0 — 21
Summit (8-3) 0 6 0 0 — 6

Johnson — Mentzel 3 run, Kick failed (J 6-0)

(First quarter: 10 plays, 71 yards, 3:42 used)

Johnson — Mentzel 3 run, Lueddeke run (J 14-0)

(Second quarter: 10 plays, 89 yards, 3:17 used)
Summit — Schmidt 42 pass from Schroeder, kick failed (J 14-6)

(Second quarter: 1 play, :09 used)

Johnson — Aleffi 7 run, Hassler kick (J 21-6)

(Third quarter: 8 plays, 49 yards, 3:54 used)

RUSHING: Johnson — Joe Aleffi 24-158, one touchdown; Dan Lueddeke 7-73; Frank Mentzel 15-38, two touchdowns (46-269); first half 21-149/second half 25-110. Summit — Kawon Foushee 12-39; Jeff Lovell 2-5; John Brown 1-1; Steve Schroeder 5-(-16) (20-29); first half 14-42/second half 6-(-13).

PASSING: Johnson — Dan Lueddeke 4-11-1, 58 yards, one touchdown.

RECEIVING: Johnson — Greg Layden 3-30; Nick DeCorso 1-28. Summit — Chuck Mullens 2-7; Kevin Schmidt 1-42, one touchdown; Jamal Stewart 1-33; Peter Torres 1-16; Kawon Foushee 1-(-10).

INTERCEPTIONS: Johnson — Greg Layden. Summit — Steve Schroeder.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Johnson — Guenther Kryszon. Summit — Jamal Stewart, Jeff Lovell, Alfie Critelli.

KICK RETURNS: Johnson — Greg Layden 2-43. Summit — John Brown, 1-79; Jose Valentin 1-15; Kawon Foushee 1-0.

— MICHAEL ZIEGLER

Summit can be proud

Despite its 21-6 loss to Johnson Regional, the Summit football team can be proud of the way it played. With a 7-1 record at the cutoff date, the only loss a 7-0 decision at Linden, the Hilltoppers returned to the playoffs for a fifth straight season. And by defeating West Essex 7-0 in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs, Summit returned to the championship game for the fourth straight year.

For the seniors on the team, they can hold their heads high. They helped Summit post an impressive 37-12 mark the past four seasons, sparking the Hilltoppers to two state championships and one undefeated season.

1995 Results

- (H) Summit 28, Cranford 0
 - (A) Linden 7, Summit 0
 - (H) Summit 13, East Side 7
 - (A) Summit 6, Shabazz 0
 - (H) Summit 28, Scotch Plains 7
 - (H) Summit 27, Hanover Park 8
 - (A) Summit 27, Westfield 13
 - (A) Summit 35, Rahway 0
 - (H) Summit 7, West Essex 0
 - (H) Irvington 22, Summit 6
 - (H) Johnson 21, Summit 6
- Record: 8-3
Home: 5-2
Away: 3-1
Regular Season: 7-2
Playoffs: 1-1
Watchung-National: Champs
Points for: 183
Points against: 85
Shutouts: 4



UNDEFEATED SEASON — The Deerfield Field Hockey team went undefeated this year. Front row, from left, are: Coach DeCastro, Nicole Kress, Katie Britt, Gina DeCastro, Danielle Denny, Robyn Juba, Cindy Fisher and Marisa Riviuccio. In back, from left, are: Tina Grammenos, Shannon Murphy, Laina Corsi, Jaclyn Orlando, Alison DiVito, Kristen Hauser, Lauren Beasley, Shannon Moore, Stephanie Scasso, Courtney Volpe, Kristen Bobko Keri Moore and Kimberly Geraghty. Missing from photo is Jaime Kardos.

Three-year-old team undefeated

Mountainside's Deerfield School's Field Hockey team went undefeated this year at 9-0-1 and scored 25 goals while holding its opponents to just four in its third year under the direction of Patrice DeCastro.

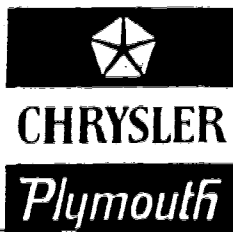
Field Hockey

The high scorer was Gina DeCastro with 11 goals, setting a school record while adding to her 11 last year. Robyn Juba scored eight

goals, and Cindy Fisher and Marisa Riviuccio both had three.

Great defense added to this team with Stephanie Scasso and Tina Grammenos at fullback, and goalie Nicole Kress did an outstanding job averaging two saves a game.

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These simple steps guarantee a safe, fresh Christmas tree

Celebrating Christmas with a real tree has been a tradition for 400 years. The National Christmas Tree Association estimates that more than 35 million families will carry on this tradition and purchase real trees this holiday season.

"Choosing a real Christmas tree can be fun for the whole family," says Joan Geiger, communications director for the National Christmas Tree Association. She suggests a few simple steps to follow when selecting a tree.

- Do a freshness test. Gently grasp a branch between your thumb and forefinger, and pull it toward you. Very few needles should come off in your hand if the tree is fresh. Take a look at the ground around the tree. You shouldn't see an excessive amount of green needles on the ground. Some loss of interior brown needles is normal and will occur over the lifetime of the tree.

- Once you've chosen your tree, keep it in a sheltered, unheated area, like a porch or

garage, to protect it from the wind and sun until you're ready to decorate it.

- Before you set up your tree, make a fresh, straight cut across the base of the trunk (about a half-inch up from the original cut) and place the tree in a tree stand that holds two or more quarts of water.

"Caring for your real tree is easy. The most important thing to remember is that real trees need water daily," says Geiger. "Never let your tree stand go dry."

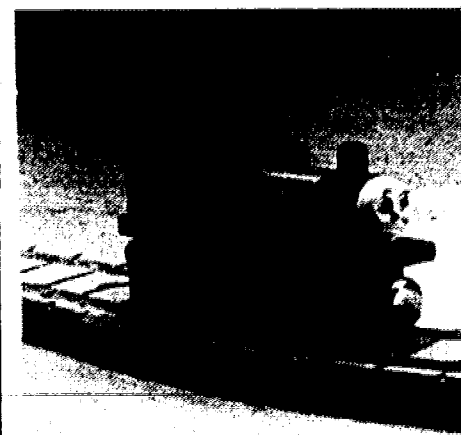
A seal of dried sap will form over the cut stump in four to six hours if the water drops below the base of the tree, preventing the tree from absorbing water later when the tree stand is refilled. If a seal does form, another fresh cut will need to be made.

A tree will absorb as much as a gallon of water in the first 24 hours and one or more quarts a day thereafter. Water is important, because it prevents the needles from drying and the boughs from drooping.

- In addition, keep your tree away from heat and draft sources, like fireplaces, radiators and television sets. Test your light cords and connections before hanging them on the tree to make sure they're in good working order. You don't want to use cords with cracked insulation or broken or empty sockets.

Sensible precautions like these will help preserve the unique beauty and tradition that a real Christmas tree can provide.

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Decorating kids' rooms provides holiday activity

Deck the halls, but don't stop there if you live with a child. Celebrating Christmas or Hanukkah? Remember to decorate children's rooms. Here are some tips from Ro Logrippio, syndicated design columnist and author of "In My World."

- Yuletide crayon sketches, finger paintings and drawings can make festive wall borders.
 - Have children make mobiles from old cards and bright yarn. Or suspend finzel from the ceiling.
 - Gift wrap a door so it resembles a big package crisscrossed with ribbon and tied with a bow.
 - Put a festive ribbon on a favorite stuffed animal or a sprig of greenery over a dollhouse door.
 - A miniature Christmas tree lends spirit to a child's room. Decorate with popcorn.
 - Decorate windows with paper snowflakes.
- "In My World: Designing Living & Learning Environments for the Young" (Wiley, \$24.95) is about how to make a child's living space a fun, stimulating environment that builds self-esteem and encourages learning.



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Some gifts keep giving as values increase

One of the joys of Christmas is discovering that a Christmas treasure you bought because you fell in love with it is now considered very valuable.

For example, anyone lucky enough to own a gleaming Christopher Radko "Partridge in a Pear Tree" ornament, has an extra reason to be joyful this season. This first ornament in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" series has skyrocketed from the original price of \$35 to between \$600 and \$1,000 on the secondary market.

Lucky collectors of "The Village Mill" from Department 56's Dickens Village

Series have recently traded this piece for between \$3,800 and \$5,200.

Fluctuations like this happen all the time and can often make your insurance coverage for these treasures inadequate. So, while you're decorating for the holidays, it might be wise to take stock of your treasures and update your inventory list with current secondary market values. Here's what you need to list:

- Who — list the manufacturer/distributor and the artist.
- What — record the name of the piece, including series name, if applicable, and product number.

• When — note date of purchase and the date the piece was produced.

• Where — jot down the place of purchase.

• Why — Was the piece a special event piece or a gift? Making a note keeps memories fresh.

• How Much — What was the original issue price when it first hit the market? How much did you pay for it? What's it worth today?

"How Much" questions are critical for adequate insurance coverage or tax purposes if you sell an extensive collection.

To help fill in the blanks, look into the Collector's Information Bureau "Collectibles Market Guide and Price Index" (\$22.95 + \$3.75 shipping and handling). The most comprehensive guide to limited edition collectibles available, this book can help you answer many questions. A price index covers 45,000 limited edition collectibles, with dates, original issue price and most current secondary market values.

Happy Holidays!

Danish firm again offers limited run of plates

Collector's plates have been a part of the Christmas season for 100 years, ever since 1895 when Harald Bing of Bing & Grondahl in Denmark chose to limit production of his firm's annual holiday plate. This unprecedented decision created the world's first collector's plate, "Behind the Frozen Window."

Bing's innovation launched a new tradition that has continued for the past century: the production of limited-edition collector's plates specifically for the holidays. Since then, however, Christmas plates have changed in ways that were inconceivable in 1895, evolving to reflect an array of seasonal themes, some of which are enhanced by modern features like lights and music.

Due to technical limitations, the first Christmas plates were all blue and white porcelain. In addition to Bing & Grondahl — whose original Christmas series continues uninterrupted to this day — other firms, like Royal Copenhagen and Rosenthal, also began producing blue-and-whites.

Eventually, advances in technology made full-color plate production possible, and by the 1970s, Christmas issues started to have a whole new look as a result.

Today, Christmas plates are as varied as other segments of the plate market. There are plates featuring the many faces of Santa Claus, as well as those bearing the likenesses of more contemporary characters, like

Christmas plates have changed in ways that were inconceivable in 1895, evolving to reflect an array of seasonal themes.

Mickey Mouse. There's even been a plate that showed Elvis Presley celebrating the holiday.

Family gatherings are emphasized in nostalgic scenes by artists like Thomas Kinkade, Sandra Kuck, Norman Rockwell and

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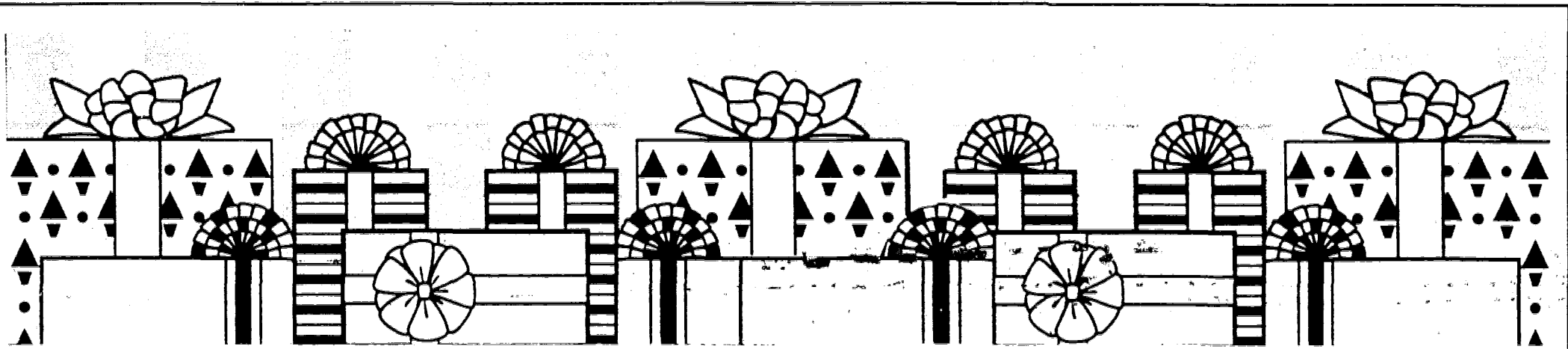
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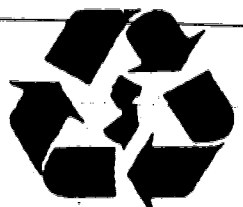
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HOLIDAY SNOWMAN ORNAMENT

By Denise Shearer
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Materials

- Loctite® Quicktite® Super Glue
- 3 1/2-inch square of natural batting
- 5-inch diameter grapevine wreath
- 3 1/2-inch length paper-covered wire (natural)
- 5 1/2-inch length of mini pine garland
- Red berries on wire
- Silver star wire garland
- Scrap piece of flannel or cloth
- Yo-yo
- 23 8-inch black buttons
- Candy cane accessory
- 8-inch length of natural raffia
- Twine
- Permanent felt-tip pen
- Scissors
- Pencil

Instructions

Trace an outline of a snowman onto the square of batting. Cut out shape. Take scrap piece of cloth, and wrap around neck of snowman. Fold over, and apply Quicktite Super Glue to adhere in place. Apply Quicktite to the backs of the black buttons, and place on belly of snowman. Take felt-tip pen, and draw lines on the outside to indicate stitching. Draw two dots on face for eyes. Using Quicktite, adhere the candy cane.

To assemble the tree, take the 3 1/2-inch length of paper wire and straighten. Cut the pine garland into three lengths: 1 inch, 2 inches and 2 1/2 inches. Apply Quicktite to the back of the 1-inch length, and attach about 3/4 inch down from the top of the paper wire. Do this with the 2-inch length and then the 2 1/2-inch length, leaving 1/2-inch space between each. Apply Quicktite to the back of the yo-yo, and adhere to the top of the tree.

Take the raffia, and tie into a bow. Now, you're ready to assemble. Take the red berries, and with Quicktite, glue to the bottom part of the wreath. Apply Quicktite to the back of the snowman, and attach to the wreath. Place the tree opposite the snowman. Adhere with the Quicktite. Attach the raffia bow to the base of the snowman with Quicktite. Now, take the star garland, and wrap around the top part of the wreath, starting behind the top of the tree around to the snowman. Apply Quicktite to the ends of garland to adhere in place. Tie a piece of twine to the back of the wreath, and display it proudly on your holiday tree or front door, or give it to someone special.

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Holiday shoppers avoiding crowds

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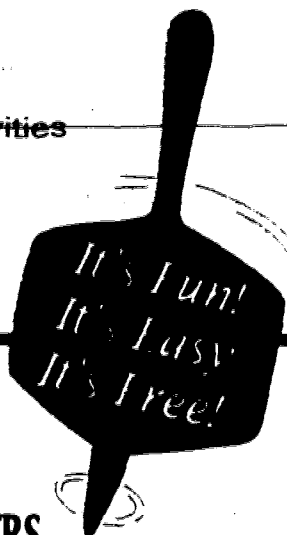
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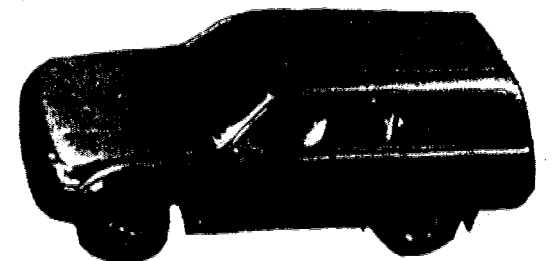
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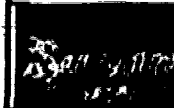
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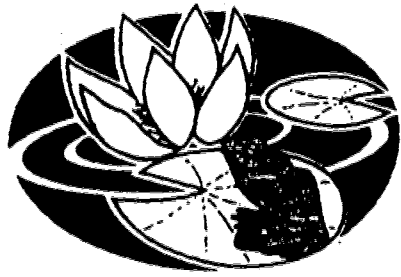
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Hotline counselors have a minimum of a master's degree in psychology or a related field, and many hold doctorates. Each receives specialized hotline training. Counselors who speak English, Spanish and French are available. A language line that can provide translation of more than 140 languages within a minute of the call is also available.

If you or someone you know needs help — any time of the day or night — call 1-800-4-A-CHILD.

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Fishtanks offer hobby that's easy on nerves

Of all Christmas presents, perhaps the most beloved is a living gift, like an aquarium filled with tropical fish. Colorful, varied and sure to be enjoyed by the recipient, it's also easy to maintain and adds a decorative touch to any family room, living room or den.

In fact, a recent study by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania concluded that an aquarium is even a benefit in relieving stress.

Bestowing a home aquarium upon a friend, relative or your children has many benefits. Throughout the United States, 10 million aquariums are in homes, offices, restaurants and hotels.

In order to select the best aquarium for the money, one that's filled with colorful tropical fish and is easy to maintain, it's a good idea to do a little investigating.

First, you will want to locate a good dealer in your area. If you have a friend who has an aquarium, ask for a reference. Otherwise, the phone book lists most tropical-fish retailers.

It is advisable to purchase a book that provides complete instructions on setting up and maintaining an aquarium.

One basic rule to follow, however, is to buy the largest aquarium possible, since the greater the water environment, the less chance of water problems.

If you receive an aquarium as a gift, you must assume all the responsibilities for maintenance.

When determining where to put your new aquarium, you should consider several factors. You will not want to put it in direct sunlight, since this will cause algae to grow on the glass and plastic accessories.

You also will not want to put it on your best carpeting, since it is possible for water to splash on the floor during water changes. And, be sure to put the aquarium on a firm stand, since water is heavy.

After deciding on the aquarium, the first accessory will be a tightly fitting canopy cover equipped with a fluorescent fixture. Fluorescent fixtures throw off a cool light and will not cause fluctuations in the water temperature.

While on the subject of water temperature, tropical fish require an environment maintained at around 75 degrees. A good heater and an aquarium thermometer are needed.

A recent development in this technology is the liquid crystal digital thermometer, which affixes to the outside of the aquarium, yet measures most accurately the water temperature.

A qualify filter also is needed. A dealer can give proper advice, since there are several types of filters and needs will vary with the size of the aquarium. If keeping a lot of fish, a separate air pump to add oxygen to the water is a good idea.

Decorating an aquarium is great fun. There are multicolored gravels, highly decorative backgrounds, and hundreds of ornaments, as well as plastic plants so real in reproduction that it's almost impossible to distinguish them from live plants.

Most good retailers will have a complete assortment, and your selection should be based on the size of the aquarium and the amount of money spent.

Once the aquarium is set up, add a chlorine neutralizer to the water and only a few fish initially. These few fish will help develop the biological conditions necessary to maintain a fully stocked aquarium.

After three to four weeks, assuming everything is functioning properly, you then can go ahead and add more fish.

Aquarium maintenance is a lot easier than people think. Every two weeks, a partial water change (not greater than 20 percent), by siphoning the water from the bottom of the aquarium, is all that is required.

A device called the Hydro-Clean allows an efficient siphoning by separating the debris in the gravel and removing it, with the water, from the aquarium. On a monthly basis, the filter will require minimal maintenance. That's all there is.

Following this simple routine, chances of fish disease or any other aquarium problems are remote. In fact, one of the biggest problems people have is spending too much time maintaining their aquariums.

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Fishtanks offer hobby that's easy on nerves

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All that glitters...

The Mickey & Co. jewelry collection is the inspiration for new tips on holiday glitz:

If less is more when it comes to the art of simple dressing, accessories do overtime this holiday season, giving a touch of sparkle to the monochromatic evening wardrobe.

- During the holidays when the focus switches to evening clothes, don't let your dress wear you. Stick with simplicity, using unique accessories to make your fashion statement.

- Brighten up any evening ensemble with jewelry that expresses your individualism. Costume jewelry that speaks to your lighter side is one way to personalize your evening look. Sterling silver, onyx and marcasite jewelry featuring Mickey Mouse as well as other pieces featuring the Disney characters in pave colored crystal, celebrate the end of

the year with humor and ring in the new one, in style.

- Sometimes, it's not what you wear but what you carry and Mickey & Co. has sparkling evening bags just for the season. Choose a textural, pave crystal bag in the shape of Minnie Mouse's head and matching pave purse accessories including compacts, atomizers, lipstick and card cases for glamorous escapades and holiday fun.

- Try layering pieces, for a dramatic evening effect. Necklaces of various lengths can be worn together and bracelets can be combined, adding glitter to spare clothing.

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'Tis the season for plastic bags?

Along with the gifts, the food and the wrapping, there's one more thing shoppers will bring home this holiday season — and that's plastic bags.

Plastic bags are now the choice of retailers nationwide, and consumers are discovering that they're as handy at home as they are at the store. The Plastic Bag Association has some suggestions for ways you can use your plastic bags this holiday season:

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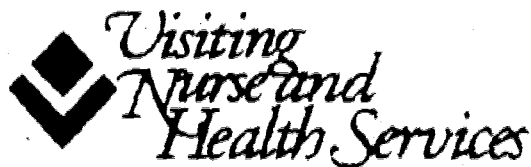
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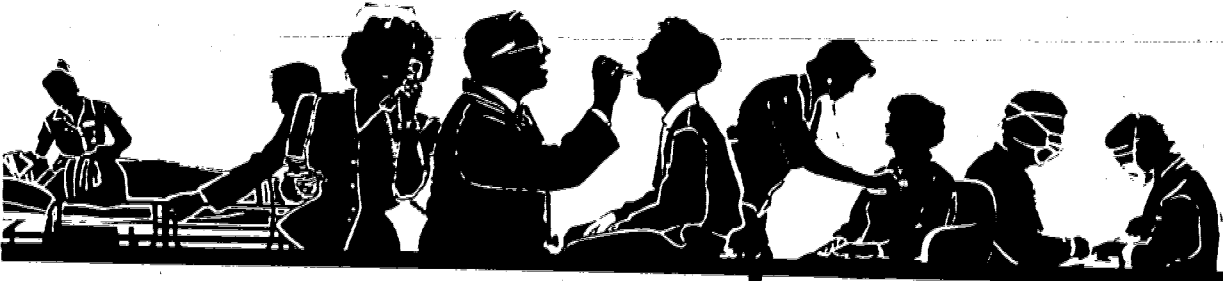
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- Remember, perfection is a goal not a reality.
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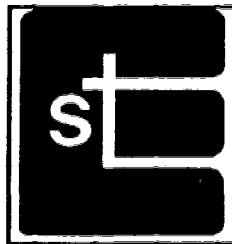


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But not without making sure you take some time for yourself — every day. It doesn't matter if it's 10 minutes or a full hour.

It's easy to give your all for other people, but how do you nurture yourself? Think reward. Think indulgence. Do something luxurious just for you.

- Like breathing deeply. You'd be surprised how good you feel if you just take a deep breath once in a while. Sit down, uncross your arms and legs, and close your eyes. Then, slowly breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth. Do it as many times as it takes to begin to relax your muscles — and your mind. It's amazing how tense you get without really knowing it.

- Or try curling up in your most comfortable chair. Sink into those soft, friendly cushions, and just close your eyes. Then, turn on your favorite music. A mere 15 minutes can make a huge difference in how you feel the rest of the day.

- Reading a good mystery is a terrific way to retreat from the chaos of the day, even if it's just for a little while. Nothing makes your problems seem smaller than comparing them to those of the characters in the latest whodunit.

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Why would manufacturers and sellers offer such irresistible prices? "Bundles attract customers and create foot traffic in stores during peak selling seasons," says Hunt Data Products Marketing Manager Scott Venella.

Bundles offer the right product mix at the right price. A copy clip positions copy for comfortable viewing. A multimedia storage box organizes and protects diskettes, data cartridges and CDs. A 3 1/2-inch Disk Traveler carrying case safely transports five diskettes. A FasTrac compact mouse pad optimizes the mouse's performance in less space, and a PowerTamer™ 3-outlet plug-in surge protector safeguards equipment from dangerous power surges.

"Why add to office clutter with another do-nothing gadget or desk accessory when you can give a co-worker, friend or relative a gift that simplifies life at the PC?" Venella asks. A one-size-fits-all gift, the WorkPak is just as appropriate for the seasoned PC user as it is for the novice. For shoppers who are short on time, cash and gift-giving ideas, bundles are a quick, easy and economical solution.



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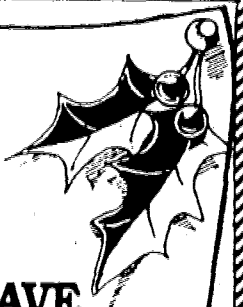
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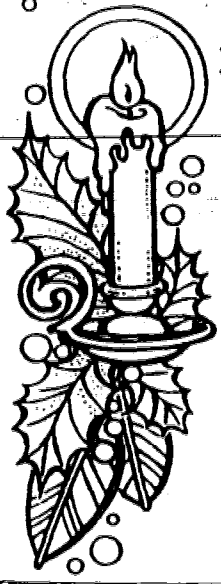
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Once limited to the affluent and educated, computers are now household appliances in many United States homes. In fact, one recent study suggests that working-class families, not doctors and lawyers, make up the fastest-growing segment of the \$20-plus billion home computer market. These same Americans are shelling out record amounts on do-it-yourself home improvements — \$90 billion in 1995 alone.

Software is not only the perfect gift but an excellent teaching tool as well. Because it combines words, pictures and videos, it can teach repair techniques better than conventional "how-to" books. For example, where a book must rely on words and still pictures, software might include animations and videos on how to install a light switch properly.

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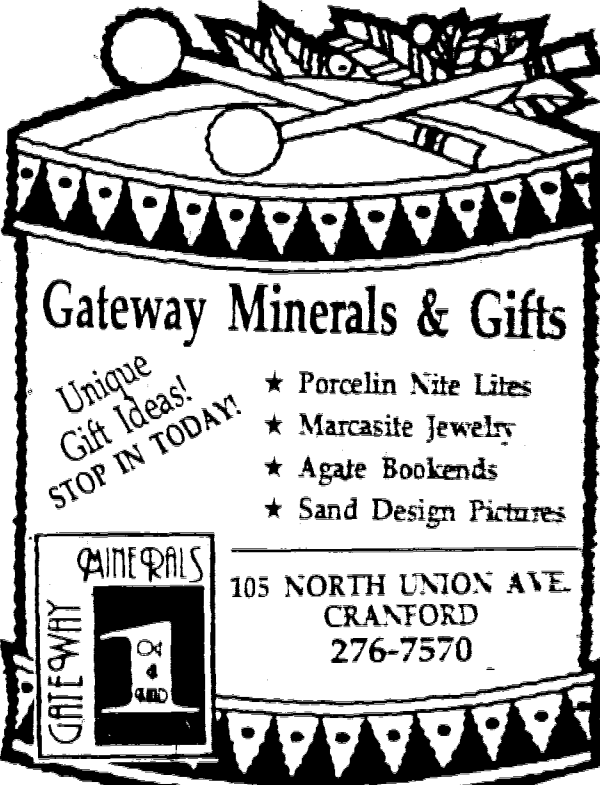
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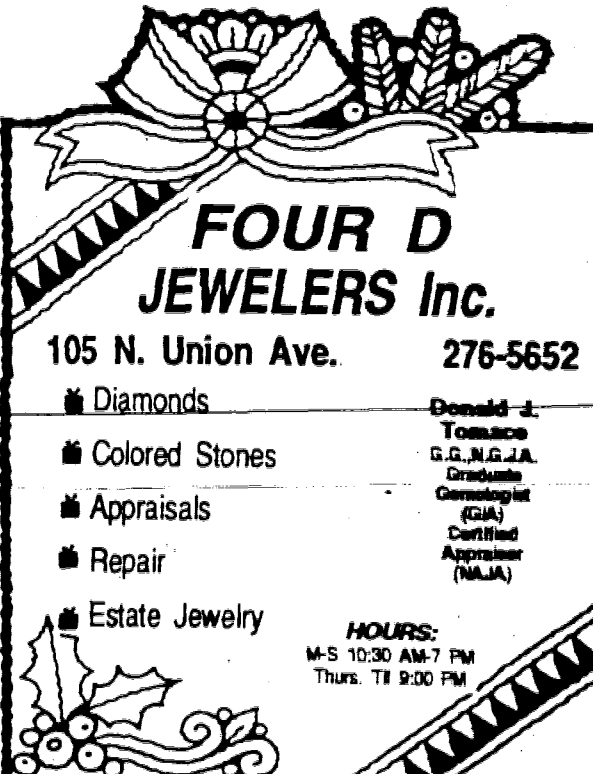
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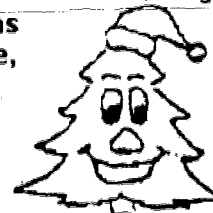
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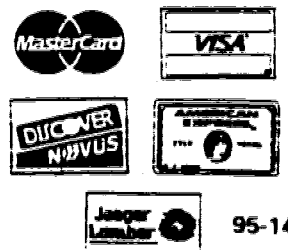
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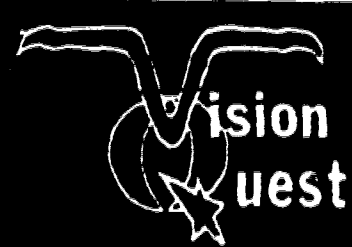
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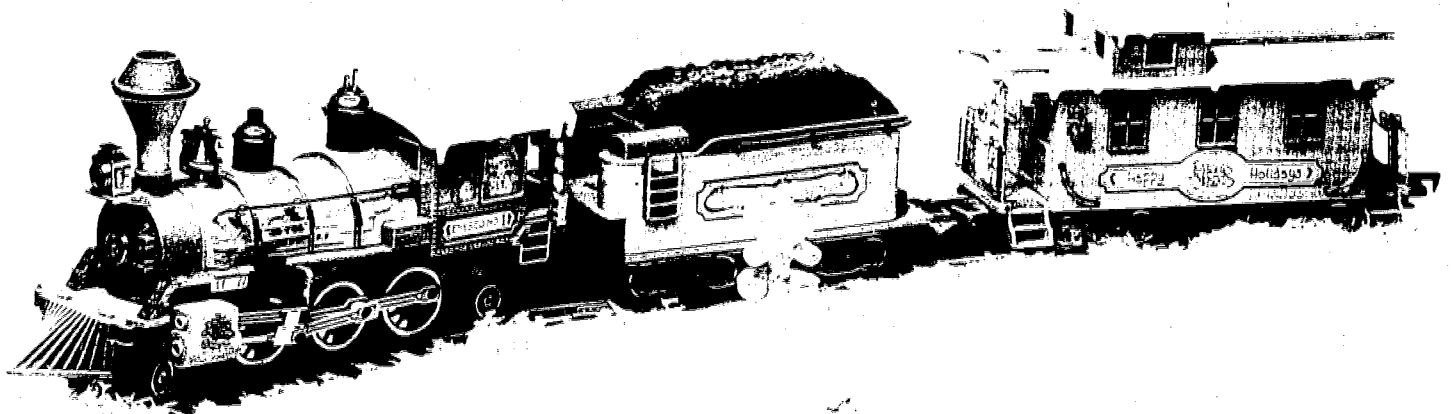


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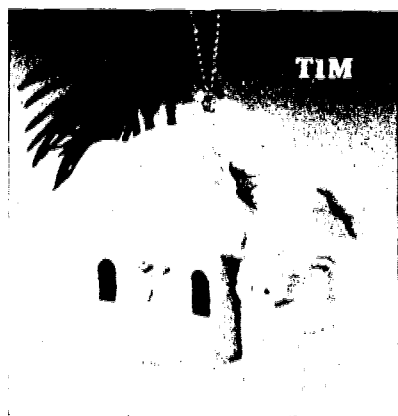
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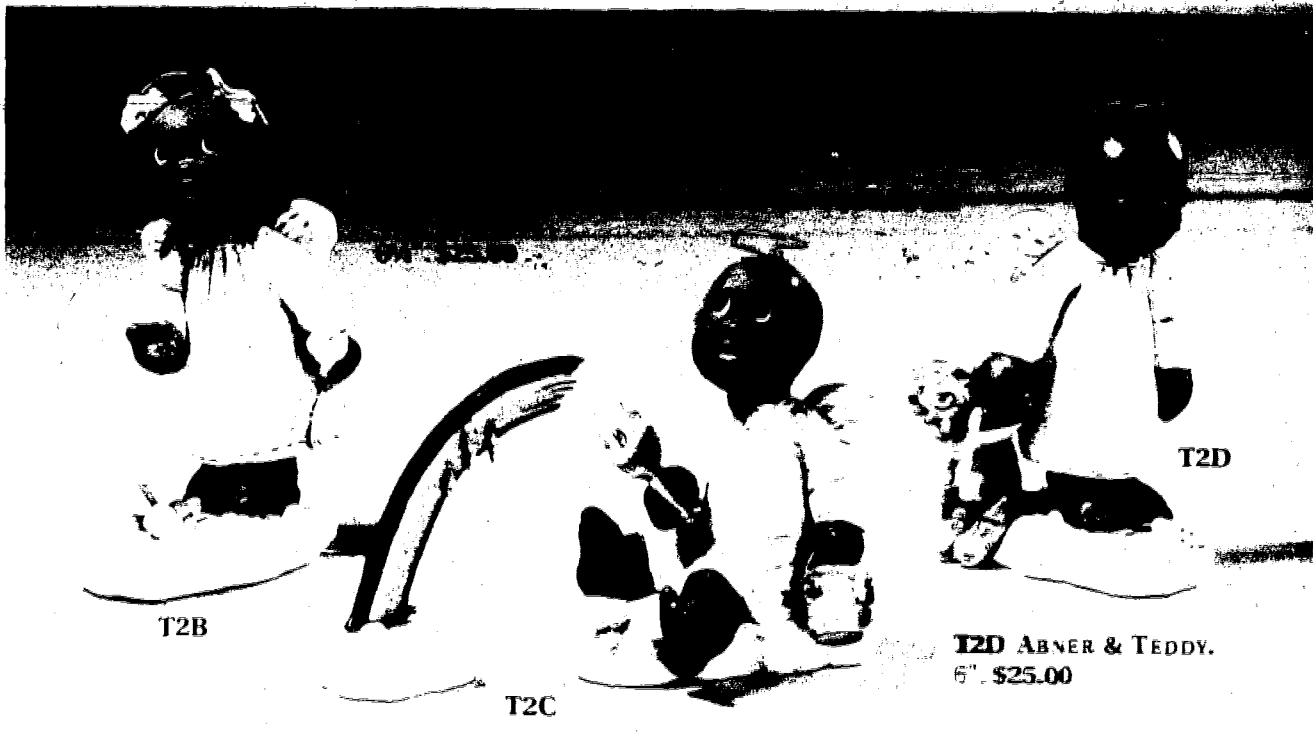
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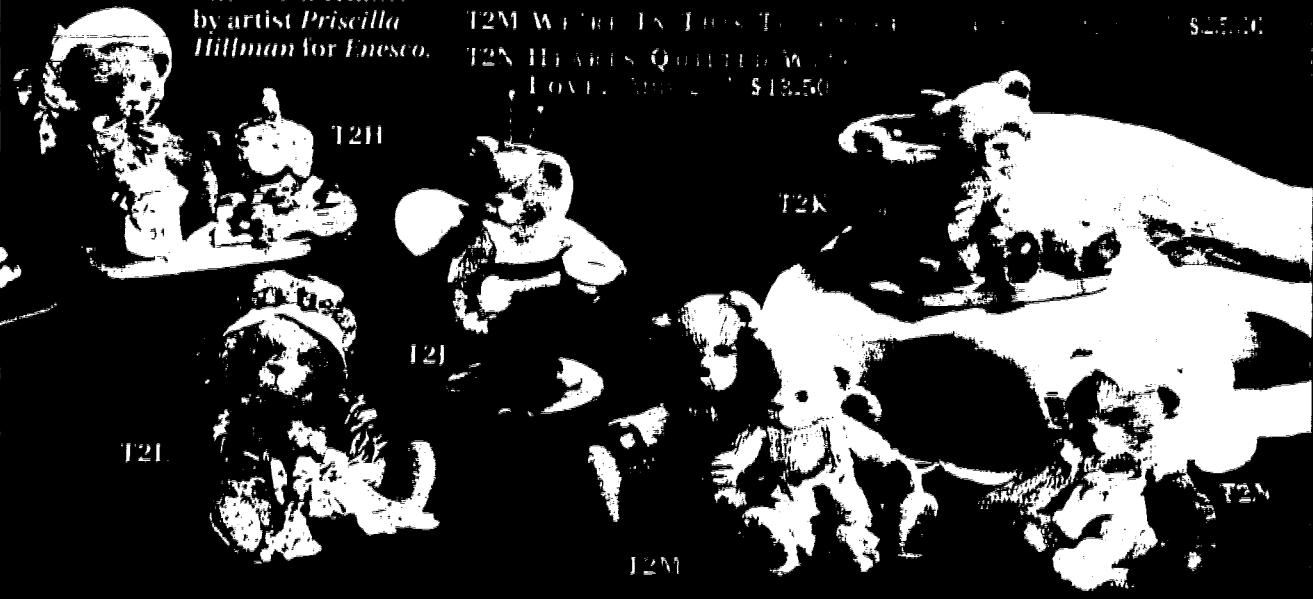
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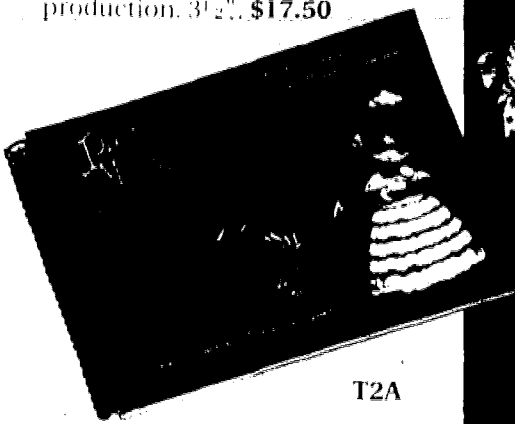
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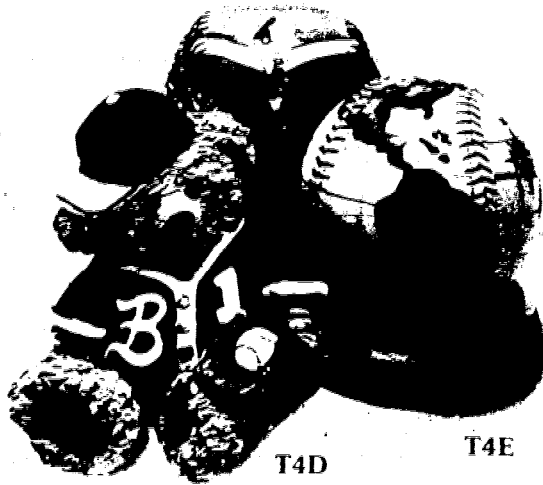
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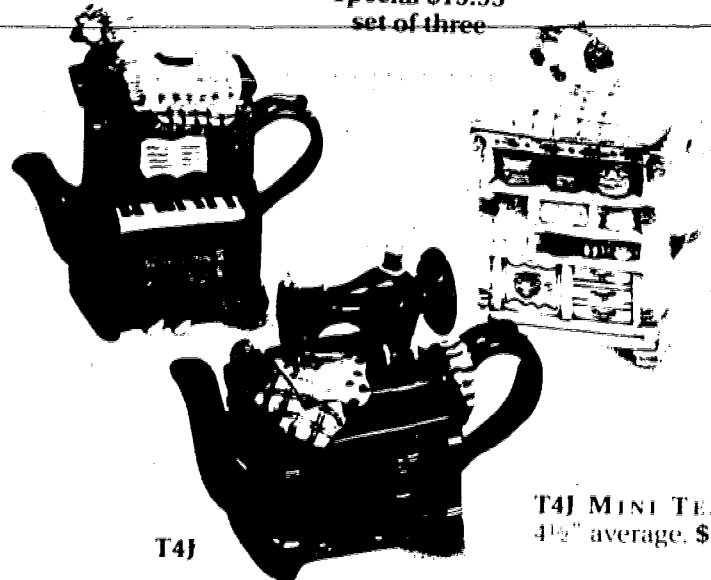
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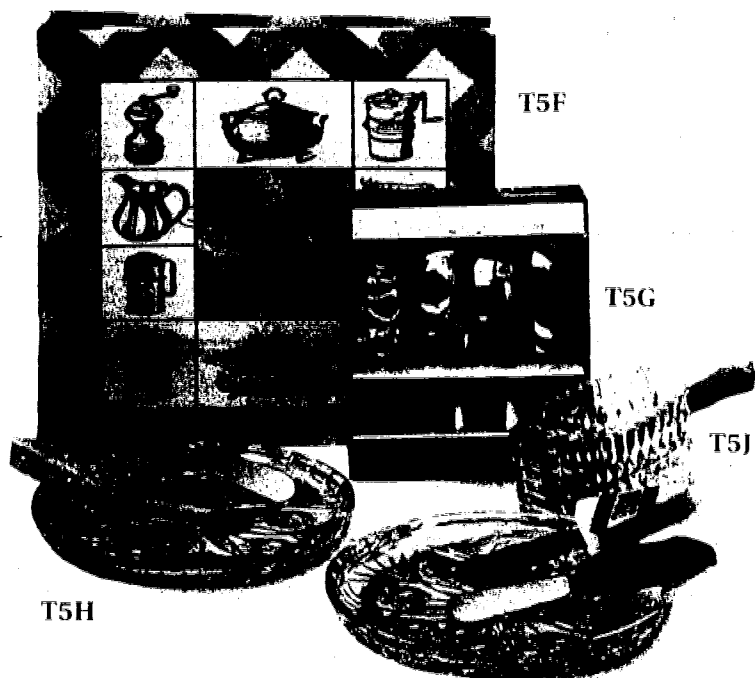
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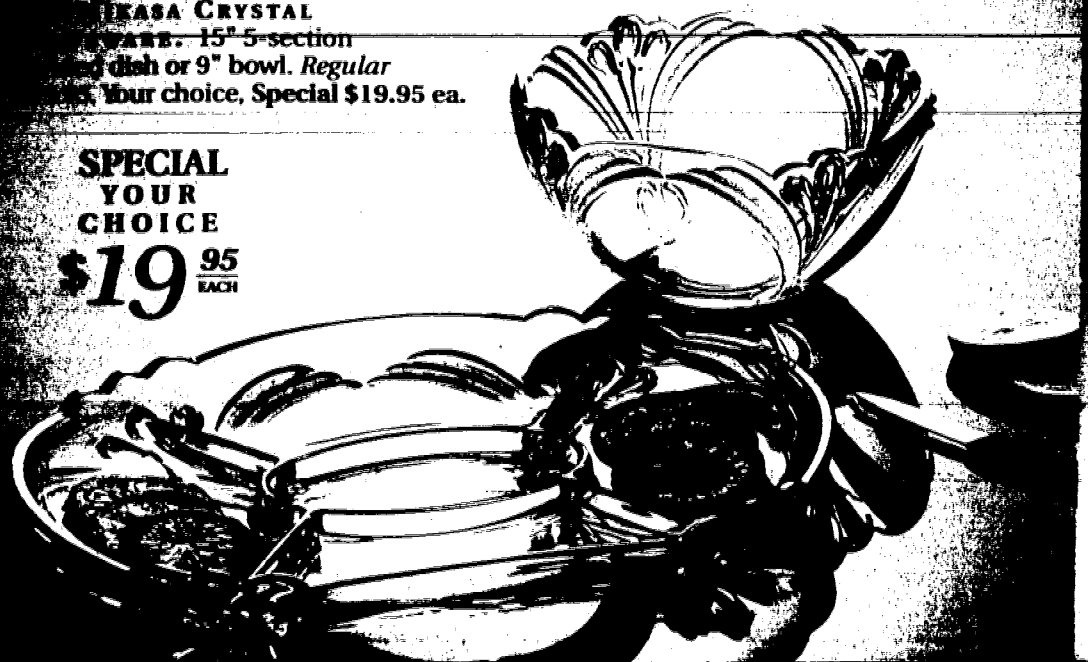


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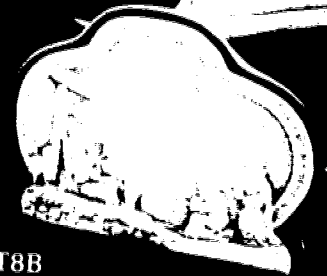
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