

The national spotlight

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Food for thought

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Callahan calls it quits

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Borough Highlights

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Thanksgiving and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen Monday.

Red Cross schedule

The Red Cross training for December will consist of Adult CPR on Dec. 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. Standard first aid training will be Dec. 3 and 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. both nights with infant/child CPR being offered on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

The chapter will be offering an instructor training class on how to become a baby-sitting instructor on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This course will be offered to individuals who are looking to instruct children on being a safe baby-sitter and what to do in emergencies. Space is limited, and registration closes tomorrow. For information and a registration form call 232-7090 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crafters needed

Trailside Nature and Science Center is looking for crafters and artisans to display and sell quality products at its Nature Boutique, planned for Dec. 8 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Participating crafters may also elect to have their work sold at the Children's Gift Shop.

Registration is \$12.50 to \$20 a space and an additional fee of \$7 is charged for gift shop participants.

Interested and qualified crafters should call Ruth Yablonsky at (908) 789-3670, Wednesdays through Fridays, or send color slides or photos of craft items with a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

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The first Thanksgiving



Kindergarten students at Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford prepare for their journey on the Mayflower. Dressed as sailors, navigators, doctors, mothers and pilgrims, the children learned about Thanksgiving. From left: Amanda Wachsborg of Mountainside, Llana and Arielle Herzberg, and Danielle Stern.

Councilman prepares for his ride into the sunset

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

William "Tex" Jackson, a resident of Mountainside for over 30 years, will be hanging up his spurs and departing from the Borough Council at the end of the year.

"I love the town, and I have enjoyed being on the Borough Council, but I feel that it is time to move on," said Jackson, a nine-year veteran.

Prior to his reign on the Borough Council, Jackson was active in other areas of town service. He was the past President of the Honorary Police Benevolent Association, a member of the Juvenile Conference, the Municipal Pool Chairman, as well as serving eight years on the Recreation Commission.

"Tex was a terrific commission member, and a lot of people don't realize that he was very important in putting in the fitness trail behind Borough Hall. He is the kind of guy that did what was right even if he wasn't too enthusiastic about an idea, and he never was the type that liked to take credit for his ideas and the work he did. I really liked working with him because of his sense of humor, I miss that sometimes times at our meetings," said Susan Winans, recreation director.

Jackson takes a realistic view of time on the council, but stresses the fact that he has enjoyed his time being able to help the town which he has lived in for so long.

"Council and local politics in Mountainside, or any town for that

matter, is just like life. One day you are exuberant, and then you are aggravated, and then you are happy. It is just the way it is. But I have for the most part definitely enjoyed it, and I have been impressed with the other council members over the years. There have been a number of changes, but everyone seems to have the best interest of the town at heart which is what counts," said Jackson.

Even though he will be stepping down from the council, Jackson still is concerned with the future of the borough, and some of the issues that the council will be faced in the future.

"I have some apprehensive feelings about what the future councils are going to be up against. Volunteerism, with the fact that people are so busy, is really starting to fade. It is understandable with two people working in a family, but the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department are starting to feel the pinch. I think that this will have to be solved down the line by the current council members, but this is something that I leave a little worried about," said Jackson.

Mayor Bob Vigilanti recalls Jackson's rise to the council and how first impressions are not always correct.

"Tex Jackson came on to council after a little political fighting, and I think Tex will confirm this, but Tex was a little suspect of me and I was a little suspect of Tex. That said, Tex has worked out to be probably one of the most capable hardest working councilmen that I have had the plea-



William "Tex" Jackson
Nine-year member

sure of serving with in over twenty years," said Vigilanti.

The mayor hopes that Jackson will enjoy his time off from the council, but not exactly all that much.

"I hope that he finds his retirement boring and that he is going to want to come back to the council when there is an opening. And I tell you if I am around I will welcome him with open arms, he has done everything in this town and it would be great to get him back one day," said Vigilanti.

Jackson still plans to remain in town where he raised his four children, and will continue to work at his regular non-borough related job. Based on his past service to the borough, it would not be surprising to see him serving the borough in some other capacity in the near future.

Legislation focuses on river

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

A bill to create an Upper Rahway River Intergovernmental Committee was passed by the full Assembly last week. The bill, introduced by Assemblymen Joel M. Weingarten, Kevin O'Toole and Richard Bagger, all Republicans from Union County, will create a committee consisting of representatives of all local municipalities that border the Upper Rahway River to address the issues regarding the river.

"For too long, residents from communities which border the Upper Rahway River have been seeking a structured way in which to reach consensus among themselves and with the State of New Jersey on how best to proceed with a myriad of important issues — ranging from flood control, to dredging, to desmarling to pollution control. This committee will ensure that these important issues finally receive the attention they deserve," said Weingarten.

The topic of the Rahway River has been on the minds of many municipal-

officials for quite some time, but as is often the case with issues that involve more than one town, it is difficult for one town to take action without their decision having an impact on another town.

"This idea has been around for some time, but what moved me to try to get this under way were my meetings with several of the local mayors and councilmen in the communities that have been frustrated in their efforts to deal with a lot of common problems regarding the river. For example, many municipalities have a number of houses that are in a low-lying area that get flooding when there is a lot of rainfall, and these towns want to dredge the river or build up the river banks. This would impact other communities down the line so what we wanted to do was to have a vehicle which would allow the communities to come together and prioritize what their concerns are and to see if we can come up with a unified approach," said Weingarten.

The fact that the Rahway River is important to many of the municipali-

ties is part of the reason for the formation of the committee to ensure that all of the towns along the river are aware of its importance. "The preservation of Rahway River is very important. For the city of Rahway, it is the source of their drinking water, which I think a lot of people do not realize. The state can do a lot as far as industrial pollution which may be coming from sites along the river in pipes, but we do not have that much control over non-point source pollution, most of which originates in the municipalities along the river. This committee will give all of the communities a chance to work together to try to solve some of these issues," Bagger said.

The committee will eventually make recommendations as to what they feel will be needed to correct the problems they are having with the river, but the committee has no power to pass laws or ordinances or to raise any taxes in connection with whatever their recommendations are going to be.

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Teachers challenge 'neutral' resolution

By Chris Suswal
Staff Writer

The unresolved issues concerning the dissolution of the regional school district are being increasingly magnified.

Last week, the Regional Board of Education voted to continue its "neutral stance" toward the issue of dissolution. The resolution was passed by a vote of 6-2 but the last paragraph's statement supporting the dissolution of the district on July 1, 1997 was confronted by the American Federation of Teachers. Donald Paris and Joan Toth were the only board members to vote against the resolution.

Members of the AFT Local 3417 sent a letter to Toth, president of the board, to indicate that unresolved issues should warrant a possible change in the effective date of dissolution. The letter also claimed that the resolution states the board stance to be "anything but neutral."

AFT General Secretary Kurt Epps said, "You can't claim neutrality and wish for your own demise to take place, especially when you say you want this dissolution to happen within

a year. That time period is just not realistic."

The letter states that the AFT takes strong objection to the board's impression that "it is in the best interest of the students and teachers to have the dissolution take effect July 1, 1997." It also indicates that at the present time, "absolutely nothing is known about the complex issues involved in dissolution."

The issues listed were school funding, budget preparation, staffing, student scheduling, and co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The letter further states that some of these issues are now being considered for declaratory judgment by the state's highest education official because of the complexity of the issues, both procedural and legal. Also, there exists the "very real" possibility of a court challenge.

The AFT members expressed concern for the interests of the students who will have their college admissions "seriously affected" by the dissolution plan if it is assembled hastily. The process, according to the AFT, will be disadvantageous to the students and is implemented improperly.

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Mexican restaurant to request borough site

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Jose Tejas restaurant chain is looking to move into Mountainside on Route 22 West. The chain had gone before the Zoning Board to request variances from the borough with regard to the construction of the restaurant, which were previously denied by the borough. They now apparently have restructured their plan, and will seek approval at the next board meeting.

"That piece of property has already been approved for restaurant use, so whether it is Jose Tejas or some other restaurant, the property in question has been approved for some type of

restaurant," said Valerie Saunders of the Zoning Board.

Armed with that first approval for a restaurant, Jose Tejas then went before the board with their plan for the property, and that plan was denied by the board.

"At another time, they came in for a site plan approval for which they were denied because the board was not convinced that that was the best type plan they could come up with," said Saunders.

At this point, the chain has come up with a revised site plan which they plan to present at the next meeting of the board. "Now they are coming in

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Dedication ceremony



The Mountainside Honorary PBA recently dedicated a plaque to the Police Department. The event took place at the new police headquarters. From left are Mayor Robert Vigilanti, Honorary PBA President John Lauricella, and Lt. Jim Debbie.

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New committee to monitor Rahway River issues

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According to the bill, the committee will include a member from each community and a voting member from both Union and Essex counties. The Commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, or his designee, would also serve on the board as a non-voting member.

The individual municipalities seen pleased that this committee is getting under way and feel they would like input from a few different sources regarding plans for the river.

"What most of the communities have expressed as their interest is in having three levels of input — one

from their respective engineers in their own communities, one in terms of working with the state's personnel in the DEP because they handle all of the permitting and bonding issues that would come up with a project of this type, and one on the federal level making sure that whoever is needed would be available to give input to the committee," said Weingarten.

The committee will also give all municipalities information they have already gathered regarding the river.

The bill was approved by a vote of 49 to 19 with six abstentions. The bill will head to the Senate for consideration.

Jose Tejas seeks borough home

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with a revised site plan. They have eliminated a lot of the variances that were part of the original plan. The new plan eliminates some of the parking and they are now conforming with a buffer zone. They need a buffer zone between the residential areas and their properties," said Saunders.

Some residents who live adjacent to the property, as well as other residents, are not sure that a Jose Tejas chain would be in the best interest of the borough.

"The residents were thrilled when the plan was denied at first, and they thought that that was the end for the restaurant chain, but now we know that that is not the case. We realize that the site has been zoned for a restaurant, but the Jose Tejas chain is not exactly a restaurant. If you look at the chain's literature, they pride themselves that they are a member of the Honky Tonk Bar Association, and the atmosphere of their restaurant is more one of a nightclub bar than strictly a restaurant, which I don't think Moun-

tainside needs," said resident Patty Briden.

Apparently until one actually sees Jose Tejas restaurant, it is hard to get an idea of what the chain would mean for the borough.

"There is one on Route 1 right past Woodbridge Center, and the outside is like a tacky junkyard that is lit up with Christmas lights all year round. There is also a dilapidated box truck outside with graffiti all over it and a flat tire, and that is part of the ambience. It is basically a Chico and the Man decor," said Briden, referring to the popular 1970's sit-com which took place in a broken down garage.

The residents are also concerned that the restaurant will experience large crowds. They feel that the borough will have trouble handling all of the new traffic that would be created by a large chain restaurant.

The next meeting of the zoning board is scheduled for December 9 at Borough Hall. Residents are invited at that time to voice any objections that they might have to the chain being granted approval of their site plan.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared each week by the *Mountainside Echo* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, please mail your schedule to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

coming events

Dec. 5

• The Reeves-Reed Arboretum will sponsor a Holiday House tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour will include a visit to seven homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$20, available at the arboretum. The arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For more information, call (908) 273-8787.

Dec. 10

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22.

Dec. 13

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Mommy and Me Christmas party, which will include a visit with Santa Claus and a special gift for each child. The event will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dec. 17

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22.

Dec. 22

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a Santa's house to house visit. Visits begin at 4:30 p.m.

Today

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Thursday

• Government offices will be closed for Thanksgiving.

Tuesday

• The Mountainside Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, Central Avenue and School drive.

Wednesday

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Mommy and Me playgroup at Our Lady of Lourdes Church from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Arlene Haggart at (908) 654-7853.

Regional board stance questioned

(Continued from Page 1) Yet another concern was the lack of developed curriculae because teachers have not been assigned to their respective schools.

"To our knowledge, no curriculae have yet been adopted or formally approved for any of the 'new' school districts. Why not? Because no one knows who will be teaching there," AFT members wrote.

Other questions raised by the AFT regarded the tax burdens placed upon the residents of the communities as a result of the plan. Also, the AFT addressed the issue of the budgets which must be approved by taxpayers and claimed it "will need to be hastily prepared to meet an unrealistic deadline." Last week, education committees met to discuss these fiscal issues in an attempt to meet a Dec. 31 deadline for those matters.

"The state does not yet have a funding formula and most communities don't have any idea of the tax burden," Epps said.

The regional district has students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside and Springfield. After the dissolution, the six K-8 districts will assume responsibility for educating their high school students, and teachers, under the law, may choose the district in which they want to work. State Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz postponed the selection process which was scheduled for Nov. 1. The postponement was said to have been initiated until Klagholz could answer some legal questions affecting the choices.

The AFT was also concerned with how a possible delay in the dissolution would affect their contracts. There had been a request made by the

AFT to open contract negotiations as a safety measure to ensure "smooth operation" of the district in the event of a delay.

"It would be prudent for the board to develop a plan in the event that there is a court challenge," Epps said.

The letter to Toth restated what the AFT official position has been since May 15, 1996. That position suggested that the board develop a resolution to "ensure that its students' education be enhanced by a seamless transition, its teachers' rights fully protected, that the bugs of the process be worked out before they become attorneys' windfalls and, most importantly, that the law be obeyed."

The regional district consists of Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, Jonathon Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

AT THE LIBRARY

The following is a list of new arrivals at the Mountainside Public Library:

- Hill, Reginald, "The Wood Beyond: a Dalziel Pascoe Mystery;"
- Constantine, K.C., "Good Sons;"
- Cahabon, Michael, "Wonder Boys;"
- Shields, Carol, "Happencance: The Wife's Story;"
- Prose, Francine, "The Peaceable Kingdom: Stories;"
- Freeman, Judith, "A Desert of Pure Feeling;"
- Vachss, Andrew H, "Footsteps of the Hawk;"
- Brown, Rita Mae, "Murder, She Meowed;"
- Grafton, Sue, "M" is for Malice;"
- McInerney, Ralph M., "The Tears of Things;"
- Crumley, James, "Bordersnakes;"
- Dams, Jeanne M., "Trouble in the Town Hall: A Dorothy Martin Mystery;"
- Greeley, Andrew M., "Irish Lace: A Nuala Anne McGrail Novel;"
- Aycliffe, Jonathan, "The Lost;"
- Atwood, Margaret, "Alias Grace;"
- MacDonald, Malcolm, "The Trevarton Inheritance;"
- McDowell, Michael,

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Thayer, Steve, "The Weatherman: a Novel;"

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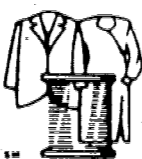
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Fruit, but no turkey



Maggie Bonadies and Ashley Harrison, students at Springfield's Walton School, celebrating Thanksgiving with snacks following a play that was presented to kindergarten parents.

Charities feel 'no gift is too small'

By Walter Elliot
Staff Writer

Tossing loose change into a counter charity display or writing a small check to a non-profit cause, for some of us, is an act done with little afterthought.

To some of the Union County area philanthropies, however, every little bit of "pocket change" does count.

"There is no gift that is too small," stated Della Rauceluhaf of The United Way of Union County in Elizabeth. "The county has about 200,000 households and a labor force of 250,000 people. Just think if each worker or household gave an additional dollar."

"Each donation absolutely makes a difference," added Ann Andrews of the Salvation Army in Union.

Rauceluhaf's and Andrews' statements come in reflection of the recent

death of noted contributor George Ginsberg. Ginsberg, of Springfield, consistently donated \$1 to \$10 amounts among 100 charities over seven decades. The upcoming holiday season also marks a traditional rise in financial giving.

"We do see an increase of giving," said Rauceluhaf, who is the United Way chapter's chief financial officer. "Some people do so because it is almost Jan. 1, the end of the tax year."

When it comes to determining the proportion of overall donations which come in, however, the statistics are less clear.

"We do get checks in small amounts," said Rauceluhaf, "usually from people who have fixed incomes who want to do something. Sometimes a social problem is shown in the media and we get donations from concerned people. There are others who

are restricted givers — those who want donations go to a particular group — and we honor their request."

"I don't have specific numbers on how much we get from out of pocket donations versus payroll deductions or other sources," said Cheryl Delgado, executive director of the United Way of Summit and New Providence. "I want to say 65 to 70 percent but each community's different in percentages."

Delgado and Rauceluhaf point out that the United Way emphasizes contribution via payroll deduction. The umbrella group then distributes donations among their members.

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Overlook eases children into surgery

By Harley Payette
Correspondent

An operation can be a traumatic event in the life of a child and a parent. A program offered by Overlook Hospital is attempting to eliminate that trauma.

The Family Surgery Program familiarizes children and parents with the surgical process in an attempt to ease their fears and anxieties. The program gives children the opportunity to come to the hospital, before their surgery, to meet the doctors, nurses and anesthesiologists who will be working on their operations. Children are also given a "hands on" tour of the operating and recovery rooms.

"By making the children and their parents familiar with the operating room and its procedures, we hope to make the surgical experience easier for the entire family," said co-founder Nell Knightly, R.N.

Tensions are also eased by allowing children to take a favorite toy or belonging into the operating room for the operation said Knightly. Also, parents are allowed to accompany the child into the operating room during initial anesthesia administration.

Knightly said she and Susan Scott, R.N., who works same-day surgery at Overlook with Knightly, invented the program in 1993 because of their experiences with children who had same-day surgery. "Working with children every day, we began to realize that it's a very frightening experience to a child."

Stephen Auger, public manager at Overlook, said the necessity of the

program came in the last ten years when a lot of operations became available on an out-patient basis. "Previously, there was a little time to work with the child before surgery. Ten years ago a child was brought in and you had some time to prepare," said Auger.

Knightly said that the preparation has been beneficial to the children both psychologically and physically. "Kids come in and generally they're behind their parents and they're scared. By the time they leave, they want to give us hugs and toys. Also, physically it makes the whole anesthesia process easier, more comforting and reassuring."

Knightly said the program is especially beneficial for parents. "Whatever their feeling is translated to the child," she said. "We tell them (parents and children) that no question is insignificant."

The hospital holds the program every other Monday at 6 p.m. Knightly said no group of children is too small to hold the program. "If it's just one child that's going to be there, we go through the whole nine yards for that child. We do like to keep it at no more than seven though. We really want to give a lot of individual attention."

After surgery, Overlook does a follow-up call to patients who have been through the program. "The sta-

tistics have been very rewarding," Knightly said. Auger added that over 300 children have participated in the Family Surgery Program and he has yet to hear a negative response.

Knightly said she was involved with two cases where the parents went outside of their managed care package to Overlook because of the program.

Knightly said the hospital is looking to expand the program to give children who are not being operated on a chance to learn about the process. A session with the Girl Scouts is already planned and the hospital is trying to set something up with some local day care centers.

The Family Surgery Program is available free of charge to all families who use Overlook. This is possible because all the participants, nurses, doctors and anesthesiologists volunteer their time. "They're very much aware of the difficulties a child may have when they need surgery," said Auger.

"They're seeing the results in their profession," added Knightly. "A lot of them sign up over and over. It's a way that says we really, really care about you."

If you would like to sign up for the Family Surgery Program, call (908) 522-5200 and ask for the Child Life Coordinator. No physician's referral is needed.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Marx enters Dartmouth

Gregory Marx of Springfield, has been enrolled as a member of the class of 2000 at Dartmouth College.

Marx, son of Jean and Leonard Marx of South Springfield Ave., Springfield, is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School.

Dartmouth, the nation's ninth-oldest college, was founded in 1769. Noted as a highly competitive institution, Dartmouth's enrollment includes more than 4,000 under-graduates, and 1,000 graduate students in the arts and sciences and graduate schools of business, engineering, and medicine.

Oratory announces honors

The following students have been named to the Headmaster's Honor Roll for the First Quarter of the 1996-97 school year:

First Honors: Teobaldo Fernandez of Mountainside, and Stephen Malcolm of Springfield.

Second Honors: James Herten and David Kessler of Mountainside, and Andrew Brodyn of Springfield.

Deerfield names honor students

The following is a list of honor roll students from Mountainside's Deerfield School:

Honor Roll — Grade 6, First Marking Period 1996-97:

High Honor Roll: Katrina Blasi, John Bodenchak, Tara Crane, Daniel Drake, Nicole Ehrhardt, Jude Faella, Ashley Ferrell, Suzanne Hopkins, Stephen Kress, Katie Lias, Estrella Lopez, Kristen Manzo, Michael Margello, Jessica Nichols, Deirdre Norris, Constance Souder, Nicole Taeschler, Lindsay Vlachakis, Stacy Vlashkis.

High Honor Roll: Craig Andersson, Gregory Belden, Joseph Ciasulli, Ashley Criscitiello, David Dempsey, Katelyn Fenton, Brittancy Grillot, Kevin Guidiciopietro, Aimee Johnston, Jehanne Junguenet, Joseph King, Kenneth Kolanko, Shaun Modi, Jonathan o'Dowd, Mariel Piscitelli, Christine Reidy, Kimberly Risch,

Brittany Sanders, Timothy Scofield, Christine Weag, Kailley Wheaton.

Honor Roll-Grade 7, First Marking Period 1996-1997:

High Honor Roll: Brian Dressel, Oliver Eng, Ryan Feller, Kristen Hauser, Ellen Levitian, Dana McCurdy, Bridget Melnyk, Susan Schnakenberg, Jason Thomas.

Honor Roll: Steven Brown, Pamela Cash, Jonathan Doorley, Frank Geiger, Eva Green, David Lauricella, Lauren Rosenhaft, Micah Thau, Dina West.

Honor Roll — Grade 8, First Marking Period 1996-1997:

High Honor Roll: Lauren Beasley, Kristin Joham, Emily Luke, Emily Porch, Noelle Tate.

Honor Roll: Olivia Banuszewicz, Erica Benninger, Sharon Brodian, Andrew Dubna, R.J. Fahrion, Alex Grunberg, Priscilla Melango, Milap Patel, Katie Schmidt, Lauren Whritenour.

LIFESTYLE



Kerri Penna and Aaron Redsicker

Penna to wed Redsicker

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Penna, Jr. of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter Kerri G. Penna to Aaron D. Redsicker, son of David R. Redsicker and Midge Kelsey of Owego and Spencer, N.Y.

The bride to be is a graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ and is employed by the Mental Health Association of Union County in Cranford as a graduate student counseling intern.

The future groom is a graduate of Corning College, Corning, NY and is employed by Peter Wallas Associates of Hackensack as a Private Investigator.

A May 1998 wedding is planned.

Hoedown concert set

The Springfield District Wide String Orchestra will present a "Hoe Down" Concert on Tuesday.

The concert will begin at 7:30 in the gym of James Caldwell School, and will feature solo, small ensemble, and large ensemble country selections. Country line dancing will also be an added highlight to this special evening.

The group consists of violin, viola, and bass students in the fourth through eighth grade from Caldwell School, Sandmeister and Guadineer School.

The district strings are under the direction of Jennifer Dodge. Representatives of K & S Music Company will be available, the night of the concert, with rental information for students interested in studying a string instrument beginning in January.

Coats for kids looks to provide winter warmth

GT Distinctive Printing of Springfield joins 105.1 FM in their quest to make the world a warmer place for area children.

As a Coats For Kids designated drop-off location, GT Distinctive Printing will collect and store all donations for pick-up by 105.1 Area residents are urged to stop by before Dec. 20 with any new or like new child size coats.

"This is our third year as an official

drop off location. Thanks to area residents, we collected over one hundred childrens coats last year. It feels great to know so many people care." said Terry Taylor, co-owner.

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OPINION

Offer helping hand

The holiday season is upon us once again. It is time to crowd into the local stores looking for the perfect gift for everyone, to stand on long lines and rail against the traffic. It is time to hear Christmas carols and take the kids to see Santa Claus, but it is also time once again to open our hearts and our wallets to help those who are in need.

This is prime fund-raising time for many local charities, a time when they find donors are more willing to part with a few dollars to help a good cause.

This year, these organizations are more in need than ever, with cuts in federal funding coming for several social service programs, and all of the money to provide shelters and other services to the homeless cut from the housing budget, they are even more hard pressed to answer the call of those in need.

In the best of times, places such as the St. Joseph's Social Service Center are overwhelmed with requests for help and the cold weather makes those requests even more urgent.

We hope our readers will think of the homeless, the hungry, the sick, the aged and the impoverished as they gather around their table for a turkey dinner with their families. It is easy to sit with our families and give thanks for the good things. What is difficult is seeing what others don't have and making a difference.

This is also the time to think about giving more than money. All of us should think about what we have done to make our communities better in the past year. It is time to wonder whether we should give of ourselves and not just our money. Many organizations need volunteers, from statewide organizations to your local church's food pantry.

This is a time for giving — giving thanks and help. So while you may see hundreds of requests for donations at this time of year, we hope you will not become numb to the need that exists behind them and will offer a helping hand.

Lady Macbeth for board attorney

If there is one thing about the regional district we won't miss, it is board attorney Lawrence Schwartz.

Hired by the entire Board of Education to offer objective advice and perform legal services in the best interest of the district, Schwartz has become a leader among one faction of the board when it comes to billing.

Specifically, we refer to his billing the school board for a meeting with an attorney from Garwood that appears to have involved thwarting the deregionalization process.

We say appears to have, because board Secretary Peter Lanzi will not let us see the billing records. Instead, he referred our reporter to Schwartz's firm, Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso & Kessler in Livingston.

Because Lanzi does not seem to know any better, we remind him that these billing records are public documents involving the expense of public money that were approved during a public meeting of the board, and therefore are to be made available to members of the public upon demand.

Why Lanzi, a public official, would refer us to a private firm to view public papers is beyond comprehension. Even worse is the explanation offered by Jeffrey Bennet, an attorney at Schwartz Simon et al, who said disclosing the papers would violate attorney-client privileges.

To us, it sounds more like attorney-client pretensions. Lanzi, Schwartz and most of the regional administration personify everything that is wrong with the Regional High School District. They behave like a bunch of gluttonous oligarchs empowered to suck the taxpayers' blood because the students at Governor Livingston score high on the SATs.

This seems like the perfect spot to remind readers that this is the same firm that hired Burton Zitomer and his son Marc.

If the name sounds familiar, Burton Zitomer was president of the regional board until being booted out of office by Berkeley Heights voters in a landslide in 1995.

Why was he defeated at the polls? Because his constituents didn't like the tax hikes he pushed down their throats — tax hikes that were needed to pay legal fees to Schwartz Simon Edelstein Celso & Kessler.

Our thanks to you

Tomorrow is the national day of thanksgiving, and as such we find our reporters and staff thankful. We thank our readers, who have been especially helpful to us in newsgathering as well as supportive of our efforts. We also thank our advertisers for helping support this local newspaper. To the civic groups and churches, our thanks also go out. You are the backbone of the community.

To the elected and appointed, our thanks. You have made this year most interesting as far as news and commentary. To the citizens who speak at public meetings and take an active role as watchdogs, we especially say thank you. Mountain-side and Springfield are better because of you.



LOOKS LIKE KID SPIRIT — In celebration of school spirit at Walton School, a presentation of songs was led by teacher Bob Burkhardt on guitar. Also pictured are Principal Mike Antolino, Jeannie Costa and Kyle Burdi.

A ride in the country may require time travel

A few weeks ago, we took some friends of ours who hadn't been out this way for about five years for a drive in the country, and I use the word "country" loosely.

We went down to Princeton via Route 206 from the old Somerville Traffic Circle, and then over to Chester, then to Morristown by way of Route 202, and then back to Summit.

Our friends who now live in North Carolina, were aghast at the changes and that not all of them were good was very obvious to them.

The old drive to Princeton was once a pleasant one, with farms dotting the landscape and old houses, needing coats of paint, standing stately among the tall trees. Traffic was at a minimum and it was a pleasure to take in the scenery. Today, one has to thank his lucky stars to survive such a trip. Cars, cars, trucks and buses stream by in a never-ending line of getting into mobbed malls so they can park in fast food emporiums.

Our confused friends asked where the old country roads were and where a certain restaurant was on Route 202, which they used to frequent. Our sad answer was "Our old country roads are disappearing by the hour and your old restaurant is gone."

If you are lucky to find an old coun-

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

try road somewhere, perhaps in the outback of Salem County, your trip can come to a sudden end with a large series of signs informing you that a detour lies ahead, or the road is under construction to create a four lane highway and to proceed with caution. The old country road comes to an end. But there is even more grim news when a huge sign heralds the fact that a new 6 million square foot mall will shortly be built to meet your every need.

So goes the memories of old country roads, where meadow and fields and orchards and streams told you were in the country. Cars didn't whiz by or honk their horns to tell you to get a move on. I am positive that most people do not take drives on what's left on country roads nowadays. Roads are to get you from one place to the order as quickly as possible and the devil with the roadside scenery. Of course the scenery is now limited

to malls, condos, fast-food places, highway stores selling everything from junk to more junk and whatever trees might be left, are papered over with announcements of garage or attic sales.

We are slowly losing a very important part of our life — an unadulterated outdoors, free of man-made meddling into nature. We seem to have reached a pinnacle in our collective lives that the outdoors must now be cluttered with unsightly clutter of all sizes, shapes and dimensions. Today, instead of taking an old-fashioned automobile drive in what was once "country," we are bent on finding newer and bigger malls, glitzier and glitzier fast-food pit stops, and commercialism which even Phineas Barnum couldn't imagine in his wildest dreams.

What we are doing is senseless and dangerous. We seem to have a death wish to destroy our outdoor beauty, a feat which took hundreds, perhaps thousands of years to create and what we are doing is building, ripping up, paving over and rerouting everything in sight. Whatever old country roads we still have today will surely go the way of the hula-hoop in a few short years, leaving us a neon-laden landscape comparable to the moon's.

Of course, in our society where we demand instant gratification, if there's no mall, McDonalds or a duplex cinema every few miles on nine-lane highways cluttered with signs, we pout and the kids throw tantrums.

Roads today are mere raceways to your favorite fast-food place to eat fast, buy junk you can't afford or sit watching a movie where no one wears clothes and talks dirty from fade in, to fade out. To make the day a perfect one, you have one last fast burger before heading home, but not before dumping your trash in an overflowing garbage can.

Of course, times change, they must. But we also thought that with change, comes a better life. But we seem to be losing a grip on the better life. Crowds are becoming rowdier, roads seem to be getting wider and whatever country scenery we once had, is going fast. Someday this might all change and the malls will have disappeared and we might again see a cow or some sheep. We are sure our friends will never return here and we were embarrassed.

Perhaps Aldous Huxley's grim "Brave New World" was right.

A retired newspaper publisher, Norman Rauscher is an active member of the Summit community.

The state must investigate regional's antics

You have to tip your hat to the Regional High School Board of Education — or at least to the six members who passed the resolution that OKs deregionalization.

On Nov. 19, the board voted to reaffirm the public referendum that approved deregionalization. That resolution sounds silly because the May 14 referendum settled the question, but the board finally and officially now favors the voters.

Based on information that has come to light, it's obvious this resolution was overdue and sorely needed.

I find it difficult to believe that certain members of the regional board are still playing games about dissolution — games that cost the taxpayers a lot of money and diminish students' morale. Also I find it offensive and reprehensible that some who are connected to the regional board resort to desperate tactics to save what the public disbanded.

After seeing the board in action Nov. 19, it's easy to see why the voters cannot wait to rid themselves of this school district.

Since the referendum, the Garwood Board of Education and Borough Council have been working to reverse the voters' verdict. It seems they think their constituents should continue to educate their kids on someone else's budget.

In addition, the teachers' union got the state commissioner of education to delay the teacher selection process in the local districts.

Both are slowing the dissolution

Views On The News

By Blaine Dillport Staff Writer

process, and have been helped by the actions of the superintendent, the board president and the district's attorney.

Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik is responsible for the teachers' union winning its stay. When dissolution was approved, teachers due to receive tenure were going to be denied by the six sending districts. Upon reflection, the six local districts realized this would only affect nine teachers. So, to avoid legal disputes and further delays, the six superintendents agreed to accept those nine teachers as tenured teachers in their districts.

This fact was made clear to Merachnik by the six superintendents. To delay deregionalization, Merachnik wrote to one of those teachers and informed her that her tenure would not be granted. This letter then was used by the teachers' union as a reason to appeal to the state for a stay of the selection process.

For an administrator who supposedly had to remain neutral regarding dissolution, Merachnik has been in this thing shoulder deep.

Regional Board President Joan

Toth, who has been a mouthpiece for Garwood, is flexing her muscles to delay dissolution.

During recent meetings, she has worked to keep certain items off the agenda, prompting other members to question her right to make such decisions. She also has said she is not sure dissolution will go through.

That is not exactly a neutral statement.

Further, when her efforts to keep items off the agenda fail, she teams with board attorney Lawrence Schwartz and declares the items as matters for executive session — keeping the information from the public.

None of these actions qualify for neutrality. This upsets me so much

because ultimately the children will pay for the games played by a few powerful people.

My solution is a simple one: During the next meeting of the board, scheduled for Dec. 3, the taxpayers of the six constituent districts should flood the room and demand the resignations of Merachnik, Toth and Schwartz.

These people have cost you enough money in the past and they're not finished.

Don't be fooled or lulled into a false sense of security by this Board of Education. The most powerful figures of the Regional High School District seem to be showing no interest in seeing the process of deregionalization continue.

"The First Amendment is a very liberal amendment as it is now applied and interpreted by the courts and implemented by statutes. That liberality depends to a large extent upon the responsibility with which the ultimate law of any society is going to be survival, if that responsibility disappears, other statutes will be passed."

—Antonin Scalia

VIEW POINT
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Suspect owes an answer

To the Editor:

I am writing to applaud the actions of the U.S. Department of Justice in obtaining a federal indictment against Theodore John Kaczynski in New Jersey for the murder of Thomas J. Mosser of North Caldwell, as I'd requested in a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno earlier this year.

As I stated in that letter, it is very important that justice in this case be achieved in New Jersey to enable ourselves to move forward after this terrible crime.

The murder of Mr. Mosser was a particularly insidious crime which has had far reaching ramifications for not only the Mosser family, who have had to endure this terrible ordeal, but also the State of New Jersey as well. The crime alleged against Kaczynski, the so-called Unabomber, in killing Mr. Mosser via a letter bomb, devastated the lives of the Mosser family and compelled everybody in the state to confront and re-evaluate the issue of their personal safety and the safety of their families.

This violent act presented in garish light the fragile nature of the social fabric which underlies our very lives. Suddenly we have been compelled to think twice before conducting such previously routine tasks as opening our mail. We too have been irrevocably changed by this incident. Indeed, the blast from the defendant's bomb has torn a hole in our collective psyche and has destroyed, in its measure, some trust in each other essential for the functioning of any society.

Recognizing the need to heal this tear in our social fabric and, more immediately and perhaps importantly, the need to be sensitive to the Mossers as they continue to cope with their loss, I have long felt that the only way we can possibly reach closure and finally put this incident behind us as best we can, is if the perpetrator is tried and brought to justice in New Jersey.

Toward that end, I wrote a letter to Attorney General Reno in April of this year urging in the strongest possible terms that charges be brought in this state under the death penalty against the defendant.

By compelling Kaczynski to face up to his heinous crime in a New Jersey trial, we enable ourselves to make some sense from this totally senseless act, to confront our fears about society that arose out of the crimes of this one man, and regain some confidence in our social institutions and face the future with renewed hope and wisdom.

In this way, we may be able to stitch together the hole torn in the fragile, intricately woven and beautiful social mosaic that supports and enriches our lives. In coming together instead of allowing violence to rend us apart, we help to eradicate the true tragedy of violent crime, that is, the suspicion, separateness and even hatred or distrust against each other that may ensue.

Instead, we are able to confirm and celebrate our humanity and our brotherhood which, in turns, enables us to move forward together as a society. This is the bright light of opportunity which exists behind the darkness of this tragic event.

Nothing we can now do can bring Thomas Mosser back. His loss leaves an indelible void in the lives of his family and community. But what we now can do and must do for the Mosser family and the citizens of New Jersey is to see that Theodore John Kaczynski is brought to swift and total justice in a New Jersey federal courtroom for the terrible crime he committed.

And in so doing, it is my hope that in reflecting upon the senseless loss of Mr. Mosser's life, we can all become a little wiser, a little closer to our fellow human beings and that the Mosser family is able to find peace.

Kevin J. O'Toole
Assemblyman, District 21

Local playwright featured at library

"Franks with Relish," plays by Sid Frank, will be presented at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library on Dec. 15 at 1:30 p.m.

The six one-act plays were all written by Springfield resident Sid Frank. The performers will include Murray and Rhoda Staub, Randy Marshall, Becky Kurth, Margaret Gerat and Frank.

Frank has 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." Also by Sid Frank, "Gold Pieces" and "The

Wizard of Oz," both children's musicals.

Frank has written the lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Ekstine and Sarah Vaughn. In addition, he wrote the scripts and lyrics for 40 children's LPs for Golden Records, Panda Records, RCA, and Pickwick. Sid Frank is the author of "The Presidents," "Tidbits and Trivia," and "Howard the Horrible Horse." Sid Frank's contribution to education includes "The Talking Map," "The World of the Birds," "The World of Weather," and "A Trip to the Moon."

The one-act plays have been performed widely including the Village Gate in Manhattan; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope; and more locally at Playwrights Theater of New Jersey in Madison.

This program, "Franks with Relish" is a free performance and is open

to all. The Donald S. Palmer Museum is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Letters

Worrall Community Newspapers welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

Worrall Community Newspapers reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Stuyvesant Ave. Union, NJ 07083.

Healthy, happy hearts



Lifestyle Fitness Center of Springfield was recognized for its contribution to the Healthy Choice, American Heart Association Walk at a county wide awards dinner held by the Union County chapter of the American Heart Association. Participants included senior citizens who made their own personal battles with cardiovascular disease. Lifestyle Fitness aerobic director Gina Berta led the warm up for all participants and raised over \$500. The facility is located at 215 Morris Ave. in Springfield.



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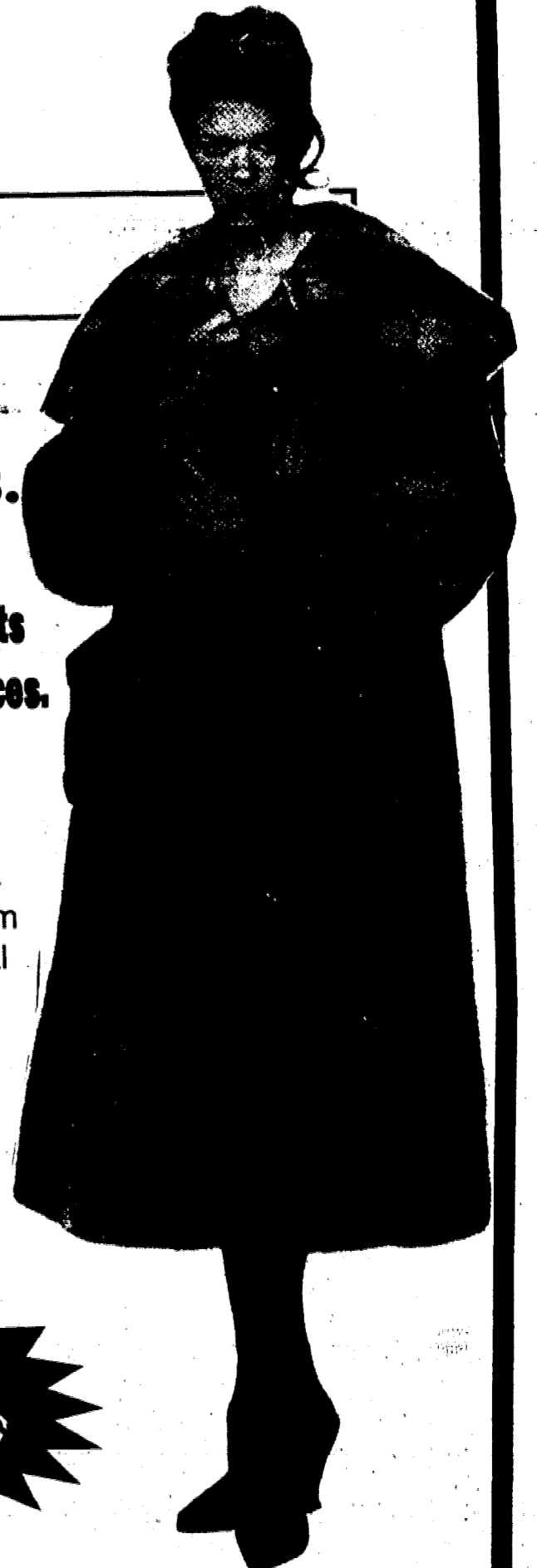
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The meeting, which will be held at Summit Middle School on Dec. 2 beginning at 8 p.m., will also include a presentation by Summit Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Knowlton, Schools Business Administrator Harol Kessler, Board of Education

members, and the district's PTA/PTO legislative representative Eleanor Doyle.

The panel of speakers will be available to answer questions from the public on funding concerns.

"By court order, Governor Whitman and the state legislature have a December 31 deadline to finalize a new school funding system," said Board of Education Legislative Liaison Nora Radest. "No other question is more important for our community's students than whether or not that system will give them the opportunity to meet high education standards." Summit residents are encouraged to

attend the meeting to learn how funding changes could potentially impact the entire community.

The Summit Middle School is located at 272 Morris Ave.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday noon.

Entertainment - Friday noon.

Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

General - Monday 5 p.m.

Organization offers federal flood relief

A special toll-free telephone number is in operation for people affected by the severe storms and floods on Oct. 18-23. The number can be used to register for a wide range of state, federal and voluntary disaster assistance programs, according to federal and state officials.

Joseph Picciano, federal coordinating officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Lt. Thomas P. Gudmestad, state coordinat-

ing officer, New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, said that those affected by the flooding may apply for assistance immediately by calling the toll-free number 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week except on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at (800) 462-9029. Hearing or speech impaired persons may call TTY at (800) 462-7585.

President Clinton designated five New Jersey counties a major disaster area on Nov. 19 following the

recent storms and floods. The designated counties which will receive individual and hazard mitigation assistance are Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union. The designations open the way for a wide range of federal and state disaster assistance for the victims of this disaster, including funds for housing rental or repair, low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration and grants under the Individual And Family Grant Program.

LET THE BIBLE SPEAK

1 Pet. 4:11

The Mass Of Christ?

In the Bible, there is absolutely no record or evidence that Christ was born on what is commonly known as Christ-Mas Day, December 25th, the Mass-of-Christ or Christ-in-Mass is foreign to the Bible.

Had God wanted man to celebrate Christ's Birthday, He would have surely given us the date and month of the year, and command us to do so. This false doctrine, human creed and tradition, began about the Third Century, A.D. during the reign of Emperor Constantine. December 25th was a Pagan Festival of lights and the celebration of the Sun God (eating, drinking, merry-making and exchanging of gifts, etc.) was adopted by the Apostate Church in order to Christianize Paganism. The word Christ was added to Mass, thus the 25th of December, was called Christ's Birthday. And later was patterned and practiced by the Protestant denominations. These men have little or no respect for God and His Word.

Christ-mas is not found in the Bible, and Christ is NOT in the Mass. Christ is not a Catholic and Christ is not a Protestant. Hence, Christ does not celebrate Christ-Mas (neither should I) and He did not authorize or command His Disciples to do so.

In the Bible, Jesus clearly teaches those who will follow Him to observe ONLY those things He authorized and commanded. His "RESURRECTION" - Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

If you sincerely believed in the Son of God, then respect His authority and obey His command, Lk. 6:46. "DO NOT PUT" Christ in Christ-Mas, where He does not belong, God is not pleased. I have searched the scriptures for Christ in Christ-Mas and for a command for us to observe Christ-Mas, and guess what? Both searches were fruitless. We cannot love and serve God without pleasing God. Read Matt. 7:21-23; 15:13-14.

Jesus said if you Love me you will keep my commandment. John 14:15, 21, 23.

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Local residents plan to act funny in workshop

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At the church on Dec. 7th, The Gemini Group is fielding a widely diverse group of local residents putting their senses of humor and talents on the line in "Not Seriously, Folks," a 10-sketch comedy workshop that also features standup comics. Subjects tackled include a holiday edition of "To Tell The Truth," "Bay Watch," baseball, a phony psychic, Bill and Hillary Clinton, a dull knife salesperson, an amateur bank robber, a lecture on pleasing a husband 1950s style, and the nation's only completely honest senatorial candidate. Two standup comics will also perform.

"I like to call this the chance of a laughtime," says Gemini co-founder John Rupp, a native of Mountainside. "I mean, not only a chance for the writers and performers, but for local citizens, too. Where else can you see live comedy absolutely free, with no commercial breaks, no monthly cable charges, no cover charges and no minimum?"

The Gemini Group was founded by Westfield residents Scott Coffey and Allison Jacob, and by Rupp as a vehicle to give area residents an active forum through which to test and develop their talents. "This is a fun organization," says Coffey, "although during the rehearsal process, some people would call it a 'dysorganization'. We don't want to play around with orga-



Local comedians mug for the camera during rehearsals for 'Not Seriously, Folks,' a free night of comedy produced by the Gemini Group of Westfield. From left, rear: Linda Condrillo, Westfield; Robert Kondrk and Michael Ream, Rahway; Patrick Fahey, Bloomfield; Timothy Jacob, Westfield. Bottom row: Maureen Goense, Mountainside; Hope Kondrk and Jacquie McCarthy, Rahway; Kimberly Jacob, Westfield. The show will be held Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, Mountainside. For information, call Scott Coffey at (908) 654-1054.

nization politics. We don't want to apply for grants or develop and track budgets. All we want to is have fun producing live local theater."

"From the start," says Jacob, "what we thought we would do is leave the

revivals of former Broadway plays to the area's established theatrical groups. They are uniformly excellent, and much better equipped to take on the challenges of full-scale productions. We want to be a forum for those

who have always wanted to write, direct, act, and produce but never did it — and for talented actors, directors and writers who want to experiment or stretch their wings between other 'gigs.'"

Holocaust-themed artist meets with area students

Twenty students from the Post Graduate program of the Summit Jewish Community Center were invited to meet with artist Arie Galles and discuss his noted, "Fourteen Stations," recently featured as part of the Morris Museum's New Jersey Artist Series.

After greeting the students, Galles introduced them to the process involved in creating his charcoal drawings, ranging from why he used the medium of charcoal to the comprehensive planning each work required.

"He studied thousands of World War II documents and aerial recon-

naissance photos taken of concentration camp sites," said Cecile Seiden, SJCC Education Director. "The drawings our students saw reflected Galles' complex and emotional journey as well as his attempt to communicate the tension between order and chaos that took place during the Holocaust. Each work brought to life what our students had read about in the classroom."

Galles, a Madison resident and Professor of Art at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, shared with the students how this work is his Kadish, or prayer for those who perished

in the Holocaust. Many of his family were among those who were killed. "Our students were shown how each drawing was an important part of the whole presentation's message of remembrance, tolerance and compassion," Seiden added.

"What first may appear as meticulous reproductions of photographs," Galles said, "are actually thoughtful combinations of chance and coincidental imagery." Along with the five completed drawings for the "Fourteen Stations," Galles discussed the complexities of two drawings now in process. "This was an exceptional educa-

tional opportunity for our children," said Summit resident and SJCC parent, Rene Carniol. "Experiences like this truly broaden our children's perspective and deepen their understanding of individuals whose work serves as a response to history as well as a statement from contemporary society."

The SJCC provides a full educational program for K through six grades and a post graduate program for students in grades seven through ten. Classes include guest speakers, group projects and field trips.



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Ms. Bogle will share her Irish hospitality with customers during a special appearance at Irish Imports in Summit on Friday Nov. 29th from 11:00 am thru 4:00 pm. She will demonstrate how Belleek giftware is handcrafted and delicately painted, identify and date antique Belleek Pieces, share creative gift-giving and entertaining ideas and personalize gift purchases for customers.

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The sale of Frazer fir Christmas trees, an average of 6 to 9 feet in height, Christmas wreaths, grave blankets and pine roping is being sponsored by the school's Student Council. Prices for the greenery vary,

depending on the height, width or length of the item. Trees range from \$42 to \$64 and wreaths from \$8 to \$18. Pine roping costs \$1 per yard, while the grave blankets are \$32 each. A deposit, equal to half of the total amount, is required.

Orders will be taken until today, and more information is available by calling (908) 273-1084. The trees,

wreath, grave blankets and roping may be picked up on Dec. 6, from 4 until 7 p.m. or on Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Oratory's Newman Hall, 14 Bedford Road, directly off Morris Ave.

In addition to residential customers, local businesses are also asked to support this fund raising activity. Proceeds from the sale benefit the student activities fund.

Concert to feature brass ensemble

The Solid Brass Quintet with Percussionist, members of the local brass ensemble, will be in concert on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. The quintet will be playing holiday selections ranging from baroque/classical to contemporary. Solid Brass has performed to rave reviews for more than 500,000 people since 1982 in venues throughout North America, including the Alice Tully Hall in New York City and the Dorothy Pavilion in Los Angeles. Locally, Solid Brass routinely sells-out its performances at every area First Night Celebration.

Proceeds from this benefit concert will be donated to the Mabie Playground Fund in Summit and the College of William & Mary Library Endowment Fund. Suggested donations for the concert are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 & under and senior citizens. A reservation-only "Meet the Musicians" reception will be held at the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts immediately following the concert. The NJCVA will be presenting a showing of contemporary sculptures by various state-wide artists. Tickets for the reception are \$10.

They can be obtained by calling (908) 273-2992. Central Presbyterian Church is located in Summit at the corner of Maple Street and Morris Avenue across from the public library. The New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit.

The concert is being sponsored by the Northern New Jersey Alumni Chapter of the College of William & Mary.

For free ad. advice call 908-686-7700.

Designer fashions sale to benefit charity

The Junior League of Summit Consignment Shop is now offering a special line of new designer samples for sale. For over 45 years, the Consignment Shop, located at 37 DeForest Ave. in Summit, has funded community service projects with profits from sales of previously owned, high quality fashions. One hundred percent of the proceeds of this special sale will benefit the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, based in Newark.

Since 1987, the Foundation has provided services for children whose parents have died of AIDS or are too ill to care for them. The program began with St. Clare's Home for children, and has grown to encompass not only four such homes, but also a myriad of services for families dealing with AIDS.

This year, as a statewide project, the eight New Jersey Junior Leagues are offering support to ARFC. Within the NJ State Council of Junior Leagues, one group will act as legislative advocates for issues that affect AIDS orphans, and another will edu-

cate HIV-positive parents about NJ's standby guardianship law. In addition, each local League will participate in its own way.

"For example," said Junior League of Summit President Betsy Buell, "our members will assemble kits of school supplies for the children at an upcoming general membership meeting. The Junior League of Summit may also provide trips for scout troops based at St. Clare's homes and Thanksgiving baskets for referred families."

The Consignment Shop special event will lead off the project efforts of the Summit League. Recently, the New York showroom of clothing designer Criscione learned of the Foundation's outstanding work and offered the organization \$12,000 worth of samples to use for fund raising. These include sophisticated party and daytime clothes, some with metallic accents, in a full range of sizes, mostly in the small to medium range.

When AIDS Resource Foundation

Co-Director Faye Zealand proposed the collaborative effort, Consignment Shop Manager Leslie Kreuzer eagerly offered her support. "I know our customers will be excited to see these exceptional bargains in haute couture, especially so close to the holiday season," said Kreuzer.

Buell said, "The statewide project

fits so perfectly with our League's focus on "Building the Next Generation." Since we run a particularly successful resale shop, we are proud to be able to participate in this way."

Consignment Shop hours are 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. daily except for Wednesdays and Sundays, when it is closed. On Thursday, the shop is open late until 8:30 p.m.

S.H.I.P. seeks spare change

S.H.I.P., Summit Helping Its People, is currently conducting its annual Spare Change Drive, and will take coins to provide a hot breakfast and a bag lunch on weekdays and dinners on weekends for a few friends who need help. Share some spare change with S.H.I.P. by emptying pockets

and purses in the yellow beehive banks in shops around town. Bring the donations to the kitchen at the rear of Calvary Episcopal Church, near the rear of the consignment shop, any weekday between 6 and 8 a.m. Call SHIP at (908) 277-2990 for more information.

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BAPTIST

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 SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School, 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. TUESDAY: 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Bible Comes Alive). WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service. Holy Communion every First Sunday. Nursery Care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

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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. Weekday services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM and 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.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi. Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor. Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekday services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Enrichment program for Kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield 467-9666. Daily services 6:30, 7:15 A.M.; 9:15 P.M. or at sunset. During the summer, evening services at 8:00. During the summer, evening services at 7:15 P.M. Classes are held in Minchones, 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, cruv 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; Holly Newler, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pitman, 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 7:30 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. Pre-school, 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, 686-6773. 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 P.M., Saturday, 9:15 AM. The new creative Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbman, Rabbi; Hilmi Sadowitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, President; Hadassah Goldfischer, 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 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4:50 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.

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Choirs, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Aldora circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), Hillside and Colonia Roads, Elizabeth, (908) 352-5487. John Warber, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are at 9:00 A.M. Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. Hymn singing on the 4th Sunday. Call Church Office for more information or Free Packet.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 229 Cooper/White Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritzsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:50 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 10:30 a.m. in our air conditioned, barrier-free Sanctuary. (One Room School House Class for 3 year olds to fourth graders). Coffee & Fellowship Time: at 11:30. Prayer Phone: (908) 245-2159. All are welcome!

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Rev. Linda Del Sardo, Pastor. Church office 276-1956. Postage 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.

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MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor: John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship: 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Beatrice Lewin

Beatrice Lewin, 81, of Springfield, who had owned Stair Builders in Kenilworth, died Nov. 3 in St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, Ore.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Lewin lived in Carteret and Newark before moving to Springfield 24 years ago. She was co-owner for many years, with her husband Al, of Stair Builders, Kenilworth, before retiring in 1989. Mrs. Lewin was a member of Hadassah and B'nai B'rith Women, both in Springfield.

Also surviving are a son, Jack; two sisters, Annette Weiss and Sylvia Ackerman, and two brothers, Jack Sheldon and Max Steinberg.

George Ginsberg

George Ginsberg, 97, of Springfield died Nov. 18 in his home.

In 1922, Mr. Ginsberg founded Quaker Photo Service in Philadelphia, which grew into a major company handling corporate photography for General Motors, IBM and other firms. He sold the company in 1956 and moved to New Jersey, where he took over the Newark Photo Studio from

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his uncle. He operated the Broad Street studio until his retirement in 1966 and continued to do consulting. In the 1970s, Mr. Ginsberg wrote a book called "How to Make Money With Your Camera."

Mr. Ginsberg spent more than seven decades giving to thousands of charitable organizations from \$1 to 5. He organized fund-raising for various organizations including B'nai B'rith and the Rutgers Hillel Foundation, New Brunswick. He also contributed to Catholic Charities and Presbyterian churches.

Surviving are two daughters, Annette Lawrence and Beatrice Slater; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Edward Konigsberg

Edward Konigsberg of Springfield died Nov. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. Konigsberg lived in Brooklyn before moving to Springfield 15 years ago. He was an office manager for Acme Roofing Co., Bayonne, before retiring in 1975. Mr. Konigsberg served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Bayonne. Mr. Konigsberg received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Temple University, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, in 1931.

Surviving are his wife, Minnie; four sisters, Gertrude Holtzberg, Helen Schwartz, Ruth Green and Ethel Weiss, and a brother, Leonard.

Helen Solla

Helen Solla, 79, of Springfield died Nov. 18 in the King James Nursing Care Facility, Chatham.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Solla lived in Springfield for 39 years. She was a snack bar manager at the Springfield Municipal Pool and retired many years ago. Mrs. Solla was a past president of the Amico Club, president of Group 6 Senior Citizens and a Girl Scout leader in St. James Church, all of Springfield. She was a member of the Springfield Republican Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Elena Adamczak; a sister, Mildred Mandala; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mona Tallant

Mona Tallant, 85, of Summit, a retired registered nurse, died Nov. 17 in her home.

Born in Pittston, Pa., Mrs. Tallant lived in Detroit before moving to Summit six years ago. She did private-duty nursing for many years before retiring in 1950. Mrs. Tallant received her nursing degree in 1933 from the Misericordia School of Nursing in Philadelphia. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Association of Retired Nurses.

Surviving are a son, Edward; two daughters, Suzanne Hayashi and Marie Corcoran, and six grandchildren.

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Virginia Catona

Virginia Catona, 86, of Colonia, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 22 in the Cedar Oaks Nursing Home, South Plainfield.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Catona came to the United States in 1912 and settled in Newark before moving to Springfield. She later moved to Colonia with her daughter, Patricia Bonnell. Mrs. Catona was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Club.

Also surviving are a son, Nicholas; a brother, Sam Carfora; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Virginia Snyder

Virginia Snyder, 94, of Summit died Nov. 19 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., Mrs. Snyder lived in West Orange before moving to Summit 25 years ago. She was a member of the Oak Knoll Christ Child Society and St. Teresa's 60-Plus Club. Mrs. Snyder also was a 50-Year member of the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Close; a brother, Paul Rose; a sister, Alice Yanike; a brother, Paul Rose; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Newell D. Starr

The Rev. Newell D. Starr, 73, of Acton, Boston, a former minister in Summit, died Nov. 16 in Boston.

Mr. Starr was born in Austin Township, Mich. He was ordained at the age of 16 in the Church of the Nazarene in Michigan. Mr. Starr retired in 1994 after 12 years of service as district executive of the New Hampshire/Vermont District of the Unitarian Universalist Church. He was the former director of the Office of Ministerial Services Association Headquarters in Boston. Earlier, Mr. Starr served as the district executive in Chicago and was a minister in Unitarian churches in Providence, R.I., Acton and Summit.

He served in Burma with the last horse cavalry in the Army during World War II and was the recipient of the Purple Heart after he was shot in both legs during a battle. Mr. Starr was a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College and received a master's degree from Wayne State, Detroit. He attended the Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, ILL., and the University of Michigan.

Surviving are two daughters, Deanna J. and Susan L.; three sons, David D., Mark A. and Stephen L.; two brothers, William and James; a sister, Marguerite Schmitzer, and six grandchildren.

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Tomorrow Morning
Ridge at Dayton, 10:30
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THIS IS H. S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

We have a new No. 1. For the fourth time in four tries in the 1990s Union defeated Elizabeth in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs. Union downed host Elizabeth 34-26 last Saturday and will now play Montclair Dec. 7 in Giants Stadium for the championship. Union moves to the No. 1 position in our Elite Eleven for the first time this year.

Two other area teams — Johnson Regional and Roselle Park — lost first-round encounters and, like Elizabeth, will conclude their seasons tomorrow on Thanksgiving.

Johnson lost for the third consecutive time, falling at Mendham 27-13 in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

Roselle Park, after having defeated New Providence 28-0 at home back on Oct. 18, fell to the visiting Pioneers 16-13.

Elizabeth and Roselle Park entered Saturday's playoff games as No. 1 seeds at home against teams they had defeated during the regular season.

Union and Dayton Regional now share the area's longest winning streak at five games.

Elizabeth and Roselle Park had nine-game winning streaks snapped Saturday.

Union has won a public schools record 10 playoff championships.

WEEK NINE
Last Saturday
NJSSAA Sectional Semifinals
Union 34, Elizabeth 26
Mendham 27, Johnson 13
New Providence 16, Roselle Park 13

WEEK TEN
Tomorrow morning
Thanksgiving Day
All 10:30 starts
Scotch Plains at Union
Elizabeth at Cranford
Linden at Rahway
Roselle at Roselle Park
Hillside at Newark Central
Summit at Mendham
Gov. Liv. at Johnson
Ridge at Dayton

J.R.'s picks
Union over Scotch Plains
Elizabeth over Cranford
Linden over Rahway
Roselle Park over Roselle
Hillside over Newark Central
Mendham over Summit
Johnson over Gov. Livingston
Dayton over Ridge
Last week: 2-1
Season: 59-20 (.747)

Keth's picks
Union over Scotch Plains
Elizabeth over Cranford
Rahway over Linden
Roselle over Roselle Park
Newark Central over Hillside
Summit over Mendham
Gov. Livingston over Johnson
Ridge over Dayton
Last week: 0-3
Season: 54-25 (.684)

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

MVC girls' soccer players selected

The following is a list of players from high schools in our coverage area who were named to the Mountain Valley Conference Girls' Soccer All-Conference team.

FIRST TEAM

Dayton Regional: Maria Stravato, soph./GK.

Johnson Regional: Erin Black, soph./F; Sarah White, soph./F.

Governor Livingston: Maggie Findlay, sr./F; Stacey Selander sr./D; Bethany Karl, jr./D; Kristin Connors, sr./F; Sarah D'Orio, jr./MF.

Oak Knoll: Meghan Brodbeck, soph./F.

SECOND TEAM

Dayton Regional: Karen Snyder, soph./D; Theresa Lyle, jr./F.

Johnson Regional: Ashley Heller, sr./D; Meredith Qualshie, soph./MF; Kelliann Brennan, soph./F; Jessica Gosdoski, jr./GK.

Governor Livingston: Vicki Guida, jr./D; Heather Kantorek,

soph./GK.

Roselle Catholic: Elizabeth Pata, soph./D; Ewelina Caplap, jr./MF.

Oak Knoll: Beth Brink-Lund, jr./F.

HONORABLE MENTION

Dayton Regional: Adrienne Mascaro, jr./D; Kristin Lomonaco, fr./F; Magda Sliwowski, fr./MF; Michelle Lyle, sr./MF; Amanda Schultz, sr./MF.

Johnson Regional: Nicole Gable, sr./MF; Wendy Calder, soph./D; Kim Tavalaro, soph./D; Karen Kolmos, jr./D; Jennifer Aleffi, sr./MF.

Governor Livingston: Cheryl Delia, sr./MF; Emilie Perret, fr./F.

Roselle Catholic: Diane Brennan, jr./MF; Andrea Kemps, sr./D; Kim Miller, sr./D.

Oak Knoll: Devon Tighe, jr./F; Annie Boccella, soph./F; Jill Carey, jr./GK.



Photo by Ron Scully

The Springfield Recreation youth soccer team are, kneeling from left, Brandon Baron, Marc Kopels, Mike Tiss, Jimmy Cottage and Jake Floyd. Standing, from left, are Lindsay Schuckman, Mike Mohr, Jake Tuchman, Jon Denning, Beth Connelly and Boris Pivtorak. Standing in back row is head coach Jeff Baron. Not pictured are Jared Model and assistant coaches Dave Floyd and Hal Model.

Summit YWCA Summies place several in state tournament

The YWCA's Summit Summies Gymnastic Teams have been busy this fall attempting to qualify for the state championships in December.

Each gymnast must achieve an all-around score of over 31.00 in a sanctioned meet to qualify for the sectionals and then must score over a 33.00 in a sectional meet to qualify for the states.

The state holds two sectional meets a season in Levels 5 (beginning compulsory) and 6 (intermediate compulsory). The first sectional was Oct. 27 and the second was Nov. 17. The Level 5 state qualifiers thus far are: Lizzie Kamash and Laura Cohen from Summit and Rachel Jeffrey from New Providence. All three girls are in the top 10 in their respective age groups in the first sectional.

Directions to Mendham H.S.

Summit is at Mendham for its 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day affair this year. Take Route 24 West to Route 287 South to 124 West (Old 24), follow 124 West through Morristown, continue on into Mendham, school is on left 1/2 mile past traffic light in center of town, field is behind school.

Kicking up some cash



Above, participants from last year's Summit Municipal Alliance, Summit Soccer Club and Summit YMCA and YWCA alumni soccer games pose with Summit Mayor Walter Long (right). This year the games are to be held Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the varsity field at Memorial Park, Ashland Ave. The rain date is set for Saturday. The games are open to all Summit graduates, both men and women. Alumni each year have been contributing to start an Alumni Soccer Scholarship. This year will be the first that scholarships are being awarded to graduating high school seniors, one male and one female.

Springfield Recreation squad captures indoor championship

The Springfield Recreation youth soccer team comprised of 3rd- and 4th-graders captured an indoor soccer tournament championship held in Kenilworth earlier this month.

Springfield went 4-0, posted one shutout, and outscored the opposition by a 20-4 count.

Players included Brandon Baron, Marc Kopels, Mike Tiss, Jimmy Cottage, Jake Floyd, Lindsay Schuckman, Mike Mohr, Jake Tuchman, Jon Denning, Beth Connelly, Boris Piv-

torak, Jared Model, Jackie Dorsky, Richard Kolosansky and Alex Blum. Coaches included Jeff Baron, Dave Floyd and Hal Model.

The tournament, featuring six-on-six play, consisted of 12 teams and towns represented included Springfield, Kenilworth, Garwood, Roselle Park and Roselle.

Springfield was sparked offensively by Tiss, its leading scorer. Also playing well on offense were Den-

ning, Cottage, Mohr and Tuchman. Playing excellent defense were Baron, Mohr, Kopels, Model, Schuckman, Connelly and Floyd.

Preventing goals at a furious pace was standout goalkeeper Boris Pivtorak.

Springfield also had a very successful outdoor season this fall, compiling an unbeaten record of 7-0-1. Springfield outscored the opposition by an impressive 40-4 margin.

Gymnasts vault to All-County

The following is a listing of the 1996 U.C.I.A.C. All-County Gymnastics team, including selections at vaulting, uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise, all-around and Honorable Mention.

VAULTING

First-Team: 1-Julie Elmuccio, Westfield (9.02 average). 2-Jessica Ippolito, Union (8.84). 3-Laurie Hogan, Westfield (8.83). 4-Missy Prigge, Linden (8.79). 5-Kristina Ippolito, Union (8.59). 6-Melissa Florio, Roselle Catholic (8.52).

Second-Team: 1-Alexie Kupka, Cranford (8.51). 2-Alison Mellage, Union (8.42). 3-Stacy Welsh, Scotch Plains (8.36). 4-Kristen Mack, Westfield (8.30). 5-Liz Baker, Scotch Plains (8.24). 5-Jen Scaldino, Roselle Catholic (8.24).

UNEVEN BARS

First-Team: 1-Julie Elmuccio, Westfield (9.38). 2-Jessica Ippolito, Union (8.88). 3-Laurie Hogan, Westfield (8.84). 4-Liz Baker, Scotch Plains (8.12). 5-Alexie Kupka, Cranford (7.95). 6-Missy Prigge, Linden (7.88).

Second-Team: 1-Diana Shineman, Westfield (7.64). 2-Tara Clarke, Westfield (7.61). 3-Traci Prutzman, Cranford (7.58). 4-Michele Rooney, Roselle Catholic (7.48). 5-Kelly Raszka, Scotch Plains (7.46). 6-Kristen Mack, Westfield (7.33).

BALANCE BEAM

First-Team: 1-Julie Elmuccio, Westfield (9.21). 2-Jessica Ippolito, Union (9.18). 3-Laurie Hogan, Westfield (8.68). 4-Kristina Ippolito, Union (8.48). 5-Alexie Kupka, Cranford (8.43). 6-Missy Prigge, Linden (8.39).

Second-Team: 1-Kelly Raszka, Scotch Plains (8.38). 2-Kelly Thompson, Johnson (8.34). 3-Kristen Mack, Westfield (8.34). 4-Melissa Florio, Roselle Catholic (8.20). 5-Stacy Welsh, Scotch Plains (8.18). 6-Liz Baker, Scotch Plains (8.06).

FLOOR EXERCISE

First-Team: 1-Jessica Ippolito, Union (9.35). 2-Julie Elmuccio, Westfield (9.24). 3-Alison Mellage, Union (9.01). 4-Missy Prigge, Linden (8.65). 4-Stacy Welsh, Scotch Plains (8.65). 4-Laurie Hogan, Westfield (8.65).

Second-Team: 1-Alexie Kupka, Cranford (8.46). 2-Melissa Florio, Roselle Catholic (8.39). 3-Liz Baker, Scotch Plains (8.39). 4-Traci Prutzman, Cranford (8.30). 5-Nina Pacchiana, Johnson (8.18). 5-Kristen Mack, Westfield (8.18). 5-Michelle Rubino, Johnson (8.18).

ALL-AROUND

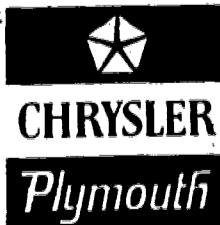
First-Team: 1-Julie Elmuccio, Westfield (37.32). 2-Jessica Ippolito, Union (36.25). 3-Laurie Hogan, Westfield (35.01). 4-Missy Prigge, Linden (33.90). 5-Alexie Kupka, Cranford (33.53). 6-Kristina Ippolito, Union (33.05). 7-Melissa Florio, Roselle Catholic (32.87).

Second-Team: 1-Liz Baker, Scotch Plains (32.63). 2-Stacy Welsh, Scotch Plains (32.28). 3-Michele Rooney, Roselle Catholic (32.08). 4-Traci Prutzman, Cranford (31.95). 5-Kelly Raszka, Scotch Plains (31.95). 6-Kristen Mack, Westfield (31.90).

HONORABLE MENTION

Melissa Perez, Cranford. Kamila Skiewicz, Elizabeth. Diana Filo, Scotch Plains. Sally Cantolupo, Linden. Jacqueline Sweigart, Dayton. Jackie Zika, Dayton. Kim Szczepanowski, Johnson. Jennifer Williams, Union. Kristen Jones, Union. Susan Pastir, Westfield. Jennifer Donohue, Roselle Catholic. Laura Dec, Union Catholic. Erika DiCosmo, Johnson.

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