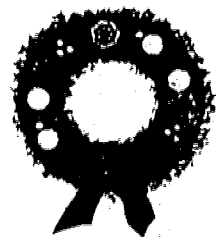


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Borough Highlights

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26, and our newspapers will be published Friday, Dec. 27.

The deadlines for the Dec. 27 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — today, 5 p.m.
- What's Going On — Friday, 4 p.m.
- Display ads — today, noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — today, 5 p.m.
- General news — Friday, 5 p.m.
- Classified advertising — Friday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — today, 4 p.m.

The offices of this newspaper also will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. We will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2, and our newspapers will be published Friday, Jan. 3.

The deadlines for the Jan. 3 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Friday, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, 5 p.m.
- What's Going On — Friday, 4 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday, noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.
- Sports news — Friday, 5 p.m.
- General news — Monday, 5 p.m.
- Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising — Friday, 4 p.m.

Food drive

Fleet Bank of Mountainside, located at 855 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Foodbank of New Jersey. Items needed include non-perishable foods such as canned fish, meats, fruit and vegetables, soups, cereals, grains and powdered milk. Donations can be left in the bank at designated locations. Donations will be accepted through Jan. 4. For more information, contact Judith Burt at (908) 654-2440.

Post Office hours

The Mountainside Post Office is extending its business hours to help make the holiday mailing season more convenient for Mountainside postal customers.

"The postal service wants to make this Christmas as headache-free as possible for all postal customers," Postmaster Kenneth Brown said.

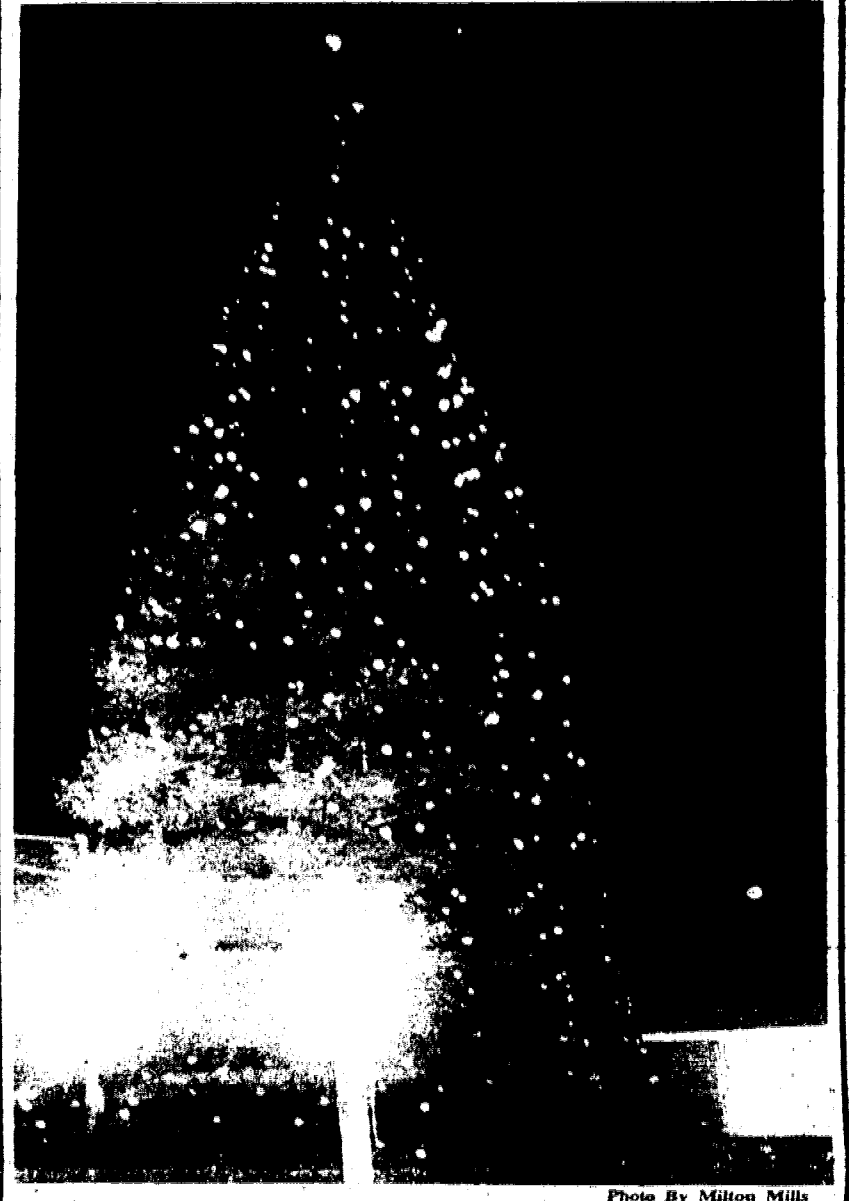
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Mountainside's Christmas tree, an annual borough tradition, celebrates the season. Photo By Milton Mills

Community rises to call for technology

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education Technology Committee isn't an unusual alliance of parents and officials in the borough. Indeed, the nine-month-old group is part of a tradition in municipal involvement.

"This is a small town," said committee member Debbie Steinberg, "but there's a sense of volunteerism here. The PTA is very active in working with the school district. There are churches and other groups as well."

"I've been involved with the Garden State Coalition for the last year," said John Perrin. "I'm proud that the school board named me as one of two parent representatives for the town."

Creating an ad hoc citizen's body seems to occur naturally. The Technology Committee, for example, came out of a learning software

Watchung Reservation deer hunt set to begin again

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

With the holidays comes another tradition to the Union County area — the annual deer hunt held by the Union County Parks Department. Since the county received approval in October 1995 for the hunts to control the deer population in the county parks, they do not need to go before the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for approval again this year.

Like the Marine Corps, the Union County Parks Department is looking for a few good men or women to join the ranks of the sharpshooters who will be taking part in the deer hunt. Those who are interested in applying to participate in the hunt must be at least 21 years old and possess a state Firearm Hunting or All-Around Sportsman License and a state firearm purchaser identification card. Would-be hunters must also have no convictions for firearms violations in any state. They must also have at least three years of experience in deer hunting with a shotgun, and should be willing to contribute at least 20 hours of their time to the project.

There will be 30 available positions for the hunt, although some of those spaces have already been taken. "Half of the positions are going to be filled by those agents who participated in the program last year. The other half will be split between law enforcement officers and then those who apply this year to participate," said Daniel Bernier of the Union County Parks Department.

The Parks Department is also going

Cable questions highlight meeting

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

At the recent Mountainside Borough Council meeting a few residents showed up to ask the council about the status of the local cable television channel, channel 35, and state that they felt that the station was not being used to its fullest potential.

At the public portion of the meeting, several residents voiced concern that the borough was not making proper use of its public access cable channel, and that it was being used more as a bulletin board of upcoming events rather than for more informational or entertainment purposes.

Mayor Bob Vigilanti did agree that the channel was underused due to several circumstances. First, he pointed out that Mountainside has no one full time volunteers to help run the channel, and that the help the borough has received has been sporadic at best. In addition, the facilities for the equipment to run the station are now in a "closet" due to the renovations underway at Borough Hall. Once the renovations are completed, the equipment and facilities will be moved to a larger room in Borough Hall.

The cable channel, which the borough shares with Fanwood, is a public access channel under the control of the borough government. In the past, it has been used to broadcast informational meetings and other community events, but not on a steady basis. Those in attendance suggested that it be used to show both Borough Council meetings and Board of Education meetings, and perhaps other events as well.

The mayor agreed that this would be a good use of the channel. He did however voice a concern which he raised during the recent election. He stated that the channel should not be used as a "political football" by political parties or fringe groups or anyone else who may have an ulterior motive behind wanting airtime on the public access channel.

Those in attendance were also concerned that the borough has no organization that runs and/or makes suggestions toward the programming of the public access channel. They also felt that instead of waiting to get the public access channel organized, that the council should take some steps beforehand to prepare for when the facilities are in place. After some thought, the mayor said that they would probably be able to form a committee by the end of next month, and that he would be interested to know who would like to participate in the project. He added that the station would not be in a position of full programming until September of next year.

Regional district lauds Merachnik

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

As the teacher selection process comes to a close, the Regional Board of Education used Tuesday's meeting to heap compliments on Regional Superintendent Donald Merachnik, who announced his retirement.

Merachnik recently announced he would end his 22-year tenure on June 30. Thomas Long, the district's administrative assistant for personnel and public relations, leaves for a similar post in the Berkeley Heights school system Feb. 18 after nine years of service.

"Dr. Merachnik has a lot more compassion behind that hard look than people know," said board President Joan A. Toth. "When the teacher selection process was ending Thursday, he told me he hated to leave that day, but he had a family emergency. He has a loyalty to a staff which goes the extra distance and was there for us during some difficult situations."

Merachnik was originally hired by the regional district as a teacher of reading in 1955. He had served as school psychologist, director of special services and an assistant superintendent before acquiring his current post in 1971.

"It took a little time for Dr. Merachnik and I to understand each other, but once we did, I came to respect him," said board member Theresa-Li Causi. "He has some of the best teachers and staff in the state and he's regarded as one of the best superintendents in the country. The Township of Springfield has a lot to be thankful for by his leadership."

Merachnik was named State Superintendent of the Year by colleagues, and several district instructors received Teacher of the Year honors during his watch.

"I have served on school boards or represented them since 1969 — some good, some bad," said board Attorney Lawrence S. Schwartz. "Dr. Merachnik is a consummate professional and teacher."

Merachnik thanked the board, teachers and staff after listening to the 10 people. He decided to step down in light of the dissolution of the regional district on July 1.

"The present and past school boards and staff have been excellent," Merachnik said before the board. "From the start, they always thought of what's best for the students first. We had special classes and programs years before the state would make them a requirement."

"I felt it appropriate to leave now," Merachnik said afterward. "There are six good superintendents in the district and I wouldn't stand in their way."

In other business, the board voted with one abstention to approve \$3,000 toward conducting a January workshop on organizational and personnel change for teachers. Proponents said the workshop would help faculty cope with dissolution and hope that the American Federation of Teachers local will be able to share the cost.

The board also approved a Jonathan Dayton Ski Club trip to Vernon Valley on Feb. 9.



The second annual deer hunt is scheduled to begin today in the Watchung Reservation. The goal of this year's hunt is to kill 189 deer.

county parks. "The computer projection that we have through the computer population simulation model shows a definite decline in the population. Over time, it is very encouraging," said Bernier.

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Holiday activities



Students in Judith Segall's third grade class in Deerfield School learned about Hanukkah, the festival of light. Activities included making candy menorahs and playing a dreidel game.

Committee to expand technology

(Continued from Page 1)

demonstration which Jeff Goldstein held before the board sometime last winter.

"Jeff was holding a meeting with then Deerfield School Principal Margaret Dolan," said Steinberg. "The software was turned down but the meeting made those present take a step back and think about how to integrate the new technology."

"Deerfield had a three-year hardware program well in hand," said fel-

low panelist Bill Hopkins. "They had a number of personal computers but only one connected to the Internet."

The school board agreed to create a committee formed of parents and administrators to research and recommend a technology integration plan and assist in its implementation. Goldstein and Michelle Norris were named chair and spokespersons in March; Superintendent Leonard Baccaro and board member Frank Geiger represented the school officials.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

coming events

Dec. 31

• The Louisiana Bistro, located at 250 Morris Ave., Springfield, will host a New Years Eve celebration with dinner service at 7 and 9 p.m. Live music will feature the Bayou Boys. The cost is \$34.95 per person. For reservations, call (201) 258-1133.

• First Night Westfield, a non profit celebration of the arts, will run from 6 p.m. to midnight. Admission to any of the more than thirty events is through the purchase of a button for \$8 before Dec. 25, \$10 after. For more information, call (908) 232-8041.

Jan. 15

• A panel of adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents will share their experiences with search and reunion at 7:30 p.m. This workshop is part of Spence-Chapin's Adoption Resource Center, a series of workshops for everyone involved in adoption. The birth parents panel is open to the public and will be held at Christ Church, 5671 Springfield Ave., Summit. There is a \$5 program fee. For information and reservations, phone (212) 369-0300.

Jan. 18

• The Arbor Chamber Music Society continues their season at the Unitarian Church with a performance by harpist Mariko Anraku, accompanied by flutist Michael Parloff and cellist Rafael Figueroa. The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors, and \$7 for students. The Unitarian Church is located at the corner of Waldron and Springfield avenues in Summit. For further information, call (908) 232-1116.

Saturday

• The Mountainside Music Association will sponsor the Messiah Reunion Concert at the Community Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. The concert, featuring a professional orchestra, is to be presented free of charge. However, a free will offering will be taken during the performance. For additional information, call (908) 233-2561.

• The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Program will conduct a workshop on "Building a Cookie and Candy Holiday House" from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop will take place at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension auditorium, 300 North Ave., East, in Westfield. Children seven years of age and older are invited to attend with a parent. There is a ten dollar fee for supplies. For more information, call the 4-H office at 654-9854.

Sunday

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

Wednesday

• County and municipal government offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Dolan successor Audrey Zivetz was later added.

The committee set about studying the problem by comparing computer and communication systems in similarly sized schools and consulting industry experts.

Sell it with a classified ad. 1-800-564-8911.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

"The American President," "Devil in a Blue Dress," "Sense and Sensibility," "Mission Impossible," "Get Shorty," and "Grumpy Old Men," plus Great Books series from The Learning Channel — "Gulliver's Travels," "Moby Dick," "The War of

the Worlds," "The Origin of Species," "The Art of War," "Le Morte d'Arthur," "Huck Finn," "Alice in Wonderland," "The Scarlet Letter" and "Frankenstein."

Children's Videos: "The Magic School Bus," "Going Batty," "Babar Returns," "Prince Brat and the Whipping Boy," "The Wish-

ing Bear," "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Winnie the Pooh," "Toy Story," "Happy Pooh Day," "The Children of Noisy," "Village," "Spot's Magical Christmas," "The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top," "Brave Little Toaster," "Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco" and "The Return of the Borrowers."

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For local couple, truly a match made in heaven

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Renee Arnold gave her husband Robert a Christmas gift he'll never forget.

It was also a gift that Robert Arnold could not live well without. Mrs. Arnold, after a three-hour operation at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, gave her husband one of her kidneys.

"I was a little groggy at first, but I'm fine," said Mrs. Arnold of her recent recuperation. "Bob and I are in separate rooms in the hospital, so we've been on the phone a lot. He got up to see me during the weekend."

"Both Arnolds are doing very well in their recovery," said transplant surgeon Dr. Stuart Geffner. "Renee was discharged Monday and Arnold Tuesday. What makes their operation rare is that it was a spousal transplant, which has a one in about 10,000 chance of matching."

Geffner, as Surgical Director of

Transplantation at St. Barnabas, knows of what he speaks. The hospital's special unit has transplanted kidneys since 1968, averaging over 100 such operations the last three years.

"When given a choice in selecting a donor kidney, we prefer to have one from a living blood relative," said Geffner. "Then there would be a greater chance of the kidneys to match. The next source would be from cadavers."

The supply of donor kidneys has remained constant or declined slightly in recent years, said Geffner, while the number of transplant candidates increased. Waiting times for kidneys have grown around the country as a result, including for about 800 people alone in New Jersey.

But time was not on Robert Arnold's side. He had already lost one kidney to Bright's Disease as a child, and his other one was losing its struggle against juvenile diabetes. The condition contributed to a bout

with pneumonia February. Adding to his woes were blocked arteries, detected during tests in August, leading to heart bypass surgery.

"Bob was facing a three- to four-month wait for the next available kidney," said Renee's sister Yvonne Bladis, of Summit. "His kidney was only 15 percent effective over the last year, and he was on dialysis three times a week since February."

"He could've lasted on dialysis," said Renee Arnold, "but that takes so much out of a person. Bob could have wasted away."

The Arnolds, with the help of St. Barnabas' Clinical Director of Transplantation Dr. Shamkant Mulgaonkar, decided to take an antigen compatibility test. Transplant doctors look at six immunity factors for the kidney enzymes with the lesser chance of rejection for each factor matched.

"When I was told my kidneys matched four out of six factors, I was surprised," said Renee Arnold. Even if

they made a two out of six match, it would've been enough for a transplant."

"It was as if God said to this man that the woman he married would save his life one day," said Mulgaonkar to local media.

"Bob and I met when we were school kids," said Mrs. Arnold. "He used to live in Summit and I in Springfield. Bob's business took us to Florida but we just moved back to Springfield to raise our children."

What the Arnold family hadn't expected, however, is the level of media attention from the transplant.

"I figured there would be a newspaper article or two," said Bladis, "but we had visits from two television stations. It's because of how rare their operation is."

"One of the nice things about moving back here," said Mrs. Arnold, "is that many people would come up to us and say how they remember us from school days."

Don't peek



Elana Wilf blindfolds Dana Kandel for a colonial game of Blind Man's Bluff. The Kindergarten and 5th grade classes of Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union in Cranford joined together dressed as Native Americans and as Pilgrims in celebration of a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Fifth grade colonists prepared cornbread and cranberry sauce, taught the kindergarten colonial games, and played colonial songs.

Bill cracks down on incompetent criminals

Legislation sponsored by Assembly members Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten, R-Union, that will clarify the procedures used in civil commitment of certain criminals and redefine the roles of prosecutors and mental health professionals was signed into law today by Governor Whitman.

This major reform measure, A-450, is part of the Assembly Republic's Civil Commitment package. Based on a judicial inquiry into the case of convicted rapist and murderer Conrad Jeffrey, the package is designed to bring about sweeping changes in the way the state's criminal justice and mental health system deals with inmates who have been civilly committed.

Jeffrey had been in and out of prisons and psychiatric hospitals for more than 25 years before being sentenced in March to two consecutive life sentences, plus 20 years, for the rape and

murder of 7-year-old Divina Genao. "Divina Genao and Conrad Jeffrey have become more than just the names of an innocent victim and a ruthless killer," said O'Toole. "They have become symbols of a failed state criminal justice and mental health system that lets repeat violent offenders slip through the cracks and get back out onto the streets. Our civil commitment initiatives will make substantive changes to the way mentally incompetent criminals are processed through the criminal justice system."

The O'Toole-Weingarten bill requires that prosecutors be notified prior to the release of any mentally incompetent defendant from a psychiatric hospital.

"Mental health officials are not always aware of the criminal charges against a patient, and prosecutors are not always aware of the procedures

used in psychiatric hospitals," said Weingarten. "As a result, a criminal defendant may end up discharged from a hospital without input from the criminal justice system. This legislation will significantly improve the flow of communication between prosecutors and mental health officials."

The legislation will also establish a presumption that charges against a defendant who is incompetent to stand trial will not be dismissed. The presumption could only be overcome if the court determines that continuing the criminal prosecution would constitute a significant injury to the defendant.

The measure will set specific factors to be weighed by the court in determining whether charges against a mentally incompetent defendant should be dismissed or held in abeyance.

The factors include: the defen-

dant's prospects for regaining competency; the period of time during which the defendant has remained incompetent; the nature and extent of the defendant's institutionalization; the nature and gravity of the crimes charged; the effects of delay on the prosecution and the defendant; and the public interest in prosecuting the charges.

"Our legislation will provide the court specific guidelines in which to weigh the charges against these defendants," O'Toole added.

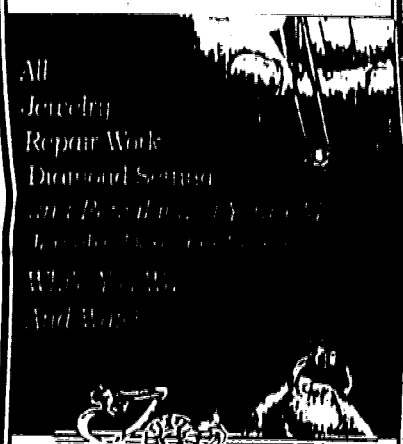
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Caps	2% annual & 5% lifetime

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3/1 ARM 30 Year Term

Rate	6.500%
APR	7.500%
Maximum Loan	\$1,000,000
Monthly P&I Per \$1,000	\$6.32
Caps	2% annual & 5% lifetime

Converts to 1-Year ARM in 3 years after which rate may increase or decrease annually

1-Year ARM

Rate	5.625%
APR	7.620%
Maximum Loan	\$1,000,000
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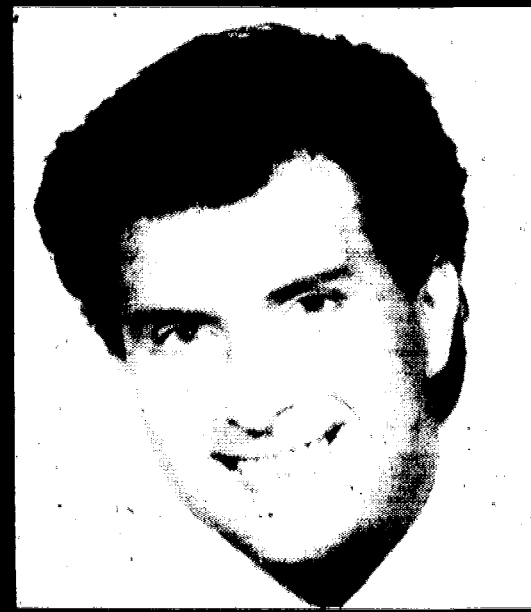
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Here comes Santa Claus

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will be bringing some Christmas cheer around the borough this year by having Santa Claus visit several homes on December 22 to greet area children.

"Members of the Newcomers Club will call up our chairpeople of the event to request that Santa comes to visit their home for the holiday. The parents will then leave presents outside the front door and our Santas will bring them inside to give to the children," said Debbie Ingracia of the Mountainside Newcomers.

Since the task is no small one, the Santa chores are shared among the group. "There are usually three Santas

and they will divide the borough into areas, so that there is not just one poor guy trying to cover the whole borough," said Ingracia.

Judging from past years, the experience seems to be a fun one for all involved. "It's a lot of fun. Santa comes in and sits down with the kids, and the kids sit in Santas lap and the family can take pictures and everyone seems to enjoy it," said Ingracia.

The Newcomers Club is very active during all of the holidays. They recently held their Christmas Party for the children at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Newcomers will also be having their After the Holidays Gala soon, an event which is anticipated by all of the members of the Newcomers Club.

Multiple collisions result from morning donut break

Springfield

A morning stop for donuts by a driver on Route 22 West Dec. 13 turned into two traffic accidents involving five cars.

The driver of a white Ford van turned left from the right lane into the Dunkin' Donuts exit at about 6:50 a.m. A blue Chevrolet Corvette, a red Nissan Sentra and two unidentified vehicles slowed behind the Ford van, causing a chain reaction of minor to moderate damage.

The first three cars pulled into the lot on 101 Route 22 W. to trade information when the Ford van backed into the Nissan's passenger door at about 6:55 a.m. The Ford's driver, who said he was trying to realign his vehicle in a parking space, received two summonses from the latter incident.

A tractor trailer driver from Canada received a left side scrape and a summons after sideswiping two traffic poles Dec. 13. The driver was attempting to make a right hand turn from South Springfield Avenue to Hillside Avenue at 8:31 a.m. when his 12-ton rig scraped two traffic and pedestrian light poles. He was leaving the scene, after talking with an eyewitness, when police arrived. The traffic light was temporarily disabled from the incident and the trucker charged.

The driver of a blue Jeep stopped on eastbound Morris Avenue was waiting to turn left onto Short Hills Road Dec. 13 when he was hit from the rear by a Ford driver at 3:15 p.m. The second driver, who stated he slid

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on wet pavement, had his car towed by police.

Slippery pavement was also claimed by a driver after ending up in a water retention basin off Riverside Drive Dec. 14. The southbound operator of a Toyota and a passenger were rounding a curve at 11:35 p.m., attempted to slow the vehicle, jumped the opposing curve and went down the embankment. The Toyota's underside suffered damage but neither occupant was harmed.

Three incidents of burglaries were reported on the afternoon of Dec. 14.

The first incident was reported from Pier 1 Imports on Route 22 East at 3:25 p.m., when a person noticed that his Cross wallet was lifted from his coat's left pocket. The wallet contained the person's driver's license, \$100 cash and assorted identification and credit cards.

The owner of a 1993 Jeep reported a theft from Bennigan's on Rt. 22 W. at 3:45 p.m. The driver's side rear window was smashed and 14 items missing from the rear seat. The stolen goods include a Michael Jordan basketball shirt, a sweatshirt and 10 CDs, totalling \$500.

A driver noted an attempted break-in to his 1994 Jeep parked on the 500 block of Morris Avenue an hour after the first Jeep's theft. Nothing was taken but his driver's side door lock was damaged.

LIFESTYLE



Stephanie Schlosser and David Steiner

Schlosser marries Steiner

Stephanie L. Schlosser, daughter of Heather and Melvyn Schlosser of Springfield, was married on Oct. 20 to David M. Steiner, son of Karen Rothschild of Kansas, and Barry Steiner of Virginia.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein officiated the ceremony at Turnberry at Rillo's in East Hanover.

Mrs. Steiner, an alumna of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Hofstra University, and a master of education degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Maryland. She is a staffing manager for the Accountemps division of Robert Half International.

Mr. Steiner, who graduated from Barrington High School in Rhode Island, was also awarded a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Hofstra University. He recently received a juris doctorate degree from the New England School of Law in Boston. He has been admitted to the Rhode Island Bar.

The couple resides in Rhode Island.

Travelers Aid volunteers sought

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County, RSVP, a program of Catholic Community Services, is accepting applications for volunteers who wish to serve with Travelers Aid of New Jersey.

Travelers Aid has been operating at the International Terminal B of Newark Airport since 1992. New volunteers will be assigned to Terminal C, handling domestic flights. Training and parking are provided by Newark Airport and Travelers Aid. For more information, call Jo-Ann Croteau, RSVP director, at (908) 709-2152 or 709-2150.

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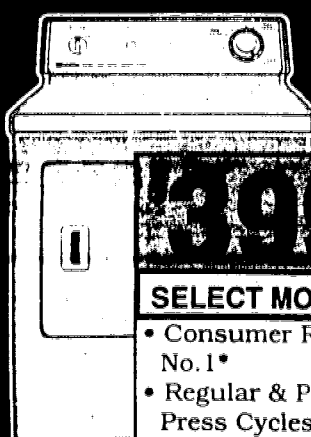
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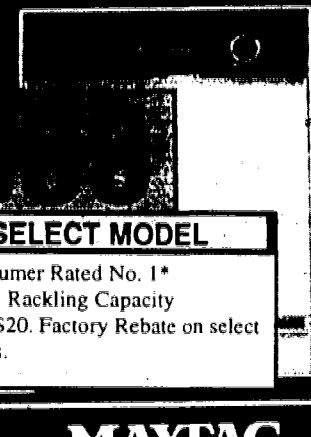
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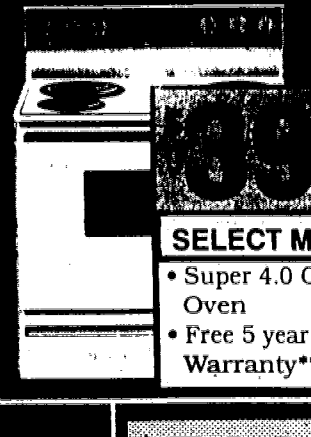
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Keep the Indian

Is the Deerfield Indian quietly heading for extinction? The Board of Education is considering opening a store which would sell Mountainside merchandise. However, it is not entirely clear whether items will bear the traditional logo or simply the word "Mountainside." This comes despite the fact that the Board of Education has not made any decree to disassociate the Indian mascot with Deerfield School.

While we support the right for citizens to change their school mascot at will, we hope any formal change, if one ever comes, will be for the right reasons. It has been rumored that a heightened cultural sensitivity is responsible for the recent re-evaluation of the mascot. Yet the Indian symbol is not degrading the Native American population. Instead, it is honoring the original inhabitants of the Mountainside area, the Lenape Indians.

If the mascot were perpetuating a derogatory stereotype, such as Notre Dame's Fighting Irish leprechaun, that would be a different matter entirely, and a search for a more accurate representation would be appropriate.

All right smart guys, now what?

The county Democrats spent most of 1996 demanding an audit of the Union County Utilities Authority's books, implying that once the task was completed, they would know best how to save the UCUA from itself.

Their talk was harsh, and included a lot of distortions of fact and language intended to frighten voters. They said the county was on the hook for \$282 million, but that they could rescue everyone by renegotiating the UCUA's contract with Ogden Martin, the firm that operates the incinerator. But all of that good fortune hinged on conducting the audit, which the Republicans were stonewalling.

They neglected to mention that Ogden Martin is not obligated to throw away the lucrative contract it has with the UCUA, and that it is unlikely to do so because the company is in business to make money.

Well, the results are in and sadly for the Democrat freeholders and freeholders-elect, the auditors report that there is little room in the UCUA budget for cuts and little chance of renegotiating that contract.

Disaster can be averted, however. If the UCUA would seek additional clients — Staten Island is running out of landfills, hint, hint — its revenue base would broaden and the county's 21 municipalities would not have to bear the entire burden of supporting the incinerator.

Now, tipping fees are \$83.05 per ton of garbage. The UCUA also must reduce this figure to make the incinerator competitive with others.

The time for the Democrats to turn their empty rhetoric into action will arrive Jan. 1, when they take the majority on the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

For the long term, we suggest the board steer the UCUA's commissioners toward privatization.

If the federal court ruling regarding waste flow stands, the UCUA should expect its incinerator to go out of business within two years. Selling now could control losses tomorrow.

Merry Christmas

At the risk of offending, we wish you a very merry Christmas.

Amid the cultural wreckage left in the wake of today's exploitative commerce, "political correctness" and "multiculturalism," the meaning of the birth of Christ shines through for all who will look to it.

After nearly two millennia of nature's and man's calamities, Christianity continues to thrive as a unifying force across the planet, its message translated into languages spoken by three-fourths of the world's people. He continues to enlighten — despite the influence of those who would have Him take a backseat to the kingdom of victimhood.

Small potatoes for He who redeemed Israel. Of the holy day we'll mark on Wednesday, Isaiah predicted "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

In Luke, we learn the angel Gabriel had told Mary that "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest... and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Last year, a new version of the Holy Bible was published, with an emphasis on changed language promised not to offend. In the process, the poetry was plundered and the message muddled. As is too common today, those who would homogenize this time of holy days into a holiday season created a new take on Scripture that would have us reject much of what we have long known.

We will leave that to those with small minds, because what His life means for mankind continues to inspire our brightest minds and fill the boldest hearts. And to those, we wish not a happy holiday, but a merry Christmas.



FUTURE REPORTERS — Sixth-grade students in Cathy Johnson's reading and language arts classes at Deerfield School recently practiced their journalistic skills. After reading a novel, each student designed and wrote a newspaper which included news stories, photographs, editorials, letters to the editor, advice columns, comic strips, and advertisements related to the novel's plot, setting, and characters.

Funding reform is a legacy to our children

The following is an excerpt from a speech Gov. Christine Whitman delivered to the New Jersey PTA at its 95th annual convention in Atlantic City earlier this month.

I want to focus my remarks on a plan before the Legislature that will be the most important legacy we can leave the children of New Jersey. I am talking, of course, about my administration's public school funding proposal.

Like any major reform, our school funding plan has sparked controversy. I accept that as part of the challenge of changing the status quo, but we simply must have the courage to change.

For one thing, we are under a state Supreme Court order to guarantee an appropriate level of education for districts that don't provide that level now. If we don't have a plan in place by the new year, the court is likely to require that we take state aid from successful districts and give that money directly and exclusively to the state's 30 special needs districts.

More important, and this is why I feel so strongly about this issue, we have to change because the status quo is failing our students. And no matter what the critics tell you, money alone is not going to solve the problem. Since 1970, New Jersey's education spending growth has outpaced every other state.

Today, we spend more per pupil than anyone else, but what has that money bought us?

Our students ranked 34th in math and 40th in verbal on the most recent SAT. Our state colleges and universities spend \$40 million a year just to teach entering students the skills they should have had before they received their high school diplomas. And businesses that already pay taxes to support public education have to pay extra training costs because their one of our students needs to acquire these important skills. All New Jersey students need to be ready to compete in the increasingly complex, high-tech, global economy of the 21st century.

Our plan allows districts to decide how much money they will spend above the required amount. What the plan has done, in fact, has taken the state out of the equation and told dis-



tricts, "it's up to you and your voters, not up to Trenton."

That also means you can decide whether to have advanced placement courses, what class size is appropriate, and how you will teach the standards.

In fact, as you know, we have encouraged innovation through our experiment with charter schools, which give parents and teachers an unprecedented amount of control over the structure of their school and its approach to learning.

Charter schools demonstrate that we in state government are not afraid to change the way individual schools are run. I believe that as a state, we should not be afraid to change the way we spend our families' tax dollars on public education.

We've made special education revisions that many special education groups now endorse. We've built in a 5 percent buffer around the amount we declare is necessary for a "thorough and efficient" education to account for the cost differences from one part of the state to another. We've increased state aid to the vast majority of districts so all our schools have the resources to achieve the standards.

Now, there's a report prepared on behalf of the Democrats based on misleading and unrealistic assumptions. The report claims that our plan will cause school taxes to rise an average of 7 percent next year. The report claims to be based on fact, but think about it. In the past three years, with relatively level amounts of state aid for the majority of school districts, school taxes rose by historically low percentages. Now we're calling for \$260 million more in state aid — more than four times as much as we added last year.

It doesn't make sense that such a huge infusion of new state aid could cause local school taxes to increase so dramatically. There's just one answer: This is an election year, and partisan politics is infecting a meaningful dis-

ussion of the most important issue we face today.

workers don't have even basic skills.

If money alone were the answer, we would be at the top, but we're not — far from it — and that's because for all our financial commitment to schools we've never backed it up with an educational commitment that sets high academic standards for every student in every school.

For the past 30 years, our state-guaranteed education has consisted of minimum basic skills and a handful of required high school courses. As a state, we've set the bar too low, and allowed our students to graduate without the preparation they need. As I have said before, we've been chasing dollars instead of creating scholars.

I am convinced that we have to take a different road. My administration has proposed a school funding plan that deepens our state's \$4 billion commitment to public education by \$260 million, one of the largest single-year increases in our state's history. Our plan gives 480 districts more aid, while only about 20 will receive less, and even then only because their enrollments have declined.

But the plan is not just about dollars. For the first time, it is about our children. Our funding plan ties state aid directly to the efficient achievement of rigorous core curriculum content standards in seven subjects at all grade levels. Our plan for the time takes into account what a thorough education really is, and determines what needs to be spent to provide it.

Under our plan, every graduating senior in every school will now be required to use the measurement techniques of algebra, geometry and trigonometry. Every graduate will now have to be able to explain the relationships between an object's mass, a force exerted on it, and the resulting acceleration. Every graduate will now have to explain the origins and key principles of the United States Constitution. Every graduate will now be required to hold conversations in a language other than English.

And these are only four examples of what is contained in nearly 900 indicators of what students have to do to meet the standards.

Contrary to what you may have heard, we are not "dumbing down" education anywhere in this state. We

are gearing up to demand excellence for and from every student.

We can't be satisfied that only our best students in our best schools are getting the training they need. Every

Sadly, students in New Jersey's poorest urban districts have suffered the educational fallout from the inefficient and improper use of state aid. They come to school already at a disadvantage. For too many of them, the problem is only compounded by substandard courses that aim low and hit even lower.

That's why my funding plan includes not just more dollars for special-needs districts, but new programs that require those districts to use funds in ways that make an educational difference.

We will, for example, guarantee preschool and full-day kindergarten for children from the poorest neighborhoods. We'll also provide for health and social service programs and special remedial help for the poorest students. We will distribute \$50 million to all school districts to create statewide distance learning network that will allow students in the poorest districts to take courses offered in the wealthiest districts.

And we'll go beyond what the court required.

That's why nearly 200 districts will receive either preschool and full-day kindergarten aid or health and social services program aid, or both. And that's why nearly another 250 will receive aid for special remedial help.

In sum, our education funding plan answers the Supreme Court. It provides more state funding to the vast majority of districts, and it supports the new education standards that so many of you helped us establish.

Just as important, our plan ensures that you — not the state, not the Legislature, and not the courts — but you, as parents and voters, play the decisive role in determining the quality of your children's education.

The bottom line is excellence. Rigorous, world-class standards. A full curriculum. Every grade level. Every school. Every student.

Your children deserve nothing less, and I will settle for nothing less.

Gov. Christine Whitman begins her fourth year in office next month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be careful who you vote for

To the Editor:

The recent judges' decisions approving gay marriages and delaying the California Civil Rights Initiative are classic demonstrations of how important is the appointment of judges.

People should keep in mind when voting that the president, governors and even some mayors appoint judges. In effect, judges unilaterally legislate and can disenfranchise a majority of the public, and indeed enact the opposite of the majority's will.

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

Thanks for helping our troops

To the Editor:

This time of the year is a very reflective time for people, and especially for those in the military who will not be spending the holidays with their friends and families. The volunteers and staff of the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross would like to thank the following people who helped to make the TROOPS project a success. Because you donated your time, gave holiday treats, games, videos, cassettes, coordinated pick-up points and drop-off points or decorated the collection boxes, we thank you.

Shirley Walsh, Girl Scout Coordinator, the girls in Senior Scout Troop #573

(and their moms who helped to deliver the boxes back to the chapter from schools and stores), the scout troops in Westfield Memorial Library, Fleet Bank, N.A. and the Westfield Post Office for being the collection sites, Joe Placco, Red Cross Volunteer, Inc. and Carol Vigilanti for providing the boxes for the project. Also, the American Legion Post No. 3 and the Union County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of No. 688 for donating the cost for postage. And last, a big thank you to Ken Brown, Westfield Postmaster and his staff who processed 27 cartons for shipping to New York.

Gail Moffett
Executive Director
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"[We] are little impressed... with the cackling... over 'freedom of speech' and 'freedom of the press' and 'freedom of movement.' We also believe in those fundamentals of liberty, but we believe that 'freedom of speech' should be limited by a man's knowledge of what he talks about."

—Walter B. Smith

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Should the Borough Planning Board allow Jose Tejas Mexican Restaurant to build in Mountainside?

YES- 1
NO- 0

Learning about Christmas



Photo By Milton Mills

Springfield Librarian Kathy Percoco tells tales of Christmas during the library's Christmas Story Time. On Dec. 30, the library will host a Kwanzaa program from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Myrtle Schoenleber

Myrtle Schoenleber, 78, of Doylestown, Pa., formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 12 in her home.

Born in Hartford, Conn., Mrs. Schoenleber had lived in Springfield for 35 years before moving to Doylestown in 1992. She was a volunteer for the American Heart Association in Springfield.

Surviving are a son, Donald W.;

two brothers, Alan and Richard Viner; a sister, Anita Viner, and two grandchildren.

Marion Dudek

Marion Dudek, 99, of Edison, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 14 in the Hartwyck at Edison Estates.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Dudek lived in Springfield before moving to Edison seven years ago.

DEATH NOTICES

DUDEK - Marion (Becker), of Edison, formerly of Springfield, on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, beloved wife of the late Mr. Louis E. Dudek, devoted daughter of the late Mary (Wiegol) and Peter Becker, dear aunt of Marion Becker of Kearny and the late Edward Becker, dear cousin of Loretta DeFalcis of Roselle Park and Irene McCluskey of Old Bridge, great-aunt of Dorothea Burdulis of Belleville and the late Barbara Urbanovitch, also survived by several nieces and nephews in Wisconsin. The funeral was from **THE SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME**, 146 East Second Ave., Roselle. A Funeral Mass was offered in Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, Interment Gato of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover. Please make a donation to your favorite charity.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Stowe joins financial firm as vice president

Leonard Stowe, a resident of Springfield, has joined Fremont Financial Corporation as a vice president responsible for marketing the company's asset based loans in the New York metropolitan area.

Stowe, 58, had been a vice president at C.I.T. Group in New York.

Previously, he was an executive vice president and director at Gibraltar Corporation of America, a subsidiary of United Jersey Banks.

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Holiday eye dangers abound

Christmas tree branches, toy assembly, champagne corks, fireplace sparks, and even microwave popcorn are all part of the holiday festivities that can potentially cause serious eye injuries, says Jordan Burke, M.D., ophthalmologist at the Summit Eye Group.

"Each year we treat several area residents who experience serious eye damage from these holiday activities," said Burke. "In order to ensure a fun, yet safe, season, it is important to take precautions and be alert for potential hazards."

Burke specifically advises using protective eyewear when handling the Christmas tree. "Eyes should be shielded from sharp branches and needles."

Similar precautions should be taken while assembling children's toys. The ophthalmologist notes that many parents, in their excitement to get things ready for the holiday, neglect to wear eye protection while using power tools to assemble holiday gifts.

Once toys are assembled, parents should make sure children know how to use them safely. In 1995, over 15,000 eye injuries involving toys were reported in hospital emergency rooms, according to Prevent Blindness.

Popping champagne corks is also a potential danger to eye safety if done incorrectly. "Cover the bottle with a towel. Tilt it away from the face and be sure that others are not in the line of fire." Additionally, it is imperative for both eye safety and fire prevention to fit screens over fireplace openings to prevent sparks from flying into eyes or onto flammable materials.

Burke added that even the seemingly simple act of opening bags of microwave popcorn can endanger vis-

ion. "The hot steam can burn the eyes severely," said Burke. Since people tend to be very distracted during the holidays, "eye safety should always be remembered so that this season is both happy and healthy," concluded Burke.

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German Christmas feast planned at local Museum

The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, will celebrate German Christmas customs with the arrival of the Belsnickel and a traditional German dinner cooked over the open hearth on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Jack Petersen will portray the "Belsnickel," a figure from German folklore who visited the homes of children around Christmas Eve. He is a visitor dressed in a cape of old pelts and worn-out clothes. He throws candy to the children and disappears until next Christmas while the children pick up as many candies as they can. Visitors to the museum will meet the "Belsnickel" and try to catch a candy.

Sherry, Greta, and Erica Lange will prepare a traditional German Christmas dinner over the open hearth. Visitors to the museum will be able to enjoy taste treats as prepared by cooks while learning about early American cooking techniques.

Deborah Bailey, Dorothy Petre, Kathy Dowling, and Vince Parlapiano will greet visitors to the farmhouse which will be decorated to capture the spirit of a German Christmas. A traditional German Christmas decoration, handmade by Museum volunteers, will be on sale in the museum's gift shop.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and .50 cents for students. Children under six are free. The museum will close for the holiday season and will open their winter season on Sunday, Jan. 5 from 2-4 p.m.

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PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Development Review Committee of the Township of Springfield for the year 1997 will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Planning Board Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the meeting nights for the year 1997:
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Wednesday February 19, 1997
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The meeting for January 1998 will be held **Wednesday January 21, 1998** All Special Meetings of the Development Review Committee will be advertised separately.

Ralph Devino
Committee Chairman
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Schechter walk to aid transplant patients

One hundred fifty children and faculty members from the Solomon Schechter Day School in Cranford participated in the Fifth Annual Walk for Life to raise over \$1700 for the Gift of Life Foundation. The Lower and Upper Schools also participated in the walk. Schechter families raised approximately \$5,300 to help families afford the cost of bone marrow transplants.

The program began with a student-led rally. Fifth graders explained the purpose of the walk to the younger children: "According to the Jewish tradition, whoever saves one life, saves the entire world." Fifth graders served as "marshals" for the walk by assisting the younger children, holding banners, leading cheers, singing, and monitoring the route. The children, grades nursery through five, walked over a mile in the Cranford neighborhood near their school on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The Walk for Life tradition began five years ago for Jay Feinberg, a young adult from West Orange, who was diagnosed with



Area students participated in the Fifth Annual Walk for Life.

leukemia and was in need of a bone marrow transplant. As a result of their efforts, the Feinbergs found bone marrow matches for several

other leukemia victims and their lives have been saved. The Feinbergs also found a match for Jay and he is on the road to recovery.

Fire safety important during holidays

This is the time of year that usually ends up being the most hectic. Our thoughts are on finding just the right gift, making sure all the Christmas cards are mailed in time and hoping that everyone who is supposed to be at our Holiday Party has been invited. Fire prevention is probably the last thing we are thinking about. It should, however, always be foremost in our minds.

Fire in the home is always tragic, but, at holiday time, the tragedy seems even greater. Many of the things we do this time of year seem to invite fire. We take a tree that has been drying out for a month or more and put it in our Living Room. We use strings of lights, that may or may not be frayed or cracked, and place them on this dry

tree. We light candles and leave them burning unattended. These things and more can easily lead to disaster. However, measures can be taken to reduce the risk of fire.

Check the tree to be sure it is not shedding needles, and keep it well watered. The tree should not be placed near the fireplace, or any other source of heat. It is time to take the tree down when it begins to dry out! All of your lights should be checked for loose connections or damaged cords. If you need to run extension cords, do not run them under carpeting where they will be walked on and damaged. Never leave tree lights on when no one is home.

If you are unsure of the condition of your fireplace and chimney, don't use

it until you have it checked by a reputable chimney service. Don't use the fireplace to burn these mounds of wrapping paper. Burning paper and embers can often float up the chimney and land on the roof.

Holiday parties are always fun and with some thought they can be safe as well. Provide plenty of large ashtrays for smokers. Do not empty the ashtrays into the trash until you are absolutely certain there are no hot ashes left in them. To prevent burns, use chafing dishes with caution.

If you are still looking for the perfect holiday gift, and you already have enough smoke detectors, you should consider a Carbon Monoxide detector. It could save your life and the lives of your family.

Teen Arts Festival searches for volunteers

Like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival has a volunteer position open for volunteer recruitment coordinator. The part-time position is from November to April. Duties include community outreach, communication with interested volun-

teers, scheduling and volunteer management at the festival.

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, is a two day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in

Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 26 and 27, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in the county.

Anyone interested may call (908) 558-2550.

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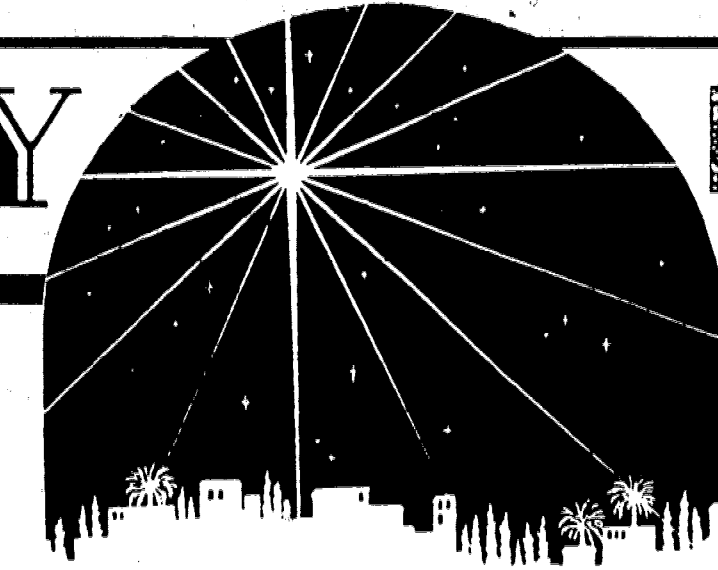
SERVICES

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES AT MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 22 at 11:00 am, Dr. Gregory Hagg will give a sermon on "Hanukkah Bushes and Christmas Trees".

A special Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24th. Dr. Gregory Hagg will be giving a short devotion and Mr. Andrew Bonaventura will give a special object lesson to the children. Come join us celebrate the gift of our Savior.

Mountainside Chapel is located at 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside. Take Route 22 West to Mountainside and turn right onto Central Avenue, after you pass Manor Care. Take your first right onto Spruce Drive and bear left at the fork into the chapel parking lot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chapel office at (908) 232-9456.



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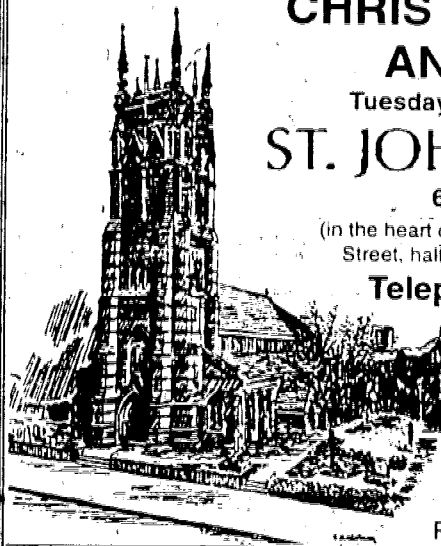
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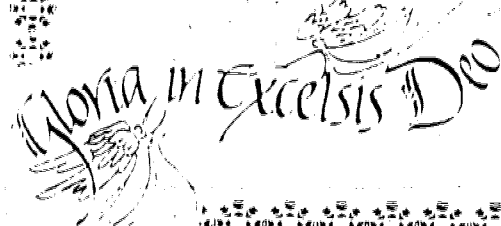
Candlelight Communion

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Christmas Day Communion

10:00 a.m.

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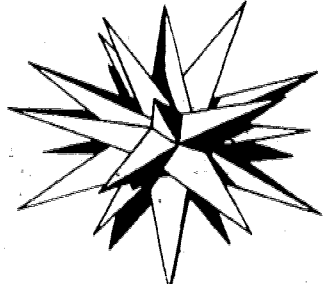
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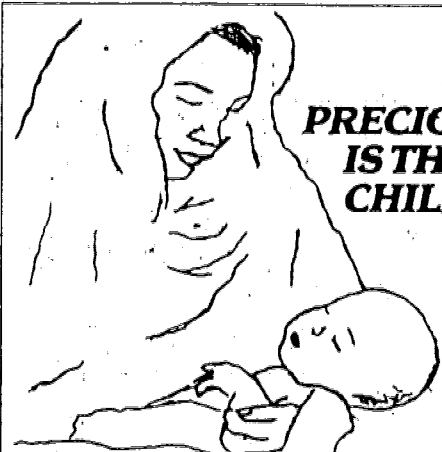
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Sunday School Worship

Christmas Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Christmas Eve 11:00 PM
Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day 10:30 AM
Communion Worship

New Year's Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

STUDENT UPDATE

Governor Livingston High School announces honor roll

The following Governor Livingston High School students were named to the Honor Roll for the first marking period:

Grade 9
Priya Bhasin, Stephen Cash, Sharon Cheon, Liz Chesler, Howard Chou, Kathrine Corradi, Lindsay Crowl, Jennifer Curcio, Gina DeCastro, Lauren Elkin, Suzanne Ennis, Cara Faillace, Debra Fisher, Christine Force, Jillian Gaglione, Allison Gualtieri, Natalya Hasan, Kristina Huff, Anjeni Keswani, Jason Koburov, Katie Kohler, Eric Levy, Cindy Lin, Julia Lordi, Craig MacGregor, Kelsey Maeri, Timothy Marcantonio, Joseph Mayer, Heather McDonald, John McMillin, Steve Michejda, Hilary Miller, Indrani Mondal, Tara Mondelli, Pallavi Naresh, Danielle Neufeld, Andrea Oliver, Shireel Ongehini, Mark Papier, Emilie Perret, Allison Pieja, Gina Pisano, Andrew Poon, Daniel Reichard, Karen Reizzuti, Jes-

sica Schreuders, Carolyn Simmon, Ming Mwei Sui, Jennifer Smith, Chrissy Souder, Anna-Douvorov, Diana Stratis, Morgan Timmermann, Michelle Tubbs, Christopher Vassili, Michael Watson, Madeleine West, Chanell Williams, Janet Yuth, Justin Zimmermann.

Grade 10
David Aizenberg, Michael Alexander, Christopher Anders, Monika Andersson, Tania Balei, Bethany Bryant, Chris Butler, Anne Marie Calabrese, Jean Carrelli, Edward Cong, Christine Conlon, Michael Cook, Kristin Lee Csaszar, Eric Dann, Sarah Drake, Ruth Esehach, Tom Fang, Ronnie Filippatos, Ellen Findlan, Keith Frenzenberger, Neda Ghafari, Leslie Good, David Gordon, Chuping Jen, Heather Kantorek, Malav Kanuga, Andrew Kasney, Allison Kellman, Sharon Kim, Allison Kellman, Sharon Kim, Alison Kobel, Lauren Kobel, Jennifer Kkruglinski,

Anna Kucher, Samantha Lewent, Michael Lin, Stuart McVey, Luke Miller, Michael Miniccozzi, Miharu Morimoto, Mable Mui, Emanuella Pagano, Lauren Pagano, Peder Pagano, Michael Perrone, Robert Phillips, Rebecca Pickell, David Pivtorak, Teresa Randle, Teresa Randle, Terence Reilly, Denise Rosenhaft, Stephanie Sam, Christopher Schnakenberg, Rupa Sekhar, David Shanks, William Stolling, Matthew Sun, Navdeep Tucker, Brett Vanderveer, Sanjay Varma, Frank Vicendese, Binh Vo, Michelle Weag, Emily Weiner, David Weinglass, Sarah Williams, Susan Yalvae, Ricky Yeh, Esther Yum

Grade 11
Lauren Amicucci, Benjamin Bakas, Caryn Berkowitz, Caryn Berkowitz, Timothy Besecker, Vincent Billetci, Eric Chu, Carol Cordero, Sarah Di Iorio, Michael DiJulio, Beth Dwyer, Loree Flora, Lauren Gaffney, Matth-

ew Gibson, Ryan Glen, Lauren Granholm, Rebecca Hitchcock, Robert Hopkins, Lisa Hitchwies, Allison Kamrath, Bethany Karl, Shannon Kemps, Nina Khedikar, Renee Knapp, Kimberly Krabner, Stephen Lai, Danny Lallis, Tanya Lee, Anna Lubieniecki, Eriko Magaribuchi, Erico Magaribuchi, Marianne McDonald, Stephanie Morehead, Jackie Munn, Ryann North, Melanie Ongelin, Gregg Peng, Christopher Pilla, Katherine Porch, Joni Rabiner, Diane Rich, Kristen Rizzuti, Kimberly Roman, Lucas Rotondo, Carolyn Ruggiero, Alok Sathaye.

Grade 12
Elaine Alario, Daniel Amiram, Isabelle Arpino, Roger Barkan, Scott Bogosian, Eric Brown, Brian Cantagallo, Melissa Caravallo, Joya Chakrabarti, Chung-Yu Chang, Lisa Conlon, Craig Conway, Jennifer Crowl, Elizabeth DeAnna, Kathleen DeRosa, Michael DeCorso,

Dayton releases honors list

The following is the Jonathan Dayton Regional High School Honor Roll for the first marking period.

Grade 9
Keith Allen, Karen Bibbo, Alan Cohn, Ian Cordoni, Courtney Corigliano, Romina D'Andrea, Nicole Davidman, Tiffany Dorn, Eric Faulks, Manuela Gantea, Dina Gordon, Andrew Harris, Jessica Hartmann, Michael Henrichs, Sarah Janet, Sheryl Joseph, Julia Kahlau, Daniel Kazemi, Michael Kessel, Michelle Khordor, Eula Kozman, Jessica Lau, James Lin, Steven Lin, Lance Lombardi, Lisa Max, Enrique Micolet, Laura Moiseev, Rachel Nehmer, Lisa Neville, Daniel Osit, Lauren Palais, Lindsey Parman, Ankur Patel, Jason Paz, Elena Petrici, Angela Pontoriero, Bethany Rainey, Michelle Ruggerio, Marci Schultz, Delia Silva, Magda Slikowski, Todd Walters, Abby Washuta, Brian Young.

Grade 10
Valeriya Biryuzova, Lauren Brownstein, Lucia Carbajal, Lina Chermas, Nicole DeFino, Debbie Gill, Elizabeth Gurtov, Birte Kahlau, Tom Katsagonis, Vyacheslav Khorochevskiy, Kwang Kim, Nathaniel Maslow, Nadia Pacifico, Chelsea Page, Edward Paster, Rafael Polinski, Albert Rapoport, Scott Sambur, Jennifer Saracino, Maria Stravato, Jared Weiss, Steven Weiss, Russel Werner.

Grade 11
Madeleine Allorow, Mark Armento, Samantha Cappuccino, Katherine Cullerton, Joann Cypar, Daryl Daniels, Leah Demberger, Derek Disbrow, Eric Fishman, Michelle Frank, Joseph Gonnella, Barry Kaverick, Nanci Kloud, Kristen Loforte, David Luksenberg, Theresa Lyle, Katerina Moulinos, Joanne Murphy, Abigail Ocampo, Amber Protz, Gregory Rhodes, Scott Rosebaum, Tony Santarella, Ralph Saracino, Keesha Simmons, James Swiegart, Melissa Tratenberg, Lindsey Tyne, Kathryn Vacula, Tamara Young.

Grade 12
Ann Battinelli, Marianne Bibbo, Heather Birch, Adam Blecker, Chris Cariello, Anna Colosimo, Ofer Gill, Josh Goldfarb.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 'THE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER', A Pentecostal church seeking the face of God, 953 W. Chestnut St., Union Church 964-1133, Fax 964-1153. Rev. John W. Bechtel, Pastor.
Sunday Services:
Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:45am
Praise/Pentecostal Preaching - 6:30pm
Wednesday Services:
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Family Night 7:30pm with -
Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14)
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Adult School of the Bible
Friday Services:
Youth Night - 7:30pm
In addition there are monthly meetings of Promise Keepers, Women's Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4. "We'll look for you this coming Sunday!"

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Rev. Clarence Anton, Pastor. Church phone (201) 379-1465.
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.

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH "Where The Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, NJ phone: (908) 687-9440 fax: (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday: 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages; multiple adult activities are offered each quarter on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department. 11:00 AM - Celebration Worship Service. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided. 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided; Monday: 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting. 7:00 PM Boy's Battalion (grades 7-12) Tues-Sat.: 5:00 AM Early Morning Prayer; Wednesday: 10:00 AM - Teenager Bible Study for senior adults; meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday. 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise. Bible Study; Thursday: 10:00 AM - Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday. Friday: 7:00 PM - Girl's Club for girls in K-7th grades; 7:00 PM - Boy's Christian Service Brigade for boys 2nd-6th grades; Saturday: 7:00 PM - Youth Group for students in 7th-12th grades. There are numerous F.O.U.N.D. Groups (home Bible Studies) meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities. Call for information. For FREE information packet please call 687-9440.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting electives for adults. 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church. 5:30 - 7:00 PM Sunday evening AWANA program for ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service with Nursery care provided. Wednesday: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study - Adults and Junior/Senior High Group. Super-Seniors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Active Youth Ministry - Junior/Senior High. Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with a chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union. Rev. Robert S. Damrau, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975; Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten, Primary church for grades 1-4). Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month; 7:00 PM - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study. Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday: 9:30-11:15 AM Women's Bible Study and Craft Class. Free child care provided (meets bi-monthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 PM; Shabbat day: 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are for-

mal 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. Weekly 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 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before sunset. There is one minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30-8:30 P.M., and from 8:30-9:30, we will survey the history of the Jewish experience in America. Please call our office for information regarding our special programs. These offerings assume no Hebrew or Judaic background whatsoever. Our Tuesday evening service is devoted to the religious thought of Maimonides, offered in the Hebrew language. On Sunday mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we study Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Biblical portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minhav and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Rabbi Emeritus, Dr. Leonard Strulowitz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

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JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

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LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union. Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. 908-686-3965. Family Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Visitors Expected; Barter-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Diaf-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

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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., English Worship 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 Chorus, 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 460 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), Hillside and Colonia Roads, Elizabeth, (908) 352-5487. John Warther, 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 sing on the 4th Sunday. Call Church office for more information or Free Packet.

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BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall, 964-1282. Sunday, Church School 9:30 am, Church Worship 10:45 am. 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. Phones: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in our barrier-free Sanctuary. (Church school for infants through high school at 11:00 a.m.) Coffee & Fellowship Time: at 10:00. All are welcome!

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THE SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education Forum at 9:15 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome here! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markay at 201-376-1695.

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 every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly. New Jersey Chrysanthemum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL, Corner, Maplewood, Tuscan, and Burnett Ave. (201) 761-6430. Sunday services: Worship and Communion, 9:00 A.M.; Coffee and Fellowship 10:05 A.M.; Adult Bible Classes, 10:25 A.M.; Sunday School, 10:30 A.M. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday 8:00 P.M. A Prayer and Bible Study, Lower meeting room. Special week day programs for children and youth; call on Sundays, AM, and Tuesdays after 7:45 PM.

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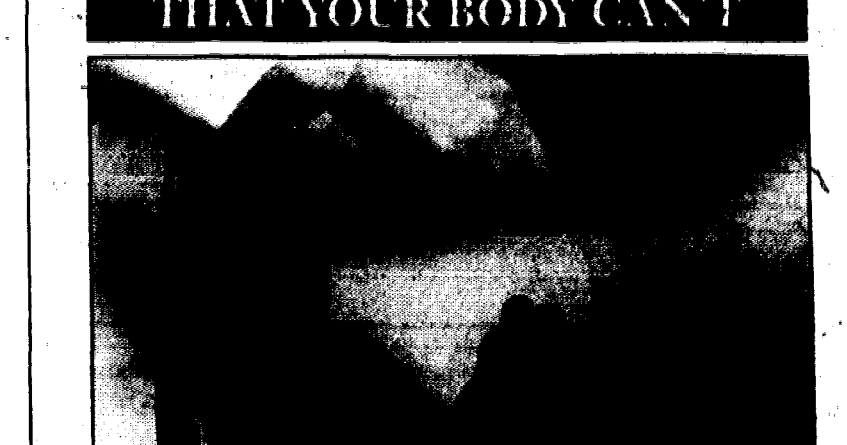
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SPORTS

UHS standout Watson to extend career at Colgate

Girls' basketball star 300 points shy of 1,000

Union High School senior girls' basketball standout Trecilla Watson has accepted an athletic grant from Colgate University to play basketball.

The four-year starter averaged 15 points last season and is 300 points shy of 1,000 for her career. Watson has earned first-team All-Area honors the past two seasons and has made the Millburn Holiday Tournament's All-Tournament team the past three years.

Watson has spent her summers improving her game against some of the best talent in the region at camps such as The Blue Chips Shoot-Out, Future Stars Invitational and the Seton Hall University Camp.

She also holds a 3.6 grade-point average in college prep courses and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Watson is part of a Union County senior class that includes Hillside standout Sherryta Freeman (Dartmouth) and Elizabeth star Naimah Smith (Seton Hall).

Union's Zawacki excels

Seton Hall University junior women's tennis player Tammy Zawacki, a 1994 Union High School graduate, finished the 1996 fall schedule with a 4-5 singles record and a 2-7 doubles.

An arts and sciences major, Zawacki participated in four fall tournaments. She took third place in the Flight 4 consolation finals of Syracuse's Unity Life Tennis Classic. There she defeated Rutgers' Donna Czuzman 7-5, 6-1.

While participating in the William & Mary Invitational, Zawacki lost to Katherine Chen of Virginia Tech but

Top MVC-Valley grid players honored

The following is the 1996 Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division All-Conference Football Team:

VALLEY DIVISION

FIRST-TEAM

Offense

TE Juan Hernandez, R. Park, Sr.
T Bill Schmidt, Ridge, Sr.
T Matt Lisiecki, New Prov. Sr.
T Mickey Weslock, R. Park, Sr.
T Tim Vogt, Middlesex, Sr.
G Jeremy Williams, Ridge, Sr.
G John Zika, Dayton, Jr.
G Nick Gregorio, New Prov. Sr.
G Brian Belfiore, R. Park, Sr.
C Anthony Vitale, R. Park, Sr.
C Dave Kubeck, Bound Brook, Jr.
QB Bert Watts, Ridge, Jr.
QB Mark Armento, Dayton, Jr.
RB Mike Holliday, Manville, Sr.
RB Bryan Woloin, Bound Brook, Sr.
RB Tom Watts, Ridge, Sr.
RB Mike Yendrick, New Prov., Sr.
RB Jeff Gallicchio, R. Park, Sr.
WR Mike Chonko, Dayton, Sr.
WR Bill Phipps, Bound Brook, Sr.
K Joe Siout, Ridge, Jr.

Defense

E Joe Madden, Bound Brook, Sr.
E Jason Bays, Ridge, Sr.
E Pete Brown, New Prov. Jr.
T Celester O'Grand, BB, Sr.
T Craig Marcus, Ridge, Jr.
T Joe Capriglione, Dayton, Jr.
T Albert Munoz, R. Park, Sr.
NG Louis Valladares, NP, Jr.
LB Anthony Infantini, NP, Sr.
LB Kevin Burns, Dayton, Jr.
LB Steve Karlick, R. Park, Sr.
LB Sean McMahon, Ridge, Sr.
DB Randy Sidorski, Man., Jr.
DB Bill Perlack, Middlesex, Sr.
DB Anthony Scalice, BB, Sr.
DB Jim Sweigart, Dayton, Jr.
DB Matt Ferraro, R. Park, Sr.
P Rich Bayachek, Middlesex, Sr.

Honorable Mention

From Roselle Park:

WR Kevin Vargas, Sr.
T Miguel Castro, Sr.
RB Matt Story, Sr.
QB Matt Harris, Sr.
DT Pat Appello, Jr.
LB Frank Cunha, Sr.
DB Steve Matthews, Sr.
K Kevin Kolbeck, Soph.

defeated Cornell's Michelle Degan 7-5, 6-1 in the first round of the consolation finals. In the second round, she was defeated by James Madison's Tory Schorder 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Zawacki owns a 19-16 career singles record (8-8 in the Big East) and a career doubles mark of 22-34. She is tied for 10th place in the Seton Hall record book with 47 career doubles matches played.

Local Roundup

Kenilworth Umpires needed

Volunteer umpires are needed for the 1997 Kenilworth Little League season. No experience is necessary.

Umpire classes will be held in January, February and March prior to Opening Day.

All male or female candidates must be 18 years or older.

More information may be obtained by contacting Stephen Megna, umpire and chief, at P.O. Box 331, Kenilworth, N.J. 07033 or by calling him at 908-709-9619.

Union soccer registration

The Union Soccer League will hold a second registration session for the spring season this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the league office on 324 Chestnut St. in Union.

Boys and girls born in the years 1982 through 1991 are eligible.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-687-3134.

Springfield baseball registration

Guaranteed registration for the 1997 season of the Springfield Junior Baseball League will end Jan. 15. Registrations received at this time must include the \$25 late fee. After this date, registrants will be placed on a waiting list and a place on a team cannot be guaranteed. Registration forms are available at the Springfield Recreation Department.

More information may be obtained by calling Jackie Stapfer at 908-508-4245.

Hoops at the Dunn Center

Six of the Northeast's best high school basketball teams will battle for ranking and improved conditions for local homeless people during the Third Annual Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Basketball Classic.

A tripleheader will take place beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

Proceeds from the three-game showcase will benefit the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, one of the first agencies to work with homeless people in the state of New Jersey.

The first game, to begin at 5, will feature perennial Group 4 powers Elizabeth (Section 2) vs. Teaneck (Section 1). In a non-conference matchup in Bergen County last Jan. 18, Teaneck edged Elizabeth 49-48 in overtime, halting the Minutemen their first loss of the season after an 0-9 start.

The second game, scheduled to begin at 6:40, pits St. Patrick's of Elizabeth vs. Christian Brothers Academy of Holmdel. The Celtics finished 24-4 and as the No. 2-ranked team in the state last year.

Game three, set for 8:15, features two of the nation's top teams: St. Anthony of Jersey City vs. Rice of New York City. St. Anthony finished undefeated once again last year and at season's end was ranked No. 1 in the country by USA Today and the No. 1 in the state by The Star-Ledger. Rice was also nationally-ranked and was last year's New York state champion.

Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be reserved by calling 908-687-6963 or 908-964-8103.

Advance ticket purchases are encouraged as a sell-out is expected.

Celtics also at Garden: St. Patrick's will also be playing at Madison Square Garden once again this year as

the Celtics will face St. Raymond's of the Bronx in the first of three games Saturday, Jan. 11 that will make up the Sprite Super 6 High School Basketball Classic.

Last year's tripleheader took place on a Sunday, which also happened to be the day of the Blizzard of 1996.

St. Patrick's will face St. Raymond's in the first game, set to begin at 11 a.m.

The second game will pit St. Anthony vs. Christ the King of Queens at 1 p.m., followed by Marist vs. Peekskill, N.Y. at 3.

St. Patrick's defeated Holy Cross of N.Y. 73-63 in overtime in the first of three games last year.

Kean-Winter Soccer School

The Kean College Cougar Winter Soccer School is accepting applications for the 1997 season. The sessions will meet every Friday beginning Jan. 24 and end on March 4. There will be a makeup date on March 21 if necessary.

Run by Kean College head men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko, one of the most successful coaches in the country, the school is for boys and girls ages 6-17.

More information may be obtained by calling Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

Hillside boys' hoops

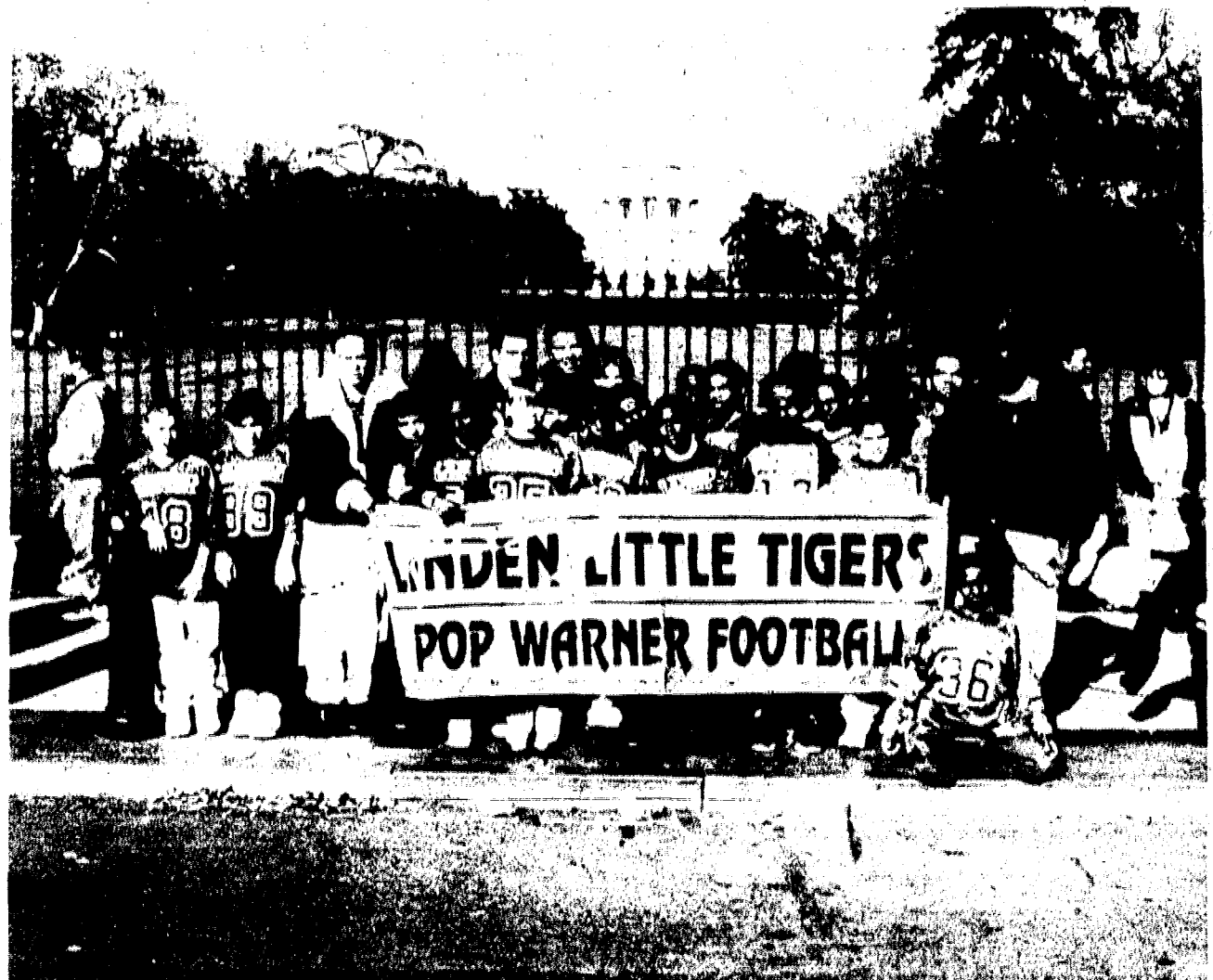
Dec. 20 at Johnson, 4:00
Christmas Tournament
Jan. 3 at Roselle, 4:00
Jan. 7 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Jan. 9 New Providence, 4:00
Jan. 10 Ridge, 7:00
Jan. 14 at Newark Central, 4:00
Jan. 16 at North Plainfield, 4:00
Jan. 17 at Immaculata, 7:00
Jan. 21 Gov. Livingston, 4:00
Jan. 23 Johnson, 4:00
Jan. 24 Roselle, 4:00
Jan. 27 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Jan. 28 at Dayton, 4:00
Jan. 31 at Ridge, 4:00
Feb. 4 Newark Central, 4:00
Feb. 7 North Plainfield, 7:00
Feb. 11 Immaculata, 4:00
Feb. 14 at Gov. Livingston, 7:00

Hillside girls' hoops

The following is the Hillside High School girls' basketball schedule:
Dec. 20 Johnson, 3:00
Dec. New Providence Tournament
Jan. 3 Roselle, 4:00
Jan. 6 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Jan. 10 at Ridge, 4:00
Jan. 14 Newark Central, 4:00
Jan. 16 North Plainfield, 4:00
Jan. 17 Immaculata, 7:00
Jan. 21 at Gov. Livingston, 4:00
Jan. 23 at Johnson, 4:00
Jan. 27 Roselle Catholic, 4:00
Jan. 28 Dayton, 4:00
Jan. 31 Ridge, 7:00
Feb. 4 at Central, 4:00
Feb. 7 at North Plainfield, 7:00
Feb. 8 Plainfield, 2:00
Feb. 11 at Immaculata, 7:00
Feb. 14 Gov. Livingston, 4:00

Union girls' hoops

The following is the Union High School girls' basketball schedule:
Dec. 20 at East Side, 4:00
Dec. 23 Union Hills, 4:00
Dec. 27 Millburn Tournament
Dec. 28 Millburn Tournament
Jan. 2 at Linden, 4:00
Jan. 4 Plainfield, 2:00
Jan. 7 at Irvington, 4:00
Jan. 9 Kearny, 4:00
Jan. 10 at Scotch Plains, 7:00
Jan. 14 Elizabeth, 4:00
Jan. 17 Westfield, 4:00
Jan. 21 at Shabazz, 4:00
Jan. 25 at Rahway, 5:00
Jan. 28 at Kearny, 4:00
Jan. 29 East Side, 4:00
Feb. 3 Bayonne, 4:00
Feb. 4 Cranford, 4:00
Feb. 6 Scotch Plains, 4:00
Feb. 10 Irvington, 4:00
Feb. 13 Union Catholic, 4:00



The Linden Pop Warner football team had an outstanding 1996 season and were rewarded for their efforts by getting an opportunity to pose in front of the White House.

Linden Pop Warner has season to be proud of

1 squad wins division, 2 others make playoffs

Linden Pop Warner returned last year after nearly 20 years, and all three teams enjoyed fine success in the second year of the resurgence.

The Junior Pee-Wee team won its division, and both the Juniors and the Pee-Wee squads made the playoffs. Although both were eliminated in the first round, they had seasons that both they and the town of Linden can be proud of.

The Midget team, eliminated in their playoffs by a technicality, were invited to play in an Invitational Tournament in Randallstown, Maryland on Nov. 30, where they were scheduled to play the host team, the Randallstown Panthers, the Maryland State Midget champs.

The Executive Board unanimously agreed to make it a two-day trip for the youngsters, parents and coaches. The first day was used to take the boys into the nation's capital and allow them to see the sights. For many of the boys, it was the first time they had ever been out of the state. The trip into Washington D.C. was an experience that all who participated would surely not forget.

A team breakfast with the parents and coaches and pre-game warmups precluded the game.

From the opening kickoff, it was clear this was going to be a hard-fought game. The Tiger defense was

stunned by the Panthers on the second play of the game with a 43-yard TD run. They converted on the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The Tiger defense dug in the rest of the game, not allowing the Panthers any more points. With the defense bearing down, the offense managed to score twice the rest of the game. They falied on both extra points, but the final tally stood at 12-7, a solid win for the Linden Little Tigers.

Youth Football

Bernie Shepard, president of the Panther Organization, was very impressed with the way the Linden Midget club performed. He also commended the boys for their behavior before, during and after the game. So impressed was Shepard, he extended invitations to all three Linden teams to play there next year, provided they are not involved in playoff action.

Fred Ernest, director of the Linden Little Tigers, wished to congratulate all the coaches, players and cheerleaders of all three teams for a job well done in making this second year back a huge success.

A special thanks goes to the players and coaches of the Midgets. The players who participated in the Maryland trip were: Casey Ernest, Michael Roman, Eddie Oliveira, Anthony McRae, Greg Parker, Shane Gullette,

Jamaul Thomas, Louis Perdomo, Thomas Ramos, Derrick Wade, William Wade, Shawn Colvin, Andre Sumner, Christopher Stelljes, Noel Edwards, Steven Miller and Bazair Skipper. John Sieracki and Bruce Hanks both were ill and could not attend, but worked very hard raising money for the trip.

The coaches and staff were: Head Coach Dominic Bramante, Assistant Coaches Greg Parker, Derrick Brown, Joseph Bramante, Jason Everitt and Ernest. The parents who attended and helped supervise were Team Mother Linda Ernest, the Oliveiras, the Stelljes, the Ramos' and the Millers.

The following businesses in Linden either helped the kids raise money or made food donations to the team for the trip: K-Mart, Caldor, Rex Gene, KFC of Linden, Quick Check, Park Ave. Deli, Bagel Mania, Village Bakery, Towne Bakery, Blimpie of Linden, Big Blues, Di Cosmo's, Papa's Deli, Shreeji Food Mart and South Wood Liquors.

Ernest also wished to thank the Linden Board of Education for allowing the team to get in extra days of practice by using the School 2 gym, and Mayor Gregorio's office for making a \$500 donation to help pay for the bus.



Linden Pop Warner coaches and administrators display trophy that team won.

UHS girls' swimmers splash two foes

The Union High School girls' swimming team opened the 1996-97 season in fine form last week by defeating Livingston 50-44 at the West Essex YMCA.

The Farmers then bested Holy Family 101-69 at the Union Boys and Girls Club to start the year at 2-0.

"This is a very encouraging start," Union coach Don Erdman said. "We have a very tough schedule and must continue to work hard. I'm pleased with the turnout. We're carrying 34 swimmers on our roster."

Union managed to come from behind to record its win over Livingston. The medley relay team of Amanda Maxwell, co-captain Karen Dein, Rachel Goldman and Alison Mellage finished second.

Co-captain Maddalena Mustillo took second in the 200 freestyle and freshmen Liatte Krueger and Megan Shanahan were second and third respectively in the 200 individual medley.

Katie Mortellito won the 50 freestyle, with Alison Mellage placing third.

Co-captain Kristin Mellage won the 100 butterfly, with Goldman taking third.

Maxwell then took second in a personal-best time of 1:01.11 in the 100 freestyle, with Alison Mellage finishing third.

After Mustillo finished second in the 500 freestyle, Union was still four points behind with only four events to go.

The Farmers managed to place first and second in the 200 freestyle relay to surge ahead.

Kristin Mellage and Maxwell were first and second respectively in the 100 backstroke and Krueger won the 100 breaststroke to seal the victory.

In the home-opening victory Thursday against Holy Family, the 200 medley relay team of Elissa Lynch, Michelle Hirsch, Shanahan and Jessica Mehr finished second.

The 200 freestyle saw Dein place second, Andrea Perger third and Jen Roggerman fifth.

Mustillo won the 200 IM, with Hirsch third and Kim Kaczor fourth.

Lauren O'Shea placed first in the 50 freestyle, with Mehr third and Vicki Anthony fourth.

Mortellito and co-captain Jennifer Young finished 2-3 in the 100 butterfly and Union then swept the 100 freestyle with Lynch, Kaczor and Perger finishing first, second and third.

Nicole Siano finished second in the 500 freestyle, while Sarah Gollin was third and Elizabeth Wiggins fifth.

The trio of Mortellito, O'Shea and Vanessa Davidson finished second, third and fourth in the 100 backstroke and Hirsch won the breaststroke, with Anthony taking second.

Union's next matches will be against Governor Livingston in Cranford today at 3:30 and vs. St. Dominic's Academy tomorrow at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

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Super 30 among the very best

Repeat selections Ferguson and Glover head talented cast

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Because I felt there were so many talented players in the Worrall Community Newspapers' readership area, I decided to increase our list of who the best local gridiron players were this year.

The Fifth Annual Super 30 Football Team, it actually was Super 25 the previous four seasons, includes a mix of seniors, juniors and a couple of sophomores.

The only two repeat selections are senior running backs Corey Ferguson of Union, a three-time pick, and Darrell Glover of Elizabeth.

As many as 108 area players earned distinction, with 30 on starting offense and defense, 30 on second offense and defense and 48 on Also Outstanding.

Union was the only area team to win in the post-season, downing Elizabeth 34-26 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 semifinals at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

Union was defeated by Montclair 20-0 in the sectional final at Giants Stadium.

H.S. Football

Elizabeth, Johnson Regional and Roselle Park won conference championships. Elizabeth won the Watchung Conference-American Division title for the second consecutive season and Johnson captured the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division crown for the second straight year. Roselle Park won the MVC-Valley Division championship for the first time since 1993.

Worrall Community Newspapers include the (North Zone) *Union Leader*, *Roselle Park Leader*, *Kenilworth Leader*, (West Zone) *Summit Observer*, *Springfield Leader*, *Mountainside Echo*, (South Zone) *Linden Leader*, *Roselle Spectator*, *Rahway Progress*, *Clark Eagle* and (East Zone) *Elizabeth Gazette*, *Hillside Leader*.

The high school football teams covered by those publications include Union, Roselle Park, Summit, Dayton Regional, Linden, Roselle, Rahway, Johnson Regional, Elizabeth, Hillside and Governor Livingston.

SUPER 30 OFFENSE

Line: Mike Luzzi, Union; Mike Passero, Union; Anthony Martini, Elizabeth; Guenter Kryszon, Johnson Regional; Steve Karlik, Roselle Park; Anthony Vitale, Roselle Park. Tight End: Jamiee Wineglass, Hillside. Backs: Darrell Glover, Elizabeth; Asad Abdul-Khalig, Elizabeth; Leonard Nii-Moi, Union; Jeff Gallicchio, Roselle Park; Mark Armento, Dayton Regional. Ends: Tobias Daniels, Elizabeth; Mike Chonko, Dayton Regional. Placekicker: Jason Hassler, Johnson Regional.

SUPER 30 DEFENSE

Line: Billy Tulloch, Union; Lamar Williams, Hillside; Joe Capriglione, Dayton Regional; Juan Hernandez, Roselle Park. Linebackers: Hakiem Stewart, Elizabeth; Revon Myles, Hillside; Corey Ferguson, Union; James St. Fort, Elizabeth; Kevin Burns, Dayton Regional; Rashiem Starling, Linden; Brian Drake, Johnson Regional; Billy Prokos, Johnson Regional; Rafael Rodriguez, Roselle. Backs: Louis Campbell, Rahway; John Brown, Summit.

STARTING OFFENSE

MIKE LUZZI — This outstanding senior right guard was also very efficient at outside linebacker. Luzzi's effort on offense at the line of scrimmage helped pave the way for Union backs Corey Ferguson and Leonard Nii-Moi.

MIKE PASSERO — One of two returning starters on the offensive line for Union, Passero helped 'guard' Farmer quarterback Nick Ferroni on the left side. The senior also faked out Elizabeth by not punting the ball and running for a first down in their playoff encounter.

ANTHONY MARTINI — The two-year starter was one of the premier centers in North Jersey, a top offensive lineman. He also did an excellent job of snapping on punts and extra points. Owner of a 3.85 grade-point average (advanced honors) and a 1225 SAT score, the Elizabeth senior is looking at Ivy League schools such as Princeton and Penn in addition to visiting Division I and I-AA colleges.

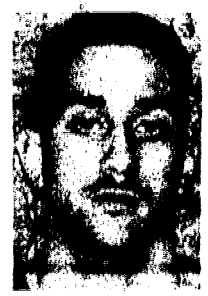
GUENTER KRYSZON — The 6-5, 270-pound senior two-way tackle has verbally committed to Georgia Tech, where he is said to be headed for the defensive side of the ball. For Johnson Regional on offense this fall, Kryszon "really took people off the ball," head coach Bob Taylor said. For the second straight year he anchored an outstanding offensive line. He was equally effective on defense, despite teams running away from him, gaining four sacks and recording 67 tackles.

STEVE KARLIK — This two-year starter was a standout on the offensive line at guard and a terror on defense at linebacker for Roselle Park. The senior had 64 solo tackles, 39 assists, nine tackles for losses, four sacks, one fumble recovery and one interception.

ANTHONY VITALE — Another excellent blocker on the offensive line for Roselle Park, this senior center was also an excellent long snapper. On defense from his nose guard position, Vitale had 42 tackles, 29 assists, 14 tackles for losses, five sacks and two fumble recoveries.

JAMIEE WINEGLASS — One of two sophomores on this year's Super 30, Wineglass has unlimited potential and two more years to showcase his talents at Hillside. The 6-5, 235-pounder caught 28 passes for 326 yards and four touchdowns at tight end and recorded 40 tackles and had four sacks as a defensive end.

DARRELL GLOVER — A three-year starter who rushed for over 900 yards as a sophomore and for more than 1,000 yards in each of his junior and senior seasons, Glover finished with more than 3,000 yards rushing — among Elizabeth's best. This year the senior tailback carried 158 times



M. Luzzi
Union



M. Passero
Union



A. Martini
Elizabeth



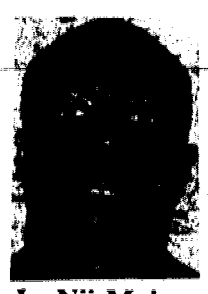
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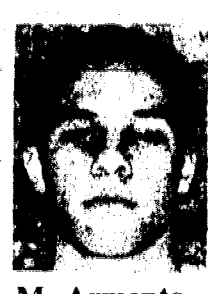
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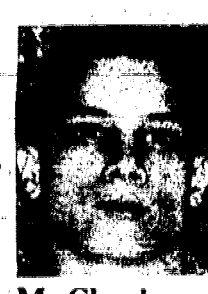
J. Gallicchio
Roselle Park



M. Armento
Dayton



T. Daniels
Elizabeth



M. Chonko
Dayton



J. Hassler
Johnson

for 1,205 yards (7.63 average), despite missing the final game of the season. He scored 21 touchdowns, 19 of them on the ground, and was second in the county in scoring with 132 points. Headed for prep school or junior college, Glover also caught 11 passes for 113 yards.

ASAD ABDUL-KHALIG — One of the best juniors this year and likely to be one of the better senior players in North Jersey next year, Abdul-Khalig did a wonderful job in succeeding since graduated All-State performer Al Hawkins at quarterback. He completed 74-of-125 passes (59 percent) for 1,619 yards, 14 touchdowns and just five interceptions. He completed four touchdown passes in Elizabeth's playoff game against Union.

LEONARD NII-MOI — This talented two-year starter improved a great deal at the running back position for Union this year. The senior rushed for 1,148 yards on 161 carries (7.13) and scored 17 touchdowns, four of them coming in Union's playoff game against Elizabeth. He also excelled at linebacker, recording 60 tackles and two sacks.

JEFF GALLICCHIO — Last year Roselle Park was paced by the explosive running of Jamie Gallicchio. This year it was his younger brother Jeff. This diminutive (5-7, 155) senior running back stood tall this year by gaining a total of 1,834 all-purpose yards, bettering his brother's mark of 1,666 attained last year. Gallicchio rushed for 1,267 yards on 170 carries (7.45), scored 19 touchdowns and was third in the county in scoring with 120 points. He also caught seven passes for 145 yards; returned 14 punts for 145 yard and 12 kickoffs for 257. From his defensive back position he was credited with 28 tackles, 23 assists, four tackles for losses, two sacks and one interception.

MARK ARMENTO — The director of Dayton's offense, this junior signal-caller and two-year starter rushed for 302 yards on 61 carries and completed 49-of-97 passes for 1,029 yards. A gifted quarterback with a strong arm, Armento completed 10 touchdown passes, rushed for six scores and was voted the team's Offensive MVP. At defensive back he

had 16 solo tackles, 17 assists and one interception.

TOBIAS DANIELS — One of the fastest players in Union County, this speedy senior end from Elizabeth caught 34 passes for 735 yards (21.62 ave.) and 10 touchdowns. He returned 17 punts for 288 yards.

MIKE CHONKO — Dayton's team MVP, Chonko caught 11 passes for 425 yards (38.63) and rushed 45 times for 272 yards. The senior end caught three TD passes and rushed for four more. At defensive back, Chonko paced Dayton with six interceptions, had 26 solo tackles, six assists, one caused fumble and one fumble recovery.

JASON HASSLER — Being one of the few seniors that returned to the Johnson lineup, Hassler had to be one of the workhorses and he filled the role more than ably. The talented tailback finished the 1996 campaign as Union County's points leader with 137 and clearly established himself as one of the finest all-around athletes in the area. As a placekicker, he was 3-for-3 on field goals and accounted for 20 PAT's. As a runner, he finished with 1,162 yards on 144 carries (8.10) with 16 touchdowns. He scored two other touchdowns on receptions for a total of 18 and also punted and returned kicks.

STARTING DEFENSE
BILLY TULLOCH — This two-year starter was Union's second leading tackler with 68. The senior-end bulled his way through opposing offensive lines to record eight sacks and block four passes. He caused four fumbles and recovered two.

LAMAR WILLIAMS — This junior made quite an impression at tackle during his first year on the varsity for Hillside. He was second on the team in tackles with 58, had four sacks and blocked three passes and three kicks.

JOE CAPRIGLIONE — Another outstanding tackle, this Dayton junior was all over the place on defense, recording 35 solo tackles, 20 assists, eight sacks, two caused fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

JUAN HERNANDEZ — Like Tulloch and Capriglione, this talented Roselle Park senior end recorded eight quarterback sacks. He also had 34 tackles, 18 assists, seven

tackles for losses and three fumble recoveries. At tight end he caught seven passes for 145 yards.

HAKIEM STEWART — Arguably the top linebacker in Union County this year, this Elizabeth senior recorded 97 first hits, 33 assists, two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and he caused four fumbles. A bonafide Division I player as long as he qualifies academically.

REYON MYLES — This four-year starter at running back and linebacker, one of the top two-way seniors in North Jersey this year, paced Hillside in tackles with 72, had 28 solo, three interceptions, two pass breakups, three fumble recoveries and two sacks. He also set Hillside's record for most yards rushing in a season with 1,403 this year on 207 carries (6.8). He scored 14 touchdowns and finished his career with more than 3,000 yards rushing.

COREY FERGUSON — One of the best players in Union County the past three seasons, this senior linebacker paced Union in tackles for a third consecutive year with 85 (255 lifetime). He blocked three passes, caused two fumbles, recovered three and had two interceptions. Ferguson also set the school record for career rushing yards with 3,883. He rushed for 1,335 this year after gaining 1,383 as a sophomore and 1,165 last year. He scored 17 touchdowns and finished with 53.

JAMES ST. FORT — A tough hitter, this Elizabeth senior linebacker had 42 first hits, 20 assists, three fumble recoveries and one interception. He returned a fumble for a TD at St. Peter's Prep and an interception for a TD at Irvington.

KEVIN BURNS — Dayton's defensive MVP, this junior linebacker had 51 solo tackles, 22 assists, seven sacks, blocked two punts and recovered two fumbles.

RASHIEM STARLING — This standout sophomore linebacker was second for Linden in tackles with 55.

BRIAN DRAKE — The Johnson junior linebacker was in on an astounding 125 tackles, intercepted two passes and pounced on a pair of fumbles.

BILLY PROKOS — This Johnson senior linebacker set a school record with 12 sacks and had 63 tackles.

RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ — This Roselle senior linebacker was a terror on defense. He recorded 81 tackles, 25 of them solo, had two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery.

LOUIS CAMPBELL — The versatile Rahway senior free safety, also one of the area's top basketball players, made 16 solo tackles, had 13 assists, one interception, two sacks and two fumble recoveries.

JOHN BROWN — Another tough defensive back, this junior safety paced Summit in tackles with 81. He had 1,309 all-purpose yards.

Final area rankings

Four of 11 area schools qualified for the playoffs and eight posted winning seasons. Below is the final 1996 Elite Eleven rankings.

- 1996 ELITE ELEVEN
1. Union (8-3)
 2. Elizabeth (9-1)
 3. Roselle Park (9-1)
 4. Rahway (7-2)
 5. Dayton (6-3)
 6. Roselle (5-4)
 7. Johnson (7-3)
 8. Hillside (5-4)
 9. Linden (3-6)
 10. Gov. Livingston (4-5)
 11. Summit (3-6)

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STARTING OFFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	HT	WT	YEAR
L	Mike Luzzi	Union	6-1	180	Senior
L	Mike Passero	Union	5-11	190	Senior
L	Anthony Martini	Elizabeth	6-1	230	Senior
L	Guenter Kryszon	Johnson	6-5	270	Senior
L	Steve Karlik	Roselle Park	5-10	205	Senior
L	Anthony Vitale	Roselle Park	6-0	210	Senior
TE	Jamiee Wineglass	Hillside	6-4	235	Soph.
B	Darrell Glover	Elizabeth	6-0	185	Senior
B	Asad Abdul-Khalig	Elizabeth	6-0	170	Junior
B	Leonard Nii-Moi	Union	6-0	185	Junior
B	Jeff Gallicchio	Roselle Park	5-7	160	Senior
B	Mark Armento	Dayton	6-0	190	Junior
E	Tobias Daniels	Elizabeth	5-9	160	Senior
E	Mike Chonko	Dayton	5-8	165	Senior
PK	Jason Hassler	Johnson	5-8	160	Senior

STARTING DEFENSE

L	Billy Tulloch	Union	6-4	220	Senior
L	Lamar Williams	Hillside	6-3	245	Junior
L	Joe Capriglione	Dayton	5-10	210	Junior
L	Juan Hernandez	Roselle Park	6-0	220	Senior
LB	Hakiem Stewart	Elizabeth	6-1	230	Senior
LB	Revon Myles	Hillside	5-10	195	Senior
LB	Corey Ferguson	Union	5-11	200	Senior
LB	James St. Fort	Elizabeth	6-0	220	Senior
LB	Kevin Burns	Dayton	5-11	195	Junior
LB	Rashiem Starling	Linden	5-11	175	Soph.
LB	Brian Drake	Johnson	5-11	170	Junior
LB	Billy Prokos	Johnson	5-10	185	Senior
LB	Rafael Rodriguez	Roselle	6-0	205	Senior
B	Louis Campbell	Rahway	6-2	180	Senior
B	John Brown	Summit	5-11	180	Junior

SECOND OFFENSE

L	Brian Matthews	Union	5-10	215	Senior
L	Julian Gibson	Elizabeth	6-3	270	Senior
L	Ron Zieser	Union	6-0	235	Senior
L	Garrett Nann	Union	5-11	205	Senior
L	Anderson Dortilus	Elizabeth	6-4	275	Senior
L	Jairo Labrador	Elizabeth	6-0	320	Senior
L	Ray Giacobbe	Rahway	6-2	205	Senior
B	Nick Ferroni	Union	6-3	215	Senior
B	Eric Neely	Roselle	5-8	170	Junior
B	Dennis Bowden	Johnson	5-7	170	Junior
B	Corey DeGannes	Hillside	6-0	165	Junior
B	Paul Testa	Dayton	6-0	175	Junior
B	Matt Story	Roselle Park	5-9	190	Senior
E	Nick Spagnuolo	Johnson	6-0	165	Junior
E	Chris Loeffler	Dayton	6-4	205	Junior

SECOND DEFENSE

E	Bengee Wimbush	Roselle	6-0	190	Senior
L	Jon Zika	Dayton	6-2	195	Junior
L	Albert Munoz	Roselle Park	5-8	205	Senior
L	Brian Belliore	Roselle Park	5-10	180	Senior
LB	Frank Cunha	Roselle Park	5-9	190	Senior
LB	Colin Ballantyne	Summit	6-1	200	Senior
LB	Isaac Sellers	Rahway	5-11	185	Senior
LB	Eric Gerstner	Johnson	6-0	200	Junior
LB	Randy Grider	Linden	5-8	155	Junior
B	Shaun Johnson	Union	5-7	160	Senior
B	Jimmy Sweigart	Dayton	6-0	185	Junior
B	Kevin Vargas	Roselle Park	6-2	180	Senior
B	Matt Ferraro	Roselle Park	5-6	155	Senior
PK	Kevin Kolbeck	Roselle Park	5-8	160	Soph.
KR	Gerard Bishop	Hillside	6-1	165	Junior

ALSO OUTSTANDING

The following players have earned Also Outstanding selection:
Union: Prentice Grant, Mark Geck, Ralph Martinez, Brian Yawnick, Nygiem Calhoun.

Elizabeth: Johnny McBryde, Maurice McClain.
Roselle Park: Matt Harris, Miguel Castro, Steve Matthews, Mickey Weslock, Pat Appello.

Dayton Regional: Ian Telfer, Mark Dempsey, Kevin Hogan, Barry Kaverick, Eric Fishman, Mark Pinhasovich, Jerry Somma, Joe Rizzo.

Roselle: Ascer Clay, Jameel Dumas, Marcus Williams, Claudio Pastor, Troy Mickens, Tariq Glaster.

Johnson Regional: Adam Zambuto, Brian Fewkes, Jerry Derillo.
Hillside: Frank Ibeceta, Krzysztof Kaczorowski, Will Landers, Jovon Kelly, Marsae Hawkins, Halbert Wilson.

Linden: Chris Rayford, Mike Tumalian, DeSean Brown, Steve Johnson, Simon Ziobro.

Governor Livingston: Mike Trombetta, Chris Petracorro, Matt Kohler, Brian Cantagallo, Jim Debbie, Chet King.

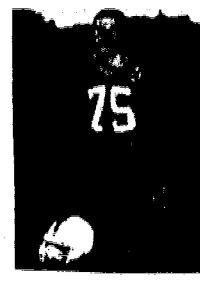
Summit: Jeff Stewart, Scott Schroeder.

Local Conference Champions

WATCHUNG-American: Elizabeth

MOUNTAIN VALLEY-Mountain: Johnson Regional

MOUNTAIN VALLEY-Valley: Roselle Park



B. Tulloch
Union



J. Capriglione
Dayton



J. Hernandez
Roselle Park



H. Stewart
Elizabeth



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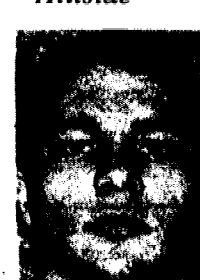
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B. Drake
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B. Prokos
Johnson



R. Rodriguez
Roselle



L. Campbell
Rahway



J. Brown
Summit



Holiday GREETINGS

At this Glorious and Holy time, we wish for all mankind the great gifts of peace and joy; faith and love. May our spirits be uplifted, and our hearts filled with happiness and contentment, as we cherish anew the glorious message and meaning of Christmas. For the confidence and loyalty of those whom we are privileged to serve, we wish to express deepest gratitude.



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