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Winning praise

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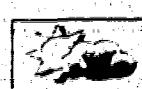
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Borough police foil attempted carjacking

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On the morning of Dec. 11, Mountainside Detective Sgt. Rich Oseija foiled an attempted carjacking after the suspect nearly struck a police officer with the vehicle and used a gun to threaten the driver's life, police said.

While stuck in traffic on Morris Avenue in Elizabeth on his way to jury duty, Oseija saw a traffic officer jump from the path of an out-of-control vehicle that drove onto the sidewalk. Oseija left his vehicle, and the driver, who had passengers in the vehicle, screamed to him that the male passenger behind her had a gun, police said.

Oseija immediately drew his weapon, and saw the suspect sitting in the back seat, pointing a .25 caliber silver handgun directly at the driver's head and threatening to kill her. Oseija said he repeatedly instructed the man to drop the gun, finally, after several minutes, the suspect complied.

But the suspect then fled the vehicle on foot, the report said, and after a brief pursuit and lengthy struggle, Oseija and Elizabeth police officer Scott Pevonis restrained the man and placed him under arrest.

The man, identified as Kevin Craig Reed, 39, of Plainfield, allegedly jumped into the back seat of the victim's car at a red light near Kean University at North and Morris avenues. He appeared out of a large green van, which Oseija said was being driven by an unknown party.

There were conflicting reports about a possible relationship between Reed and the victim. One report said Reed committed the crime out of a jealous rage after he saw the victim driving with another man. Other reports deny any relationship.

Reed was detained at Elizabeth Police Headquarters, where it was found he had recently been discharged from prison on felony homicide charges, according to Oseija. He was charged with carjacking, kidnapping, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, resisting arrest, and three counts of aggravated assault.

Government offices close for holidays

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

There's no escaping that the holiday season is near.

While Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Day bring family, friends and communities together for celebration, it also means changes in official schedules. The following is a guide to the holiday hours of operation of various services.

All local, state and federal offices will be closed Dec. 25. Public safety offices, however, will be on standard shifts or on call.

Municipal offices are expected to remain open Dec. 24, but may close by departmental discretion as early as 1 p.m. They will remain closed until Dec. 29.

The Mountainside and Springfield post offices will stay open Saturday to 2 p.m. to cope with the seasonal increase in mail. Those wanting nearby Sunday service in Union County can go to Summit, Clark or Elizabeth; central offices between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All post offices will be closed Christmas Day except for Express and Priority mail, and parcel deliveries. A 24-hour emergency service desk is otherwise available at the Farley Post Office, Eight Avenue and 31st Street, Manhattan.

Most public school systems will dismiss students by 1 p.m. Dec. 23 except for Springfield and at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, which will have full days. Classes are to resume Jan. 5. Curbside recycling pickup will not be made in Springfield on Christmas Day. Mountainside's schedule remains unaffected.

The Mountainside Library will close after regular hours Dec. 24 and reopens Dec. 26. Springfield's library will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 24.

Now appearing



Santa and Mrs. Claus entertain Benjamin Weinberg at the Springfield Emmanuel Methodist Church Saturday. The Clauses were part of the Inaugural Holiday Fair held at the church.

Photo By Walter Elliott

Council prepares for renovations

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Mountainside Borough Council held its monthly meeting to authorize funds for renovations of several buildings and approve refunds of 1997 resident property taxes.

The board voted unanimously to fund preliminary costs associated with a pending capital ordinance for building improvements throughout the borough. The ordinance for the improvements must be approved by the county and state treasurers' offices before the borough may start renovations.

Mayor Bob Vigilanti said the Mountainside Free Public Library will undergo major renovations, as will the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department Building, which is located on New Providence Road. There will also be work done on the new community room, which is located upstairs in Borough Hall, he said.

The board voted to refund 19 residents due to overpayment of their property taxes from 1997. Payments ranged from \$25 to \$13,509. The latter, of which was granted to Sheffield Associates, who made a tax appeal for both their 1996 and 1997 property taxes.

The board also voted to approve an intern commissioner for the Suburban Joint Insurance Fund, as well as to renew their contract for Animal Warden Services. During the executive session, which was held on Dec. 9, the board had voted to consider both of these matters.

The Suburban Joint Insurance Fund is an organization consisting of over 20 localities, including Mountainside.

The mayor said the Public Library and Fire Department buildings are scheduled for renovations.

Vigilanti said JIF is part of an effort to keep insurance costs down to local workers by buying collectively, rather than as individual towns. The mayor also said that due to the success of the fund, the council will be looking into establishing one of New Jersey's first Health Insurance Funds. The first JIF in the state was established this past year in New Brunswick.

The borough commissioner for JIF had been former Town Administrator Kathy Toland, but due to her resignation, Robert Wyckoff will be taking over until a new town administrator is appointed. The position is a non-salaried.

The animal warden contract for 1998 was approved for an annual cost of \$9,319.82 to the borough. According to Vigilanti, the animal warden deals with wild and domesticated animals that may or may not be a nuisance to residents. They also clean the streets of dead animals and dispose of them in an incinerator, he said. Associated Humane Societies, a non-profit corporation located in Newark, will be allocated these duties.

The council also voted to authorize advertisements for bids on the renovations to be done on the Deerfield tennis courts and fences.

Devino's trial postponed for brain cancer treatment

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The anticipated starting date for the case of *New Jersey v. Ralph DeVino* has been set back to Feb. 9.

Superior Court Judge John Triarsi postponed the trial Friday after receiving information on the health of defendant DeVino. Triarsi learned from attorney David Biunno that DeVino required treatment for a brain tumor.

"Biunno presented Triarsi with new information on DeVino's cancer treatment," said Union County Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary. "The judge felt that DeVino wouldn't be able to stand trial and gave Biunno a one-time postponement. The only deferment DeVino can get is if he is found to be too sick after two months."

Triarsi originally ruled Dec. 8 that DeVino's trial would proceed the

next Monday. His decision was based on a change of thyroid medication one of DeVino's doctors had ordered. The reports that DeVino having brain cancer, however, were inconclusive at the time.

"My attorney got documentation from my doctor that shows I have a tumor," DeVino said Thursday. "I'm scheduled to go for a Magnetic Resonance Imaging reading soon."

"My client has an imbalance and a

hearing problem," said Biunno. "He sometimes slurs his speech."

Had Triarsi not reversed his order, county prosecutors estimate the jury trial would have gone into closing arguments today. Judge Edwin Alley would have sat in for Triarsi, who is taking a scheduled week's vacation.

Alley and the jury would have heard the prosecution's charge that DeVino, of Springfield, asked for and

accepted part of a \$15,000 bribe from a developer last January. DeVino at the time was a construction consultant who was on the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

DeVino stepped down from the Zoning Board in February and underwent thyroid surgery in April. He remains as Springfield's representative on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority Board of Commissioners.

We're asking

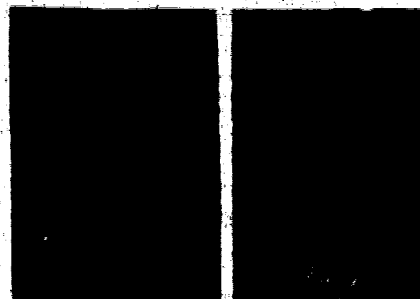
Do you agree with school's health curriculum?

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside school district has released new health curricula for students in grades K-8. Under the new state-mandated health standards, students will learn more about sexually transmitted diseases than they have in the past.

A recent U.S. Department of Health report said that by 1998, more than 150,000 students under the age of 15 will be infected with the HIV virus. Although the number of AIDS deaths were down in New Jersey and the nation last year, school districts are starting sex education earlier as a result of the recent state mandates.

The new curricula are based on age, but according to Schaller, teachers will start emphasizing abstinence as early as first-grade. "Kindergartners will learn about germs, diseases, nutrition,



Rosche

and maintaining a healthy body," he said. The concepts will be developed as they grow older, and students from first through eighth grade will learn about risk behaviors, myths about AIDS, and AIDS prevention.

The curricula consist of units on family life and education, mental and emotional health, safety and first aid, consumer health, substance abuse, disease prevention

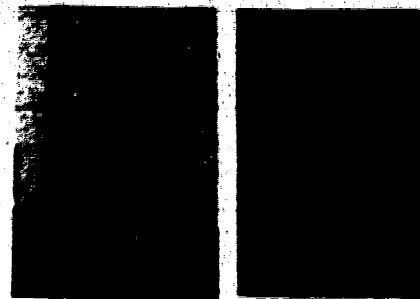
and control, personal health, and nutrition and fitness.

The *Echo Leader* asked teachers at Deerfield School what they thought about the new curricula, and if they thought AIDS education should be taught to young children.

Third-grade teacher Judith Segall said the new curricula are not that much different than what Deerfield has done in the past.

"Many (parents) have looked over the curriculum," she continued. "It is very out in the open. Although teaching AIDS and sexual assault prevention can be controversial at times, I think teaching them is as important as teaching math and reading."

Fellow third-grade teacher Patricia Kobasa agreed. "We have done sexual assault prevention for three



Adinolfi

years now. It is most definitely necessary to teach this to the children; the earlier they are aware of these things, the better."

Rich Adinolfi, who has been teaching fourth-grade for 27 years, said that if parents are skeptical about any of the curricula, they have the option to take their children out of the classroom during those units.

Nancy Rosche, also a fourth-grade teacher, had a similar view, but thinks there are ways to make sure kids do not become embarrassed when they hear certain terms. "I've had a couple parents that opted to take their children out of the class for those units. It is their option," she said. "When it comes to teaching about these things, I feel that if you keep the lesson clinical and factual, keep it about disease and transmission, and not be very graphic, then there won't be any problems."

Schaller said kindergartners through fourth graders are taught health by their classroom teachers, rather than by a specialized health teacher, as in grades 5 through 8. "This helps students become more comfortable with the specific concepts. The children know their teachers and feel less embarrassed about asking a question."

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Springfield schools
Today: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, carrots and celery sticks with dip, mixed fruit, birthday dessert, or chef's bowl, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.
Monday: Chicken nuggets with honey and soft roll, or tuna sandwich, whole kernel corn, mixed fruit, apple juice.
Tuesday: Pizza or super sub, garden salad, green beans, fresh pear.
Wednesday: Lunch will not be served.

Offices to close for holidays

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, this newspaper will publish on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 31. Therefore, deadlines for those editions will change.
To better service our readers, we are posting the following schedule that covers the next two weeks.
This office will close Friday, Dec. 19 at 12:30 p.m. and reopen Monday, Dec. 22 at 9 a.m.
Deadlines for the Dec. 24 edition are as follows:
• Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
• Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
• What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
• Display ads — Friday, noon.
• Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
• General news — Monday, 9 a.m.
• Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.
Our offices will be closed Jan. 1, 1998 and will reopen Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. We wish our readers and advertisers a happy holiday season.

NEWS CLIPS

Toys-for-Tots drives

The Springfield Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 76 and The Springfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, Local 57 have again joined forces this holiday season to sponsor its 6th Annual Toys-for-Tots drive in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Reserves. These collected toys are given to needy, homeless and orphan children by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves during the holiday season. For most children, these donated toys are the

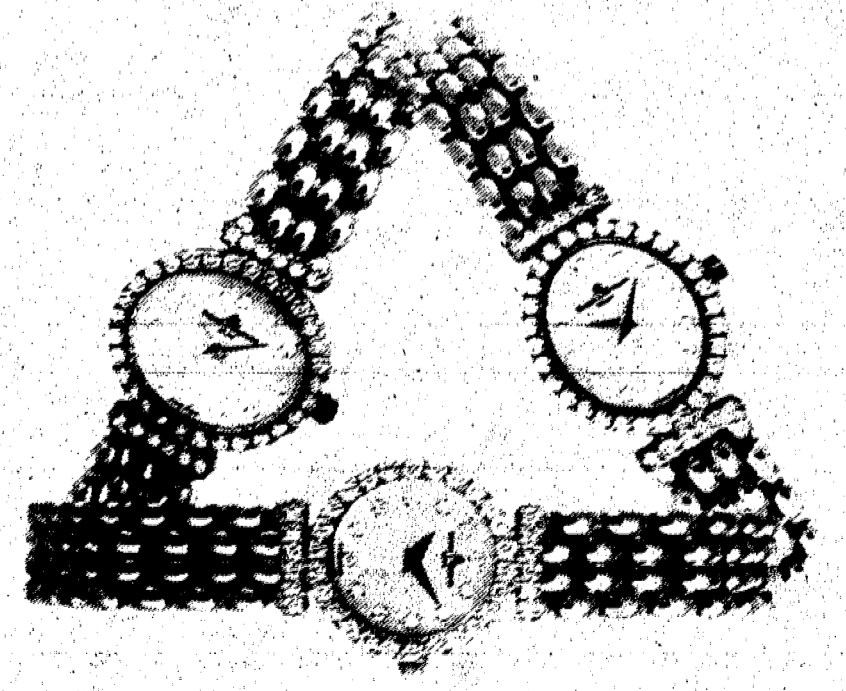
only presents received during the holidays.
This annual cooperative effort between the police officers of Springfield P.B.A. Local 76 and the firefighters of Springfield F.M.B.A. Local 57 along with the donations from residents and local businesses, yields hundreds of toys for needy children during the holiday season.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Wednesday
Local artist Alice Bryan Hondru will present her exhibit, "Color, Line and Form in Watercolor and Print" at the Mountainside Public Library meeting room until Dec. 24 during library hours.
A resident of Mountainside for 16 years, Hondru has long enjoyed drawing figures and painting in color. Her approach is to make an ink drawing of her subject then add color with watercolor.

Thursday
The Springfield Free Public Library will host holiday programs for children to celebrate Christmas and Kwanzaa. The programs geared for children ages 3 and up, include stories, crafts and holiday treats. Dates and times are Christmas, Dec. 25, at 7 p.m., and Kwanzaa, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. The programs will be held in the Children's Department.

Coming events
Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will host a two-month exhibition of paintings, pastels and narrative quilts by artists Barbara Glander of Columbia, Royane Mosley of Flanders and Margaret Beach of Scotch Plains, during the months of December and January.

Barbara Glander's large, abstract paintings are a positive result of a tragic accident. Due to injuries sustained when she was a passenger in a free-falling elevator, Glander, a self-taught artist, was forced to retreat from creating stone and metal sculptures, detailed watercolor paintings and custom jewelry making. No longer able to do intricate work, but unwilling to give up the art she loves, Glander turned to large format work which became an expressive release of emotion. The resulting paintings reflect the peace and tranquility she finds when painting. More than 20 of these are being presented in the exhibit.

Although Royane Mosley is primarily a painter of people and animals, she also paints whimsical images that capture her imagination.

Using either oil paints or pastels, Mosley exemplifies her fascination with color and the juxtaposition of line, form and pattern. She pays close attention to the composition and play of positive and negative shapes within the picture plane. Over 20 of her paintings will be on display.

Combining traditional artistic methods and quilting

techniques, Margaret Beach uses fabric, paints, and reused and recycled materials to make innovative and contemporary works of art. Over 10 pieces, including one over four feet in length, can be seen at her upcoming CSH exhibition.

Beach's narrative quilts, displayed in antique and cast-off frames, exhibit a combination of the historically rich tradition of patchwork and a special collage process she has developed to illustrate her ideas. Her strong sense of color attracts the eye and then holds viewers' attention.

The stories she tells with her quilt are stories from her life, stories she has heard from others and images inspired by music and literature.

Children's Specialized Hospital's art exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. Visitors are requested to enter the hospital, located at 150 New Providence Road, through the Ambulance Entry.

The artists' works are offered for sale. A portion of the sale proceeds will benefit the hospital.

The Summit Free Public Library announced the continuation of its book lectures and discussions under the leadership of Jon Plant. The theme for the Fall/Winter series is "Great 20th Century American Books." The following titles will be discussed:

Jan. 14 — "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. A haunting, truth-telling and influential novel documenting the black experience in America.

Feb. 11 — Dee Brown's "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee." A study of American Indian personalities and the destruction of a culture.

April 8 — J.D. Salinger's "Franny and Zooey" and "Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters." Together, these books constitute one of the great dual works of 20th century fiction, by an author who suddenly ceased all output while at the height of his career.

Discussion leader Jon Plant, a Summit resident, is a retired lawyer with degrees from Penn State, Georgetown University and NYU. He is a presidential appointee to the NAFTA Commission, and is a visiting professor in Environmental and Public Policy at Pennsylvania State University.

Barnes & Noble in Springfield announces a book discussion group for men and women interested in exploring issues of multiculturalism and diversity.

The group will be held in the Springfield store, located at 240 Route 22 West, on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome to participate.

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Township postpones reckoning with the Sewerage Authority

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The annual accounting by members of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, including Kenilworth and Springfield, came down to who appeared and who didn't. Kenilworth's representatives, led by Mayor Michael Tripodi, made the Thursday night meeting while Springfield asked for a postponement.

"Springfield was one of four members who were scheduled to be here," said RVSA Commissioner Ralph DeVino. "I was told by our administrator, Joanne Grimes, that they called Dec. 9 for a postponement."

"The Township Engineer, Bob Kirkpatrick, and I agreed that we need to get all our facts together," said Springfield Attorney Bruce Bergen. "We want to make a solid presentation, so we asked for, and received, a date for Jan. 8."

The RVSA Board of Commissioners oversees the sanitary sewer treatment plant in Rahway for its 10 mem-

ber municipalities. Each town is given a projected volume and permitted 10 days of sewage flow over the allotment. Should the overflow go beyond 10 days, they are asked to explain the causes and possible remedies.

DeVino is the township's representative on the RVSA, as is Thomas McHale for Kenilworth. Their towns, plus Scotch Plains and Woodbridge, were called to the meeting for overflow readings up to Oct. 1.

"The RVSA measures the flow with meters for a year ending Sept. 30," said Springfield Township Commissioner William Ruocco. "They do have the ability to fine a town but, if the town shows what it is doing to solve the overflow and has spent an amount of money in correcting it, they waive the fine."

"Springfield has been the second worst case of the RVSA's members with, I think, going to the board twice in the last three years," said Township Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke. "We have an aging sewer system which has

some connections with storm sewers and some sump pumps. We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the last seven years in investigating and in fixing the problems."

Storm drains that are connected with sanitary sewers — which are illegal — and sump pumps are two types of problems the RVSA asks overflowing towns to rectify. The utility also asks of the violators to look for and correct broken mains, depressed manholes, and ground water infiltration.

Tripodi, along with Borough Engineer Dr. Michael Disko and Attorney Thomas Vitale, accounted for the 24 occasions of overflow and the \$125,000 of repair and replacement they are doing. Kenilworth has an average 2.62 million gallons of sewerage daily flowing through its pipes. Springfield is allotted 3.7 mgd.

"Last year's overflow rate is a far cry from the 200 days recorded in 1989-90," said Tripodi.

Board plans to ready students for computerized 21st century

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education met Thursday evening to discuss the district's technology plan for the next five years. The plan consists of five main goals that the district plans to implement between now and the year 2002.

Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller and Deerfield computer teacher and technology plan coordinator Randy Palmer presented the goals to the board and the community, along with the district's mission statement regarding technology.

According to Schaller and Palmer, the first goal is to provide an instructional program that will enable all students to demonstrate their competency in fields such as communication, information processing and word processing. The program will assess the students' current level of technological competency, and group them according

to grade level.

The district will also provide a staff development program to identify the technological competency of its teachers and train them accordingly. They will then make periodic assessments the teachers' abilities.

The district also plans to provide opportunities for the community to interact and exchange information with its schools through the use of technology. The school district will collaborate with the community, using their expertise and input to plan technology-related projects, and will connect the community and its schools through e-mail and the Internet, according to Schaller and Palmer.

Schaller and Palmer also stated that a goal of the program is to provide and maintain whatever equipment is needed. The Technology Committee, which includes computer experts, staff and residents, will also monitor the program closely to

determine its needs and keep it up-to-date.

The mission statement regarding technology states, "All students will develop the skills to gather, analyze and communicate information using the same state-of-the-art technology tools and resources used in the world outside of school. Our curriculum, in alignment with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, will ensure that all students have continuous growth in utilizing technology in their education. Integration of technology will bring changes to our school district on many different levels, from classroom to administration."

"It was a dynamic and comprehensive presentation made by Dr. Schaller and Mr. Palmer," said Board President Pat Taschler. "The board is very pleased and encouraged to continue providing the necessary technology skills to enhance the students' regular learning. Many teachers use computers to help facilitate learning."

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Term changes won't help

An ordinance to change the term lengths of the Township Committee members from three to four years is being introduced for public hearing during the Dec. 22 committee meeting.

A non-binding referendum favoring the length change was approved by Springfield voters during last month's elections, and if the committee passes the ordinance, it will go to the Legislature for approval.

Supporters of the ordinance argue that the term length changes will cut down on time given to campaigning, and allow officials more time to do what they are elected to do. From a time standpoint, this may seem true, but from the standpoint of making officials accountable to the electorate, and the government efficient, it is false.

Deputy Mayor Greg Clarke has said that having one-year mayoral terms, for example, means mayors tend to get less than due recognition. Well, in public service, recognition shouldn't necessarily be the point. Service to the community is. Officials should seek office to improve the town, not necessarily themselves or their reputations. But seeking recognition seems to tie in very well with increased term lengths.

He went on to say the proposal is a "sincere attempt to update a system formed in the 18th century to prepare Springfield for the 21st century." Is there something about the changing of the millenium that makes Clarke think the ordinance is necessary? Or was the remark a reference to the bad, old ways of an antiquated form of government? We say there is nothing in Springfield now that wasn't also there in the past, in one form or another. The world changes, but human nature doesn't.

It is boggling to try to consider how such a referendum ever passed. Does the public feel such a referendum will make campaigns any less dirty, or allow the government to get more done? It won't. There is a far greater chance of being stuck with a lame administration for a longer period of time. The only way to reduce governmental gridlock is to protect short terms, and keep officials on their toes.

In a town of 15,000 people, it would be a hindrance to let officials get too cozy. Three-year terms give officials plenty of time to get things done, and give them a greater incentive to succeed. If they want recognition, let them work harder; it can only benefit them and the town in the long-run.

The public will be giving up a measure of control over their officials if the ordinance passes, and they should think this unacceptable. Accountability is what is needed. The town officials should be the best the community has to offer, and the best way to ensure that this kind of official is in office is to keep a high turnover rate. If officials want four-year terms, let them seek a job demanding of that term length and run for president.

Happy Hanukkah

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, will be celebrated by the Jewish community throughout the world beginning on the eve of Dec. 23 and will brighten Jewish homes for eight days by lighting a candle for each of those days.

Hanukkah marks the deliverance of the Jewish people in Palestine from the oppression of the Syrian-Greeks in the second century. The Greeks imposed heathen practices upon the Jewish population.

The Israelites, Judah and his four brothers, sons of Matthias, led a rebellion against the Syrian-Greeks, and they were successful. The motivation for the rebellion was the insult by the Syrian-Greeks in connection with the temple in Jerusalem. They defiled and turned the temple into a pagan shrine.

The Israelites were successful in defeating the Syrian-Greeks and cleansed the temple and rededicated it. Hanukkah actually means rededication for eight days. The Menorah is considered the Festival of Lights, a symbol of religious freedom.

The Israelites had difficulty finding pure jugs of oil to be used for the temple Menorah. After much searching, they finally found one small undefiled jar of oil still bearing the unbroken seal. It contained enough oil to burn for one day. The miracle was that it burned for eight days, leaving enough time for the people to prepare additional pure oil.

As the lights of Hanukkah brighten every Jewish home, their lives are even more brightened by the miracle of God. We wish our Jewish readers a Happy Hanukkah season.

"Freedom is lost unless it is continually fought for."

—P.B.S. Pinchback
Army officer
c. 1860



SEASON'S GREETINGS — Only snow is missing from the Springfield Garden Club's annual holiday display in front of the township's post office. The post office, like others in the area, is open extra hours to meet the season's mail volume.

Shirking responsibility doesn't make life easy

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

In a recent cartoon, there's this gangling kid, probably a high school senior, looking very morose as he looks at his teacher and asks "Could you tie my shoelaces, Ms. Smith? I still can't get the hang of it."

The cartoon is not only funny, but demonstrates the state of some of our youth and the role of the school teacher in the modern world. Of course, if a high school senior "still can't get the hang" of tying his shoelaces, he has no business being in school. On the other hand, teachers are not really teachers anymore. Sure, they teach, but they also administer a great number of tests, attend meetings galore, and in a way become handmaidens to many students. Teaching has become almost secondary.

New rules and regulations mandated by the state make life a little intolerable for many teachers. As an example, a teacher cannot tell a student that he or she is wrong, but rather, "Why don't you try it this way?" By being negative and saying "that's wrong," the kid is liable to lose his or her self-esteem, and opens the teacher and school board to a possible lawsuit by an offended mommy or

daddy. Absurd? Wait, there's more. In a small midwestern town where school plays an important role in a student's development, and the teacher's word is supposed to be law, was one senior who eventually failed all four of his majors, was absent often, was smart-mouthed to his teachers and all forms of authority, and was told if he didn't get his act together, he would not graduate. Letters to the parents were never answered and when the mother and father were asked to come to school to discuss the situation, neither had the time. The kid did nothing to help himself even though teachers, the principal and the school board bent over backward to lend a hand. Needless to say, the student did not graduate. Whereupon the parents sued the school board on grounds that their son was humiliated

in front of his peers, and his self-esteem was forever affected. Thank the good Lord, the case was thrown out of court. But the parents appealed the ruling, and again the case was tossed out of court. The bottom line was that the kid did not graduate. What the parents tried to prove was that their son's Constitutional rights were violated when the school didn't permit him to graduate with his class. Obviously they failed to realize that graduation from high school depended on several factors, among them passing required courses, doing homework, attending classes, and cooperating with the school officials. Constitutional rights didn't have a thing to do with it.

Teachers today are hit with a double whammy. They are asked to teach manners, and that kids should not use aggression to get their way, but also that the parents pay the salaries of the teachers in exchange for which no student should ever fail or not graduate. Life is not always a bowl of cherries.

Teachers today are under constant surveillance. Take one wrong step, or make one poor or misguided judgment, and a teacher can kiss his job

goodbye. For some reason, the teacher is the scapegoat most of the time and little Johnny or Sue merrily skip along, defying rules and regulations, failing to study.

Teaching has never been an easy way of life. But at one time, parents took more interest in their kids' welfare than they do today. Yesterday, a teacher's word meant something; today, a teacher has to prove his commitment while overlooking rampant infractions of the rules, often graduating unqualified students.

A segment of the kids out there do not quite understand that mommy and daddy are not always going to be around to hold their hands and get them out of scrapes. Someday there will be a reckoning; when it comes, many of these kids will not know how to cope.

It's not an easy world out there and the sooner many of our young folks understand that premise, the better. Perhaps the world will become a better place to live for us all.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher, is an active member of the Summit community.

A commission could cut health-care costs

Eye on Trenton

By C. Louis Bassano

When you speak to the average family today and ask which public issues most concern them, chances are somewhere in the mix they'll mention the rising cost of health care.

Increasingly, New Jersey patients complain of exorbitant hospital bills containing charges that seem astronomical and far beyond even the high-cost expectations of life in the 1990s.

Perhaps no single factor contributes more dramatically to rising health care costs than the problem of uncompensated care. That's why, for several years now, I've been advocating the need for New Jersey to form a Legislative Commission on Health Care Financing. During the legislative session now drawing to a close, I sponsored a concurrent resolution, SCR-31, that would establish a 24-member commission made up of members of the Legislature, health insurance and HMO executives, medical and hospital professionals and representatives from labor and business.

One of the first responsibilities

such a commission would be charged with would be to determine how the health care system can recoup the costs of uninsured care without penalizing insured patients. Every time an insured person receives hospital treatment and cannot afford to pay the bill, the amount of "unreimbursed care" gets picked up by the rest of the state's health care system. In the past, the state simply assessed surcharges against patients — sometimes as much as 19 percent — to help hospitals recoup the revenue lost to uninsured care. Other gimmicks have been used, such as raiding reserves from the state's unemployment trust fund, but the genuine root of the problem has never been addressed.

While New Jersey now has an indi-

vidual health insurance program, the result of legislation that I and other state lawmakers worked hard to enact in 1992, there are still some 800,000 New Jerseyans who lack health care policies and who either due to lack of employment or general hardship are unable to afford the premiums. When so many people are uncovered, we are all exposed since the unpaid treatment bills of the uninsured have to be borne by all the rest of us.

If a legislative commission were created, as proposed under SCR-31, I believe significant advances would be achieved in developing creative and efficient strategies for curtailing the rise in health care costs while ensuring that New Jersey health care policy holders don't get zapped with the lion's share of the bill for unreimbursed care. The commission would examine why hospital costs are continuing to rise sharply in New Jersey despite financial incentives provided by the state's diagnostic reimbursement group, the rate-setting system that rewards efficient use of hospital resources.

Only through conscientious and exhaustive review of the state's health care costs, with particular emphasis on the problem of inadequate and unaffordable health insurance, will it be possible to stem the rising tide of unreimbursed medical care expenses.

While it looks like the 1996-97 legislative session will come to an end without action by the Legislature to move forward in establishing this commission, I plan to press this issue during the 1998-99 session in hopes that our state will finally come to grips with a problem that's been festering for far too long.

Though study commissions take time to develop recommendations that give rise to legislation, the damage done by having no such mechanism in place is reflected by hospital bills that continue to be higher than necessary.

C. Louis Bassano represents Springfield and the rest of the 21st Legislative District in the state Senate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Governor must focus on state issues

To the Editor:

A few months ago, Lady Whitman was anticipating a coronation for her second inauguration. Because she was so preoccupied with her national press clippings and imaginary nationwide political popularity, she almost forfeited the election to a "tax happy" small town politician.

Hopefully by now she has come out from behind cloud nine and will concentrate on some of New Jersey's major problems in lieu of her Washington ambitions.

It should not require a rocket scientist to solve our auto insurance mess. All we need are some common sense reforms by politicians who place the people's interests first.

An honest interested governor will also lead the Trenton crowd to adopt a meaningful program of education funding and property tax reforms.

Long overdue is a reform of state government with regard to excessive size and spending. An unselfish governor can accomplish all of these reforms before the year 2000.

Felix Nidzgorski
Hillside

State bill could shift financial onus

To the Editor:

When Assembly Bill A-3231 — sponsored by Assemblyman John Rocco — becomes law, unsupervised door-to-door fundraising by public school students will be prohibited.

Assemblyman Rocco was reacting to the recent murder of a youngster participating in a local PTA fundraising event in south Jersey. However, Assemblyman Rocco's bill will also signal to our public school establishment to cease using our children as selling vehicles. On many occasions, students are pressured by teachers and principals to sell the "complete box of chocolates."

There are numerous other fundraising options available to schools and associated organizations, such as education foundations, non-profit trusts, Affinity credit cards, organized alumnae events, etc.

Perhaps now, some of the teachers who earn up to \$50 per hour by being ticket-takers and by selling Cracker Jacks at school athletic events will conduct door-to-door fundraising.

I congratulate Assemblyman John Rocco for his timely wisdom.
Alexander J. Balaban
Roselle Park

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Are you more inclined to donate to charities in December?

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Juveniles caught in attempted car theft

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On Dec. 8, an attempted car theft occurred at the parking lot of the Sony Theater on Route 22 East in Mountainside, the fourth such incident in the past two weeks.

According to the Mountainside Police Department, over the last month, car thefts at the theater have been occurring more often, and have indicated a pattern. Together with Loew's management, the police were able to prevent the crime before it

could be completed.

After a study of previous thefts, police realized that the crimes had all been occurring on Monday nights at around 8 p.m. Therefore, with Loew's management watching from the theater rooftop with binoculars, and the police in a position to survey the parking lot in an unmarked car, the criminals were caught red-handed.

At around 8 p.m., Police Officer Ken Capobianco and Det. Sgt. Rich Oseija of the Mountainside Police Department were patrolling the

Loew's parking lot, which is located at 1021 Route 22 East. Less than an hour after they started their surveillance, they observed a beige Mitsubishi Diamante pull into the lot and begin circling several rows, according to Oseija.

The vehicle then backed into a parking spot, and after a few seconds a male exited the car. The suspect then proceeded to use a screwdriver to attempt to gain entry to a 1995 green BMW which was parked in the next spot, Oseija said.

According to Oseija, he and Capobianco pulled up to the suspect and boxed him in with their unmarked patrol car. They saw damage to the door of the BMW and the male holding the screwdriver in his hand. Immediately after spotting the officers, another male attempted to jump behind the wheel of the Mitsubishi and drive away. However, the officers had blocked their exit, and placed the suspects under arrest. The suspects were identified as 13- and 17-year-old minors from Newark.

The Mitsubishi that the juveniles were driving was also stolen, police said. An examination of the vehicle revealed it had been hot-wired, which led police to believe it had been stolen.

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Cell tower approved, tarot shop denied

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On Monday, the Mountainside Board of Adjustments voted on two issues that dealt with potential new businesses.

The board voted unanimously to reject an application sought by two residents to open a business in town.

Larry and Samantha Stevens of Mountainside had three times requested a permit to establish a tarot-card reading and horoscope service on Route 22. Their request, however, was contrary to a section of the town's land use ordinance which would prohibit their display of a window sign in the proposed establishment.

Last month, the couple proceeded to take the case to the New Jersey Supreme Court, after being rejected by the board three consecutive times. The court subsequently ruled that the case be heard again in front of the Board of Adjustment.

After the third hearing's decision, Samantha Stevens responded by saying the board had been "prejudiced against us for reasons

"unknown." This past week, Larry Stevens denied comment, citing that his lawyer had advised him not to speak on the matter. Thus, this would suggest a further appeal by Stevens.

The board also voted to approve an application for a Sprint Spectrum Communications tower behind Borough Hall. The building of a cellular phone tower on municipal land also violates land use ordinances. But the board voted to approve the tower for the rent Sprint will pay to use the land.

According to Zoning Board Chairperson and Planning Board Assistant Valerie Saunders, "There will be a mono-pole that holds several different antennas for cellular phones and other methods of communication." The pole will be built by Sprint in the upcoming months.

A previous request by the State Department of Transportation to build a similar tower had been rejected by the board. The application requesting construction of a 120-foot tower was denied by Mayor Vigilanti and the board this past July.

Ordinance reconsidered at council work session

The Mountainside Borough Council met Tuesday in a work session to discuss the borough's soliciting code. Recently, an ordinance was passed that soliciting groups notify the police department prior to going from door-to-door or to a public place. The police department would then determine whether or not a solicitor should have to appear in front of Borough Council to request an approval.

The previous representative from the borough had been Town Administrator Kathleen Toland, but with her recent resignation, the meetings have been attended by Robert Wycoff, Wycoff, also the Public Works Manager and Recycling Coordinator, was officially appointed to succeed Toland until the board appoints a new town administrator. The Suburban Joint Insurance Fund deals with insurance matters that pertain to residents. They hold meetings monthly.

The council also voted to renew the contract of the animal warden at salary for 1998. The borough's animal warden handles live animals that are bothersome, or could possibly become domesticated. The warden also cleans the streets of dead animals, disposing of them in an incinerator.

The board adopted a minimum permit fee for building, electrical, plumbing and fire subcodes. The fee was set at \$46 by a New Jersey state mandate last month. This fee does not include the normal inspection fee of \$25.

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Springfield

An engine visited a commercial establishment on Springfield Avenue after receiving a report of an explosion at around 9 p.m. Dec. 4. The building smelled of spent gunpowder, and firefighters determined on that basis that someone had set off fireworks. Other Dec. 4 activities included a response to a call for medical assistance at a Kipling Avenue home at 3:30 p.m. and to a fire alarm at Jonathan Dayton High School at around 7 p.m.

Alarms sounded at a South Springfield business at around 6 a.m. Dec. 3 and at a commercial property on Morris Avenue 11 hours later.

Springfield's fire department assisted the volunteer first aid squad in handling two simultaneous calls on the morning of Dec. 2. First Aiders went to a car accident at Morris and Profit avenues and to a medical call at Elmwood Road at around 8 a.m.

Fire Captain Wayne Mastiello assigned one firefighter to each first aid ambulance.

The calls came just after an engine returned from a Tree Top Drive home, from what turned out to be an alarm problem.

Dec. 1 was a day of mopping up and responding. Firefighters cleaned up a fluid spill from an accident at Morris Avenue and Alvin Terrace at

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around 7:30 a.m. All units responded to an activated fire alarm at another South Springfield Avenue business 12 hours later.

The force went from an accident to a detector alarm, to a lock-out within three hours on Nov. 30. At around 2 p.m. a unit went to an accident on Route 24 East, where a limousine hit a guardrail. At just before 4 p.m. they responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at a Green Hill Road home. Another detachment assisted police in helping a Kew drive resident who had been locked out of his home at around 4:30 p.m.

Mountainside

On Wednesday, the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to an activated carbon monoxide alarm. According to Fire Chief Tom Salimbene, it was their only call of the week.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., several firefighters arrived at a smoky residence on Iris Drive, only to find soon after that the carbon monoxide detector had been activated by an oven, which gives off the colorless, odorless gas. The home was ventilated and no injuries from smoke inhalation were reported, said Salimbene.

Totem participation



Fifth-graders at Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union's Cranford Lower School build their very own Totem Poles. Each student designed a section and together built their Totem Poles to stand tall. The activity was part of their study of Pacific North-western Indians. Clockwise from bottom left, Nadav Pechthold of Springfield, Scott Leibowitz of Westfield, Matthew Ring of Springfield, Zachery Bier of Warren and Evan Falk of Westfield.

Driver busted for multiple violations

Springfield

A New Brunswick man got more than a speeding ticket after barreling down Morris Avenue in the wee hours of Dec. 9. After pulling him over just after midnight, the officer discovered the driver, identified as Edwin Aponte, didn't have documentation, and he was arrested. In addition to speeding, Aponte faces charges of driving with a suspended license, operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle, and having improperly displayed license plates.

Snow was blamed for a one-car accident on Summit Avenue which injured a driver in the pre-dawn hours Friday. The driver of a Honda Accord was traveling southbound when he said he lost traction approaching Outlook Way at around 6:20 a.m.

The Accord veered onto the curb of Summit Avenue, clipped a telephone pole, mowed down some shrubbery, and rested on a driveway. Local emergency service workers took the driver to an area hospital while the police had the car towed.

The intersection of Springfield, Morris and Meisel avenues was the site of a pair of two-car accidents in

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just under an hour Dec. 11. Both accidents involved cars running into each other while making left-hand turns from Springfield Avenue onto east-bound Morris Avenue.

A Ford snack van and a Mercury Cougar crashed at around 10:50 a.m. and a Mercedes Benz and a Chevrolet at around 11:40 a.m. No one was injured, no vehicles were towed, and no tickets issued.

An unplanned meeting of Buicks occurred on southbound Mountain Avenue by Henshaw Avenue on the afternoon of Dec. 11. The driver of the first Buick, a Century, said she thought the driver of the second Buick, a Regal, had hesitated in order to let her through. They collided with less than major damage at around 2:40 p.m.

Police visited a law office on Mountain Avenue at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 11 to investigate an attempted break-in. Someone apparently climbed up a fire escape to the top floor and damaged a rear door. Officers also

went to a South Springfield Avenue home at 7 p.m. Dec. 10, after the homeowner said a 9 mm. handgun had been stolen.

Someone uprooted two "No Parking" signs at the General Green Village lot at around 10:45 a.m. Dec. 9. Officers are also looking for the person or persons who stole two leaf blowers from the back of a landscaping truck parked on Commerce Street at around 2 p.m. Dec. 6.

Mountainside

The Mountainside Police Department arrested a man for driving while intoxicated this week, and also followed up on a complaint that was filed in November regarding three men who allegedly neglected to pay their bill at the Echo Queen Diner.

On Dec. 13 at around 1:15 a.m., Police Officer Ken Capobianco stopped a vehicle on a routine check. The driver, identified as Ghansham Sarran, 31, of Littleton, Colorado, was suspected of being intoxicated, according to Capobianco. A breathalyzer test found Sarran to have a blood alcohol level of .15 percent. The legal limit in New Jersey is .10 percent.

Sarran was charged with driving while intoxicated and will stand trial today at 9 a.m. in the Mountainside District Court.

Det. Sgt. Rich Oseija filed a report of theft from an employee of the Echo Queen Diner on Route 22 East in Mountainside.

On Nov. 22, Officer John Phillipkos responded to the diner after a waiter reported that three young men had left without paying for their meal, valued at \$25.68.

A check on the license plate of the vehicle the three suspects were said to have escaped in revealed it was owned by a Mountainside resident, identified as Edward Mattioli, 18. Mattioli denied any connection to the crime. He was charged with theft of services and as of Dec. 15, has not settled the bill with the diner. Mattioli will also appear in the Mountainside District Court at 9 a.m. today.

Officer Michael Jackson arrested a woman for driving with a suspended license Dec. 12. At around 9:30 p.m. Jackson stopped the driver, identified as Melissa Evans, 34, of Scotch Plains, and found that her license was suspended.

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The following is the schedule of Board of Education meetings for the Mountainside School District:

- Dec. 18 — 26: Deerfield budget due to central office.
- Jan. 6: Review of personnel needs; capital outlay projects; maintenance items (non-capital).
- Jan. 27: Review of 1998-99 total proposed budget.
- Feb. 3: Further review of 1998-99 budget.
- **Feb. 23: Last date for Board candidates to file Nomination Petitions.
- **March 9: Submission of budget to County Superintendent.
- March 24: Budget Hearing.
- **April 14: Annual school election.
- April 21: Annual organization meeting.

presented to Susan Nugent at the time of the appointment.

Technology Committee

The Deerfield Technology Committee is back and in full swing, taking on a multitude of projects this school year. Goals and objectives now being met by the group include assisting the school administration with the Mountainside School District's Technology Plan, designing and implementing a home page on the world wide web for the school district, and joining forces with the Mountainside PTA by co-sponsoring a Technology Awareness Night in February for parents, students and interested members of the community. The committee is always looking for volunteers to assist in upcoming projects and is open to suggestions parents may have to offer.

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The Deerfield Technology Committee was founded just last year and is lead by Committee Chair Jeff Goldstein. The entire committee is comprised of Principal Schaller, Randy Palmer, the school's computer teacher, Frank Geiger, member Board of Education, and parent volunteers Laura Alpert, Ginger and Reuben Chan, Linda Condriolo, Joseph Decosta, Frank Geiger, Kevin Hassan, Bill Hopkins, Susan Menaker, Rohit Modi, Michelle Norris, Tom Schranck and Debbie Steinberg. For more information on the Deerfield Technology Committee, call Jeff Goldstein at 232-7128.

Kindergarten Registration

Deerfield School has announced registration for its 1998-99 kindergarten classes, to be held by appointment on Feb. 10 to 12. Call Deerfield School at 232-8828 to receive registration forms. Children should be five years of age by Oct. 1, 1998 to be registered. A birth certificate and proof of residency must be

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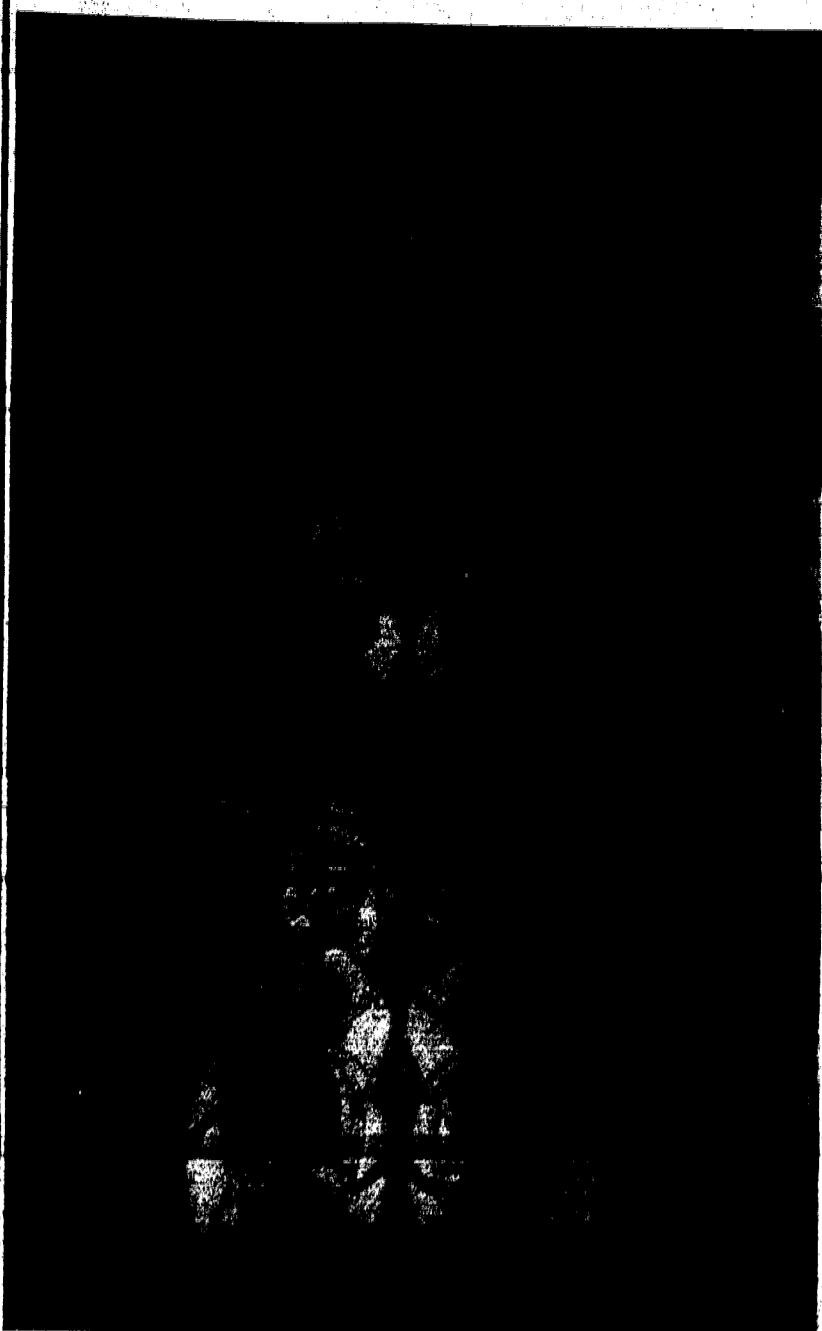
Deerfield third-graders dress up as their favorite historical figures for a 'Biography Brunch,' held during American Education Week. Left to right are Justin Quaglia, Eric DiPietro, Lindsey Mattioli, Susi Potok, Katherine Wagner, Toni DeCristofaro, Christine Bennett, Anthony Corsi and, front, Jaclyn Sokol.

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Colleen Spadora, a fifth-grade student at St. James School in Springfield, wins the Eastern Region Oireachtas during a recent Irish dance competition. Colleen, who represented the Deirdre Schea School of Irish Step Dance, will travel to Ireland with her family in April to compete in the world competition.

EVENTS

First Night selling tickets

Admission badges for First Night Summit, 1998, the popular New Year's Eve celebration of the arts, are on sale.

The complete program of events to be held in a six-block area of downtown Summit are available at the dozens of participating retailers in Summit and surrounding communities where badges are sold.

The format for First Night Summit remains unchanged with events starting at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve at more than two dozen indoor locations, and ending at midnight with a fireworks display on the Village Green.

A badge gains the wearer admittance to all performances. For the fifth year, prices remain unchanged. Advance badge sales are \$7 until Dec. 21, and \$10 from Dec. 21 to 31. Last minute badges can be purchased for \$10 at a half-dozen performance locations on New Year's Eve.

Alice and Joseph Hurler, co-chairs of the volunteer committee, are seeking nearly 200 volunteers to work as site managers, ushers and ticket salespeople the night of the event. Volunteers are scheduled to work only half the night, and receive free badges to attend performances for the rest of the evening.

Individuals, organizations and neighborhood groups who would like to volunteer should call 522-1722.

loved, "Es ist ein Rocas Entspringen," and carols from the Americas such as "I Wonder as I Wander," with more recognizable songs that remain in every person's carol repertoire. All the songs will be performed in original languages accompanied with reproductions of historical instruments, providing a thrill for the ears and a feast for all ages. Its members are Kristine Lamb, Phoebe Larkey, Joanna Hoty Russell, Jean Seiler, and Anne Yardley.

The concerts at Central Presbyterian Church are free to the public and last one half-hour. All are invited to bring lunch or purchase one at the church's kitchen. The Lenten series of the Brown Bag Concerts will begin on Feb. 27.

Choral workshop

The Concord Singers will sponsor a Choral Workshop for women on Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit. It will be conducted by John Bunnell, a local conductor and musician, and will include vocal training, voice exercises and a choral performance at 5 p.m. The workshop is open to all, with admission being the donation of a can of food goods for a local food pantry. The cost for the workshop is \$30.00, which includes lunch and refreshments; students are two for the price of one. For registration information call (973) 635-8676.

Brown Bag series

The Early Music Players of Morristown will close the Brown Bag Concert Series at Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit tomorrow. This free concert, which begins at 12:15 p.m. is titled a "Wreath of Carols." Their performances will include favorites of the Christmas season from the New Oxford Book of Carols, ranging from the 13th century, "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel," to the English carols of the 15th and 16th centuries. Also included will be the well

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Bear buddies



Deerfield Kindergarteners and eighth-graders work together to create a teddy bear. From left: Jasmine Chan, Mane Mankowski, Jon Doorley, Eric Pastore, and Alex DeRose.

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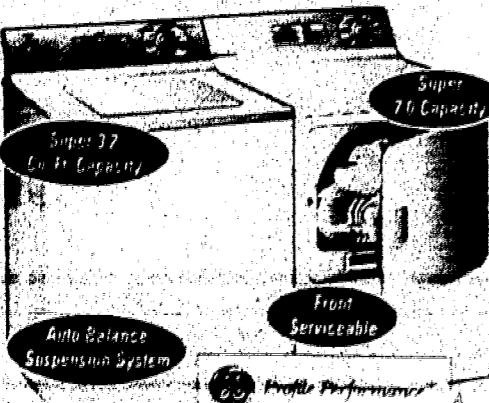
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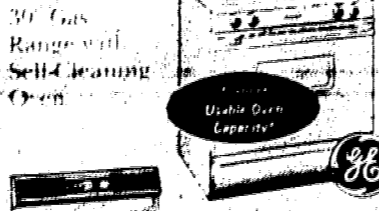
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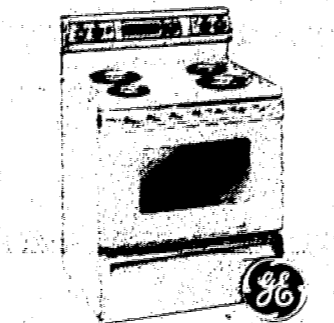


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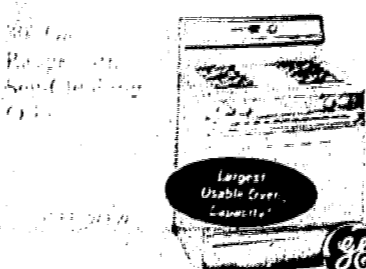
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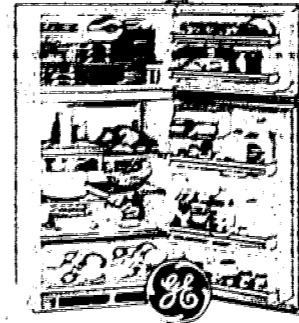
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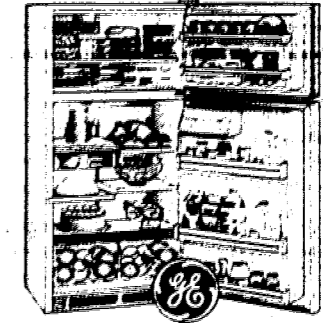


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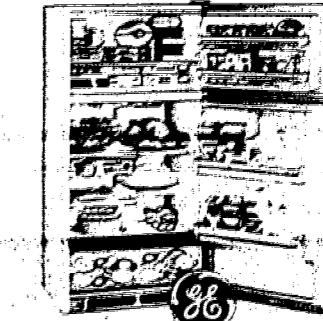
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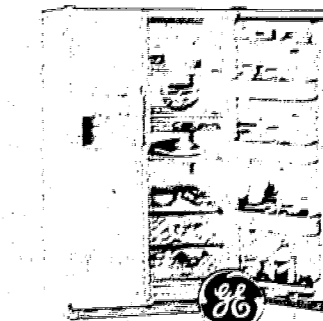
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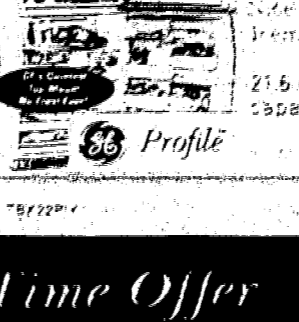
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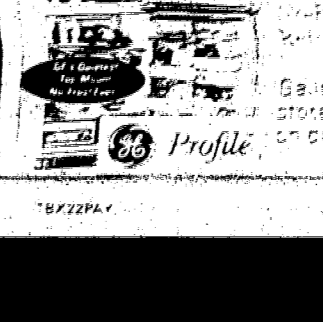
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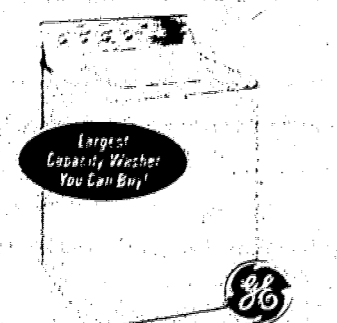
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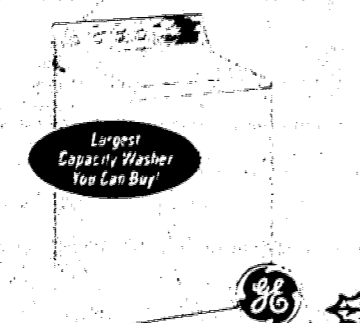
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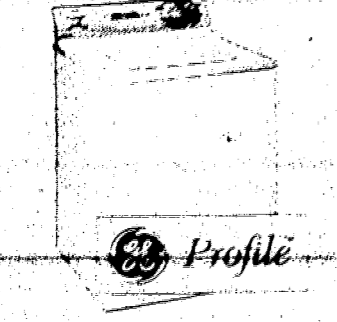
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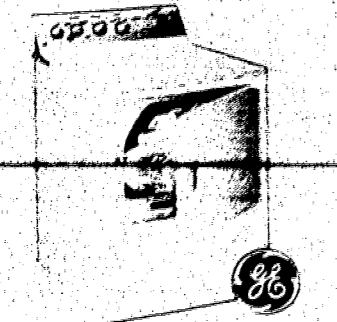
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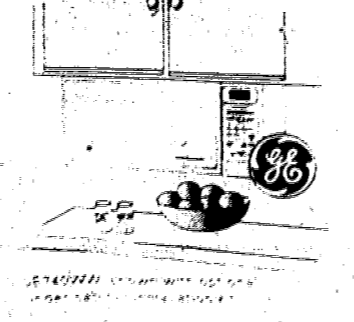
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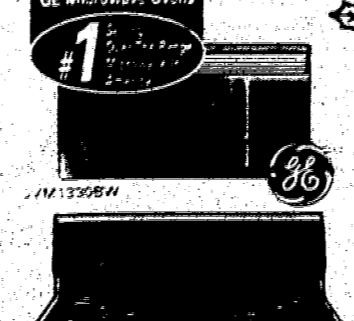
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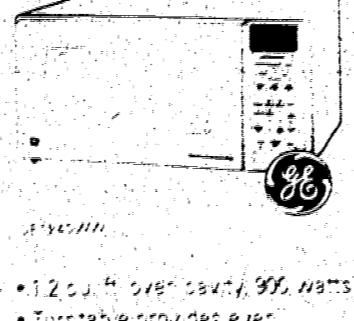
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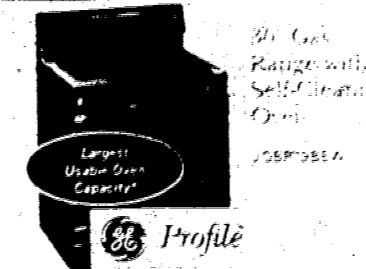


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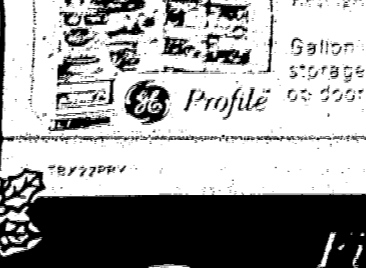
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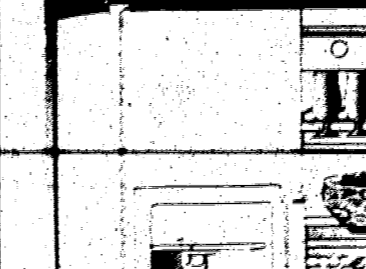
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CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Rotary president elected

Alfred Schneider of Summit, was elected president of the Rotary Club of Summit and New Providence, during the group's annual elections held Nov. 17. He will succeed Michael Kelly in the post.

Other officers elected included Cheryl Delgado, president-elect; Rev. Denison Harried, Jr., vice president; Edward Bien, treasurer, and Normal Raucher, secretary.

Directors elected included Christopher Brown and Kelly, the immediate past president when his term expires at the end of July, 1998.

Water safety course

The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Water Safety Instructor Course from Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, 1998. The course will include instructor candidate training and will be held at Berkeley Swim School for the water work and at the Summit Chapter Headquarters for several lecture sessions.

Prerequisites for admission to the course are a minimum age of 17, by last scheduled class date, and the successful completion of a precourse session, consisting of tests of water safety and swimming skills and knowledge.

Dena Mallach and Anna Scanniello are the instructor trainers who will be teaching the course. The course fee is \$260, payable to Berkeley Swim School at time of registration. Class size is limited.

Registration forms may be picked up at Summit Area Red Cross, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

For further information, call the chapter at 908, 273-2076.

Advocating care



Springfield resident Philip Hunrath, CPA, center, a member of the Board of Directors of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, joins Chapter Board Treasurer Robert Blair, right, of Scotch Plains and Stephen LaMont of Union at the chapter's annual meeting in Parsippany. The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association offers programs and services for the quarter-million people affected by Alzheimer's disease in northern New Jersey.

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For more information call (908) 273-5550.

Choral workshop

The Concord Singers will sponsor a Choral Workshop for women on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran church in Summit. It will be conducted by John Burrell, a local conductor and musician, and will include vocal training, voice exercises and a choral performance at 5 p.m. The workshop is open to all, with admission being the donation of a can of food goods for a local food pantry. The cost for the workshop is \$30/00, which includes lunch and refreshments; students are two for the price of one. For registration information call (973) 635-9676.

Holiday fund drive

Family Service of Summit is conducting its annual Holiday Fund drive. Family Service, which is a non-

profit United Way counseling agency and a division of Overlook Hospital, co-sponsors the Holiday Fund with Summit Municipal Welfare.

Each December, they collect gifts for Summit's underprivileged families but, even more importantly, throughout the year money donated to the fund is used for temporary financial aid when emergencies arise. The fund has helped most frequently this year with partial payment of rent, food and utilities, but also with money toward extensive dental work, eye examinations, glasses, and even burial expenses, as well as to supply warm clothing for children.

Adopt-a-Family Program

The Holiday Fund Adopt-a-Family Program is for donors who wish to make a more personal impact. Organizations and individuals often consider this a satisfying way to share the holiday spirit. Parents know the value of involving their children in bringing happiness to other local children, without their advantages.

Adopters choose the size family they want and they can supply as much as they want. The gender and clothing size of each family member is provided.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey is conducting blood drives around the county.

"With the holidays just around the corner and leading into cold weather, donations are critical at this time," said Judy Danah, BCCNJ spokeswoman. "While the need for blood remains about the same, a smaller number of groups and organizations sponsor blood drives and the public and basis of the holiday season. This leads to shortages, so we are urging community residents to support the groups who are making an extra special effort by holding holiday time blood drives."

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they have donated within the last two years, or have doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72 hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (609) BLOOD NJ.

Sunday, Blessed Sacrament Church, Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Literacy Day at Fanwood

Literacy Volunteers of Union County will hold a Literacy Library Day at the Fanwood Library on Jan. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Interested students can be assessed by calling the LVA office at (908) 925-7755 to make an appointment for that day.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 P.M.

Hillside United Presbyterian Church

1141 Salem Ave. and Oak St., Hillside
908-354-7935

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery



Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be presented "Christmas on Main Street"

HOLIDAY Services

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)

1340 Burnet Avenue, Union

The Rev. Nancy E. Forsberg, Pastor

Mary Ann Velouch, Organist

Sunday, December 21, 11:00 A.M.

"Advent Worship Service"

Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 P.M.

"Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service"

Robert and Madeline Pauli, Soloists

You are warmly invited to worship with us

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
306 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey

ADVENT MISSION DECEMBER 14, 15, 16, 1997
7:30 PM REV. FRANK MONULTY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CHOIR CONCERT
DECEMBER 21, 1997 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S FAMILY LITURGY
6:30 PM
12:00 AM CHOIR WILL BEGIN TO SING CAROLS AT 11:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:15 PM SPANISH
8:00 AM - WE WILL NOT HAVE A 9:30 AM OR A 5:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

DECEMBER 28, 1997 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31, 1997 5:00 PM MASS

JANUARY 1, 1998 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM MASSES



PRECIOUS IS THE CHILD

Christmas Eve 4:30 PM
Sunday School Worship

Christmas Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Christmas Eve 11:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day 10:30 AM
Communion Worship

New Year's Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Share with us the glory of God in the coming of His Son Jesus this **CHRISTMAS**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS
2222 VAUXHALL ROAD, UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sunday Wors: 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
REV. DONALD L. BRAND, Pastor
908-355-3545

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER
Corner of E. 3rd and Walnut Streets, Roselle
908-241-1250



CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 P.M. Children's Liturgy
7:00 P.M. Family Liturgy
10:00 P.M. Concelebrated Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON

Rev. George D. Gillen, Pastor
Associates:
Rev. Beau Ardouin, Rev. John Spino

Since 1730
Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church
Stuyvesant Ave. & Chestnut St. Union

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Forum - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. (child care provided)
- Bible Study - Monday Night
- Support Group for Caregivers for the Elderly

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 PM and 11 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

Our 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service on December 21 will include congregational Christmas music, a Christmas-theme message by Dr. Gregory Hagg, and joyful celebration of Christ our Savior. With gladness of heart we welcome all!

A candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24. This special service features a Christmas devotional by Dr. Gregory Hagg, Christmas carol singing, a dramatic monologue by Miss Jaime Bowers, and more. We warmly welcome all to our church, especially as we celebrate the great gift of God's Son to us, Jesus Christ.

DIRECTIONS: Mountside Chapel is located at 1185 Spruce Drive, Mountside. Take Route 22 West to Mountside and turn right onto Central Avenue (immediately after passing 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) 232-3455.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1212 KELLY STREET UNION • PHONE 1-908-688-1232

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24
5:00 pm Mass - Family Liturgy
8:00 pm
12:00 Midnight (Choir - 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day - December 25
7:30 am
9:00 am (Family Liturgy)
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

Christ Church Summit
Invites you to Christmas Services

Sunday, December 21, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Worship Service with Reverend Charles Rush
"Fantasia on Christmas Carols"
by Ralph Vaughn Williams,
performed by choir with guest soloists,
child care provided

Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Family Service, with a large cast of children performing the musical, "The Case of the Missing Christmas"

10:30 p.m.
Organ Recital with Wayne Bradford

11:00 p.m.
Traditional candlelight service with much beautiful music, lessons, and carols

561 Springfield Avenue
908-273-5549

Special pledge



Summit resident Edward Nathan, second from right, board president of the Children's Institute, and TCI Executive Director Bruce Ettinger, left, accept a \$50,000 pledge from parents Linda Gonia and Alexander Lock, treasurer and co-president, respectively, of the school's Parent-Staff Organization. Proceeds from the three-year pledge will benefit TCI's Capital Campaign. Renovations are underway at the school's building in Verona, which is slated for occupancy in early 1999. The 45,000-square-foot building will be the location of a state-of-the-art model school for special education children, from newborn to 21-years-old.

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YMCA winter programs

Registration for the winter programs at the Summit YMCA will begin on Monday, at 6:30 a.m. The winter programs will run from Jan. 5 through March 1.

Two new preschool art class are being offered Saturday mornings which encourage a child's individual artistic growth in a creative environment. "Tykes on Bikes" gives kids a chance to come in out of the cold and have some three-wheeling fun. Other preschool classes include the creative movement classes "Prancing Panthers" and "Leaping Lions." A variety of Sports classes give your child a chance to learn basic skills in the YMCA's nurturing environment. Aquatics classes are always popular, as is the ice skating program at Beacon Hill.

"Barracudas," a new swim clinic for 8- to 13-year-olds emphasizes the four competitive swimming strokes. For the basketball enthusiast there are clinics on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We have a Teen Leaders Club which meets weekly on Tuesday evenings and plans special events. The

Adventure Club For Teens is planning a ski trip as well as a snowboarding trip. Friday nights are popular with Open Swim and Teen Hoops!

Adult Aquatic classes require pre-registration, which begins Thursday, Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. For more information call the YMCA at (908) 273-3330. The YMCA is located at 67 Maple Street in Summit.

Bridge work planned

Improvements soon will be made to the Berkeley Heights section of the Sierra Trail, an 11-mile trail that traverses Union County's largest park, the Watchung Reservation.

Three bridges will be installed along eroded portions of trail to aid users in crossing streams and to prevent further erosion of the stream banks. The project is funded in part by a \$6,200 grant received from the Federal Highway Administration's National Recreational Trails Act.

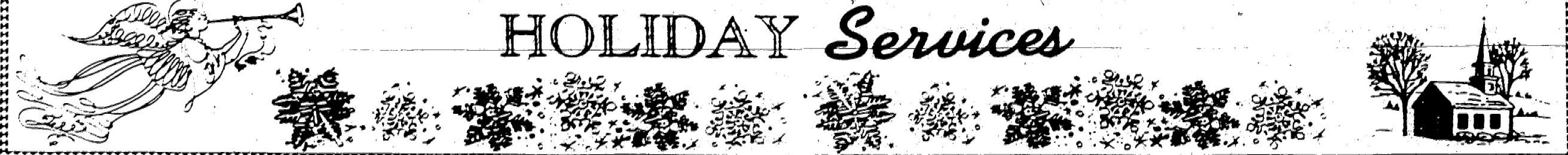
The bridges will be installed in stages and trail workers are being sought to begin the process on or after Saturday.

No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Trail work takes place regularly, once a month.

Attention churches, social clubs

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

HOLIDAY Services



Moravian
Christmas Services
Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Moravian Christmas Candlelight Service!
Services are Open to Visitors and the Public
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24 - 7:30 pm
Battle Hill Community Moravian Church
777 Liberty Avenue - Union CALL (908) 686-LAMB

Trinity United Methodist Church
1428 Main Street, Rahway
732-388-1328
Christmas Eve Services
7:30 p.m. Family
Candlelight Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
with Holy Communion
We warmly invite everyone to join us
in celebrating Christ's birth

THE TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SALEM ROAD
AT HUGUENOT AVENUE
UNION
908-686-1028
Rev. Elmer Talcott
DECEMBER 24
8:00 P.M. Candle Light Service
7:45 P.M. Preludes Begin • Come Early
All Choirs Will be Singing

Peace on Earth
CHARISMATIC MASS
10 am Sunday
CHRISTMAS EVE
8 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY 10 AM
ST. ANTONINUS R.C. CHURCH
337 S. Orange Ave., Newark, N.J.
973-623-0258 Prayer Meeting 8 P.M. Wed. Night

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
1482 Maple Avenue
Hillside
973-923-9321
Christmas Eve
Worship
9:00 P.M.
Rev. Nancy L. Ruckert, Pastor
Please join us for worship

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AND PAGEANT
Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 pm
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
61 Broad Street, Elizabeth
(in the heart of Historic Middtown Elizabeth, on Broad Street, half a block south of East Jersey Street)
Telephone: (908) 352-1218
Come and experience the Joy of Christmas!!!
Trumpets, Angels, Wise Men, Shepherds, the Holy Family with the Baby Jesus, Christmas carols
Refreshments follow the service

St. James the Apostle Church
Rev. Robert B. Stagg, Pastor
45 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
973-376-3044
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
December 21, 1997 7:00 p.m.
A Festival of Lights
presented by the High School C.Y.O.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 1:00-2:00 p.m. and
December 24th 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Christmas Masses
December 24 5:30 p.m.
12:00 midnight
December 25 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon

Orchard Park Church
"Sharing God's Love and Truth
in a Meaningful and Relevant Way"
1264 Victor Avenue Union
908-687-0364
Christmas Events:
Christmas Concert with Robin Noel
Friday December 19 - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas Eve - 9:00 p.m.

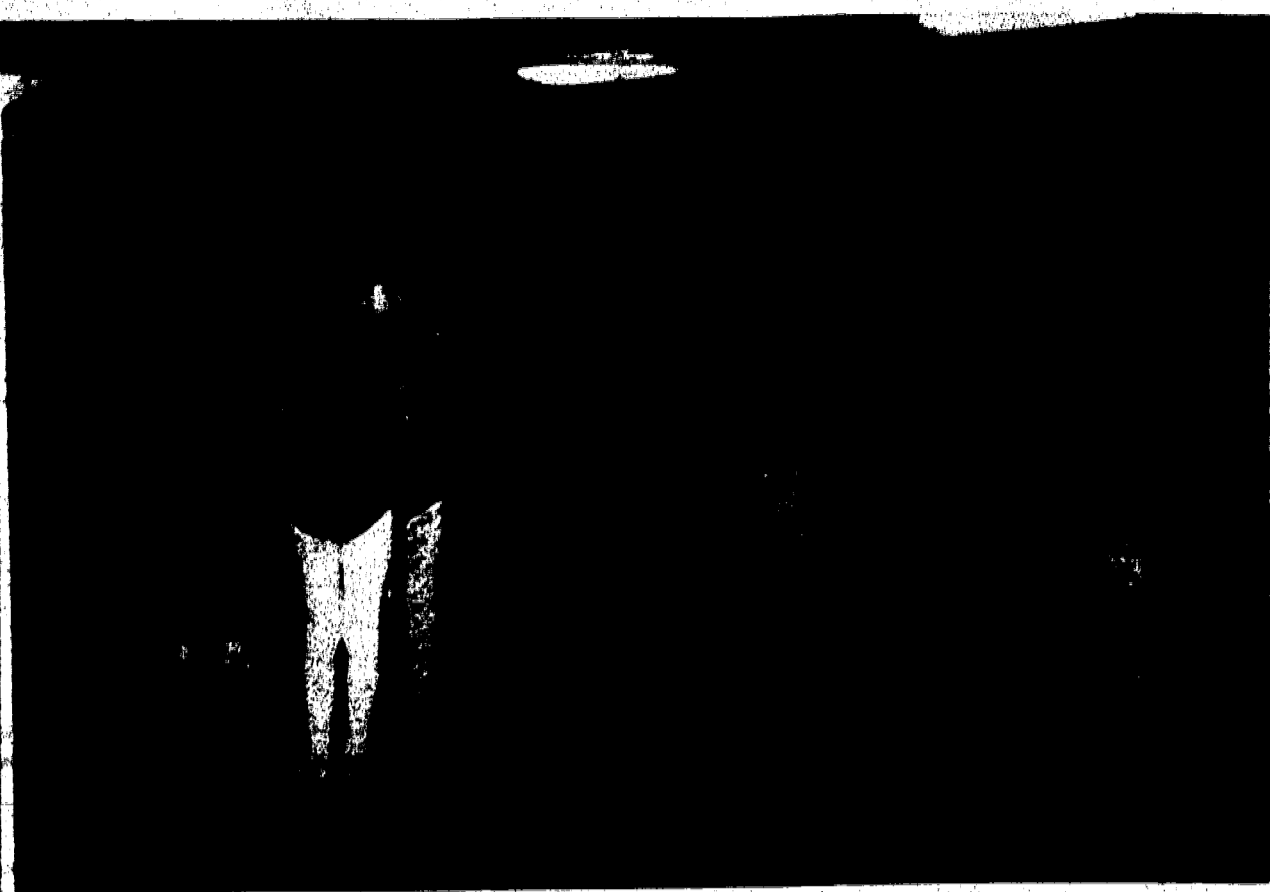
Community United Methodist Church
301 Chestnut Street @ East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park
Christmas Eve
7:00pm Family Worship
The Crusader Children's Choir presents
"Check-Out That Star"
10:30pm The Beautiful Music of Christmas
The Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs & Soloists join to provide uplifting
music for this beautiful service.
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candle Service

Christ Lutheran Church
359 MOORE AVE AT STERLING RD • UNION
PHONE (908) 686-0188
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
83 Galloping Hill Road, Elizabeth
(908) 351-0294
The Rev. Dr. F.G. Neiderhiser
Christmas Eve
Service 10:30 p.m.
Sunday Church
School 9:00 a.m.
Worship
10:00 a.m.
Come Join The Celebration Of
The Newborn King.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Clark at Cowperthwaite Place: Westfield
(across from Roosevelt Intermediate School)
CORDIALLY INVITES THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO
CHRISTMAS EVE
Family Worship 6:00 p.m.
Carol Sing
10:40 p.m.
Candlelight Communion
11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Communion
10:00 a.m.
Handicapped
Accessible

In the dance



Debra Sayles, principal dancer for N.J. Ballet, teaches a dance workshop for area residents at the Summit YWCA. The workshop was free and open to the community. She demonstrated excerpts from 'Sleeping Beauty' to children as well as adults from the area. Pictured, left to right, are dancers Ally Burd, Annabelle London, Liz Cleveland, Becky Kalnyoz, Debra Sayles, Tina Brink-Lund and Laura Baechle. For information on future workshops call (908) 273-4242.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" - 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield. Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors - 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for Children ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study. Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program. Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Ample Parking. Choir. Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-4351.

EPISCOPAL

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH 119 Main Street, Millburn. (973) 376-0689. 4 blocks from Springfield Center. The Episcopal Church for Springfield since 1854. St. Stephen's Church is a welcoming community committed to education, outreach, and worship for all who are spiritually hungry. The Rev. Erik Tarpine, Rector; The Rev. Judy Balkau, Assistant; Karen Eberhardt, Seminarian; Assistant; Robert Dentert, Music Director. WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Sunday 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion in traditional language, the Rector preaching. 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum. 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Event first Sunday of every month. 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion in contemporary language, music by the choir. Church School for children K-6 and nursery care also at 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Youth Group for grades 9-12. Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Education for Ministry, an adult Bible study linking faith and everyday life. Monthly book discussions. Many opportunities for service FOR "NO-STRINGS" INFORMATION PACKET CALL (973) 376-0688.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 376-9539. Perry Kaplan, Cantor; Rabbi Richard Nadel, Cantor; Simon Rosenberg, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple with programming for all ages. Weekly services including Sunday evening and Friday evening are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM. Shabbat Friday evening 8:30 PM. Services 10:30 AM & 8:30 PM. Holidays, Shabbat, and observances. Special programs for all ages including: Tisha B'Shvat, Tu B'Shvat, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Purim, Hanukkah, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, Good Friday, Holy Week, and the Passover Seder. All services are held in a comfortable, warm atmosphere. A social service department is also available. For more information, call (973) 376-9539.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. 273-8139. William B. Horn, Rabbi; Janet Roth Kruppnick, 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 held 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-act 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 273-8139.

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 8:00 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 session 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 mornings, we recite the weekly Biblical portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the Mishnah and modern prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, various classes and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Jewish School and Summer Camp. We also have a Senior Center and a Jewish Community center. We welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Avie L. Feldman, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'EY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield. (201) 279-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Niria Greenman, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pitman, President. Temple Shai'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union Of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enlivened by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-7; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for pre-bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office. (201) 379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. (973) 291-379-4525. Fax 291-379-8887. Joel R. Yoes, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Copperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kretsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning Nursery available; Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

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

Howard Bredlau

Howard Bredlau, 83, of Mountain-side died Dec. 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in North Tonawanda, N.Y., Mr. Bredlau lived in Miami, Fla., before moving to Mountainside many years ago. He was a salesman for Plastic Horizons and Celanese Co., Clark, for many years and retired in 1970. Mr. Bredlau received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Miami, where he was elected to the Iron Arrow Society. He was a member of the Monday Morning Craftsman of the Presbyterian Church, Westfield, the Westfield Community Players and the Trailside Mineral Club, Mountainside.
Surviving are three sons, Carl E., Peter J. and Paul H.; a sister, Ina Null, and eight grandchildren.

Lewis A. Monetti

Lewis A. Monetti, 70, of Bayville, formerly of Union, home builder in Springfield, died Dec. 9 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.
Born in Newark, Mr. Monetti lived in Union and Watchung before moving to Bayville six years ago. He was a home builder for 49 years and a partner with L.H. Monetti & Sons in Union, and later, in Springfield. Mr. Monetti was a Navy veteran of World War II and served in the South Pacific. He was a member of the American Legion Connecticut Arms Post 35 in

OBITUARIES

Union and the Msgr. Francis X. Coyle Council 5560, Knights of Columbus, Springfield. Mr. Monetti had been president of the Watchung Lions Club and a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America and the National Association of Home Builders.
Surviving are his wife, Rose M., three sons, Lewis, Steve and Thomas; two brothers, Donald J. and Robert H., and six grandchildren.

Adeline Vetrone

Adeline Vetrone, 71, of Springfield died Dec. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Newark, Mrs. Vetrone lived in Springfield for 28 years.
Surviving are her husband, Philip; two daughters, Mary Ann Sarracino and Grace Kenny; four brothers, Louis, Jerry, Fred and Dominic Palumbo; three sisters, Helen Desimone, Vera Interdonato and Lorraine Sallustro, and eight grandchildren.

Albert D. Warhoffig

Albert D. Warhoffig, 76, of Monroe, formerly of Springfield, a retired custom home builder, died Dec. 9 in the Columbia/John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Atlanta, Fla.
Born in Newark, Mr. Warhoffig lived in Springfield before moving to Monroe Township several years ago. He owned and operated EVAL Homes in Springfield, and built luxury homes in Somerset and Morris counties for many years before retiring. Mr. Warhoffig served with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific during World War II. He was a member of

the Men's Club of River Bridge, Fla. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Eve; a son, Robert; a daughter, Gail Lustbader; a brother, Edwin; a sister, Rita Yarnold, and two grandchildren.

George E. Fink 3rd

George E. Fink 3rd, 47, of Mountainside, formerly of Linden, died Dec. 6 in Union Hospital.
Born in Plainfield, Mr. Fink lived in Linden before moving to Mountainside in 1994. He was a teaching assistant at Centennial High School, Westfield, for eight years. Earlier, Mr. Fink had been a security patrolman at Duke Estates in Somerville. He attended Kentucky Wesleyan College, Oberlin, Ky. Mr. Fink was a volunteer with the Mountainside and Westfield Rescue squads. He was a Boy Scout as a youth.
Surviving are his mother, Alice Mary Fink, and a sister, Ginger Dodd.

George Martin

George Martin, 88, of Mountainside, died Dec. 9 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Martin moved to Mountainside 46 years ago. He owned and operated George Martin Auto Service, Union, for many years and retired in the 1970s. Mr. Martin was a member of the Union Rotary Club.
Surviving are a daughter, Cathy Adamek, three sons, George E. and Joseph Martin and Daniel Ellenback; a sister, Josephine Tournon, 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Handler to wed Winerman

Estelle and Jack Handler of Springfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Shan Melissa, to Sean Lewis Winerman, son of Ellen and Harry Winerman of Springfield.
The bride-elect, a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is currently a senior at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She will earn her B.A. Degree in Psychology in May and plans to pursue a Master's in social psychology.
Winerman, a 1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, attended Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. He is the owner of Hoboken Liquor Saver Inc., a retail liquor warehouse in Hoboken which will have its grand opening in March 1998.
The couple will be honored at an engagement party at the Grand Summit Hotel in January 1998.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Easter Seals awards
Three area women recently received Clark J. Paradise Awards from Easter Seals New Jersey. The awards are presented annually and recognize Easter Seals employees who have done outstanding work in their area of expertise.
Bricktown resident Jill Erhardt, center supervisor of Easter Seals' Atlantic Training Center in Lacey Township, received the Clark J. Paradise Management Award. Springfield resident Valerie Delloiacono, Easter Seals' director of quality assurance, received the Support Award and Kendall Park resident Ann Anglimone, a team manager at Easter Seals Karitan Valley Workshop, received the Direct Care Award.
"Our mission is to provide the means for as many individuals with disabilities as possible to live, work and play within their community with equality, dignity and independence," said Arlene Stengstack, Easter Seals New Jersey Chairperson. "These three women have helped hundreds of people with disabilities do just that."

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STUDENT UPDATE

Wardlaw honor roll

The Wardlaw-Hartridge Middle School, 1295 Inman Ave., Edison, has announced that the following students have been named to the honor roll for the first marking period. To be named to the honor roll, a student must have a B-plus average and no grade lower than a B in an academic subject.

Sixth-grade: John Francis Musical, Mountainside.

Eighth-grade: Marc Tachuk, Springfield.

Senior nominated

Lauren Gaffney, a senior at Governor Livingston, has been nominated to

compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. One-hundred-fifty national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive the \$1000 college scholarships.

Lauren was nominated based on her participation in service organizations, clubs and athletics; achievement in arts and sciences; employment experience, and academic record.

Benjamin Jones, principal of Governor Livingston High School, has said of Lauren, "She is a fine example of the outstanding caliber of young

people in America's high schools.

Volunteer of the Year

Amy Chen, Grade 12, was named the Volunteer of the Year in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program. This award recognizes outstanding self-initiated community service. Amy is now eligible to compete at the state level. She has been a volunteer at Rummels Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights, an organizational volunteer for the Berkeley Heights Recreation Commission and assists the AT&T Pioneers during their holiday fund-raisers.

AT THE LIBRARY

Springfield Donor quilt displayed

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is proud to display a quilt made up by the families of organ donors at the Springfield Free Public Library from Monday through Jan. 2.

Each square in this quilt was created to honor the memory and to celebrate the life of their loved one.

Holiday programs offered

The Springfield Free Public Library will host holiday programs for children to celebrate Christmas and Kwanzaa. The programs geared for children ages 3 and up, include stories, crafts and holiday treats. Dates and times are Christmas, Dec. 25 at 7 p.m., and Kwanzaa, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. The programs will be held in the Children's Department.

Mountainside Art on display

Local artist Alice Bryan Hondru will present her exhibit, "Color, Line and Form in Watercolor and Print" at the Mountainside Public Library meeting room until Dec. 24 during library hours.

A resident of Mountainside for 16 years, Hondru has long enjoyed drawing figures and painting in color.

NEWS CLIPS

Hospital holds art exhibit

Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside will host a two-month exhibition of paintings, pastels and narrative quilts by artists Barbara Glander of Columbia, Royane Mosley of Flanders and Margaret Beach of Scotch Plains, during the months of December and January.

Barbara Glander's large, abstract paintings are a positive result of a tragic accident. Due to injuries sustained when she was a passenger in a free-falling elevator, Glander, a self-taught artist, was forced to retreat from creating stone and metal sculptures, detailed watercolor paintings and custom jewelry making.

No longer able to do intricate work,

but unwilling to give up the art she loves, Glander turned to large format work which became an expressive release of emotion. The resulting paintings reflect the peace and tranquility she finds when painting. More than 20 of these are being presented in the exhibit.

Although Royane Mosley is primarily a painter of people and animals, she also paints whimsical images that capture her imagination.

Using either oil paints or pastels, Mosley exemplifies her fascination with color and the juxtaposition of line, form and pattern. She pays close attention to the composition and play of positive and negative shapes within the picture plane. Over twenty of her paintings will be on display.

Combining traditional artistic methods and quilting techniques,

Margaret Beach uses fabric, paints, and reused and recycled materials to make innovative and contemporary works of art. Over 10 pieces, including one over four feet in length, can be seen at her upcoming CSH exhibition.

Beach's narrative quilts, displayed in antique and cast-off frames, exhibit a combination of the historically rich tradition of patchwork and a special collage process she has developed to illustrate her ideas. Her strong sense of color attracts the eye and then holds viewers' attention.

The stories she tells with her quilt are stories from her life, stories she has heard from others and images inspired by music and literature.

Children's Specialized Hospital's Art Exhibitions are open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., daily.

Good clean fun



In a science unit on Soap Bubbles, Raquel Domaratsky and Koula Louros are using measurement, analysis and originality to create their own soap bubble mixture. They are exploring these materials as part of Mrs. Trueger's fourth grade 'Discovery Program' at the James Caldwell School.

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NEWS CLIPS

Post office seeks help

Local authorities and the general public can help the Postal Service deliver the mail as timely and safely as possible this winter.

The Postal Service emphasized the need for ice and snow removal from walkways as a major aid in preventing slips and falls that result in fractured or broken bones or sprains to letter carriers and messengers. The other main winter hazards that impede mail delivery, according to the Postal Service, are ice and snow on streets, roads, driveways, stairways and porches.

Local road authorities and postal customers are requested by the Postal Service to keep public and private approaches to residences and mailboxes clean during the winter months.

Last year, thousands of letter carriers across the nation were injured because of hazardous conditions.

The Postal Service expressed great appreciation for the cooperation of all communities in reducing the winter safety hazards.

Bagger's hours extended

The legislative office of Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger will be open to residents of the 22nd Legislative District from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

In addition to regular business hours on weekdays and one Saturday per month, on Thursdays, Assemblyman Bagger's office, located at 203 Elm St., Westfield, is open from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Berkeley Heights, Clark, Chatham Township, Dunellen, Fanwood, Garwood, Green Brook, Mountainside, New Providence, North Plainfield, Long Hill, Scotch Plains, Warren, Watchung, Westfield and Winfield.

For further information, call

Assemblyman Bagger's legislative office at (908) 232-3673.

Town decoration drive

The Township of Springfield is asking for support of the holiday decorations around the town. Due to the usual budget restraints and foul weather last year, the displays need a lot of assistance. Almost every fixture needs wiring, light bulbs and a little paint. Since starting a few years ago, the township has come a long way from red ribbons on telephone poles to displays that rival other larger towns.

Donations may be sent to "The Township of Springfield's Annual Holiday Fund Drive," c/o Carrie Verducci, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081.

Toys-for-Tots drives

The Springfield Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 76 and The Springfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 have again joined forces this holiday season to sponsor its 6th Annual Toys-for-Tots drive in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Reserves. These collected toys are given to needy, homeless and orphan children by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves during the holiday season. For most children, these donated toys are the only presents received during the holidays.

This annual cooperative effort between the police officers of Springfield P.B.A. Local 76 and the firefighters of Springfield F.M.B.A. Local 57 along with the donations from residents and local businesses, yields hundreds of toys for needy children during the holiday season.

Officer John Foster, president of P.B.A. Local 76, and Firefighter Chris LaLevee, president of F.M.B.A. Local 57, welcome and residents or busi-

ness people who wish to contribute toys to this cause. New and unwrapped toys can be dropped off at either the Springfield Police or Fire departments.

Autoland has also taken steps to bring holiday joy to thousands of needy children by helping with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys-for-Tots campaign.

"Our employees, friends, families and suppliers wanted to do something for the children," said Andrea Karisian, spokesperson for Autoland. "Our goal is to help the U.S. Marine Corp reach their goal of 50,000 toys."

Toys for Tots is a nationwide effort to provide new toys for children who otherwise wouldn't receive gifts during the holiday season. This year marks the 50th anniversary for Toys for Tots and the 12th consecutive year Autoland has participated.

Banking on food

Fleet Bank of Mountainside, located at 855 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the FoodBank of New Jersey. Needed are non-perishable foods, canned fish and meats, fruit and vegetables, soups, cereals, grains and powdered milk. Donations can be left in the bank at designated locations. For more information, contact Judith Burt at (908) 654-2440. Donations will be accepted through Jan. 5.

Attention social clubs

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



KIDS STUFF — Eliana Levy, a second-grader at Solomon Schechter of Essex and Union's Cranford Lower School, proudly presents character puppets and tells classmates about the books she read for her first book report of the year. Below, Community Presbyterian nursery school students dress for a hearty feast at the annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration. The school for three- and four-year-old children is located on Deer Path in Mountainside. Shown left to right are Stephanie Cataldo, B.J. Giannone, Briana Spadaccini and Dylan Hain.



COUNTY NEWS

UCUA on 'Forum'

On the latest edition of "Freeholders Forum" freeholders and a guest will talk about how the proposed plan to lease the Union County incinerator in Rahway is a necessary step to solve a solid-waste crisis and a related financial emergency.

Participating in the show will be Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender.

Freeholder Nicholas Scutari and Jonathan Williams, special counsel to the Union County Utilities Authority.

The channels, dates and times of the program are:

Summit's TV-36: today at noon.

Rajoppi joins committee

County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, a former mayor of Springfield, has been named a member of the National

Association of Counties' NACO Intergovernmental Relations Steering Committee by NACO President Randy Johnson.

NACO's 13 steering committees form the policy-making arm of the association. Each committee is comprised of county officials who meet several times a year to examine issues critical to local governments.

The Intergovernmental Relations

Steering Committee focuses on home rule and regionalism, including issues dealing with county structure; procedures and management; intergovernmental relations between the county and its subdivisions, and state and federal governments; and liability and insurance.

The steering committee's recommendations on legislative policies and goals are presented to NACO's membership during its annual conference. If approved, the recommendations become part of the American County Platform, which is the basis of NACO's efforts in representing counties before Congress and the White House.

P.O. urges priority mail

Springfield Officer in charge James McDade urges customers to use Priority Mail from your Post Office, as we get further into the holiday season. Priority Mail allows you to send any package weighing up to two pounds anywhere in the country between:

Registration starts

The Union County Vocational Technical School Adult High School is accepting registration for enrollment of students for the spring 1998 semester. To be considered for enrollment, students must:

- be at least 16 years of age;
- provide a transcript of all high school course work previously taken;
- provide a record of HSPT scores;
- be present with a parent or guardian at the time of enrollment, if under 18 years of age;
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Book discussions

Barnes & Noble in Springfield announces a book discussion group for men and women interested in exploring issues of multiculturalism and diversity.

The group will be held in the Springfield store, located at 240 Route 22 West, on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m., and all are welcome to participate.

All interested participants are invited to bring suggestions for future books to read and discuss, and the group's selections will be available at 30 percent off.

There will also be a book discussion group for preteen and teenage girls and their mothers, meeting on the last Sunday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

For more information about this or any other event at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, call (973) 376-8544. The store is open seven-days-a-week, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Changing of the chiefs



The Springfield Auxiliary Police Department is undergoing a change of leadership as Chief Vargas retires after 30 years' service. Although Vargas officially turns over the helm to John Taub Dec. 31, Taub was sworn in Oct. 28 to usher in a transition period. At Taub's swearing in at the Municipal Building are, from left: Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage, Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel, Taub, Police Chief William Chisholm, Joan Taub, and grandchildren Michael Taub, and Alison and Matthew Shachtel.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED ATTORNEY
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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
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Docket No. F-16780-97
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED ATTORNEY for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association is plaintiff and Globe Indemnity Company, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 18, 1997, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08620, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 12, 1997, made by Scott H. Truglio to First Nationwide Bank and duly assigned to plaintiff, Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, and concerns real estate located at 54 Battenhall Avenue, Springfield, NJ.

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APPLICANT: Bienvenido Vidana
Site Loc: 5 Evergreen Avenue
Block: 2003
Lot: 37
For: Side and rear yard variance
Was: Approved
The resolution memorializing the deci-

PUBLIC NOTICE

was adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 and is available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

SECRETARY
Lynne Sagliano
U7588 EL-MS Dec. 18, 1997 (\$25.00)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULED MEETINGS 1998
in compliance with Chapter 231 of the 1975 Open Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Mountainside wishes to advise the meeting dates for the year 1998 are as follows:

January 12
February 9
March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 19
November 9
December 14

*Meeting held on alternate Monday due to legal holiday
U7591 EL-MS Dec. 18, 1997 (\$3.00)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mountainside Board of Adjustment after public hearing on December 8, 1997 took action on the following Application for a Re-hearing by Order of Superior Court for Larry & Samantha Stevens, 1534 Route

PUBLIC NOTICE

22 West, block 3 A, Lot 12, for a Horseshoe & Astrology Reading Service in the R-2 Zone with a window sign - DENIED
Sprint Spectrum L.P., the Borough of Mountainside & New York SMSA L.P. for premises at 1385 Route 22, Block 14, Lots 25 & 26 for a communications tower & equipment shelter in the R-2 Zone - GRANTED

Valerie A. Saunders
Board Secretary
U7590 EL-MS Dec. 18, 1997 (\$7.25)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, November 5, 1997:

Applicant: Cecilia Blau
Site Loc: 527 South Springfield Ave
Block: 2003 Lot 1
For: Preliminary & Final Site Plan Approval, Conditional Use & Variances for Rear Yard Set Back and Lot Coverage
Was: Approved

Said applications are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

Secretary
Robert C. Kirkpatrick
U7589 EL-MS Dec. 18, 1997 (\$9.50)

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE HOURS 1998

In compliance with N.J.A.C. 18: 12A - 1.3, please be advised that the Tax Assessor and members of the assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield, are available to taxpayers or any member of the general public, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

ASSESSMENT LIST IS READY

Springfield Tax Assessor, Edward Neil Galante has announced that the assessment list for the 1998 tax year will be available for inspection by any taxpayer on Wednesday, December 29, 1997 at the Assessor's Office, room 206 of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

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Rennie starting from scratch with this year's Dayton team

Bulldogs' coach to be patient with young squad

By Joe Ragozzino
Staff Writer

Want to know the number of returning players on this season's Dayton High School girls' basketball team?

The answer, brace yourself, is none.

Not exactly great news for first-year head coach Dave Rennie, who comes over from Union High School where he took the girls' squad there to its first state playoff appearance in many years last season.

"It's a difficult situation," Rennie said. "I find myself having to be a little more patient."

But Rennie is far from discouraged. In fact, he doesn't mind this particular position of starting from scratch.

"I prefer (this type of team) because what I hope will happen is the team will grow together and we'll have a solid team down the road," Rennie said. "But I think patience is a big thing, not only for the coaches, but for the players and the fans."

The program consists of only 18 players at the freshmen, junior varsity and varsity levels. Two of the players who will see significant varsity time are freshmen Linda Agostinelli and Tara Listowski.

Agostinelli, a point guard, is an excellent ball-handler with a lot of court-sense and is someone who understands the game, Rennie said. Listowski (5-5) has great skills for a forward and is extremely versatile, noted Rennie.

Sophomore Rachel Tiss stands only 5-7 for a center and may have difficulty posting up against taller opposing players in the paint. But Rennie is quick to point out Tiss' tenacity and determination.

"From what I've seen in practice, she works real hard, and is always looking to improve," Rennie said. "She's a players' coach, a good listener, and gives it her all."

Girls' Basketball

Junior Tracey Saladino is a tough, aggressive forward and "seems to understand the game" well, too," Rennie said.

Junior guard Maria Stravato and sophomore guard/forward Dawna Wolfert will also receive major playing time on varsity.

Tiss and Wolfert, in fact, came from last season's successful freshmen squad.

"They know what it takes to be successful," Rennie said. "But it's a big jump from the freshmen level to varsity."

Rennie wants to implement an up-tempo defensive style, using the team's quickness to offset its physical inadequacies.

"Because we're not as big as some of the other teams, I'm hoping to force the tempo," Rennie said. "We'll try to force the other teams to do things they don't want to do and that might cause them to turn the ball over," Rennie said.

Offensively, the Bulldogs need to improve on their team passing and shooting, but Rennie has confidence in his players' ability to master these skills.

"If they're willing to put in the effort to improve, then we could become a good offensive team," Rennie said.

With such an inexperienced team, the goal for this season isn't to better last year's 11-11 mark.

"To say we want to improve on last year's record will be difficult, because of the fact we lost a lot of girls to Brearley High School and to graduation," said Rennie, who cites the strong girls' basketball recreational program with whom he wants to work closely.

"I look for us to improve day-to-day and compete with ourselves," Rennie continued. "We're going to take things one day at a time and improve from one day to the next, as opposed to comparing ourselves to last year's team."

"It's, by no means, an ideal situation. We're going to take our lumps. But if the girls keep a positive attitude and build up on this year's experiences, we'll be fine."

Last year Dayton posted wins over Roselle, St. Mary's of Elizabeth twice, Bound Brook twice, Middlesex twice, Manville, Mt. St. Mary's, Roselle Park and Iselin Kennedy.

The Bulldogs lost to Oak Knoll in the UCT and West Essex in the states.

Mountainside's Kobel sisters All-Conference in girls' tennis

Mountainside's Kobel sisters, Lauren and Alison, were second-team Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division All-Conference selections in girls' tennis this year.

Tracey Saladino of Dayton was a first-team Valley Division selection at second singles.

The Kobels and Saladino had excellent seasons.

Oak Knoll (Mountain) and Roselle Park (Valley) captured the Mountain Valley Conference team championships.

Here's a look at the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain, Division All-Conference team:

MOUNTAIN DIVISION

First-Team

First Singles: Lauren Cohen, Oak Knoll. **Second Singles:** Leigh Sloanaker, Oak Knoll. **Third Singles:** Katie Angelo, Oak Knoll.

First Doubles: Ibbey Cizmar and Gabby Lega, Oak Knoll. **Second Doubles:** Pam Imperiale and Michele Dedyo, Oak Knoll.

Second-Team

First Singles: Gina Turturiello, Governor Livingston. **Second Singles:** Lauren Kobel, GL. **Third Singles:** Alison Kobel, GL.

First Doubles: Kaori Hirano and Jen Calabrese, GL. **Second Doubles:** Kristen Ruzzelle and Sarah Much, Ridge.

Honorable Mention

Singles: Kelly Yang, Ridge; Christina Mathewson, Ridge and Justine Kosmoski, Johnson.

Doubles: Ann Hsing and Tina Bock, Ridge; Laura Mitterman and Maureen Monage, Johnson and Ronnie Filippos and Ellen Findlay, Governor Livingston.

Dayton swim teams ready to display steady improvement

By Joe Ragozzino
Staff Writer

In her 13 years as head coach of the Dayton High School boys' and girls' swimming teams, Joyce Pinkava has always had a Bulldog squad win at least one event in every meet.

Well, that string came to an end after both Dayton teams failed to capture an event in the season-opener against New Providence last Thursday.

"I didn't expect to have both teams not win a single point, but at least we finished all our events," Pinkava said.

Indeed, the Bulldogs have a long way to go this season.

Last season, both teams finished with 5-5 records, highlighted by Pinkava's 100th career coaching victory. For the boys', what's impressive about the feat is that the team consisted of only three swimmers.

This season, the boys' team is larger, yet inexperienced. Of the six competitors, three are freshmen: Mitchell Hollander, Russell Haywood and Sean Rosenboim.

Senior David Luksenberg, sophomore Nathan Denner and Tom Katasagonis comprise the remaining competitors.

The girls' squad has 12 swimmers, but like the boys' team, it lacks experience, namely because of the de-regionalization of Johnson High School in Clark. As a result, the team which was co-oped with Johnson, lost eight swimmers, or 50 percent of the squad.

But sophomore Linda Cheras and junior Nicole Loupis are back with the team and had impressive showings at the New Providence meet. Cheras took

nine seconds off her best time in the 200-yard freestyle, while Loupis also had a career-best in the 50-yard backstroke.

The captain of the girls' team is senior Jennifer Burns, a Kenilworth resident who could compete in all 11 events, noted Pinkava. Sophomore Jaime Ravaoli, also of Kenilworth, is a promising sprinter, specializing in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle.

Naturally, both teams need improvement. And the only way to achieve improvement is through rigorous conditioning, said Pinkava. Thus far, the teams have been conducting mile-laps in practices. Pinkava is hoping to boost those laps to a 1.5 miles.

Strength-building is also emphasized as the swimmers hit the weight room one day a week.

"There's no short cut to it," Pinkava said about getting better through conditioning.

A winning season may not be in store, but the Bulldogs have their sights set on improving their times within four to six weeks.

"I want to make them competitive," Pinkava said. "We're going to look to catch up to the competition."

Though the season may turn out to be a learning experience, the future looks bright, evidenced by the strong turnout in a summer swimming program.

"There's no reason why we can't be a top swimming program in the county," Pinkava said.

And there's no reason why Pinkava and her teams won't have any fun this season.

"I love this sport and I love these kids," Pinkava said. "These kids want to do well and they will. They're willing to work hard and will improve because their attitude is good. I always try to encourage them and they respond."

GL football players earn All-Conference selection

There were many outstanding varsity high school football players who competed for teams in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year.

Some of those players included Governor Livingston All-Conference selections Dave Greico, Chief King, Chris Petraccaro, Dan Guyton, Anthony Clemente, Vincent Billeci, Joe Leone and Kris Lecomte.

Greico, King and Petraccaro were first-team selections, Greico at tight end, King at defensive end and Petraccaro at linebacker.

Guyton, Clemente, Billeci, Leone and Lecomte were Honorable Mention choices.

King and Leone are Mountainside residents.

The top teams in the Mountain Division were champion Immaculata and second-place Johnson.

Immaculata finished 7-2 overall and handed Johnson its only regular-season loss.

Johnson finished 8-2 overall and qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs for the fourth consecutive season.

Governor Livingston finished 6-3 and posted four shutouts.

The following are the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division selections for the just completed 1997 season:

OFFENSE

Wide Receivers: Arneze Gardner, Newark Central, senior; Casey Ransone, Immaculata, senior.

Tackles: Marcus Williams, Roselle, senior; Mike Fink, Johnson, junior; Krzysztof Kaczorowski, Hillside, junior.

Guards: Spencer Durkin, North Plainfield, senior; Michael Fung, Immaculata, senior; Terrick Megget, Newark Central, senior.

Center: Phil Broner, Newark Central, senior.

Quarterbacks: Dennis Bowden, Johnson, Sal Moore, Newark Central, senior.

Running Backs: Abdul Cherry, Newark Central, senior; Eric Gershtner, Johnson, senior; Kali Lemelle, Immaculata, junior.

Tight End: Dave Greico, Governor Livingston, senior.

Kicker: Keith Jurick, Johnson, senior.

DEFENSE

Ends: Chet King, Governor Livingston, senior; Adam Zambuto, Johnson, senior.

Tackles: Lamar Williams, Hillside, senior; Ernest Chandler, Roselle, senior.

Nose Guard: Jerry Derillo, Johnson, senior.

Linebackers: Chris Petraccaro, Governor Livingston, senior; Brian Drake, Johnson, senior; Sean Odum, Newark Central, sophomore; Jeremy Crimmel, Immaculata, senior.

Defensive Backs: Kirk Hopson, Roselle, senior; Scott Senna, North Plainfield, junior; Gerard Bishop, Hillside, senior; Jameel Dumas, Roselle, junior.

Punter: Doug Gapch, North Plainfield, junior.

HONORABLE MENTION

Chris Eichkorst, Immaculata,

senior Ryan Garner, Johnson, junior Tray Barnard, Newark Central,

senior Kiaron Ainsworth, Newark Central, senior; Fuquan Wilson, Newark Central, senior; Howard Jones,

Roselle, junior; Jason-Jean Baptiste, Roselle, junior; Dan Guyton, Governor Livingston, senior; Anthony Clemente, Governor Livingston,

senior; Ryan Dirsch, North Plainfield, sophomore.

Vincent Billeci, Governor Livingston, senior; Joe Leone, Governor Livingston, senior; Kris Lecomte, Governor Livingston, junior; Chris Grundman, North Plainfield, senior; Philip Rainey, Hillside, senior;

Duquan Weems, Hillside, junior; Brian Siegler, Immaculata, senior; Ben Lyons, Immaculata, junior; Bob Sopko, Johnson, senior; Jim DeTrolio, Johnson, senior; James Gabriel, Immaculata, junior.

Nikos Nicholas, Johnson, senior; Jeff Stamberger, Immaculata, senior; Jon Wojcjo, Johnson, junior; Corey DeGannes, Hillside, senior; Nick Spagnuolo, Johnson, senior; Roy Bechtold, Immaculata, senior; Chai Adams, Roselle, senior; Mark Gullias, North Plainfield, junior.

Grapplers ready to pin down opponents

By Joe Ragozzino
Staff Writer

For local wrestling enthusiasts, the time has finally arrived. Brearley High School wrestling is back, complete with a new wrestling room and a fired-up coach in Brian Luciani, who comes over from Irvington High School.

This year's team is a co-op squad, combined of students who attend Brearley and Dayton in Springfield.

"I'm excited about starting a new program," said Luciani, who helped turn the Irvington wrestling program around.

High School Wrestling

The Bears are composed of a host of freshmen and sophomores, and will be led by Jon Zika (171) and Joe Rizzo (heavyweight), the team's only two seniors who each posted 13 victories for Dayton Regional last season. Rizzo placed fourth in the Districts. Zika, on the other hand, fell in the first round of the Districts on a pin after leading by an 8-3 score.

The devastating defeat has put Zika on a mission this season, Luciani noted.

"I think this year he wants to redeem himself and that's great," Luciani said.

And while the rest of the Bears will approach the season as a learning experience, Zika and Rizzo are seeking to end their careers on a positive note.

"They know that this is their senior year," Luciani said. "This is it. There is no tomorrow for them and they know that and they're working hard. That's why I made them captains."

The Bears lineup is loaded with freshmen: Altay Vigilante (103), Joe Ruggerio (112), Michael Puorro (125), John Yendrick (130), Matt Caputo (140), Orancarlo Pesantez (152/160) and Chris Tyne (215).

The sophomores include Sean Cunningham (119), Scott Ferguson (135), Attila Vigilante (145) and Rick Mizili (152/160). Junior Michael Harms will wrestle at 189.

"They're going to take their lumps," Luciani said about his young and inexperienced squad. "I basically want them to learn and do the things that will make them better."

Luciani sees a lot of promise in Attila Vigilante, who lost an epic match, 18-15, in the Districts last season against, ironically, one of Luciani's Irvington wrestlers.

"He works very hard," Luciani said about Vigilante, whose younger brother is Altay. "He helps the freshmen in practice and shows them what they're doing wrong. He's great to have. He's always doing what he's supposed to do."

Luciani also won't be disappointed with a lack of fire in Ruggerio, who the coach says is a feisty competitor showing no quit.

"He's a tough, aggressive kid," Luciani said. "He's like a pit bull for six minutes. He gives it his all."

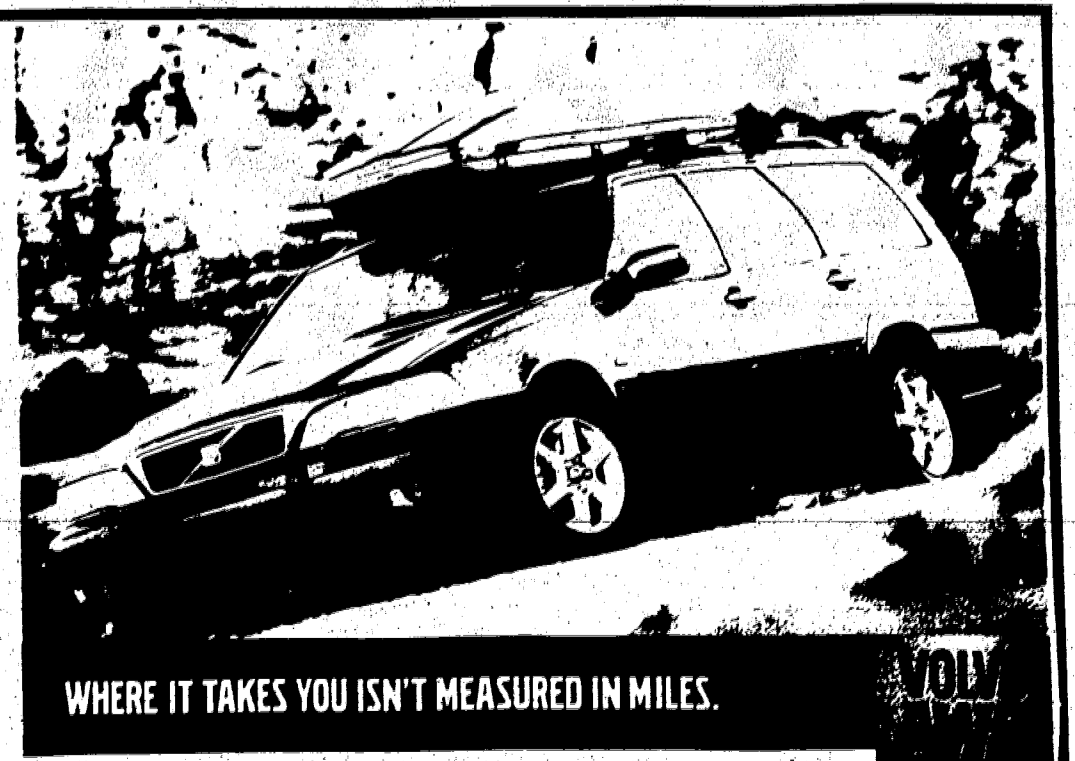
Still, Ruggerio, like the rest of his teammates, is far from polished. But Luciani isn't too worried, knowing that by their senior seasons, a major improvement will be realized.

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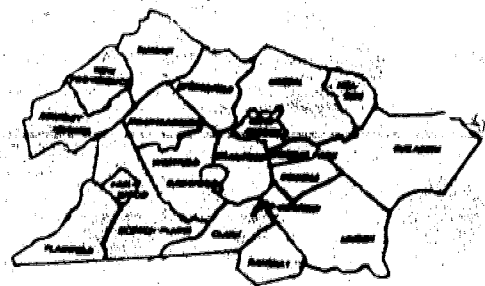
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Kean University alum Jim Hynes, center, presents a \$60,000 check to Kean Foundation Executive Director Donna Meade and Kean President Ronald Appelbaum. The money will establish a baseball endowment in memory of his friend, George Hudak.

Former baseball player goes 'home' to memorialize friend

Because he wanted "never to forget" the people and events that shaped his life, Kean University alumnus Jim Hynes has established a baseball endowment in memory of his friend and former coach, George Hudak.

Presented during homecoming festivities recently, the George Hudak '61 baseball endowment of \$60,000 will be applied to Kean's baseball program.

Hynes' gift to coach Hudak, Kean's first baseball coach and a former mayor and assemblyman from Linden, represents a commitment by the Minnesota business owner to "never forget" where he got his start.

Hynes' mom and raised in Elizabeth, began his college education four years after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. "I wasn't ready for school," Hynes said of the delay. When he was

ready in the fall of 1959, Hynes was accepted into the industrial technology program at the former Newark State College, an institution admitting one of 12 applicants. Hynes excelled in all areas of academic and served as president of the freshman class, vice president of the student body, and president of Sigma Beta Tau, a service fraternity. Even though he was an early morning person, Hynes was selected for 2 varsity letters because he had "played in 10 seasons."

Another time he participated in was baseball. A delighted fan of his friend and fraternity brother Hudak had been named head coach, the first student to coach a varsity sport. Jim Hynes remembers the last time he played for Newark State College.

"The last time I played baseball was May 19, 1962. I was a second

baseman for the varsity and George was the coach. We were playing Gloucester State College. As I reached for the ball to make a double play, my cleat stuck to the bag as the runner ran through the base. My leg fractured in several places. Coach Hudak couldn't believe it. He was devastated."

Hynes' baseball days may have ended with this accident, but his friendship and admiration of his friend Hudak remained through the years.

Upon graduation, Hynes went to work for Union Carbide in New York City. In 1964, he was transferred to Minnesota, where he lives with his wife Carole and manages a thriving business in the plastics recycling industry. Hudak remained in New Jersey, became mayor of Linden and never lost touch with his friend Jim until his death in 1996.

Freeholders give themselves a retroactive salary increase

By Sean Dally
Staff Writer

The Board of Chosen Freeholders voted to raise the salaries of a number of county employees — including their own.

The ordinance, which was approved unanimously by the board on Dec. 11, raises the salaries of the department heads in the county government and the freeholders retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year.

According to Freeholder Linda Stender, this is a standard raise given at the end of each year.

Freeholder Frank Lehr said that the raise did not apply to constitutional officers: the sheriff, county prosecutor, surrogate and county clerk.

Before Dec. 11, the freeholders received \$22,000 in compensation. With the raise, they will receive \$23,500 in compensation.

This raise was the first the freeholders have received in two years, according to Lehr.

"According to Lehr, the freeholders' compensation was less than those in other counties.

"I think there was justification for it, based on what we saw with other counties," said Lehr, "and, also, compared to the duties of other freeholders... there are some who work really hard, but there are some that don't. But, if you

do the things that a freeholder is supposed to do, it's certainly justified."

Lower-level county employees received a raise earlier in the year, according to Lehr. This raise was based on a merit system that was instituted in the county government four years ago. Under this system, county employees could receive up to a 6 percent raise if they "had both ears in the water," according to Lehr. Conversely, they would receive less of a raise or no raise if they were not effective or not doing their jobs.

Remarking on the department heads' percent raise, Lehr said, "I don't think any of them were rated really good or really bad."

In other news, the freeholders also approved a \$2 million capital ordinance at the meeting.

According to Lawrence Caroselli, finance department director, this ordinance also is a standard piece of legislation passed at the end of each year.

The money is used partly for resurfacing county roads, although there is no list of roads that the money will be spent on. Instead, the money will be spent on resurfacing materials, such as asphalt.

The money also will be spent on projects the freeholders have authorized. These include general improvement projects and projects at Union County College and the Union County Vocational-Technical School.

Residents need new IDs to golf

Golfers can avoid crowds at Union County courses by purchasing identification cards for the 1998 season when they become available Jan. 1.

Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, said that by buying the cards during the winter, golfers won't have to contend with throngs of other enthusiasts.

"They can save themselves a lot of time and aggravation by buying the cards before spring comes," he also said. "We are making it as easy as possible to serve the golfers who play our courses."

Last year's establishment of a computerized, photo I.D. system has changed the production and renewal of cards. Because all I.D. cards purchased in 1997 will be deactivated by the system on Dec. 31, golfers who registered this year can keep their cards and bring them to the course when purchasing a 1998 I.D. when a sticker will be applied to the 1997 card which will be reactivated.

New cards will be issued to golfers who were not registered in 1997, or who are purchasing a different type of card for the new year.

Cards can be purchased or updated daily, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. People who live in or own property in Union County can purchase a Resident Card for \$30, or a Season Card for \$80. Senior residents or senior property owners, ages 62 and older and youths ages 12-17 may purchase I.D. cards for \$25.

When purchasing a new card or renewing last year's, golfers must show proof of residency through two forms of identification: a driver's license and either a current annual lease, tax bill, utility bill, credit card bill or bank statement. In the absence of a driver's license, two of the other items listed will be accepted. Non-residents who own property in Union County may also purchase cards upon providing a current tax bill showing the address, lot and block numbers of the property.

New Jersey residents who do not live in Union County cannot purchase I.D. cards, but must register with one of the golf courses to be able to access the computerized reservation system. Upon registering, a non-resident access number will be issued, after proof of New Jersey residency is presented.

UCC graduate makes effort to help low-income women

Glenda Magloire is thankful this holiday season for the break she got when Union County College's Educational Opportunity Fund provided her with academic support and tuition assistance during a time when she had pressed for money.

It's been over a year since she completed an associate in applied science degree in accounting. With a job in bookkeeping and accounting for a local firm, she wants to "give back" to those who are walking a similar path to her own, she said.

The Elizabeth resident is starting a program, New Attitude, aimed at providing work-related clothing to low-income women entering the workforce. She is seeking help in donated "job interview-type" clothing and related services to enable the women to "dress for success."

This includes business suits in good condition, hair and nail care services, professional dress and etiquette tips, and office space and equipment to serve as a base for New Attitude. Already, some businesses and individuals are helping, she said.

"Americans don't realize how lucky they are to get help academically," Magloire added. "I want to give back to the community. Low-income women in

particular have very low self-esteem. They need to know they can go from welfare to success."

The 43-year-old single mother of two worked as a bookkeeper at a New York City firm for several years after emigrating from Curacao. She landed that job without a degree, but soon found out "it was pretty tough to get a good paying job here without a degree," and attended college full time.

"We did without a lot of things," she said. "We did a lot of penny-pinching, but I had made a decision. I came from a family where everyone had a degree. It was necessary for me to get the degree."

As a student, Magloire became a member of the college's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Upon graduation, she received an award for academic excellence and a mathematics department award for outstanding academic achievement in that subject area. Magloire represented UCC one summer in a mathematics immersion program at Stevens Institute of Technology.

To help other disadvantaged women succeed, Magloire conducted some research of other programs throughout the country that have similar concepts to her own. However, she customized her effort, titling it New Attitude to reach

women "who may be little backward about doing something to help themselves. Sometimes, to achieve success means taking on a new attitude," she said.

She also said many low-income women are qualified for jobs, but often are denied employment because their personal appearance. Through New Attitude, Magloire hopes to bring low-income women into the economic mainstream by having them referred by non-profit social service organizations and public agencies.

In addition to the clothing and cosmetics, Magloire said she needs a place to conduct her work. She plans to keep the facility operational from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week. If things work out, she would like to extend similar services to men. Clothing donations should be in ready-to-wear condition, dry-cleaned or pressed, and on hangers with size tags.

New Attitude seeks skirts, jackets, belts, slacks, suits, purses, unused hosiery, costume jewelry, blouses, dresses, shoes, and scarves. Monetary contributions also are welcome.

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Work on economic development will continue

This month, my one-year term as chairman of the Board of Chosen Freeholders comes to an end.

In January, one of my freeholder colleagues will assume the chairmanship and will I remain on the board to continue to serve the approximately 500,000 people who reside in Union County's 21 municipalities.

When I was sworn in last January, as chairman of the freeholder board, I set numerous goals that would enable Union County to continue to be a great place to live, raise a family and operate a business.

Recognizing that a vibrant economy is essential to maintain the quality of life we enjoy, I set as another goal the ongoing strengthening of Union County's economy. We have made major strides to ensure that our county will be a major factor in the local, state, regional, national and global marketplace as we move into the 21st century.

In this past year, the Freeholder Board of 1997-1998 has not just a list of the major accomplishments, but also a list of the major challenges. Freeholders have done over the past 12 months — accomplishments that resulted in unprecedented opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity, factors that are important for the continued quality of life in our county.

- The newly created Freeholder Economic Development Committee, headed by Freeholder Donald Conner, with Freeholders Carl Cohen, Frank Lutz and me, defined the economic priorities, which set the stage for important initiatives.

- The Freeholder Economic Development Department under the direction of Deputy County Manager George Devenney, who serves as a liaison staff person to the Economic Development Committee and the newly appointed Council of Economic Advisors, coordinator the economic planning efforts of Kean University's New Jersey Gateway Center for Regional Development, Union County College's Small Business Institute and Center for Advancement, the Union County Economic Development Corp. and the Workforce Investment Board.

- Conferences and trade missions were held to attract the benefits of working

Freeholder Forum

By Linda Stender

and doing business with Union County, in addition to opening markets around the world. An Oct. 13 supplement in the *Wall Street Journal* promoted the county as a premier commercial center, while on Oct. 17, Union County sponsored "Transporting Union County into the 21st Century: A Leadership Conference on Economic Development," which featured key local, state and federal representatives, as well as leaders from business and academia.

- Rail and road projects have been developed to improve our infrastructure and ensure the easy movement of people and materials into, out of, and through Union County. The Transportation Development District plan covering the Elizabethport area and Pkts. 1 and 2, is identifying areas in

which to upgrade transportation, while reactivating the Rahway Valley Railroad and the Staten Island Railroad.

We are also looking to establish the East-West Light Rail Link that will run from Plainfield to Elizabethport and to Newark International Airport.

Another important accomplishment was the innovative solution to the solid waste crisis, a situation which threatened the Union County Utilities Authority's incinerator with bankruptcy, posed serious economic stagnation to the county, and could have raised business and residential taxes, forcing residents to pay some of the facility's \$280 million in bonds.

Prompted by the county's ruling that municipalities were no longer required to use county incinerators, the UCUA commissioners and the freeholders negotiated a deal with the incinerator's operator to pay off the bonds over 25 years, reduce the cost of incineration by 40 percent, and hold increases to the Consumer Price Index.

We are meeting with our 21 municipalities to gain approval of the plan.

While these accomplishments in 1997 had deep roots in economic development, the Board of Chosen Freeholders did not forget its obligations to provide quality programs and services that residents have come to expect.

Through our programs, needy people of all ages received job training, health care counseling, financial assistance, transportation and other services. Our streets, neighborhoods and facilities continue to be secure, thanks to our County Police, Sheriff's Office and Division of Corrections. And our parks are recognized around the country as models of recreation and preservation.

Without the vision, enthusiasm and energy of my fellow freeholders and dedicated county employees, none of these achievements would have been possible.

We have worked together tirelessly, and we are poised for even greater accomplishments in 1998.

Linda Stender is serving her second term as a freeholder.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

No matter how you say it, Summit Chorale wins praise

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

How many ways can you say "Alleluia"? Summit Chorale had the answer this weekend in their holiday program of the same name...

One might think the repetition of one word would become tedious. History refutes this claim, as this one word has inspired arrangements upon compositions, ad infinitum.

The program began with a greeting from conductor Garyth Nair, who invited the audience to "drift along" with the opening Gregorian chant. Nair credited the choir with an ability to create the spirit and just bring a peace to the world.

The Chorale performed two 13th century compositions — the reverent "Alleluia A bene uoluntate" consisting of a fine blending of voices and "O uirga scienciam" from "Liber Vermei" a round featuring male soloists.

After intermission, the Chorale resumed with some music for Hanukkah. "Ma-Ze Y'malel" was performed with all the majesty of The Holy Land punctuated by drum accompaniment.

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Celebration Singers know how to host a 'Holiday of Hope'

By Hope A. Kondrk Correspondent

The Celebration Singers and the Children's Chorus performed "Holiday of Hope" at the Cranford United Methodist Church on Dec. 13. The church was festively adorned in holiday fashion...

The second half of the program was with the Children's Chorus performing the Kitzur Shema, a Green candle, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" and "Hallelujah" with some entertaining choreography in the mix.

The pieces done with both the adult and children's choir were quite inspiring. I was moved by a piece called "At the River" by John Jacobovitch.

The Celebration Singers and the Children's Chorus are under the musical direction of Tom Pedas. Pedas has a bachelor of science degree in music education from Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

Jump on the 'bean' wagon at The Elizabeth Playhouse

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

Interpretations of traditional tales are in vogue. The Elizabeth Playhouse jumped on the "bean" wagon this weekend with a presentation of "Jack and the Jellybean Stalk," a charming original play by The Playhouse's own Marlow Ferguson.

Written for "children and former children only," Ferguson has crafted a modern, comical version of the story of the young man who believes in the power of magic, does battle with a giant and saves the day.

When Jack plants some of the beans, a beanstalk grows and he hears the voice of a beautiful maiden, crying for help. With his parents preoccupied with their own problems, Jack climbs the beanstalk to meet Lilly, destined to become the dessert in the Giant's evening meal.

The play is chockfull of silly costume changes, antics and pratfalls, mostly indulged by the multi-talented Gil Ron as Jack's hapless father. Cindy Ross is a good foil for Ron as Jack's mother Lorraine Hernandez.

The Playhouse will only be running this playful romp two more times — this Saturday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Although the production is heart-warming, supplemented by endearing commentary from Ferguson between scenes, toddlers may find the physicality a little overwhelming.

The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1119 East Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 355-4657.

Copperfield leaves audience between dream and nightmare

By Sandra Cagua Staff Writer

Everyone loves magic tricks. The fun part is trying to figure out the secret in the trick itself, even though you probably won't find out.

Magician David Copperfield appeared at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Prudential Hall on Dec. 10 and 11 for his show "Dreams & Nightmares." And he gave his audience what they wanted: the awe-struck wonder of watching an illusion unfold in front of their eyes.

Of course the show had its standard formula gimmicks: the regular women, the hair blowing, the fan, plenty of smoke and lots of music. The audience ate it up as Copperfield addressed his antics, who say his shows always feature these gimmicks.

Copperfield had the title performance in "Dreams & Nightmares" derived from some of his best dreams and nightmares. His first illusion concerns his recurring nightmare of being in a water tower.

He had a minute to escape from being lifted as he utilized a hobby pin to unlock the shackles.

As the saw comes closer, the audience can't help but suck in their breath, trying to anticipate when Copperfield will unlock himself and jump out of the way. To the audience's surprise, the saw did indeed slice him through the waist and the body appears to be in half.

Copperfield took himself inside the saw again and springs out in full body to the audience's delight.

It is too bad that Copperfield couldn't perform the really good tricks such as surviving Niagara Falls or making the Statue of Liberty disappear inside NJPAC.

But true Copperfield's fans will settle even for a card trick. They came to see the illusionist, fan, smoke and beautiful women.

Masterwork Chorus lives up to its name

Joyful Noise

By Hope A. Kondrk Correspondent

Join the audience of The Masterwork Chorus at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark for its performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 13.

The "Messiah" is one of the most powerful pieces of choral music performed today, and the chorus handles its task with marked precision. All were in great voice and their overall performance was nothing less than exquisite.

Tenor soloist Carl Halvorson gave an impressive performance with great flair, intonation and excellent diction and enunciation. He is a rich tenor voice with control and style.

Susan Wallin brought sparkle to the soprano solo with her lovely coloratura voice. She also gave a performance with excellent diction and precision. Her ornaments also were clear and her voice rang like church bells throughout the hall.

Keep an eye out for bass-baritone Charles Austin. He is quickly making a name for himself on the operatic and concert scenes. This former Marine Corps helicopter pilot and business executive gave an outstanding performance. He stood like a lion with a mane of long red hair, captivating the audience with his intense gaze.

This lion has a magnificent roar and drew his audience into the depths of this glorious piece. Austin has performed in "Rigoletto," "The Ghosts of Versailles," "Don Giovanni," "The Tales of Hoffman" and others.

Let me not forget the energetic Maestro David Briskin, who is clearly a very passionate and spirited musical director. This is his fifth season with the Masterwork Chorus and Orchestra.

On the lighter side of the evening, my heart went out to Timpanist Robert Fazio in the orchestra. Thursday evening was very damp and chilly. Fazio could be seen quietly in the background testing one of his drums. Since the skins are sensitive to weather, he must have had quite a time reaping them tuned in time and the drums were perfect and so was the evening, bringing the audience to its feet for a standing ovation.

The Masterwork Chorus was formed in 1955 by Shirley May and a core group of 24 people. Since that time, the chorus has been dedicated to bringing professional level performances of major choral works to the public.

The chorus will be performing Handel's "Messiah" again on Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Community Theatre, Montclair, and in association with Unity Concerts on Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. at Montclair High School. Montclair. For information, call (973) 442-0174.

Hope A. Kondrk is a resident of Rahway.

Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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Stepping Out

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The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under six years of age are free. For information about the museum and its schedule of programs, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

NIGHTLIFE

CLUB BENE will feature The Machine, The Ultimate Pink Floyd Show, tomorrow at 10 p.m. The Soft Parade, the ultimate Doors tribute band, will perform on Dec. 26 at 10 p.m.
Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. Club Bene is located on Route 35 in South Amboy. For information, call (908) 727-3000.
CROSSROADS in Garwood will feature Primitive Soul today at 10 p.m. The club is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.
SHOUT in Plainfield will feature Swingin' Johnsons today at 10 p.m. A \$3-\$5 cover is charged. The club

is located at 116 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call (908) 769-5860.
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The tavern is located at 836 Elizabeth Ave., Linden. For information, call (908) 925-8990.

TELEVISION

THE STEVE AMES SHOW will feature "Dear Santa," an original song by Hillside resident and comedian Paul Ramsthaler, on Dec. 30 at 10 p.m. The show is aired on Comcast Cablevision channel 57.

THEATER

TORN CURTAIN THEATER will present "Two From Galilee" today at 7:30 p.m. at Evangel Church in Scotch Plains.
Admission is free. The church is located at 1251 Terrill Road. For information, call (908) 322-9300.
DEFENDING THE CAVE MAN will open Dec. 30 and run through Jan. 4 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Performances will take place in Prudential Hall. NJPAC is located at One Centre Drive, Newark. For information, call (888) GO-NJPAC.

'Jack Frost' strikes fear in the hearts of snowmen

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

When one thinks of winter and Christmas, certain characters come to mind: Santa Claus and his elves, Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman, to name a few. The atmosphere of this time of year is one of peace, love and happiness.

The film "Jack Frost" deals with the elements of the winter months in a different way. For one thing, it stars a killer snowman. Well, actually, he's not a killer "snowman," he's a serial killer who turns into a snowman. I'm getting ahead of myself here, so let me slow down and tell this absurd, poorly crafted tale from the beginning.

Jack Frost is a serial killer who has murdered 38 people in five years. He has somehow eluded the law until Sheriff Brealey from the small town of Snowville arrests him for a parking violation. Brealey learns of Frost's real identity and Frost is soon headed for the electric chair, but not before promising Brealey that he'll come back for him, that he'll "somehow, some way get to him."

A few weeks later Frost is being transported to the state prison, scheduled to be electrocuted at midnight. There's a terrible snowstorm which is wreaking havoc on the driving conditions. As Frost's vehicle heads north,

another truck is heading south. This truck, oddly enough, is from a genetic research company and has some bizarre and very dangerous chemicals on board. The two trucks collide and Frost is doused with some wacky, kooky, crazy, genetic experimental acid.

Frost burns up and melts into the snow. But a few moments later the snow begins to rumble and shake, and Frost comes back to life in the form of a snowman. His physical form is not like a monster with two arms and two legs covered in snow. Frost is a classic snowman, the kind you use to make when you were a kid. He's got a corn cob pipe and an old straw hat and two eyes made out of coal. Frost doesn't chase down his victims on foot — he roils after them.

A resident of Mountainside, Jim Riffel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Time."

HOROSCOPE

For the week of Dec. 21 to 27

Aries
March 21-April 20

Things may turn out different than you had planned. Be willing to roll with the punches and see things through to the end and you'll come out ahead. You may need to take some risks in order to gain ground. A friend or family member gives you an idea that pays off.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

Those in authority are keeping their eyes on you and expecting great things. They might be so busy watching you that they can't see major problems. That's when you come to the rescue and really score points. Consider your future and where you really want to be.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Financial pressures and questions take center stage. Any belt-tightening should be temporary — you'll get back on your feet with help from an unexpected source. From now on, pay attention to budgets and finances. You're attracting the attention of

influential people. Stay focused on your goals.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Make sure you're getting your money's worth. Examine invoices and bills and make sure all the work you paid for was actually done. Pay attention to the details. You're on the upswing at work and at home. Co-worker or partner seeks your advice. Be willing to listen but don't get drawn into a conflict.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

Things affecting you are happening behind the scenes. Be aware that something is happening but don't dwell on it. Keep up with the current obligations. Letting something slide now could have a snowball effect later. You are determined to get what you want — must make sure you want what's best.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You are good at following directions and attending to details, but now is the time to expand your thinking and be more creative. Don't be too proud to ask for help. A potential

mentor is closer than you think. Treat yourself to a small luxury but don't go overboard.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Pressure is increasing and you may start to feel stressed. Take it in stride. You'll make the right moves at the right time. People will be impressed; you'll attract more attention. Limit outside distractions and keep a clear head so you'll be able to see the opportunities.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Domestic issues are taking up most of your time now. You can keep everything rolling smoothly at home and work with concentration and effort. You'll be busy for a while but others will be there to help when you need to catch your breath. Allow a significant other to help.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You have the aptitude for success; you just need to work on your attitude. Now is the time to start showing some results. Be aggressive and take advantage of the opportunities. You can be too cautious and wind up paying a heavy cost. Contact a long-distance friend.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Time to make the most of what you've got. You may need to spend some of your stockpile in order to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity. Don't worry, you'll be able to recoup your investment and then some. After the deal is made, try a quiet evening out with friends or a significant other.

Aquarius
Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Friends and family play a crucial role now. You'll know what to do and when to do it to get the best results. Others see you as the peacemaker and expect you to mediate disputes. It can be a burden but you'll hold up. Remember to take some time for yourself during the holiday season.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

Financial questions and concerns seem overwhelming but hang in there. Help is on the way from an unexpected source. After you get everything accounted for, take some time and review what caused the problems and how to avoid them in the future. Keep your emotional balance for best results.

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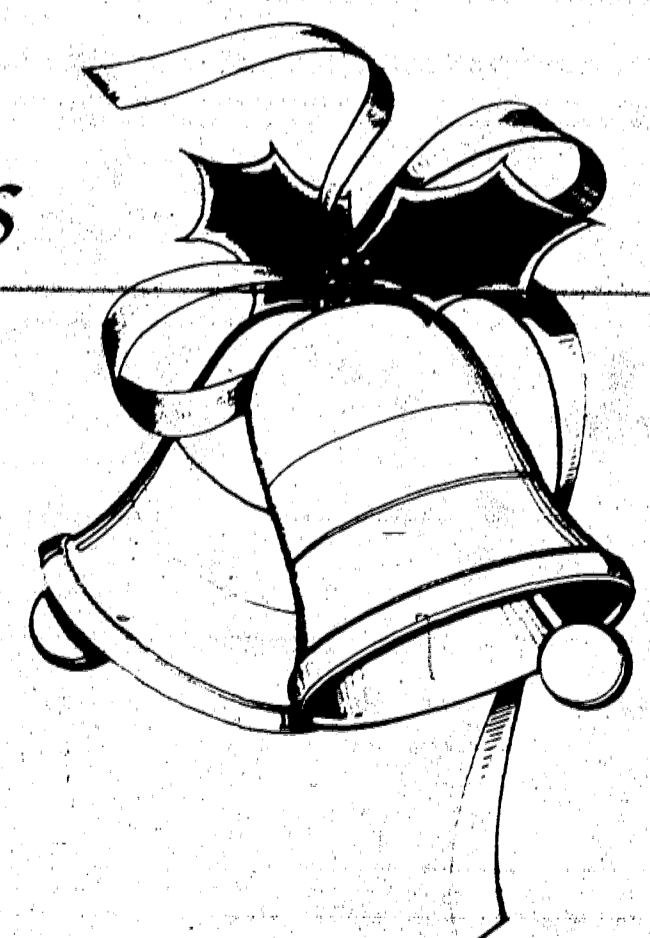
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January 2, 3, 4, 1998
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PLACE: Bloomfield High School, Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ
TIME: Friday 8pm, Saturday and Sunday 3pm
PRICE: Advance tickets available: \$5.00 for Seniors and Students, \$7.00 for Adults, At Door: \$6.00 for Students and Seniors, \$9.00 for Adults
ORGANIZATION: Bloomfield Federation of Music and Bloomfield Civic Chorus

OTHER

WEDNESDAY
December 31, 1997
EVENT: New Years Eve "An Evening of Elegance"
PLACE: Polish Cultural Foundation, Grand Hall, 177 Broadway, Clark, NJ (Exit 135)
TIME: 9:00pm
PRICE: \$55.00 per person includes beer, soda, salad, 7 catered entrees, noisemakers, continental breakfast, cash bar, music by the energetic and entertaining native New Yorker Gary Lovett and Hall of Fame band. Reservations a must! Lorraine 908-851-0851
ORGANIZATION: Polish Cultural Foundation

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December 31, 1997
EVENT: New Years Party
PLACE: St. Thomas Holy Name Society Church Center, 1457 St. Georges Avenue, Rahway
TIME: 8:00pm
PRICE: \$55 per person. Reservations made before December 15th will receive \$5 deduction. Hot/cold buffet and a hot breakfast will be served. Open bar and dancing to the music of The Aberners. For questions and reservations call 732-388-3532 or 908-518-0107
ORGANIZATION: St. Thomas Holy Name Society

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Nominations sought for historic commendations

The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is accepting nominations for the annual History Preservation Commendations to be awarded in 1998. "Union County has a rich and diverse history dating from 1654," according to Linda Stender, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, "and its historic resources include sites representing three centuries of development."

Commendations are awarded in six categories which include building preservation or restoration, continuing use, adaptive use and preservation of a structure, object or site. Preservation education and leadership achievements are also recognized.

The annual historic preservation awards are sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. The Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs administers the program.

The Historic Sites Committee, comprised of professionals and laymen in historic preservation and related fields, reviews the nominations, and the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board makes recommendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The commendations are awarded at a public ceremony in late winter each year.

Nominations are solicited from the public. Although the nominated projects must be in Union County, it is not necessary to reside in the county to propose a candidate.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

gaged premises described above to **JUANITA JOHNSON and MARY JOHNSON-MATTHEW**, as joint tenants, which deed is of record on 04/10/81 at the office of the Union County Clerk/Registrar in Deed Book 3717, Page 314, et seq. and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 506 LEE PLACE, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling (908) 354-4340 or the legal services office of the county of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may call or communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue at (908) 353-4715, or at the Lawyer Referral Service of the county of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If there is none, contact the Lawyer Referral Service of an adjacent county. You, WINSTON L. MATTHEW, are made a party defendant to the foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagees and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the mortgage made by you, WINSTON L. MATTHEW and MARY JOHNSON-MATTHEW, as set forth above. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint will be supplied to you for your information.

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DOCKET NO. F-6429-97

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 You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Sanford E. Cherrin, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is One Eastern Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, an answer to the complaint filed in a civil action in which LINDA V. PACHECO is plaintiff, and ANGELO MONTONDI, ET AL., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after the date of publication exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, Trenton, New Jersey, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the county of venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue. The names and telephone numbers of such services are as follows:

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1. Tax Sale Certificate No. 1099 dated October 30, 1992, made by Angela Pico, Collector of Taxes of the Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, and held by Lino V. Pacheco, the plaintiff herein, and covers real estate located in the Township of Berkeley Heights, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, known as Block 1201 Lot 1 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Duplicate of the said Township of Berkeley Heights and assessed to Joseph S. Poloni, as owner. You and each of you are made defendants in the above entitled action because you have or may claim to have some right, title, lien or other interest affecting the real estate being foreclosed, by virtue of ownership, inheritance, descent, intestacy, devise, dower, curtesy, mortgage, deed or conveyance, entry of judgment or other legal or lawful right. The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with particularity in the complaint, a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to the attorneys for the plaintiff at the above mentioned address. Dated: December 18, 1997. DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court (539-90) U7597 WCN Dec. 18, 1997

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The format for First Night Summit remains unchanged with events starting at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve at more than two dozen indoor locations, and ending at midnight with a fireworks display on the Village Green. A badge gains the wearer admittance to all performances. For the fifth year, prices remain unchanged. Advance badge sales are \$7 through Sunday, and \$10 from Sunday through Dec. 31. Last-minute badges can be purchased for \$10 at a half-dozen performance locations on New Year's Eve.

Alice and Joseph Hurler, co-chairs of the volunteer committee, are seeking nearly 200 volunteers to work as site managers, usher and ticket salespeople the night of the event. Volunteers are scheduled to work only half the night, and receive free badges to attend performances for the rest of the evening. Individuals, organizations and neighborhood groups who would like to volunteer should call 522-1722.

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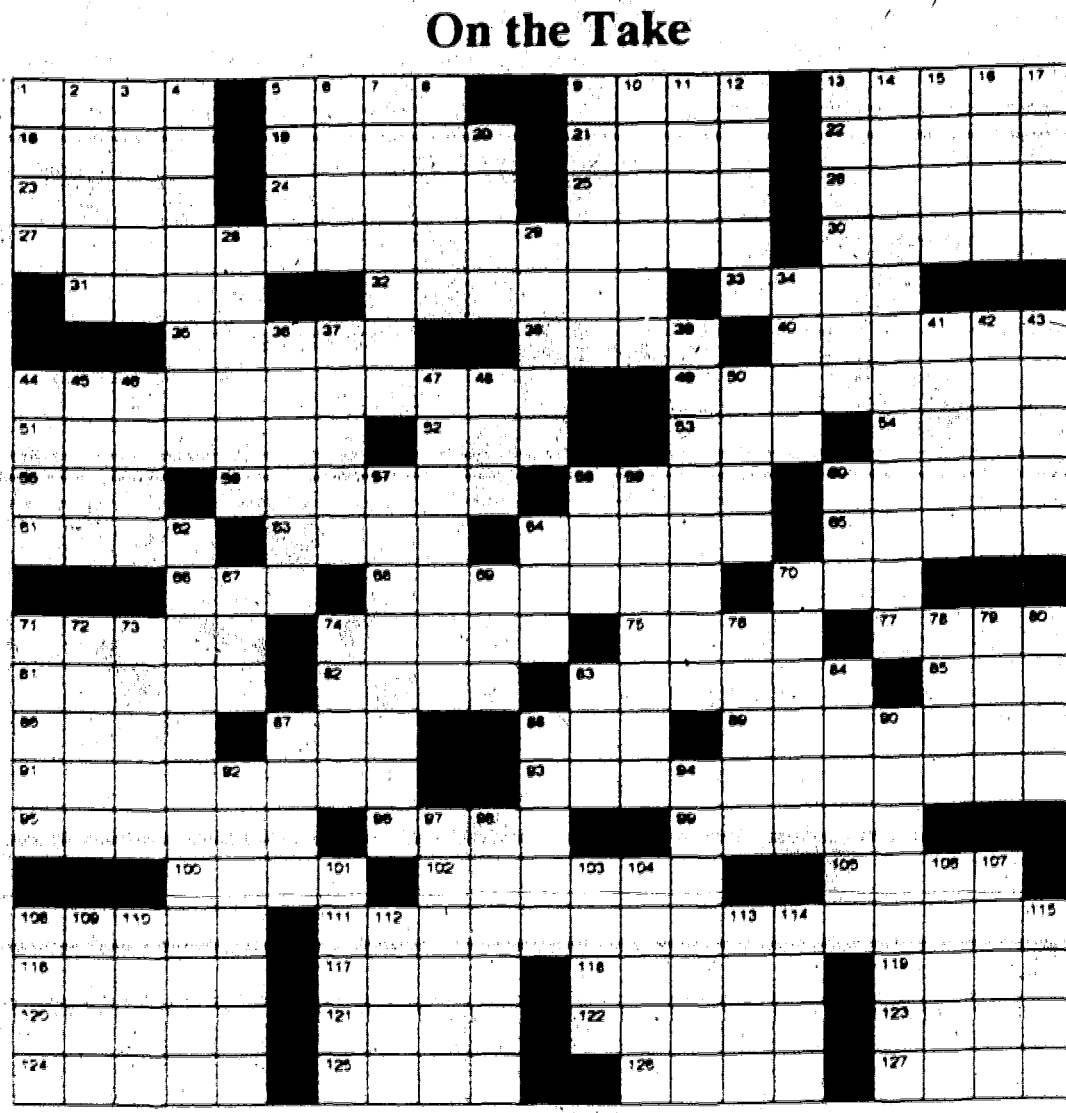
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Real Estate

TRANSACTIONS

Real estate transactions are recorded in the office of the county clerk. Worrall Newspapers publishes an abbreviated version of all transactions recorded in the 12 Union County municipalities the newspapers cover. The information is provided by TRW Property Data, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., information service, and is published approximately six weeks after it is filed in the county clerk's office.

Clark

Bernard and Rosalie E. Penn sold property at **144 Acorn Drive** to Andrew J. King for \$265,500 on Aug. 18.

Eile Quinlan sold property at **2 Linda Lane** to Roni Ottenstein for \$165,000 on Aug. 18.

Howard and Gertrude Curley sold property at **95 Ivy St.** to Raymond J. Gulbin for \$162,000 on Aug. 18.

Adele Schoppman sold property at **76 Hutchinson St.** to Frank G. Gallina for \$158,000 on Aug. 20.

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Sara Bonardi sold property at **13 Schuyler Drive** to Domenico P. Lettini for \$147,000 on Aug. 21.

William J. MacMillan sold property at **107 Armstrong Drive** to Eugene Adamusik II for \$311,000 on Aug. 25.

Debra Galli sold property at **92 Union County Parkway** to Howard R. Legrande for \$275,000 on Aug. 26.

Theodore and Dorothy M. Kartzman sold property at **44 Stonehenge Terrace** to Richard Vigliotti for \$235,000 on Aug. 26.

Joseph M. and Ann M. Moro sold property at **94 Rutgers Road** to Marc Cohen for \$267,000 on Aug. 26.

Elizabeth

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at **628 Green St.** to Joseph Gillis for \$53,000 on Aug. 14.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at **159 Orchard St.** to Alba L. Robles for \$76,900 on Aug. 14.

Rafael Rosa sold property at **926-928 Adams Ave.** to Manuel Fernandez for \$107,000 on Aug. 15.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. sold property at **236 Fulton St.** to Joseph Cochiaro for \$15,000 on Aug. 18.

Celestino S. and Carminda Falcao sold property at **18 Chilton St.** to Galo Prosano-Cob for \$195,000 on Aug. 18.

Hilda Lode sold property at **58 Delaware St.** to Luis Cruz for \$70,000 on Aug. 19.

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RRP Investment Inc. sold property at **409 E. Jersey St.** to Grecia Tissoni for \$115,000 on Aug. 22.

Manuel A. and Margarete Pereira sold property at **231 Insee Place** to Sandra Figueroa for \$92,000 on Aug. 22.

Visabeira Builders LLC sold property at **474 Adams Ave.** to Aniceto R. Pereira for \$190,000 on Aug. 22.

Hillside

Saul and Miriam E. Bosek sold property at **700 Union Ave.** to Aisha D. McLaren for \$140,000 on Aug. 10.

Katherine McMillan sold property at **552 Paul St.** to Jacques L. Saint-Amand for \$140,000 on Aug. 12.

Antonio and Belmira Oliveira sold property at **1125 S. Long Ave.** to Carlos M. Faria for \$225,000 on Aug. 14.

Hamilton J. and May C. McDermott sold property at **844 Jerome Ave.** to Scott R. Hargrove for \$142,900 on Aug. 15.

Robert and Kathleen J. MacDonald sold property at **33 Fairbanks St.** to Timothy Jones for \$131,000 on Aug. 15.

Antonio C. and Celeste Azevedo sold property at **161 Bailey Ave.** to Robert M. Lewis Jr. for \$113,000 on Aug. 15.

Maria Zentmaier sold property at **1094 Chester St.** to Michaline Yurcik for \$110,000 on Aug. 18.

Federal National Mortgage Association sold property at **14 Looker St.** to Jose C. Barrds for \$94,500 on Aug. 22.

Kenilworth

Rita Adriance sold property at **751 Newark Ave.** to Edward H. Miller for \$125,000 on Aug. 20.

Donald G. and Martha J. Tisch sold property at **19 S. 23rd St.** to James L. Brewster for \$156,000 on Aug. 25.

Wanda M. Peterson sold property at **347 Oakwood Ave.** to James T. Keller for \$147,500 on Aug. 28.

Frank M. and Liboria L. DePalma sold property at **713 Clinton Ave.** to Liboria L. DePalma for \$60,000 on Aug. 28.

Linden

Judith and Dudash C. Martino Jr. sold property at **538 Exeter Road** to Charles Dudash Jr. for \$20,000 on Aug. 20.

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Anna Bruggis sold property at **2111 Alberta Ave.** to Jose A. Silva for \$120,000 on Aug. 20.

Alma M. King et al sold property at **4 Gresser Ave.** to Joy R. Shields for \$87,500 on Aug. 21.

Stephen C. and Deborah P. Leonard sold property at **206 W. Curtis St.** to Alejandro Santiago for \$139,000 on Aug. 21.

Anthony Schilare sold property at **302 Amon Terrace** to Michelle Schilare for \$81,500 on Aug. 21.

Dorothy Thomason sold property at **718 Riverbend Road** to Steven Fedorochko for \$158,500 on Aug. 21.

Sophie D. Wojtowicz sold property at **629 W. Blancke St.** to Wieslaw Wlostowski for \$118,000 on Aug. 22.

Christopher L. Pendleton sold property at **2116 Caroline Ave.** to John Shearing for \$143,000 on Aug. 27.

Eugene W. and Alba E. Novitski sold property at **128 Elmwood Terrace** to Robert W. Reinhold for \$140,000 on Aug. 27.

Michael Beck et al sold property at **1919 Verona Ave.** to Juan C. Castro for \$140,000 on Aug. 28.

Mountainside

John P. and Janet Skinner sold property at **304 Garrett Road** to Cynthia L. Marra for \$215,000 on Aug. 20.

William J. and Janet G. Quandt sold property at **1321 Stoney Brook Lane** to Alice B. Shackelford for \$215,000 on Aug. 20.

William B. and Elizabeth N. Smith sold property at **266 Hickory Lane** to James G. Malinowsky for \$265,000 on Aug. 21.

Mark G. and Adriana I. Greenberg sold property at **1112 Sylvan Lane** to William Stoffel for \$330,000 on Aug. 22.

Barbara Stockman sold property at **474 Bayberry Lane** to Jay R. Post for \$248,750 on Aug. 25.

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Pogorzelski said he had invested too much of his last nine years in the fire put him out of business. Soon after that day in January, he reopened his office in temporary quarters across the street at 936 Stuyvesant, where he interacts with his 27 agents and continues to offer quality service for his clients and customers. Turning his confidence into progress, he has been overseeing the construction of a modern new brick office building on the original site of his business, where he plans to reopen in the beginning of 1998.

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Volvo and the environment — perfect together

Volvo has always been strongly identified with certain core values: safety, quality and care for the environment. In keeping with its Scandinavian heritage, Volvo takes a holistic view of humanity and environmental responsibility. Consequently, Volvo's total manufacturing processes are examined from an environmental perspective, resulting in projects like:

- Environmental Priorities System, a system by which the environmental impact of every material element in each vehicle is quantified in order to make the best possible production decision.
- MOTIV Chemical Database, which details the environmental and health effects of each chemical used in the manufacturing of Volvos, as well as 2,000 that have been deemed unusable due to undesirable effects.
- Environmental Car Recycling in Scandinavia, a program which focuses on the dismantling of vehicles in a way that has the least environmental impact.

While tailpipe emissions may be the most obvious automotive "pollution," in reality the entire life cycle of a car produces waste. From mining resources and producing raw goods to transporting products and manufacturing vehicles, not to mention vehicle use of consumables and, finally, disposal of vehicles, sources of pollution exist. Volvo has helped develop a tool to measure all environmental aspects of a Volvo's life cycle. It is called Environmental Priorities System.

Volvo environmental experts and engineers, the Swedish Environmental Research Institute and the Swedish Federation of Industries, have measured every step of the manufacturing, operation and disposal processes. Using their findings, they established the environmental load unit, a unit of measurement that qualifies the environmental impact of each element of a car.

Adding together the ELU of the aluminum, iron, glass, plastics, leather, vinyl and every other material found in a car, Volvo can then vary the use of components in order to attain a lower total ELU. For example, the plastic inner fender well cover can be made from virgin plastic, or recycled, but the virgin plastic has a higher ELU, so recycled plastic would be used.

The ELU includes every aspect of a component. For example, when determining the ELU of a red plastic component the total ELU includes materials used to clean the mold for production of plastic components in another required color. An ELU for raw iron includes all aspects of the mining plus ore transportation, smelting and forging.

EPS makes it easy to select environmentally desirable alternatives for vehicle production. Designers, engineers, purchasing experts and others who have a

role in developing a new model use the same scale, the ELU, to determine how to create a product with the least harmful effect on the environment.

Perhaps the most pressing environmental issue facing Volvo is the use of chemicals during manufacturing. Certain chemicals offer unique hazards and disposal problems, but are often used in the automotive industry to facilitate production processes and enhance the experience of drivers and passengers.

Volvo has created MOTIV, a chemical database which provides details on 4,000 different chemicals used within the life cycle of its cars. MOTIV also includes information on handling, storage and transportation of these chemicals.

Additionally, MOTIV includes information on 2,000 chemicals Volvo no longer uses because of environmental and/or health factors. Here are some of the chemicals that Volvo has permanently removed from factories, and the reasons they have been removed from the process:

- CFCs — ozone depleting.
- Halogens — ozone depleting.
- Chlorinated paraffins — toxic, difficult to biodegrade.
- Trichlorethylene — causes health hazard.
- Nonylphenoloxides — toxic.
- Lead naphthenes — toxic, difficult to biodegrade.
- Dibutyl phthalate — toxic, bio-accumulating.
- Hexane — causes nerve damage.
- Ethyleneglycols — inhibits reproduction.

All new chemicals proposed for use in production are analyzed against the MOTIV database. Those deemed unacceptable from a health and environmental standpoint are prohibited from entering the factories. Volvo intends that MOTIV will prevent contamination of the environment and harm to its employees.

All around the world, people are recycling aluminum, paper, plastic and other

materials that would otherwise take up valuable space in landfills. To do its part, Volvo is spearheading a study on how to recycle more effectively. Environmental Recycling in Scandinavia is a joint venture between Volvo, who conceived and planned the ECRIS facility, and three other Scandinavian companies. ECRIS is in a four-year trial program with four main goals:

- To develop effective new methods for dismantling and sorting environmentally harmful components and recyclable material.
- To use life cycle analysis to calculate the environmental impacts of various recycling methods.
- To evaluate material recycling and energy recovering methods.
- To promote and evaluate markets for recycled material.

New design and production engineers from Volvo are sent to the ECRIS as part of their indoctrination into Volvo's engineering environment. Dismantling all types of vehicles at ECRIS teaches them how to design components that can be separated in a recycling shop. For example, an instrument dash panel is typically constructed by bending foam to metal, becoming a simple piece that is basically impossible to separate for recycling. However, because of lessons learned at ECRIS, the Volvo dash panel is attached to its metal base with clips for easy removal during recycling. The same technique is used with many other major dissimilar joined parts.

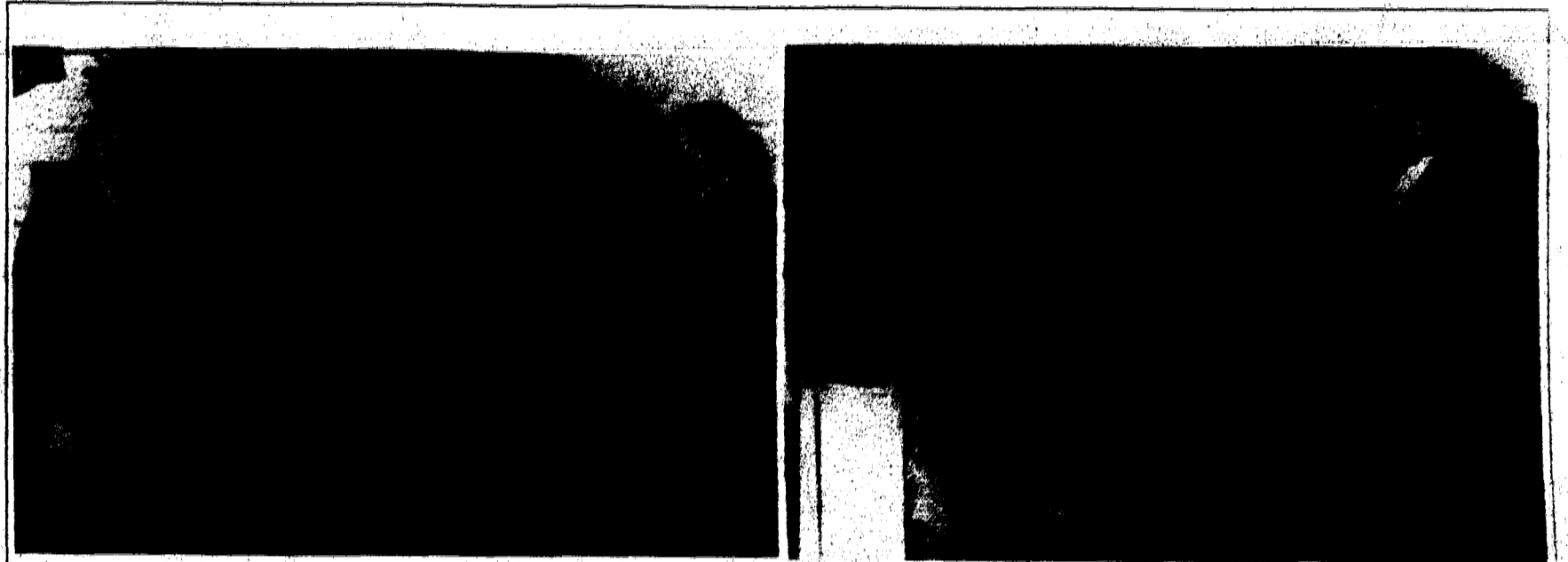
Once the materials are separated into recycling bins, it is determined whether they will be recycled or reused. Some glass can be crushed to make new glass, while other glass is used in concrete. Foam from seat cushions is recycled to produce car mat undersides. Many steel body parts are recovered intact and used to repair Volvos damaged in collisions. All engines are tested, put in working order, given a warranty and sold to repair shops.

ECRIS is confident that its methods are beneficial to the environment and help Volvo achieve its goal of producing quality products at a good value to the customer.

Volvo sales have increased slowly but surely since '96

Volvo car sales during calendar year 1996 showed strong increases in both the S50 and V90 production lines. The 9.6 percent increase, while mathematically small, was anything but insignificant, as it was achieved with one less model being sold. This was the first model year that the 940 series was no longer sold in North America. The S50 series turned in a 15.3 percent increase over 1995, while sales of the V90 series were 39.3 percent higher than in 1995. Once again, the Volvo S50 was the U.S.'s best-selling import car in the over \$25,000 class.

Sales expectations were high in 1997 as Volvo introduced its new models under new names. The 1998 S70 series, now sold as the S90 and V90, will also conform to Volvo's new naming system, but remain largely unchanged except for new interior elements.



Left to Right - James B. Appleton, President of N.J. Car; Ron Position of Smith Cadillac; John Lauricella Thomas Lincoln - Mercury; Mitch Friedman, Morris Chevrolet; Joe Sejack, Chairman of N.J. Car Enjoying the Annual Christmas Party of the Union County Auto Dealers Association at Suburban Golf Club in Union.

AAA supports recent ruling on airbags

AAA said it supports the decision by the government to allow the installation of switches to temporarily deactivate airbags.

"This ruling enhances the safety of all drivers and their passengers," said Fred Gruel, president and chief executive officer for AAA New Jersey Automobile Club in Florham Park. "The on-off switch preserves the safety value of airbags while offering protection for the few people at risk from airbag deployment."

AAA is launching a campaign to educate its 40 million members and all motorists on the proper use of air-bag switches. Brochures and other educational material will be available by early December.

"Airbags save lives when drivers and passengers are properly positioned and restrained," said Gruel. "The overwhelming majority of motorists should never deactivate their airbags."

Before the switches can be installed, motorists must receive an authorization letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. To get authorization, motorists must send a form to NHTSA stating they meet at least one of four criteria. The criteria are: (1) unable to sit 10 inches from the airbag; (2) at risk from airbags due to a medical condition; (3) must transport children in a vehicle without a car seat or (4) must transport more children than can be accommodated in the rear seat.

AAA also reminds motorists that the safest place for children to ride is in the back seat, even in vehicles not equipped with airbags.

"For children, the key to airbag safety is to be properly restrained in the back seat," said Gruel. "For adults, the key is to properly restrain with a safety zone of at least 10 inches between their chest and the airbags."

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Saab establishes standards for worldwide auto market

Saab automobiles have been synonymous with innovative technology and advanced engineering since the first Saab was unveiled in 1947. The Swedish automaker has continued to pioneer a long lineup of safety, comfort and performance features, many of which have been adopted by other manufacturers. The following are Saab world innovations, and all of these features — small or large — are available on today's Saab 900 and 9000 models.

Although 1972 federal safety standards did not require specific side-impact reinforcement, Saab added steel beams to the side-door structure of the Saab 99 model in the fall of 1972. Saab's real-world accident investigation team had found that many collisions involved side impacts. As a result, Saab engineers integrated longitudinally welded beams into the doors, at a height to provide maximum protection for passengers. These type of welded steel beams were an industry first, and are now used in some form by most carmakers.

Side-impact protection is an integrated part of the energy-absorbing Saab safety cage design. Saab was one of the first carmakers to design a car with integrated safety cage construction. Sturdy steel reinforcements surround the passenger compartment, diverting collision forces away from the occupants, regardless of whether the impact comes from the front, rear or side. In addition, the front and rear areas of the car are designed to absorb much of the kinetic energy generated in a collision. These so-called "crumple zones" take the brunt of a crash.

Saab was the first carmaker to introduce impact-absorbing, self-restoring front and rear bumpers in the U.S. The new bumpers debuted on the 1972 Saab 99E, one year ahead of the 1973 federal bumper standard that required all cars be capable of sustaining a 5-mph front and 2.5-mph rear barrier collision without damage to the safety systems of the car. The 1972 Saab 99E was the first car that not only met, but exceeded the regulation by suffering no damage at all in the low-speed impacts.

Today's Saab 900 and 9000's frameless bumpers are still designed to restore to their original shape following a low-speed impact. Each year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety subjects new cars to a series of low-speed crash tests to check the strength of their bumpers. In the latest round of tests, the 1994 Saab 900 was the only 4-door midsize car to drive away from the 5-mph front and rear flag barrier impacts without damage. In fact, the 900 is one of only four cars tested since 1990 that suffered zero damage in the flat barrier tests.

Saab is synonymous with state-of-the-art turbocharging. Prior to 1977, other manufacturers used turbos only on limited production or very expensive sports cars. Reliability was low and cost was high. Saab revolutionized the concept of turbocharging family cars by applying an adjustable-boost turbo to a small displacement engine, with the introduction of the 1977 Saab 99 Turbo, followed by the new Saab 900 Turbo a year later. Saab's turbo engines were engineered to achieve high torque at low speeds — a desirable characteristic for everyday driving.

The 1980 Saab 900 offered the award-winning Automatic Performance Control (APC), which electronically monitored and adjusted the turbo engine for maximum efficiency and low emissions, and compensated for different octane gasolines.

Saab's next "first" was the 16-valve turbo engine, introduced as the third generation turbo in 1983. This engine was also equipped with an intercooler to lower the temperature of the intake air, which raises the engine's compression ratio and power output.

In 1992, Saab's remarkable Trionic system debuted, which further improved the efficiency of Saab turbo engines. Electronically, the award-winning Trionic system constantly adjusts the engine's fuel/air mixture, ignition timing and turbo charge.

Saab is still a leader in the production of advanced turbo engines. All of today's Saab turbo engines are inter-cooled, use four valves per cylinder, direct ignition and dual overhead camshafts. Over the years, refinements have reduced the feeling of "turbo lag" to virtually nil, and today's turbos are as reliable as a normally aspirated engine.

The use of daytime running lights has been proven to be an effective, low-cost method of reducing car-to-car crashes. DRLs come on automatically when the car's ignition is on, and turn off when the key is switched off. For the 1995 model year, Saab was one of the first carmakers to debut this proven safety feature as standard

equipment on all its new cars sold in the United States.

DRLs are new to the U.S., but Saab has offered a DRL alternative since 1968 — a full 25 years ahead of NHTSA's new regulation that made DRLs possible nationwide. Every Saab 9000 and 900 includes an inter-lock system that automatically turns off the headlights through the ignition key. Consequently, drivers of earlier model Saabs can simply leave the headlight switch in the "on" position and keep the lights on continuously. DRLs without fear of running down the battery when they leave the vehicle.

Starting with the 1977 Saab 99, headlight wipers and washers became another Saab contribution to safer driving. Today's Saab offers headlight wiper/washers as standard equipment. This innovation is activated automatically when the wiper/washer washers are used. In 1977, the Swedish Automobile Association awarded Saab a gold medal for this feature, which later became required by law for all cars in Sweden.

There's much more to the rear seat in the Saab 900 than meets the eye. Called the Saab "Safeseat," the seat incorporates a full-width upper cross-beam that serves both as a child restraint and anchorage point for all three rear headrest and safety belts. All three positions use shoulder belt with inertia reel systems for maximum protection. Another full-width cross-beam is located in the lower seat cushion to add protection against side impacts, plus serving as part of an anti-submerging design to prevent occupants from sliding under the safety belts in a collision.

In addition, a pair of optional integrated child booster seats is available as part of the Saab 900 5-door Safeseat design.

Saabs are legendary for their cargo-carrying capability. Despite the seat's built-in structural strength, the rear seat of the 900 Coupe or 5-door can be folded down in part or fully for 49.3 cubic feet of utility. Plus, the seatback has a pass-through behind the center armrest. Even the rear seatback on the 900 Convertible folds forward to create a full-width pass-through to the trunk — unprecedented among Saab 4-door competitors.

Other automakers may tout the benefits of their "new" ventilation filters, but Saab drivers have been breathing filtered air since 1978, when Saab became the first car manufacturer to offer a cabin air filter on the new 1990. Saab introduced an even more efficient electrostatic cabin air filter as standard equipment on all models. The filter prevents most dust, bacteria, pollen and soot from entering the passenger cabin.

A driver's comfort is essential to safe and enjoyable driving. If a car is thoroughly cold on a winter's day, it may take 20 minutes or more for the occupant's body heat to warm the seat. This can be particularly troublesome for people who are susceptible to backaches or rheumatism. Saabs, built in the icy climates of Scandinavia, offer a welcome solution to a cold seat: heating elements built into the front seat lower cushion and seatback. Again, Saab was a pioneer by being first to offer this feature on the 1972 Saab 99. Now, heated front seats are standard on every new Saab.

Saab takes the surprise out of unpleasant weather conditions with immediate access to National Weather Service reports. Saab drivers can tune into the latest weather reports at the push of a button on their 900 or 9000's radio. Saab audio systems integrate a convenient Weather Band feature for 24-hour reports on local conditions in virtually any area. National Weather Service broadcasts are made from more than 370 locations throughout the U.S. The Saab Weather Band feature automatically seeks out the strongest signal in each area.

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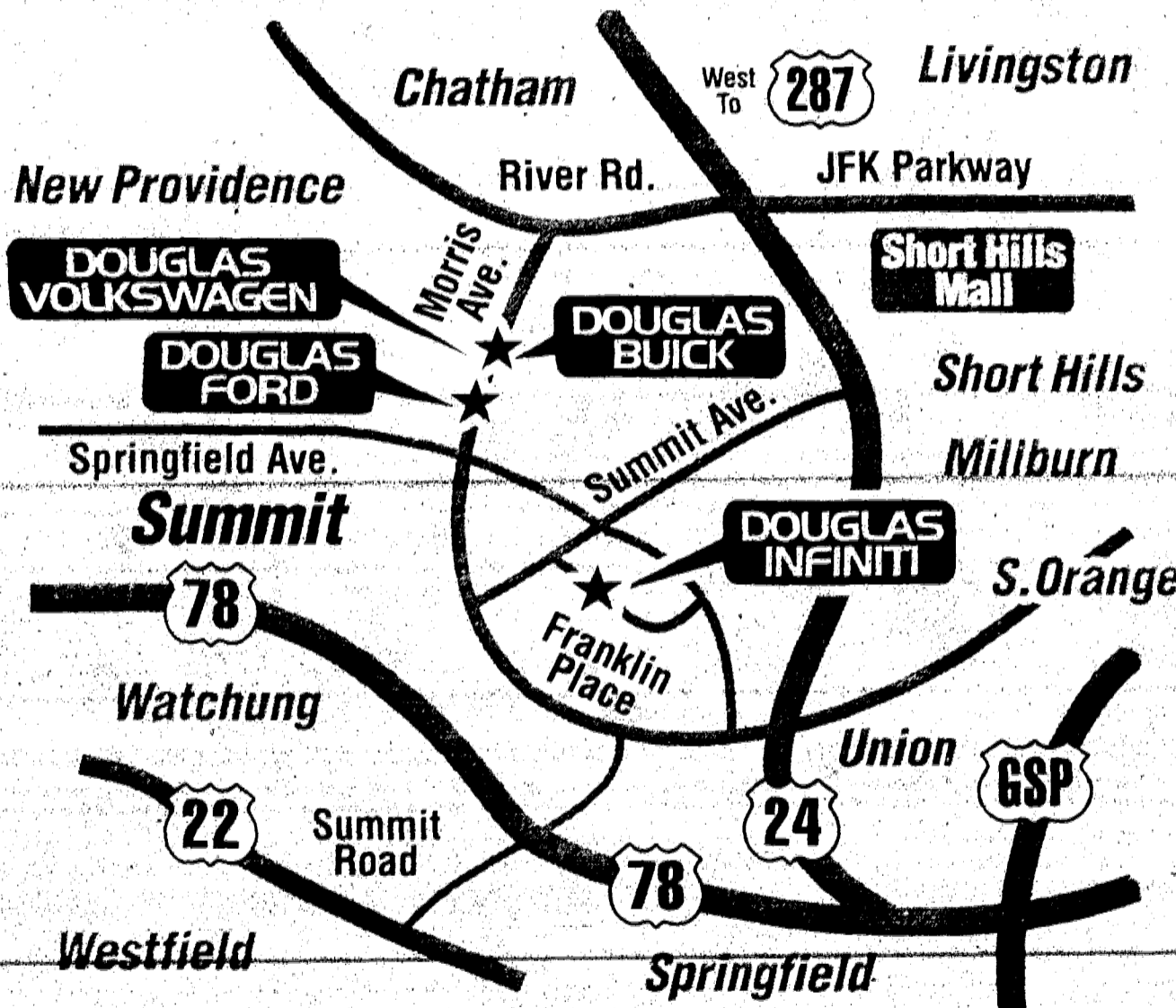
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