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TWO SECTIONS

Mountainside robbery ends in Newark car crash..

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

It was first reported to the Mountainside Police Department as a shoplifting but it ended as a two-car crash in Newark.

On Dec. 27 at 11:07 p.m., a call came into Mountainside police headquarters over 9-1-1. The 7-Eleven at 921 Mountain Ave. reported that a man had stolen two cartons of cigarettes and fled the scene.

Officer James Urban went to the 7-Eleven to investigate. The employee on duty, Douglas Stettler, explained that a man with black hair and no facial hair, who was approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall and wearing blue sweatpants, had asked him for two cartons of cigarettes, Newport and Newport 100's. Stettler scanned the cartons for the price and placed them on the counter in front of the suspect.

The suspect grabbed the two cartons and ran out the door. He got into a tan Cadillac, that was parked in front of the store, and pulled away, heading toward Route 22 East.

Stettler was able to take note of the license plate which he provided to police when he called 9-1-1.

When the Mountainside police ran the license plate number that Stettler had

given them, it turned out the car had been reported stolen from Bloomfield on Dec. 19.

Witnesses at the 7-Eleven confirmed Stettler's statement that the only words the suspect uttered were the ones asking for the two cartons.

"What happened was the call came in and the sergeant realized that by the way it was reported he left down Mountain Avenue towards Route 22," said Capt. Richard Osieja. "So the sergeant took it upon himself — obviously feeling that the guy was fleeing onto 22 East — he shot down Route 22 East 'cause he was already on Route 22 East when the call came in."

Sgt. Joseph Giannuzzi spotted the Cadillac when he entered the Township of Union. The Cadillac sped up and got onto the Garden State Parkway northbound. Giannuzzi activated his emergency lights and vehicle siren to signal the Cadillac to pull over.

"He caught up to the guy because they had a plate number and everything," said Osieja.

The Cadillac continued on the Parkway, through the toll plaza at a high rate of speed, and finally exited at Exit 142, making a left turn onto Chancellor Avenue.

Giannuzzi followed, cautiously.

"He followed him until backup was available, which was down at the Union line, and at that point that's when the suspect took off, accelerating at a high speed and the pursuit actually began," said Osieja.

The Cadillac then turned right onto Union Avenue and continued at a very high speed into an area of Irvington Township, which has numerous grid-like intersections, some of which have traffic lights.

The Cadillac continued, disregarding the traffic lights at which point several Irvington Police Department patrol cars assisted in the pursuit. They entered the roadway ahead of Gianuzzi.

The Cadillac turned right onto Springfield Avenue and continued to the intersection of 17th Avenue in Newark where it crashed into another vehicle.

Police officers attended to the occupants of the vehicles. Two members of the Union-Essex Auto Theft Task Force took the suspect into custody.

The suspect was identified as Robert Kovacs, 35, of Union. He was taken to University Hospital in Newark for his injuries. He was treated and released into the custody of the Newark police.

Kovacs was charged with theft of the vehicle he was in, receiving stolen property, and second degree alluding police, said Osieja.

Dayton High students delve into congress competition for state

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Two history classes from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield participated in a mock congressional hearing on the morning of Jan. 10. The winning class will go on to represent the town's congressional district in the state finals.

"If nothing else I think they came away with a better working knowledge and understanding of the Constitution and its changes and its flexibility over the last 225 years," said Social Studies Supervisor Barry Bachenheimer. "In terms of skills, I certainly hoped that they've developed their thinking and reasoning and communicating and debating skills."

The competition is part of a state-wide contest known as "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution." Each congressional district in New Jersey will be represented in the state finals on Feb. 8, at the State House in Trenton. The winner there

will go on to represent New Jersey in the national finals.

"We're having this to see which class will represent," said Bachenheimer. "It's kind of a runoff between two of our history classes. Six people from the community will come in and be our judges."

The six people were: Joe Calimano, retired East Brunswick High School teacher who represented New Jersey in the National Competition from 1987 to 1998; Supervisor of Educational Programs for Springfield Schools Pamela Gray; environmental lobbyist Deborah Herr; Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes, Township Administrator Richard Sheola, and an alum of the competition Naseer Siddique.

"What a simulated congressional hearing is is the kids argue current issues, constitutional research and the judges ask them questions," said Bachenheimer.

Assemblyman Thomas Kean Jr., appearing as a guest speaker, made a

short speech before the hearing began. "Let me say what an honor it is to be here today and how impressed I am that all of you have taken the initiative to get involved so early in the governmental process," he said. "Congratulations to you and what you are embarking upon today. I am looking forward to it a great deal."

Six different topics were to be debated. They ranged from philosophical and historical foundations of the American political system to how the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shaped American institutions and practices.

The classes, consisting of 38 sophomores from period 2 and period 5, were broken into 12 units, with three to four students in each of those units. Six units stayed in the auditorium with three of the judges. The other six units moved to a classroom with the three other judges.

"There were six units in total and what we did was we took three units from each class and split them up that



Photo By Jeff Grant

Township Administrator Richard Sheola and Deborah Herr, environmental lobbyist, editor and volunteer for Community Services Agencies serve as judges and listen to the students display their government knowledge.

way," said Bachenheimer. "For example, units one, two and three from one class were in the auditorium and units one, two, and three from the other were in the other room and then vice versa four, five and six."

Judges select which question to ask the students from three that were given to each unit.

First, students present their prepared four-minute statements that answer unit questions designed by the Center for Civic Education.

"For example, Unit 1 has three questions," said Bachenheimer. "The kids prepped responses for each of those three questions but they weren't asked all three. The judges pick one question, of the three, to ask them."

Once those statements are finished, judges ask follow-up questions in an 11-minute session, where the judges probe the extent of the students' understanding of the Constitution and constitutional issues.

After, the panel of judges evaluates the students' responses using the criteria of understanding, constitutional application, reasoning, supporting evidence, responsiveness and participation.

"There's a point total," said Bachenheimer. "When the judges are listening to their responses, there's a total of six categories, so the judges score them in each category from one to 10. They come up with a total out of 60 points for each team. Then what

I do is I take the point totals, tally them all up, and the team with the most points wins."

Period 5 beat out Period 2 and will be representing the 7th Congressional District in Trenton.

"For me as a teacher, it's really difficult," said Bachenheimer. "When I look back I was pleased with everybody, happy that one class is going on, sad for the other guys because I know they did work really hard."



Lisa Listowski listens as Keith Dworkin speaks about the power of government.



Photo By Jeff Grant

Speaking about the delegate and reserve power of the state and federal government are, from left, Lisa Listowski, Andrea Handeli and Keith Dworkin. Two history classes from Jonathan Dayton High School recently participated in a mock congressional hearing to demonstrate what they learned in classes and plan to compete in a state competition.

Attorneys argue Stop & Shop's exiting procedures

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

In the ongoing Stop & Shop Supermarket debate at the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting Tuesday night, how tractor-trailers will turn out of the site was the prominent issue discussed.

Henry Ney of Schor Depalma Engineers and Design Professionals in Manatapan testified for Royal Ahold, the parent company of Stop & Shop, as a traffic expert.

The proposed location of Stop & Shop is at 90 Milburn Ave., where a Saks Fifth Avenue used to reside, an area that has very heavy traffic flow.

"Tractor-trailers will arrive from the west, make a right turn into the site, and return to the west. Those are under the specific control of Stop & Shop," said Ney.

He explained that the site plan that was approved was not designed to accommodate tractor-trailers to make a right turn out of the

lot. Ney said that if the truck made a right turn it would violate the center line of Milburn Avenue.

Stephen Barcan, attorney for Village Supermarkets, a rival of Stop & Shop, asked Ney if trucks owned by Coca-Cola or Pepsi, who were delivering to Stop & Shop, would be subject to the supermarket's control. Ney said they would not be subject to Stop & Shop's control.

"Therefore could they make a right if they're not subject to Stop & Shop's control?" asked Barcan, pointing out how the truck would therefore violate the center line of Milburn Avenue.

"There are many, many intersections where if a semi-trailer made a right turn it could only do so by violating the center line," said Ney.

James Segreto, attorney for Royal Ahold, objected to Barcan's line of questioning based on the ground that Ney's configurations are within the jurisdiction of the county. He said any approval given by the Springfield board

also would have to meet the approval of the county.

"I again bring the attention of the board to the Toys 'R' Us decision of the Supreme Court," said Segreto, "which held that if there are existing traffic problems on a public roadway then those problems cannot be the basis of a denial for an application which had otherwise complied."

Barcan moved his questioning along to deal with the issue of tractor-trailers pulling into the proposed Stop & Shop site and how they would go about parking in the enclosed unloading area, when there are several tractor-trailers in the lot.

He questioned the width of the loading docks, claiming that there might not be enough room for the trucks to maneuver.

"I object to the questioning of the width of the loading docks in as much as our responsibility is to comply with your ordinance," said

Segreto. "We do comply with your ordinance and the decision as to what the width should be is a legislative decision which we have no control over. If we comply that's an end to it, it seems to me, from a municipal land use law requirement."

Barcan said it is the board's obligation to make sure a plan works, especially in a situation where there is an enclosed unloading area, which believes is unusual for this type of application.

"If the board seems to think that the ordinance standard is inappropriate they make a recommendation to the governing body," said Segreto. "The applicants and the board and the objectors are bound to what is in the ordinance. We comply and to my understanding that is the end of the story."

Testimony will continue at the Zoning Board's next meeting on Feb. 19.

Board approves grocery

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield residents can soon welcome a new place to shop for groceries when Supermarket Queen opens at 901 Mountain Ave. where Office Depot used to reside.

At the Jan. 2 Planning Board meeting, minor site plan approval was granted pending several variances, including Health Department approval, a plumbing plan, a garbage collection schedule, signage and awning changes, and a filtration system for onsite cooking to be submitted to the Fire Department and Board of Health.

Stanley Boho testified on the behalf of and acted as a liaison for David Kim, who wants to open Supermarket Queen. In previous meetings, there was a language barrier between the Planning Board and Kim, due to his accent. Boho spoke for Kim at last week's meeting.

The supermarket will feature a sushi area, a cell phone area, fresh cut flowers, fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as an organic food section in addition to the standard meat, poultry, fish, and frozen food areas.

"We did set up a company that will be taking care of the waste for the store," said Boho. "At the beginning, they'll be picking it up within a half hour of us calling. They'll be able to pick up six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Once we find out how much waste the store produces, we'll set up a regular schedule with them."

Planning Board Chairman Richard Colandrea said that once that schedule is set, a copy should be submitted to the board.

Planning Board member and Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke asked at what hours the garbage would be picked up. He reminded the applicant that the township has an ordinance prohibiting garbage collection to certain times near residential areas.

Clarke said he believes the proposed location is within 200 feet of residential property. The ordinance states that garbage and recycling pickup cannot be done between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when a residential area is within 200 feet.

"We have found the trucks backing up, the beeping noise, wakes people up at three o'clock in the morning," said Clarke.

Clarke pointed out that in the past, there have been issues of health standards with stores that have come in at that location.

However, Kim is no stranger to grocery stores. He owns Morris Farms in Union as well as a supermarket in Nanuet, N.Y. "If you want to take a look at his store, Morris Farms is kept very clean," said Boho.

Clarke said he wants to make sure there is absolute adherence to standard health codes.

Issues of the store's signage came up, with board members asking Kim to have them redesigned with colors that more closely match the ones on the signs of the other stores in that area. Kim agreed to do so.

The resolution will be memorialized at the Planning Board's next meeting on Feb. 6. Once the plan is memorialized, 45 days are given for people to come forward and appeal the approval.

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NEWS CLIPS

Babysitter courses offered by Red Cross

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a babysitters training course for youth ages 11 to 15 years old on Friday and Saturday.

The course is ideal for current and future babysitters. It teaches youth the best ways to keep the children in their care safe. Topics include making good decisions, supervising children of different ages, keeping everyone safe inside and outside, handling emergencies, age appropriate activities, performing basic infant care including feeding, diapering, burping, basic first aid and more.

The class will be conducted Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Chapter House, located at 321 Elm St., Westfield. Students must attend both. The course includes a handbook and a small first aid kit. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

The Chapter holds this babysitters training course every month. Interested individuals can call the Chapter at 908-232-7090, stop by the Chapter House or send an e-mail to johnson@ecrossnet.org.

Springfield Dems meet Wednesday

The Springfield Democrats will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m., at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church Hill, Springfield. Discussion will center on "What do we want in Springfield?"

For more information call 973-912-8448.

Pancake breakfast is Feb. 2 at Deerfield

On Feb. 2, the Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School Cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, 8:30 until 11 a.m.

Take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. All are welcome to attend this fun and friendly feast. Door prizes will be awarded. The snow date will be Feb. 9. The menu options are: Adult Portion - 4 pancakes, 2 sausages, fruit, beverage for \$5; Smaller Portion - 2 pancakes, 1 sausage, fruit, and beverage for \$3.50; and the Bagel Breakfast - bagel, fruit, beverage for \$2.50. Ticket purchase forms are available at Deerfield School, the Mountainside Library and Borough Hall. The deadline for ticket requests is Jan. 30. For information, call Teri Schmedel 908-301-0147 or Carol Goggi 908-789-9420.

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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.
Upcoming Jan. 24
Karen M. Enslie, family and consumer sciences educator, will speak on the topic of handling the family inheritance without causing family conflicts before the Springfield Hadassah, 12:30 p.m., Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.
The Springfield Library Board of Trustees conducts a reorganization meeting at 8 p.m. in the conference room of the library, 66 Mountain Ave.
The New Jersey Gladiators Arena Football Organization cordially invites the community out to Deerfield Elementary School, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, Mountainside for a "Night Out with the Gladiators."
Disney classes come to life in a special program for the whole family offered by the Springfield Recreation Department at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford from 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$35 per person and includes transportation to the arena. The bus departs at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center.

RELIGION

- Heroism wins with Beth Ahm program: "Parim" - When Heroism Triumphed Over Evil is a special program open to the public at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. with a Maariv.
Family conflicts topic of lecture: "Who gets grandma's yellow pie plate?" The handling of a family inheritance without causing family conflict will be the topic of Karen M. Enslie, a family and consumer sciences educator, when she speaks before the Springfield Hadassah Jan. 24, at 12:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.
Rosary Society conducts services: The Rosary Altar Society, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, conducts a 7 p.m. Rosary and Novena, a 7:30 p.m. service with Rev. P. J. Leonard, and at 8 p.m. a talk and video showing with

Board reviews site plans for Beechwood

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer
Acting out of pure courtesy and wanting to show adjacent property owners exactly what was going on, the Mountainside Board of Education stood before the Planning Board in an open public meeting to go over the Beechwood School site plans Thursday night.
According to state law, the Board of Education is not required to seek this board's approval, said Planning Board President John Tomaine.
The board can give suggestions as to what they would like to see on the site plan, or what changes they would suggest, but the Board of Education doesn't have to use those suggestions.
The Planning Board felt, and the Board of Education agreed, that it was appropriate to give all of the property owners notice as to what's going on so that everyone is aware of the fact that these plans are being brought there tonight and are being reviewed by the Planning Board, said Board of Education President Richard Kress.

Happy to help



James Caldwell School Student Council members Kristin Elliott and Rose Fish are packing up holiday gifts for the patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The Student Council conducted a month-long collection in their school.

School board to take action at all meetings

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer
The Springfield Board of Education approved to conduct all future meetings as Regular Board of Education Meetings, where action can be taken.
The vote to change the policy came at a Board of Education meeting Jan. 7.
The new policy goes into effect immediately.
"The reason we went to 'all action' meetings was to give ourselves added flexibility in terms of hiring and placing contracts," said Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein.
In the past, Springfield has had a process whereby the first meeting of the month is a conference meeting and the second meeting of the month is where the board can vote on issues, where action is taken.
"Members of the board suggested that they call a special meeting. Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler asked if there was a reason that they don't advertise every meeting as a potential action meeting. After deliberation and discussion, the board couldn't think of such a reason.
Mahler then went back and looked at the board's policies and procedures and found nothing in there stopping the board from making every meeting an 'action' meeting.
"So he proposed it and we voted for it," said Fischbein.
Mahler elaborated on what the conference meetings were like. "In other words, the board members were talking about issues, they were discussing what would be on the agenda for the action taken on the second meeting of each month," he said.
Typically, unless they advertised it as a special meeting where action could be taken, it was just an opportunity to talk about things and to share information," Mahler said.
With this new policy, for example, there may be a substitute teacher available to replace someone that is going out on maternity leave, but the policy said that the confirmed hiring of the substitute teacher could only be approved at the second meeting.
"Things come up in between the meetings and there are times when we don't want to wait to what could amount to almost a full month before the board can vote on something," said Mahler.

Schools take preventive steps after mistake

By Joshua Zaltz Staff Writer
In the wake of a 4-year-old preschooler being left on a school bus Jan. 7, the Springfield Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools have taken action to ensure that something like this will never happen again.
"The bus driver has resigned," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler.
On Jan. 7, the 4-year-old preschooler never exited the school bus when all the other students did to attend afternoon preschool classes at Edward V. Walton.
Instead, the 4-year-old remained on the bus, which had parked at Jonathan Dayton High School, from 12:30 p.m. until the bus driver came back at 2:30 p.m.
The child's father said, at a Board of Education meeting, that he felt that the bus driver, the aide, the nurse and ultimately the principal were most responsible.
"The driver and the aide were both extremely upset over the incident," said Mahler. "The driver resigned."
Mahler said the aide has been disciplined, even though it is not her ultimate responsibility to make sure that all children get off the bus; rather, it is the driver's.
Board of Education President Stephen Fischbein explained the aide's job description. "She's there to keep decorum on the bus, to help in case there's an accident and to take the

kids off the bus and into the school," he said. "Her job is not to search the bus."
The child's father questioned the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools as to why a phone call wasn't made to his house to inform him or his wife that their child was not in class.
At Walton, it is the nurse's responsibility to make the phone calls to students' homes when they are not in school. The nurse called the child's house but the number she kept dialing would not go through.
Changes have been made to ensure that something like this doesn't happen again.
"We got the phone lines and the switches fixed," said Mahler. "We can now reach all extensions without any difficulty. We've also supplemented the procedure by having more than one person making those calls so there is no delay."
The old procedure only had the nurse making the calls. Now the nurse as well as a secretary in the office will make them.
The other schools in the Springfield school system are also looking into their policies and procedures for when a student does not report to class.
"All schools are reviewing their procedures to make sure there's no delay," said Mahler. "How they do it is going to be up to them. Each principal will make the decision as to how it will best be handled in their school."

Outside cafes get the OK after few changes

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor
Hoping to be ready for them by spring, the Mountainside Borough Council agreed to have sidewalk cafes in front of eating establishments with certain provisions.
An ordinance was granted final adoption at Tuesday's regular meeting upon the request of the merchants who had expressed interest in expanding their business onto the sidewalks.
"Want to expand your understanding of Judaism, learn how Jews live and what Jews believe? Whether you are a Jew by birth, part of an interfaith couple or interested in converting to Judaism, 'Introduction to Judaism' will provide a strong foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism.
Carolyn Bright, all on Feb. 4. For information, call 908-232-1162.
National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. In her talk, Enslie will touch on the importance of an attorney-prepared will stating the distribution of personal belongings of the deceased, including even emotionally attached sentimental items without value. She will also touch on step-families. A mini lunch will be served. The public is welcome.
Judaism course will offer fresh insights
Want to expand your understanding of Judaism, learn how Jews live and what Jews believe? Whether you are a Jew by birth, part of an interfaith couple or interested in converting to Judaism, 'Introduction to Judaism' will provide a strong foundation in the fundamentals of Judaism.
After measurements were made, it was found that both the J&M Deli Market and Daimatsu Japanese Restaurant had 14 feet 6 inches from building to curb. Since this was well within the 6-foot rule, the borough went one step closer to having the sidewalk cafes.
Mountainside devised its own ordinance for the cafes by polling other towns and looking at the different aspects of their ordinances.
Based on these findings, among the items included in the ordinance were strong supervision by the Board of Health and a prohibition on the playing of loud music.
Other rules include maintaining a passageway that's wide enough to accommodate passersby and baby

Parrot puppets at Trailsides

On Jan. 27 at 2 p.m., Parrot Puppet comes to Trailsides Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside. Participants can recycle junk mail envelopes into colorful parrot puppets. Use your imagination to create a tropical rainforest resident.
A donation of \$2 per craft is suggested. For information, call 908-789-3670.

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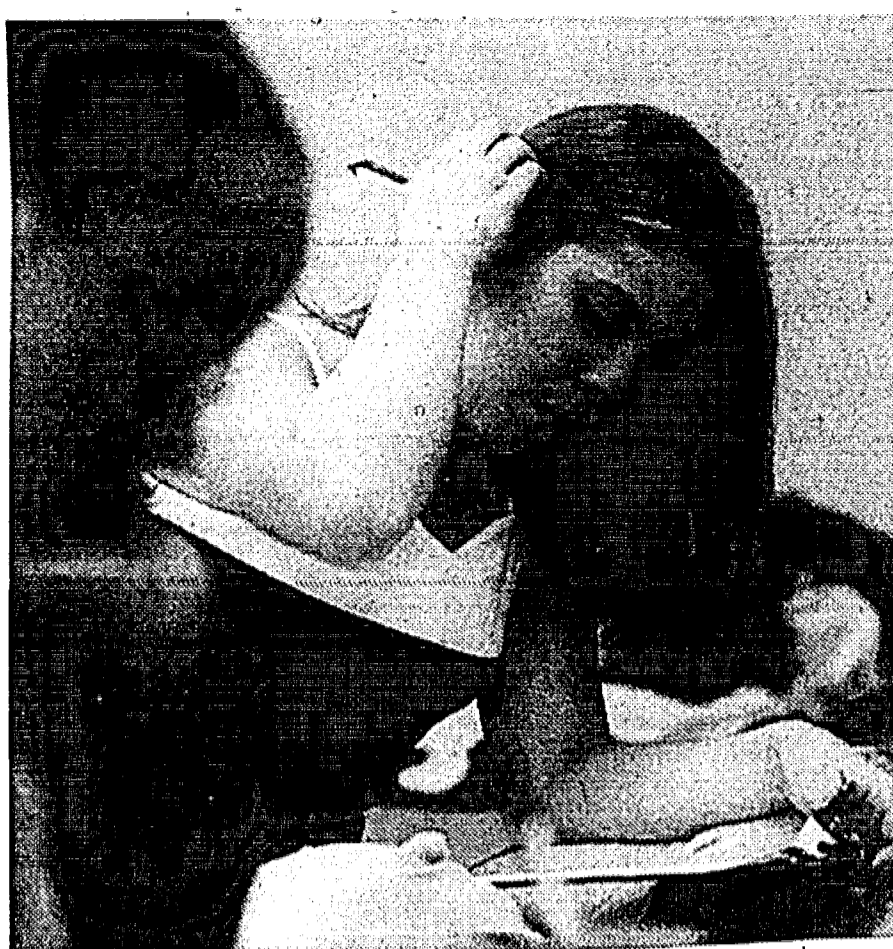


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The Springfield YMCA recently began a new self-esteem building program just for girls in sixth to eighth grades called DAISE...

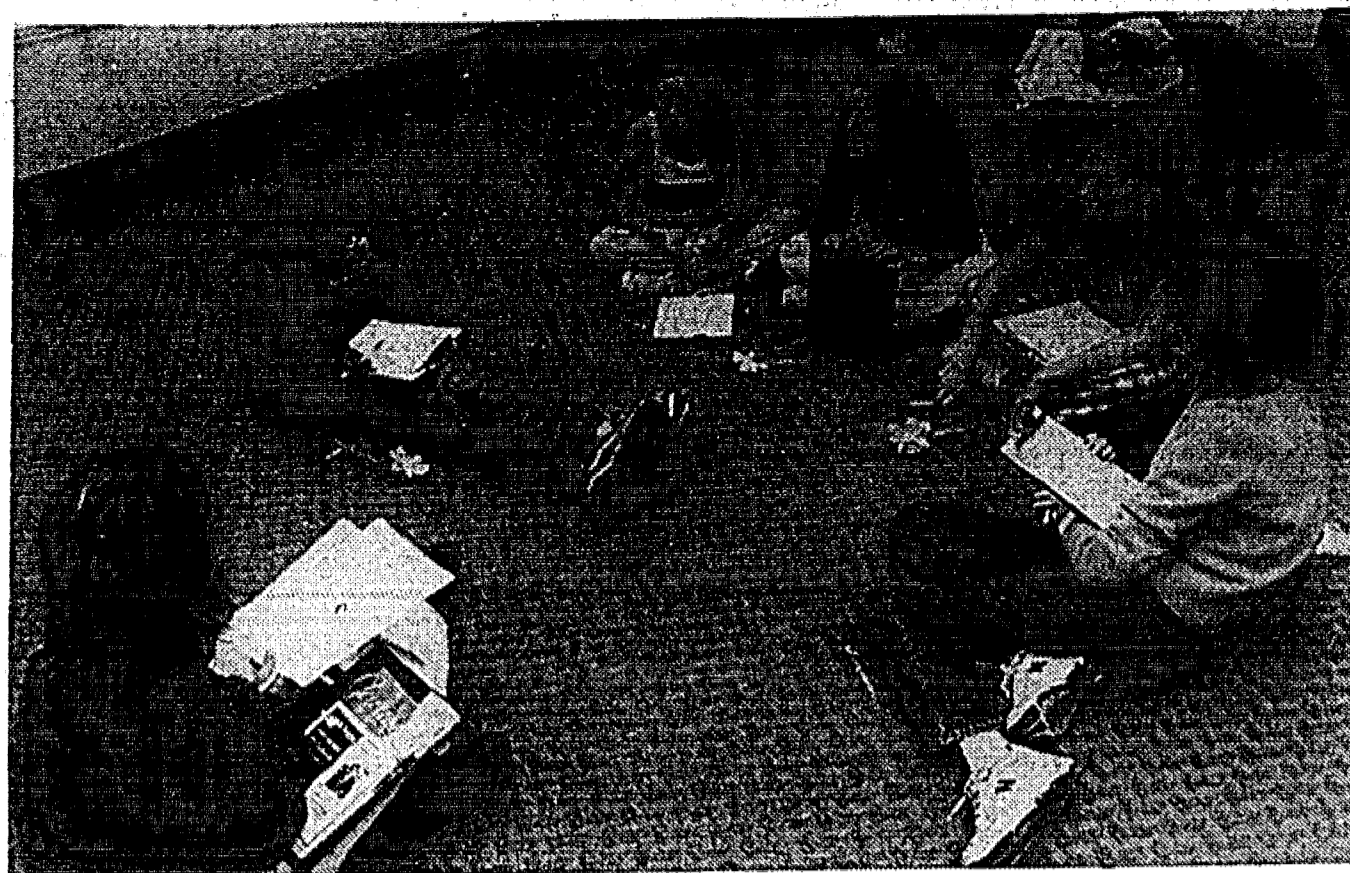


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Springfield YMCA Physical Director Tracy Gaume sits down with some participants for the first day orientation...



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Gina Molinaro, 13, reveals her answer with a smile. 'Gives a chance to learn more activities. Doesn't limit yourself. Expands horizons.'



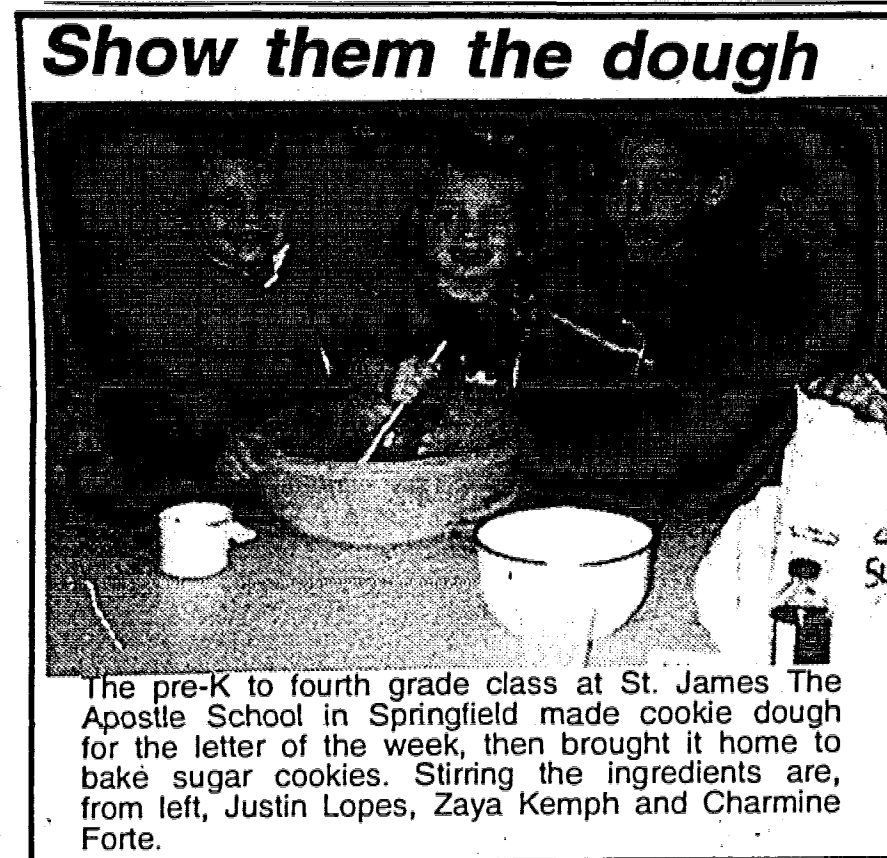
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Gaume hands out flexible daisy bracelets for the girls to wear, a symbol of the DAISE program. The aim of the DAISE program is to increase girls' self-awareness...

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Business & Service Directory grid containing various advertisements for services like air conditioning, home improvement, painting, and roofing.

Large advertisement for JACOBSON'S featuring a 50% OFF inventory clearance, various appliance coupons (JENN-AIR, WOODS, MAGIC CHEF, DACOR), and mattress promotions.



Show them the dough

The pre-K to fourth grade class at St. James The Apostle school in Springfield made cookie dough for the letter of the week, then brought it home to bake sugar cookies. Stirring the ingredients are, from left, Justin Lopes, Zaya Kempf and Charmine Forte.

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Newark man arrested at Rt. 22 guitar store

Springfield John McClary Jr., 30, of Newark, was arrested at Guitar Center on Route 22 on Jan. 8 at 3:31 p.m. He was charged with theft by deception, forgery, passing bad checks and possession of drug paraphernalia.

FD responds to truck fire on Rt. 78 West

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EDUCATION TODAY!

Acting classes are announced by theater

12 Miles West Theater Company in Montclair announces open enrollment for its Winter Session of Theater Arts Education Courses.

The eight-week session begins Jan. 28 and runs through March 18. The following classes are available:

- "Curtain Up!" ages 6 to 8, Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., \$125.
- "The World's a Stage," ages 9 to 12, Wednesdays from 5 to 6:15 p.m., \$125.
- Through improvisation and theater games, students will develop their minds and senses. Age-appropriate group and individual activities will take place in a non-threatening environment that encourages self-awareness. Classes will be taught by Jane Kestel who earned a teaching degree from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and a bachelor of arts degree in English/music/education from Rutgers and has been a children's acting instructor since 1991.
- "Acting for Teens," ages 13 to 17, Mondays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., \$125.
- "Acting for Beginners," ages 18 and older, Mondays from 7:30 to 9 p.m., \$150.

These classes will be taught by Bob Carr, a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, who served as a producer at Playwright's Theater in Madison for the past two seasons and was a founding member of its Summer Theater Day Camp where he was an acting instructor. Class work will provide a non-competitive atmosphere in which students will explore personal approaches to the art of acting.

• "From Page to Stage: Beginners," ages 18 and older, Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$150.

• "From Page to Stage: Advanced," ages 18 and older, Saturdays from 1:30 to 4 p.m., \$150.

Instructor/playwright Paul Caruso will guide students through an intensive course focusing on play development and culminating in a staged reading of participants' plays. Caruso holds a master's degree in dramatic writing from New York University, where he is a Ph.D. candidate in the Educational Theater Program, and has served as a Teaching Fellow at Montclair State University in writing, drama, creative writing and dramatic literature. Early registration is encouraged as class sizes are limited.

12 Miles West is located at 488 Bloomfield Ave. on the lower level of the Clairidge Cinema Building. For information or to register, call the theater at 973-746-7181, or visit the 12 Miles West Web site at www.12MilesWest.org.

Shoestring readies for travel

The Shoestring Players, a not-for-profit professional touring children's theater company in residence at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, has announced its Spring 2002 Tour: "The People Who Could Fly and Other Tales."

"The People Who Could Fly," a powerful story of three young slaves who fly from their captors, received the prestigious Fringe First Award for "Outstanding New Dramatic Work" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, a summer festival that attracts more than 1,000 theater troupes from around the world.

Shoestring is renowned for its presentation of folk tales from around the world in a style that challenges audiences to become active partners in imagination. Eight energetic performers and a percussionist become the landscape in each tale as they magically transform themselves into rivers, castles and animals. "The People Who Could Fly and Other Tales" takes audiences on a captivating international journey, beginning in America with the powerful drama, "The People Who Could Fly." The adventure continues as young audiences travel to Sweden to meet "Lars My Lad," a magic helper who doesn't always have his master's best wishes at heart! Finally, the players land in Ghana for the wacky comedy, "Talk." For more information on assembly programs and workshops in creative dramatics and creative writing, call 732-932-9772.

Cast in the ensemble are Ruth Darcy from Parsippany, Michael Beckwith from Somerville, Christina Kirkland from North Brunswick, Lisa Gail from Holmdel, Christina Pollak from Teaneck, Liz Douglas from Wayne, Pa., David DeVito from Cranford, Marlon Hill from Vernon, Tex., and Lico Whitfield from Absecon.

Founded in 1980 by Joseph P. Hart, master teacher of creative dramatics at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Shoestring has performed in more than 30 states, on and off-Broadway, at seven festivals in the United Kingdom, and the National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta, Ga. In addition to winning the coveted Fringe First Award, Shoestring was the only company from the United States to be invited to the Kaleidoscope International Children's Festival in Aberdeen, Scotland in June of 1999.

Pushcart Players unveils new show for new season of touring to schools

Pushcart Players, the Verona-based professional touring company for young audiences, has announced plans to open a new musical production titled "Fiddler Tales" in beginning this month.

Imbued with the art of storytelling and in the tradition of Sholom Aleichem, whose stories were the basis for "Fiddler on the Roof," this collection of tales comes to life through the village of Zlodievka each week. In each house there is a story. Some of these he shares with us. Each is filled with wit and wisdom, a twinkle and a grin.

While much of the folklore in this treasury of stories dates back to the 1500s, the characters remain fresh and current in their needs and values. A mother wants to do what's best for her family. An heirloom is cherished from generation to generation. Earnest bumbling is as charming as it is funny — and in the end it is always ingenious. But the universal appeal of each of these stories ultimately comes not only from the joy in the telling, but from its enduring values and the optimism within — the comfort in knowing that whatever is broken can be fixed, that hope can triumph over despair, that we will survive, no matter what the odds and somehow find the courage to go on ... perhaps even a bit wiser than before.

Pushcart Players, now in its 27th season, is a dynamic ensemble of theater artists that has received numerous awards for outstanding work in children's theater. Recent credits include a highly successful performance tour of the former Soviet Union and several performances at The White House. The company was recently selected for national tours of its productions and will be going on an international tour to the Republic of Czech.

More complete information about "Fiddler Tales" and other Pushcart productions, as well as Pushcart's how to redeem the Sampler.

Gift certificates are available now for the ever-popular Theater Sampler Series. This discount ticket package, consisting of three plays at three different theaters for the unbeatable price of \$60, is only offered through the New Jersey Theater Alliance.

This can add up to savings of as much as 50 percent off the price of single tickets. Giving the gift of live theater allows the recipient to choose their own plays, dates and times of performance, and to remember the thoughtfulness of the giver not once, but three times! A personalized gift certificate will be mailed along with a theater season calendar and complete instructions

to receive a free schedule of events, for more information on the Theater Sampler Series, or to subscribe to the Theater E-news, call 973-593-0189 or e-mail njtg@nj.com. Visit the New Jersey Theater Alliance Web site at www.njtheateralliance.com to find out more about New Jersey's professional theaters!

Funding for the New Jersey Theater Alliance, a not-for-profit organization, is provided in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as contributions from foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals.

Calderone earns 'Maestro' status

Kindermusik, the internationally renowned music program for children, awarded the Maestro classification that recognizes the top 100 Kindermusik programs in the world.

There is something for everyone to enjoy as the state's finest theatrical companies feature world premieres such as "Mary Todd: A Woman Apart," at Century Stage Company in Hackettstown, and "Waiting for Tadashi," at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, alongside favored classics like "The Fantasticks" at New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in Madison, "The King and I" at Paper Mill, The State Theater of New Jersey in Millburn, and "Don Juan" at McCarter Theater in Princeton.

Kindermusik will present the on-the-edge comedy "The Mystery of Irma Vep," Two River Theater Company in Manasquan delights with "The House of Blue Leaves," while in Morristown, the Bickford Theatre's "Sylvia" will tickle your funny bone and make you wonder just how smart your beloved pet really is!

A free calendar of the statewide theater season detailing these events and many more is available now from the New Jersey Theater Alliance. This calendar features the season at a glance with contact information for each theater, along with information about the Theater Sampler series and other programs

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Discounted arts tickets are available for students

New Jersey teens can now enjoy discounted High 5 arts events in or near their own neighborhoods.

For \$5 or less, teens can buy tickets to New Jersey Ballet, JCC Thurnauer School of Music, New Jersey Shakespeare Festival and Waterloo historic site this spring. Free High 5 Spring catalogs are also available in New Jersey at participating Ticketmaster outlets including Tower Records and The Wiz.

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Tickets to High 5 weekend events are \$5 each Monday through Thursday performances are two for \$5 High 5's Take 5 program enables one adult to accompany five students, or two adults to accompany four students to any High 5 event for just \$25 for all six tickets. Museum admissions are two for \$5 any day of the week.

Tickets can now be purchased online via the High 5 web site, www.high5ix.org. Current listings of events can also be obtained from High 5's hot line, (212) 445-8587, or by e-mailing info@high5ix.org with "Newsletter" as the subject.

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Buick's Rendezvous has all the right stuff for a busy family

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

The Buick Rendezvous is a golden idea, but it's a couple of elements short of alchemy.

On paper, the first sport utility for Buick has all the right stuff for a contemporary do-it-all vehicle for the busy urban user — family or business person. It's a non-truck SUV with clever innovations, classy features, seats for seven and GM durability.

But wrap it all up and it looks like SUV-by-committee, and it drives like a heavy minivan.

Rendezvous is the long-wheelbase company cousin to the Pontiac Aztek, which borrows heavily from the GM minivan.

The exterior design has been stroked enough to separate it from the exaggerations of Aztek, and the interior is nicely done to a contemporary Buick style, not too soft and not too hard.

It's about 4.4 inches longer than Aztek, which provided space for the third seat, and — surprisingly — it's 19 pounds lighter.

Rendezvous is a blended family vehicle — part truck, part van, part sedan. Shorter than a minivan, it is supposed to be rugged-looking yet

refined — which is the same recipe that every manufacturer is rushing to perfect these days.

Buick did its best to remodel the Aztek shell for a gracious and contemporary transporter for empty-nesters who still want the space of a van.

As a well-dressed business-class vehicle, it can be ordered with all the power conveniences, a tow package and leather and electronic enhancements, such as digital head-up display readouts for the driver and rear parking aid that gives tone alerts to objects in danger of being crunched.

Sold in three trim levels — base, CX and CXL — in two- or all-wheel-drive, each comes with the 185-horsepower, 3.4-liter V-6 and four-speed automatic transmission.

Prices start at \$25,624, including the \$600 destination charge. The top-line test truck, the CXL, comes with all-wheel drive and the \$5,000 Luxury Package of power front seats with memory, leather-trimmed seats, second-row footrests, chrome wheels, a rear parking monitor, 8-speaker AM-FM-CD-cassette and more.

The addition of the tow package, sunroof and third-row seats with storage pushed the sticker to \$34,937.

That's serious SUV money, even if does include the Versatrak all-wheel-drive system. Versatrak works as a front-wheel drive system and adds rear-wheel-drive at the first indication of wheel slip.

Somewhere in the conversion to an SUV a lot of weight was carried over. The two-wheel-drive Rendezvous weighs 4,000 pounds, which is about 185 pounds more than the extended wheelbase GM minivan — for 14 inches less length.

The Lexus RX 300 and Acura MDX are no lightweights, either, but somehow the mass is better distributed in them for a sharper driving experience.

The Rendezvous bounds across cross-street intersections, sometimes bottoming out the front end. The suspension handles side-to-side maneuvers OK, but the weight feels top-heavy in emergency moves.

It's at its best in undemanding cruise mode — comfortable and fairly well soundproofed.

Two tons is also a lot to heft for the engine, however.

Acceleration is dutiful and sometimes loud when pressed for passing power. Mileage for the test truck was decent at 18 miles per gallon city and

24 highway. Playing in this entry-lux category, however, calls for better performance and bigger brakes. Stopping power is merely adequate, which doesn't help reinforce a luxury image.

Using the converted minivan architecture gives Rendezvous — and Aztek — a big nose-cone dashboard. It is awkward and imposing, with an expanse of unused space — but a lot of other space inside has been put to good use.

Storage areas are plentiful, including a center console at the base of the instrument panel where a passthrough will stow a purse or parcels, secured by elastic nets. The console between the front seats is deep and wide, made to hold a laptop computer, CDs and more.

The engineers got cheap and decided to save \$1.50 on hardware for a tailgate release handle. Walk up to the big lift gate with your hands full and there's no way to open it without digging in your pocket for the key fob or having someone press the switch on the instrument panel.

Seating can be configured for six or seven passengers. The six-seater with second-row captain's chairs feels open and roomy. The CXL comes with footrests for second-row passen-

gers, but they get in the way more than they enhance comfort.

The third-row, two-seat bench has a table-like console between seats and more cup holders. The second row flips and folds with modest effort, but it's still a climb into the third row for older folks, who can plop down with a little more leg room than expected, 34.6 inches compared with 39 in the middle row.

For adults in the third row, the

release for the second-row seat back isn't easily located or operated, which adds to a feeling of confinement. Those seats are still kid space.

Usable cargo space behind the third row is small, but snugly holds the grocery bags.

Mark Maynard is driving in cyberspace at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

Season of giving



This past holiday season, Maplecrest Lincoln-Mercury, at 2800 Springfield Ave. in Union, purchased toys and gifts for women and children residing at the homeless shelter sponsored by the Hopewell Baptist Church of Newark. Nancy Flaum, a social worker and friend of Maplecrest owners, the Giordano family, coordinated the purchasing and wrapping of the gifts. Many friends and neighbors donated their own wrapping paper as well so that all the money donated by Maplecrest could go toward the gifts. Flaum adds, "It was particularly gratifying for the children who participated in the wrapping of the toys and gifts. They all really got caught up in the spirit of giving too." Maplecrest also selected one family most in need through the Catholic Charities of Newark and helped fulfill their holiday wish lists. All the donated gifts were delivered by Maplecrest employees Dec. 21 to the Hopewell Baptist Church in Newark. Children participating are, from left in front, Gabrielle Flaum, Drew Vreeland, Jenna Vreeland, Danielle Flaum, Emma Goldberg, Sydney Giordano and, in back row, Stephen Giordano.

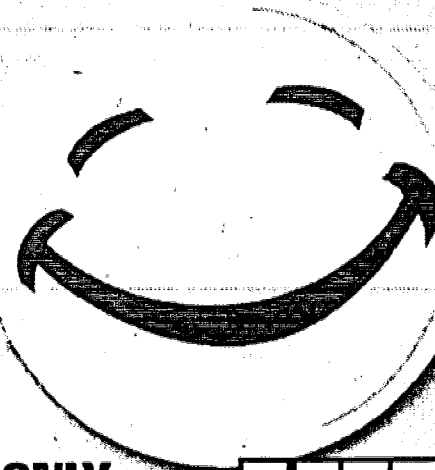
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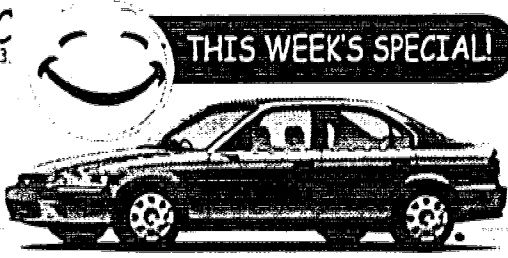
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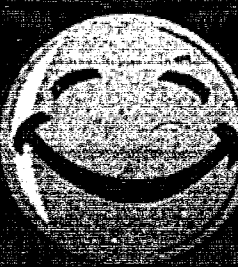
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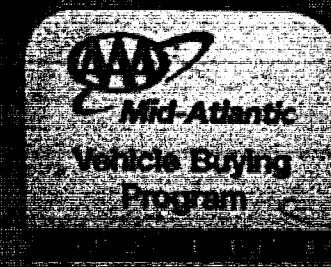
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