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Recital is not rote for them

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Little Kylee Lutz is just 3 years old with big brown eyes and a blonde, ponytail; she is as playful and loveable as a little girl can be, but not when she is reciting her Bible verse. She is very serious.

"He said, 'Go, thy sins are forgiven.' " This was the Bible verse from the New Testament, Luke: chapter 5, verse 20. that Kylee had memorized. It had to be from memory because the child, at just 3, still cannot read.

She belongs to the Cubbies, the youngest group of AWANA members at Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield, and she was practicing for her turn to recite the following Sunday, as her mother and brother looked proudly on in the church's basement rooms.

Susan Sisko is the Commander of AWANA, and she said Kylee is not unique; all of the children commit Bible verses to memory before they can even read them.

What is AWANA? It is now an international Christian children's club for boys and girls from Kylee's age up to seniors in high school. It is a big part of Evangel Baptist Church's ministry in the Springfield church, yet children come from other areas for the Sunday evening AWANA meetings each week, and are not necessarily members of the church, or even Baptists.

"AWANA stands for 'Approved



Photo By Jeff Granit

Kylee Lutz, 3, of Springfield shows Susan Sisko, commander of AWANA, how well she knows her Bible verse during a recital exercise. AWANA is a Christian club for children whose members meet at Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield.

Workmen Are Not Ashamed,' taken from the Bible, Second Timothy, Chapter 2: Verse 15, and it is a fun club for children, yet giving them values to have as they grow in this world today," said Sisko, "with the purpose being that the verses will stay in their hearts and minds until they read them for themselves and become part of . their lives, a jewel for them to have when times get tough."

As is the church's custom, Sunday evening services begin at 6 p.m. and while the children are downstairs at the AWANA club, parents are upstairs in the sanctuary at worship. Sisko said the AWANA club in no way replaces Sunday School, which they also have every Sunday morning like most other churches.

"This is a separate thing; and it is fun also. Children are served refreshments such as juice and cookies and fruit, and take part in games, songs and have a good time while learning their memory verses with other clubbers," said Sisko.

Her own son, Zach, now 12, has been in the AWANA club since he was 3. "I met friends here and we have a lot of fun; now I am in the Junior Varsity of AWANA and we meet every week." He also helps with the younger children. Zach said right now, his group was collecting personal items for a Thanksgiving basket which will go to Good Will Missions for the homeless.

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Residents speak in favor of firefic

Staff Writer

Concerned with what they call the inadequate staffing levels of the Springfield Fire Department, several township residents spoke in favor of hiring additional firefighters at a recent Township Committee meeting.

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"Firefighters are the ones that take care of the safety of all of us," said Marilyn Pine, a Springfield resident for more than 45 years. "I think this has gone on entirely too long. It's been going on for years. It's not a year, it's not two years, it's a very long time. I think something has to be done and has to be done not today, not tomorrow, but yesterday."

The township currently employs 21 full-time firefighters. Representatives of Springfield's Fire Department said the township needs to hire 12 to 16 more full-time firefighters in order for the staffing level to be adequate. Per shift, Springfield only has four firefighters on duty.

"It's my understanding that if there's a fire in my house that local firemen cannot enter the premises to fight the fire until they get assistance from other towns. If that's true, as a taxpayer, that's unacceptable," said Brian Gordon, a resident of the township since 1982.

According to state law, for every two firefighters who are inside a building extinguishing the fire, two additional firefighters must standby outside the building. However, the driver of the engine does not count toward the two in/ two out rule.

"You guys five with us," said Josh Rubin, addressing the Township Committee. "I went to school with your kids. I go to your temple. We know each other and I don't think any of you guys can look someone in the eye that you know and say. 'I could have done something about the staffing of our firefighters but I didn't for whatever reason." These guys are the experts and I think you should listen to them."

Representatives of the Fire Department said Springfield should have between seven and eight firefighters on duty per shift,

"I think we are in a critical moment in terms of our Fire Department and the safety of our residents," said Edward Wade, a resident for more than 16 years.

Wade said it's time for the Township Committee to readdress their stand ou the safety level of the Fire Department and take a hard look at what they're doing in terms of providing safety to the residents of the town.

"I have three small children who live in my house and I'm concerned that it something happens, the available manpower will not be on the scene in the -appropriate amount of time." he said.

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By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Springfield firefighters postponed their demonstration to request additional manpower after members of the

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Of those communitiess only Cranford and Summit employ full-time paid fire departments.

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single agenda. He said the committee would like the Fire Department to have the appropriate staffing levels but at the same time they have to answer to the jaxpayers, who do not

Position	1999	2000
Captain	\$78,147	\$80,883
1st Class Firefighter, 17	\$61,756	\$63,917
2nd Class Firefighter, 1	\$60,022	\$62,123
3rd Class Firefighter, 2	\$56,571	\$58,551
4th Class Firefighter, 0	\$48,221	\$49,909
5th Class Firefighter, 1	\$39,872	\$41,267

Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 made a presentation to the Township Committee, specifying the unsafe staffing levels of the Fire Department.

The firefighters were planning to demonstrate at a Township Committee meeting on Nov. 26. Instead, they will further discuss their staffing problems with the Township Committee in the near future.

"We met with them to discuss the staffing shortage," said FMBA Local 57 President James Beyer of his meeting with the Township Committee on Nov. 25. "We presented our feelings to them and we came to an agreement that we should meet some more times to discuss this.'

Beyer said the state FMBA has several presentations that are going to be given to the Township Committee to help them understand why the staffing levels are inadequate .-

"It'll show them what actually takes place at a fire scene so they can better understand why you need the manpower that we're requesting," said Beyer.

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said Springfield should have between seven and eight firefighters on duty per shift.

"It's never been an issue of us saying we're happy with the staffing level," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. "That's never been the case. The issue, as it always is at the end of the day, is money. If money was not an issue, I'd put eight guys on a tour. I'd hire 15 more guys. I mean who's not going to hire firemen if you don't have to deal with the money issue?"

The starting annual base salary for a Springfield firefighter is \$26,000. After a year of service the salary is raised to \$41,267; after two years \$49,909; after three years \$58,551; after four years \$62,123; and after five years \$63,917. The salaries do not include benefits or overtime.

Currently, Springfield employs one full-time firefighter who has served one year, two full-time firefighters who have served three years, one fulltime firefighter who has served four. years, and 17 full-time firefighters. who have served five years or more."

"You hire four more firemen today it may not cost you much for two years but five years from now it's \$450,000," said Goldstein.,

Springfield encompasses 5 square miles with an approximate population of 14,500 residents. Comparable communities, in terms of square mileage and population within Union County, are Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Clark, Mountainside and Summit.

Springfield. However, the 4.5-squaremile township with approximately 14,600 residents has an entirely volunteer fire department. Berkeley Heights, at 6.9 square miles and approximately 13,400 residents, and Mountainside, at 4 square miles with an approximate population of 6,600 residents; also have fire departments consisting entirely of volunteers.

Goldstein said as important as additional firefighters are — and he stressed how vital they are to the safety of the residents of Springfield there is a large consensus of people who cannot afford to have their property taxes raised in order to meet the needs of the Fire Department's staffing levels.

"What about that guy who's been living in town for 48 years, who gets \$1,800 a month from Social Security and \$400 a month on his pension, and now his taxes are going to be raised another \$400 a year because we're going to hire four more firemen?" Goldstein said.

Goldstein said the Township Committee is actively searching for ways to hire additional firefighters without raising property taxes.

"We're looking for grants," he said. "We're looking for everything short of raising property taxes. If we could finance it without raising taxes we'd be fools not to hire more guys."

Goldstein said the responsibility of the Township Committee is all encompassing, they cannot have a

want to see an increase in property taxes

A date for the FMBA Local 57 and the Township Committee to meet again has not been set yet.

Beyer said they will probably meet sometime in early January. Goldstein said he would like to meet as soon as possible, maybe even next week.

"I would love to see them hire and fill out the shifts like we've been requesting for years but that's not going to happen just yet," said Beyer. "We're going to see the same amount of men on duty as we have in the past. It's not going to change yet."

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Patrolman, s	econd class	\$57,784	\$59,662	\$61,601	\$63,757	\$55,858	\$57,813
Patrolman, fi	rst class	\$59,430	\$61,361	\$63,355	\$65,572	\$63,355	\$65,572
Corporal		\$60,430	\$62,361	\$64,355	\$66,572	\$64,355	\$66,572
Detective		\$61,275	\$63,266	\$65,322	\$67,609		
Sergeant		\$67,632	\$69,830	\$72,099	\$74,623		
Detective se	rgeant	\$68,612	\$70,842	\$73,145	\$75,705		
Lieutenant		\$71,989	\$74,328	\$76,744	\$79,430		
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Probationary Firefighter

Source: Township of Springfield

Salaries marked with an asterick indicate employees hired after Dec. 16, 1998. All other salaries are for employees hired prior to Dec. 16, 1998. The main difference is the addition of a patrolman fifth class and patrolman fourth class.,

kids with all kinds of tools, expert says Technology teaches

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

About 20 parents and others came out for the Mountainside Board of Education meeting Nov. 26, when many topics were covered; however, the main program was a slide presentation by Angela Cosimano, the new curriculum coordinator supervisor, who gave a review of her plans for the technology programs this coming school year.

Technology teacher Thomas Predale could not be present, but Cosimano said they had worked on the ideas together, and both were in agreement on the importance of technology for the children. "In fact, one of the things we would like to do with this technology program is to expand it to grades three through five," said Cosimano.

She said that in the broader view, she even believed it should start in kindergarten, but that was not possible with this year's planning, since it would involve the hiring of another technology teacher which is not in the budget. Looking down the road, though, I am sure this will come about. We want kids to know how technology works; we want them to think in terms of how everything works," she said.

ensed her own car as an example. "I just paid a mechanic over \$300 to fix car and I haven't a clue how he did it, but it runs fine now. I would have did learn how it works, but never did. We want children to grow up in this at and learn how things they use all around them work; this is the true mean-

ing of technology," the teacher said.

She used a slide presentation she had prepared with Predale, to illustrate how technology applies to everything. "Knowing something about the nature of technology and even the history of it, brings children into a higher level of thinking," she said. She said while there will of course be a special technology class, all teachers need to know how to teach children to solve problems.

"It could be a hammer or a wrench, or it could be a computer," the teacher said. "The curiosity about why things happen and how things work comes naturally to children, and we want to seize that and build upon it." She cited statistics in several recent surveys where 97 percent of people thought technology efficiency should be taught in schools, which she said combines both investigation and research habits for the children.

"Collecting data helps them solve problems. They go then from doing models to creating prototypes, and technology can be taught at all levels of comprehension for the younger children as well."

The members of the Board of Education seemed excited about her innovative approach to learning technology. Board member John Perrin asked, "What would be the next step; who is involved to have the third- and fourth-graders learn this?

"I foresee a brainstorming session to go through this, with teachers and then the children. 'Where could technology enter into our lives, and what is the history of it?' is what we will ask."

She then said she and the technology teacher had asked themselves how are the other schools teaching the application of technology to other third-graders, and they were working on this. Board member Frank Geiger thought the critical thinking and communication concepts were more important than even the use of a computer, and he was also pleased with Cosimano's concepts.

Board member Raymond Haggar told her he worked for a technology company, yet he believed her common sense approach to technology learning was more important than just giving the children computers. "Software and hardware changes by the time they grow up, but learning how to question and think technology remains with them," he said.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, one mother asked Cosimano, "How will you know the programs are working for the children?" She said, "By the core curriculum testing that we do; all the tests measure the children's perception on these things; the GEPA, ESPA, and so on."

Cosimano summarized by saying, "The overview is to teach children to see how their world works, on their own levels, and using technology does this."

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• The Springfield Presbyterian Church, Parish House auditorium, 37 Church Mall, conducts Santa's workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children can help make gifts for family, friends and teachers. The event is open to all children between the ages of 5 and 13. To put a child's name on Santa's helper list, call 973-379-4320. Only the first 40 children will make the list. A \$5 admission charge will help pay for craft supplies and refreshments.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club host "Men's Night Out" at 8:30 p.m. in The Office restaurant at 61 Union Place in Summit. For information, call 908-522-0550.

· Edward V. Walton School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield hosts its annual book fair, sponsored by the PTA, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m.

A selection of hardcover and softcover books will be available for purchase.

Saturday

• The Veterans of Springfield conduct a ceremony commemorating the 61st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The program takes place 11 a.m. at 'Veterans' Memorial Park in Springfield • In-person registration for the Springfield Recreation Baseball Prog-

ram is available at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. For information, call the Recreation Department at 973-912-2226.

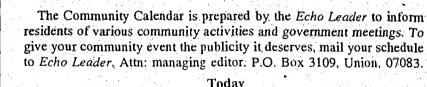
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> States with AWANA clubs, Now, there are clubs in all 50 states, and in more than 110 countries, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, and from Iceland to

Locally, Mackie said all of their workers have been fingerprinted, and checked thoroughly for child safety reasons. Evangel Baptist Church has about 22 leaders, with about five helpers.



• The Mountainside Foothill Club luncheon is at B.G. Fields Restaurant, Springfield Avenue, Westfield, at noon. Guests are welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

Friday

• A senior citizen blood pressure clinic is offered 10 a.m. to noon in the court room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East in Mountainside. For information, call 908-232-4406.

start from the Parish House at 37 Church Mall to the tree farm. Highlights include free gifts for kids, a visit from Santa, hay rides and more. Call David Ares at 973-921-1343 or the Parish House at 973-379-4320 for information. Monday

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Sunday • The annual holiday nature craft show takes place at Trailside Nature

and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from 11

• The Springfield Historical Society host a Christmas open house from

• Springfield's First Presbyterian Church is having an outing at 1 p.m.

where families, friends and newcomers of all ages can enjoy the first

annual "Choose or Cut" your own Christmas tree day. A caravan will

3 to 5 p.m. at the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave.,

7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave. Tuesday • The Mountainside Board of Education meet at 8 p.m. in the media

center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. • The Springfield Township Committee conduct a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

• The Mountainside Borough Council meet for a work session at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Wednesda • The Springfield B'nai B'rith and Unity Bank offer a program on the need and importance of long-term care at 6 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. The public is invited, but reservations are required

Call 973-379-9306 by Friday. Upcoming 19 a 👔 🖞

Dec. 12 • Through Dec. 12, the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will be accepting donations of books for their annual "Books for Kids" drive. Children can get the gift of reading during the holidays when residents drop off new books at the library's collection box. Books are needed for children ages preschool through 14 years of age. For information, call 908-233-0115.

(Continued from Page 1) point them in the right direction." Pastor of Evangel Baptist Church. The minister said the organization The Rev. Frederick Mackie, feels is similar to Scouting, but goes a step AWANA is wonderful for young peobeyond, by teaching them a lifestyle. Like Scouting, the children wear vests Australia. and earn badges, and have achieve-

ple, "The words, 'Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed,' comes from the writings of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, who was a young pastor at the time. It was meant to give him encouragement and instruction in his ministry," explained Mackie. "For the children, our main objective is to

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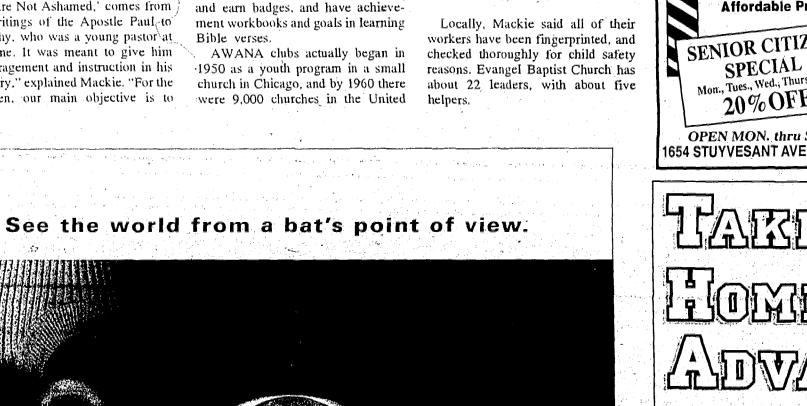
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Safety issues raised (Continued from Page 1)

Fred Pine, a Springfield resident for more than 25 years, said that in 1988. a starting Springfield firefighter's base salary was dropped from \$36,000 to \$26,000 and the additional money was supposedly set aside to hire more firefighters.

"Since 1988 this has taken place and nothing has been done since then and I'd like to know why," he said. Pine also said that two years ago the Township Committee spent \$25,000 of taxpayer money to conduct a survey, determining appropriate staffing levels of the Fire Department. Pine said the report has never been made public and he would like to know the results of that study. Mayor Steven Goldstein said the

report will be made public sometime in the near future. "As I've said and the Township

Committee has said in general all along, our public safety, our fire safety and our community safety at home is very, very important," said Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "We're always focused upon that and we're always looking at ways to maintain safety in our community.' Dawn Boettcher, who was born and raised in Springfield, said that over the past 25 years the township has expanded, adding additional housing and condiminiums.

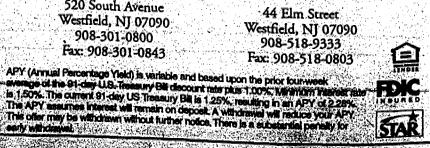
"I don't understand how we can justify the population expanding so much and yet the Fire Department doesn't have enough manpower."

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FOR EASY







Students visit D.C. museum By Joshua Zaitz

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Staff Writer As part of the Holocaust Memorial Leadership Day, Jonathan Dayton High School seniors Ashley Goldberg and Marc Sanchez traveled to the Holocaust Museum in Washington. D.C., along with several other seniors from different schools, as they were given a private tour and exposure to special exhibits.

The trip took place Nov. 15, Two seniors from each high school in the 21st District - which includes Springfield, Mountainside, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, New Providence, Roselle Park and Summit - were selected to participate in the all-expense paid trip.

"I thought it was a real good experience for me," Sanchez said. "I liked it and I didn't like it. The part I didn't like about it was that it was extremely depressing, the stuff I saw." Sanchez said it was tough seeing pictures of people moments before

they died and the people didn't even know what was about to happen to them. "Before the people died the Nazis

told everyone to take their clothes off," Sanchez said. "The people thought they were just going to take a group shower. There were take shower heads. They put all the people into a gas chamber and they had no idea. It was really depressing."

The students who participated were selected on the basis of their interest in the Holocaust, leadership skills and their potential to share the educational benefits with others.

Assemblyman Thomas Kean Jr., who helped sponsor the trip, said the decision of which students will participate in the program was left up the schools.

"The schools are usually the best people to decide," said Kean. "For us to create our official criteria it could take out from consideration not only individuals who could benefit a great that, yes, this happened, but what led deal from the program but those who ... to the Holocaust, what led to the

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Marc Sanchez and Ashley Goldberg are two seniors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield who recently returned from a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., along with several other seniors from local schools.

could spread the important message of the program to their peers."

Students rode down to Washington. D.C., along with two survivors of the Holocaust, who shared their stories. "The lessons that we learn from the Holocaust are important to all indivi-

duals who are proud to call this country home," Kean said. Goldberg said she has always wanted to go to the Hólocaust Museum. "I've been there before, but we only saw one exhibit." she said. "We didn't get to see the whole thing because we went in seventh grade and they thought it would be too graphic for us. Which I understand now why."

Kean said as fewer and fewer people remain who survived the Holocaust, it is important for younger generations to learn of the horrors that

occurred so that something that terrible will never happen again. "The lesson they learn is not only

students take away in their daily lives to ensure that they battle against intolerance and hatred and bigotry?" Goldberg said said the trip was very educational but emotionally draining.

"They had the actual car train - I don't know if it's a replica or the real thing — but they had the train that they went in and I went in there alone and it was kind of spooky. It kind of freaked me out," Goldberg said.

said really affected her was this tower covered with pictures of people who lived in a town, most of whom died in the "Holocaust.

teach students regarding not only the horrible lessons of the Holocaust but tolerance and interaction and discus-

intolerance?" said Kean. "What do the

Another shocking exhibit Goldberg -

"It's a very important lesson to also teaching them messages of both By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer Victims of a series of break-ins into 22 West, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. spot. The items were recovered when

Mountainside police officers arrested Candice Singer, a 42-year-old Westfield resident, Sept. 23. Singer admit- stolen items. ted to committing the break-ins and burglaries.

10-foot-by-10-foot storage bins filled that the victims still have the with hundreds of the items the police documentation to support ownership. have recovered, ranging from hand such as a receipt, a bill of sale, or a

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Holding off on their decision to approve a 3-percent tax on movie ticket sales in Mountainside, the Borough Council instead agreed to table the decision until later this month.

The move came about at the regular Nov. 26 meeting where the resolution was up for approval by the council. The legislation originally was composed of a hotel and motel tax that was being presented by state legislators and the borough was considering amending it to include a tax on movie

ticket sales and restaurants within the borough. The idea was to provide an oppor-

tunity to alleviate the property tax burden on Mountainside residents, as

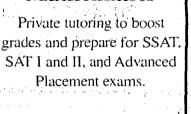
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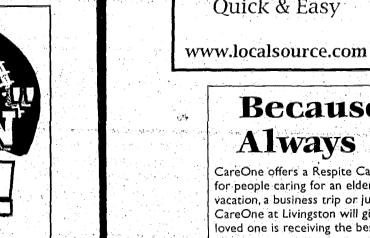
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ment and collectibles. "We ask that the people bring any public storage lockers in Mountain- police reports that they have in respect side and Green Brook, as well as to the lost or stolen property and any burglaries of houses, garages and documents that can support ownerbusinesses in the borough and in ship of any particular item," said Westfield, can retrieve their posses- Police Lt. Todd Turner. "If they're sions Saturday, as the Mountainside able to provide that information and Police Department hosts a viewing of identify a product or item as being stolen items at Public Storage, Route theirs, we will return it to them on the

The Police Department has identified more than 50 victims, many of whom have already recovered their

Turner said there are a lot of items that contain serial numbers which Mountainside has two should be easy to identify, providing

warranty card with a make, model and serial number. From Dec. 2001 to Sept. 2002, Sin

ger stole items ranging from household appliances and stuffed animals to high-end computer and electronic

Singer stored the items, totaling more than \$35,000, in her Westfield residence as well as several storage facilities along Route 22.

Turner said that there are assorted collectibles which were recovered. He said he doesn't know if anyone's going to have supportive documents for items like those and the police will have to make a determination based on the individual's character and support of claim.

Items which are not claimed will be sold at an auction at a later date.

Decision on movie ticket tax delayed these taxes, which could not exceed 3

percent, could be applied to all motels and hotels within the borough's borders. Mayor Robert Viglianti requested that other municipalities in . New Jersey should follow suit. But as the resolution came before

the council vote. Viglianti had a change of heart. When he got on the Internet and

read the bill, he said it appeared to him that it was written for specific towns that had motels and hotels with a minimum of 100 rooms "This is not compatible," said Vig-

lianti, noting that none of the hotels or motels on Route 22 would apply. "I think the idea has merit, but let's not make it a sweetheart deal for specific towns."

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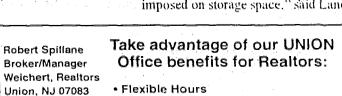
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Regarding the movie ticket sales. Viglianti said he did not believe movie tickets should be considered a lifestyle necessity, and therefore, they should get the tax along with restaurants

"It's going to help the larger cities who are getting tons of money and grants everyday anyway." said

Councilman Bill Lane said he was in favor of imposing a fee on hotels and motels as well as self storage facilities, but found issue with taxing movie tickets and restaurants.

"A comparison or an analogy can be made between taxes imposed on hotel rooms and possible taxes imposed on storage space," said Lane.



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WRC has programs aimed at all women

upcoming events aimed at helping Jersey State Council on the Arts, people achieve mental, physical and through a grant administered by the emotional well-being. Unless other- Union County Division-of Cultural wise listed, all programs will be con- and Heritage Affairs. ducted at the center.

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that will help you say no with finesse have more than doubled. in nearly any situation. Whether you Aside from the Women's Resource will lead this program.

evening of poetry readings from the advocacy for women's issues. works Robert Carnavale, David Kell- Working in the communication

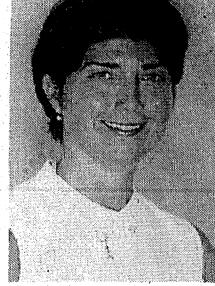
The Women's Resource Center, 31 ing for all poetry programs has been Woodland Ave., Summit, has many made possible in part by the New

Beth Baxley of Summit has served For information on all of these on the Board of Trustees of the WRC programs, call 908-273-7253 or go to since June of 2000. She currently is on the Summit Hi 5 Run/Walk Committee, the Membership Committee and ing Guilty," Monday from 7 to 9:30 has begun organizing for the Blue p.m. The fee is \$15 for center mem- Moon Gala, a major fund-raiser for

Since assuming the job as market-"How To Say No Without Feeling ing director of the Summit Area Guilty" will explore why the simple YMCA more than six years ago, B .xword "no" is often the most difficult lev's main focus has been marketing to say. Women can learn to say no YMCA, programs and membership with confidence, kindness and peace development which has increased 52 of mind. Learn five simple techniques percent while facilities and programs

crave more family time, more time for Center, Baxley is very involved in the vourself, or more time to pursue a Summit community. She has served dream, learning the language of "no" on the Public Relations for the Sumcan free you up for more room for the mit Centennial Committee as co-"veses" in your life. Lisa DeMuro, a chairwoman, publicity for the Martin certified empowerment life coach. Luther Kind Day of Service, as chairwoman and publicity for the Summit • "Men Who Write for Women Cultural Heritage Committee, also as Who Wine, 7 an evening of poetry chairwoman. Baxley is a member of reading Monday at 7 p.m. The fee for Summit Business and Professional the program is \$5. Men Who Write Women's Clubs and encourages for Women Who Wine" will be an members to take an active part in

er. Howard Levy and Ed Conti speci- industry for most of her life. Baxley fically written for and about women - brings to the Women's Resource Cen-Enjoy free wine and cheese while ter her skills in the areas of public listening to poetry about love, life and relations, marketing, membership living. Center Poetry Leader Sondra development and special event plan-Gash coordinates this program. Fund- ning. She graduated from Rosemont



Beth Baxley

College and is married to Jim Baxley they live in Summit. As Baxley says, "I look at my

involvement as a volunteer with the Women's Resource Center as one of the best ways that I can help women to. help women. I believe that the center

is on the brink of greatness and I am' excited about being part of it!" ..., The Adult Spelling Bee will be Feb, 23 at 4 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave. Any threesome can form a team, ages 16 and older, and must contribute or raise \$300 at the Early Bee Rate, \$400 after Jan. 25., to enter the bee.

Each team will receive a copy of the official "Scripts Howard Book of Words" upon confirmation of entry. To register, call the center at 908-273-7253 for the Adult Spelling Bee Entry Form. The deadline for entry is Feb. 14. Send completed forms and contributions to the Women's Resource Center, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit, 07901.



Serbian soprano Snexana Bulji will ioin flautist Janet Axelrod and pianist Mitchell Vines Saturday for an evening of chamber music in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Church in Summit at 4 Waldron Ave. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. and is the second in the 2002-03 season of the Afternoon Music series.

The three musicians, all of whom perform frequently in the metropolitan area and around the country, will offer works by Handel, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Copland and Frank Martin. The artists will perform in a variety of combinations, in solos, duos and trios.

Drive provides essentials

Everyone wants to make the holidays special for children, but frequently overlooked are the needs of the elderly. Often homebound, separated by distance from family members and financially unable to buy even simple clothing and household staples, many older people in the community go without the most essential items for living.

SAGE Solutions, a not-for-profi eldercare organization headquartered in Summit, hopes to help these seniors by inaugurating "Essentials for Seniors," a drive for those who cannot afford life's essentials.

SAGE will collect new items through Dec. 15 at several locations in the Summit area, where collection bins will be displayed. Items needed include toiletry items such as razors, shaving cream and soap; bed sheets and towels; basic clothing articles such as undershirts, socks, shirts,

A native of Belgrade, Snexana Bulii studied at the Academy of Arts in Novi Sad, where she received a master's degree. She also studied at the Escuela Superior de Canto in Madrid. She won the Enrico Caruso scholarship to study at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, and was a laureate of the International Competition for Opera and Zarzuela in Logrono, Spain.

Bulji has performed operas, oratorios and concerts in Yugostvavia, Italy, Spain, France, Austria, Belgium and the United States. She has recorded for television in Yugoslavia, Italy and

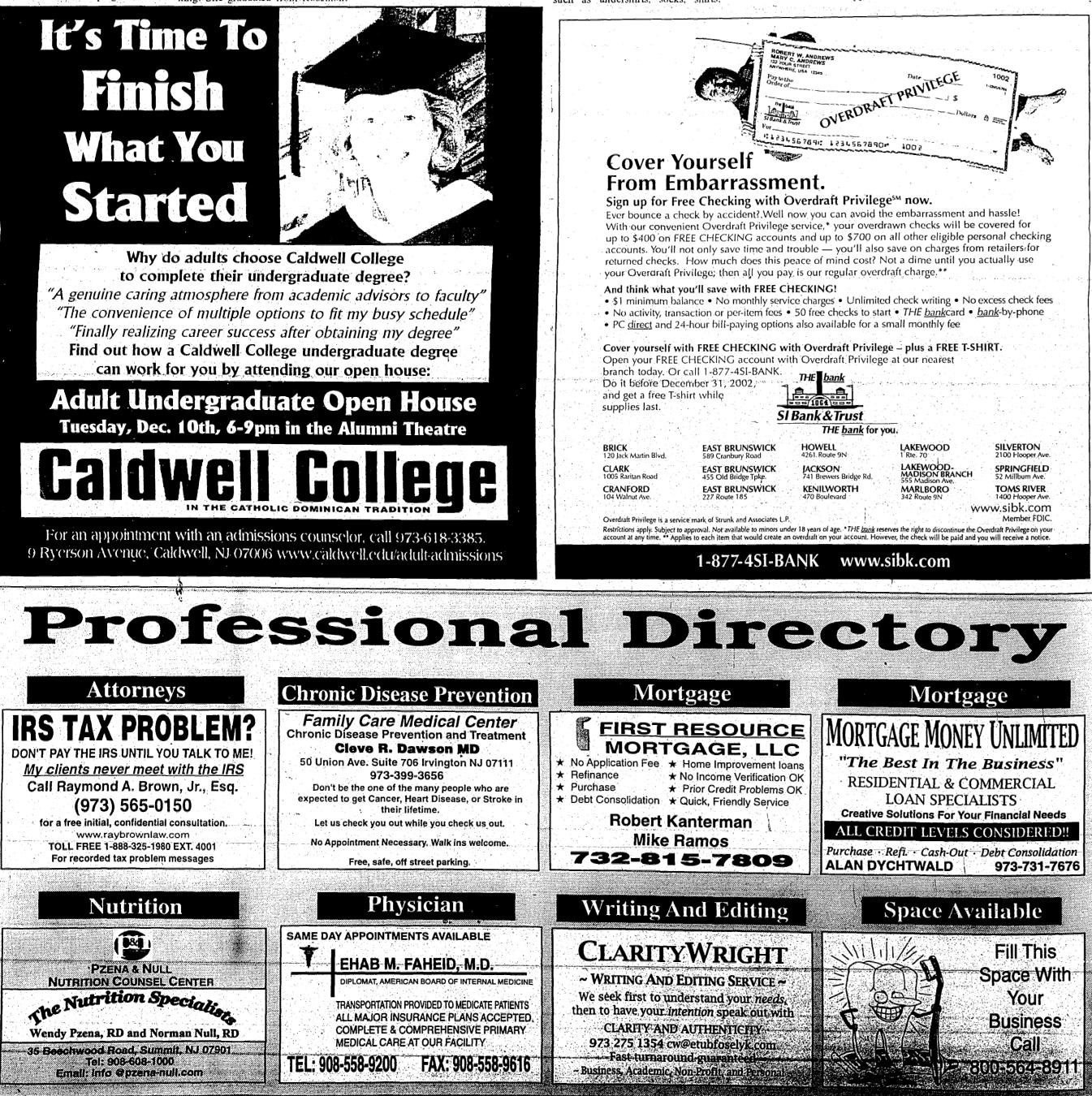
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sweaters, slippers, gloves and hats; household paper goods, and gift certificates to area supermarkets.

Items, preferably unwrapped, should be brought to the following locations: Summit Medical Group, 120 Summit Ave., Summit; Hilltop Bank, 385 Springfield Ave., Summit: Summit Housing Authority, Summit City Hall; SAGE headquarters, 50 DeFrost Ave., Summit; SAGE Resale Shop, 478 Morris Ave., Summit; SAGE Spend-a-Day, 550 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights, and Baxter Healthcare, 95 Spring St., New Providence.

The "Essentials for Seniors" drive was conceived by SAGE HomeCare Director Kathy Lyons.

"We in HomeCare see how dependent older people can be on the goodness of community and 'Essentials for Seniors' will help make a difference in their quality of life," said Lyons. "We know that with the support of the





Versatile in many musical styles. Janet Axelrod has played the flute in venues from Carnegie Hall to the Knitting Factory, from Broadway musicals to Lincoln Center. Currently the flautist in the Broadway revival of "Flower Drum Song," she is also noted for her interpretations of contemporary works and has premiered and recorded compositions by George Crumb, Philip Glass and John Zorn

Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. The concerts are free to all students in Summit schools. For information, call 908-273-3245.

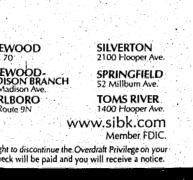
community, the 'Essentials for Seniors' drive will be a success and that it will grow in the years to come." For questions or information about "Essentials for Seniors," call Sage HomeCare at 908-273-8400.

SAGE volunteers can help elderly shoppers

A group of SAGE volunteers gathered recently to shop for groceries at a Springfield supermarket as part of the SAGE Shopping Service programs for homebound seniors who no longer can shop for themselves.

The shopping service offers these older adults the freedom to determine what they will eat even though their mobility is limited. The service is available in Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights and - thanks to funding provided by The Grotta Foundation for Senior Care - in Short Hills, Millburn and Springfield as well.







SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Judaism forum Sunday On Sunday at 3:30 p.m., the Summit Jewish Center's Interfaith Family Group, chaired by Genevieve Spielberg and Diane Rooney, will host "Everything You Wanted to Know About Judaism, But Were Afraid to Ask."

This program will be an informal gathering, an afternoon of conversation. food and the chance to get an answer to all the questions you have been asked by your children, your spouse and your extended family, but you weren't quite sure how you should answer them. Rabbi William Horn will be the

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908-273-8130. The Summit Jewish schedule of activities to enable cross Community Center, 67 Kent Place participation, and to sponsor a limited Blvd., on the corner of Morris number of joint programs for all. Avenue, is an egalitarian conservative synagogue. Check out the web site at Seniors of Springfield or the fall/ www.summitjcc.org.

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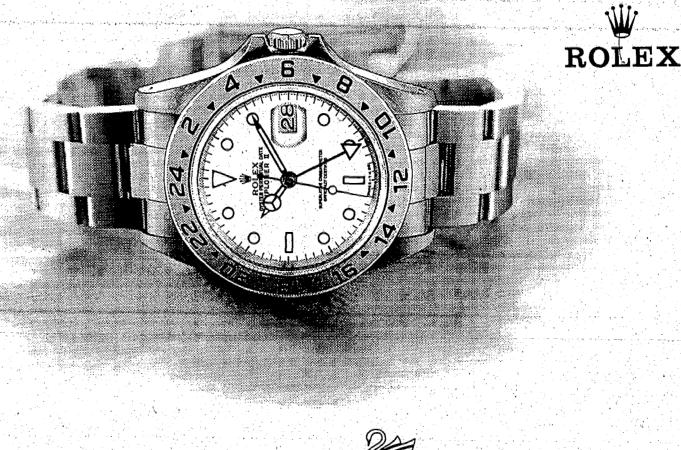
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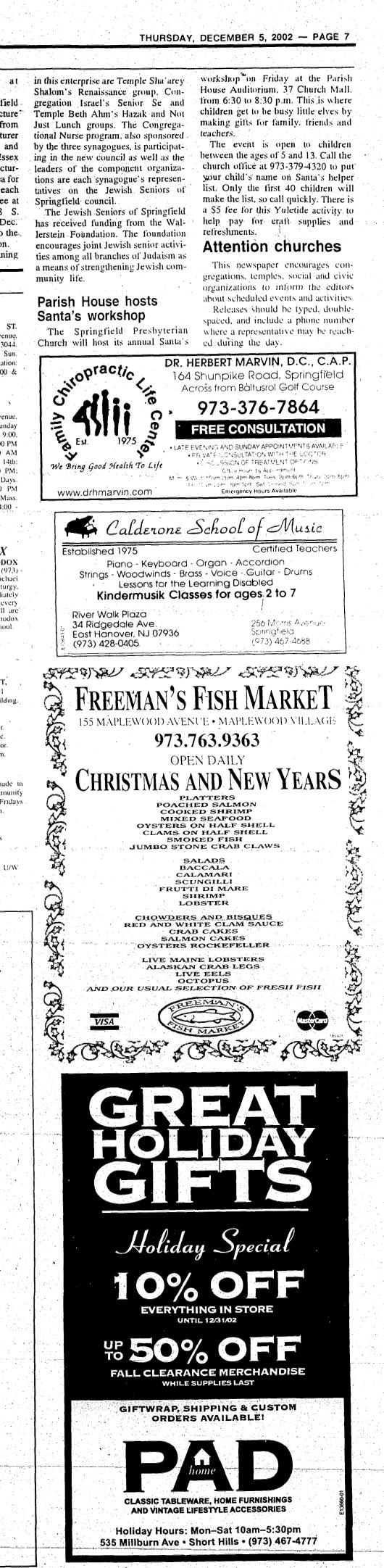
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The Jewish Seniors of Springfield is sponsoring a fall and winter lecture" series, "American Presidents from Washington to Bush II." The lecturer will be distinguished professor and historian Eugene Lieber of Essex County College who has been lecturing widely in the metropolitan area for more than 30 years. The lectures, each to be given after 9:30 a.m. coffee at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., are scheduled Dec. 16, Jan. 8 and 22. Each is open to the

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Adam Kohlhof, and a stepdaughter,









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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBAL By JR Parachini

ECHO LEADER

Sports Editor It's championship week and Johnson is representing Union

County Since Johnson won its only playoff championship in 1995, Union County has had just three state champions since then: Elizabeth in 1997, 1999 and 2000,

second-seeded and defending champion West Essex Saturday a 2:30 p.m. at Kean University in Union in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game.

ohnson 29-8 last year in a semifinal in North Caldwell. Both squads are 9-2, Johnson with a win at home over fifth-seeded Caldwell 28-21 and a win at top-seeded Summit 22-7, while West Essex defeated seventh-seeded Governor Livingston 23-18 at home and then blanked hird-seeded Pequannock 22-0 at Livingston High School.

not have a Morris County team in a North 2 final. The Group 1 fina features two Morris County schools: seventh-seeded Boonton at top-seeded Mountain Lakes Satur day at 1 p.m., while the Group ? final also features two Morris County schools: fifth-seeded Jefferson at third-seeded Mount Olive also Saturday at 1.

the Group 4 final, that being topseeded Morristown playing sixth seeded Montclair at Rutgers Satur day at 2:30 p.m.

three champions and will have a least two. In the four-county North 2 section, Morris County has 45 champions, Union County 43 Essex County 19 and Warren County five since playoff games began in 1974.

most points (335) of any team in Union County this year, but the Bears also gave up the least amount (29) and posted the most shutouts (7). Brearley, which finished 9-1 won its most games since finishing 10-1 in 1988.

 Immaculata won the Mountain Valley Conference's Mountain Division (what's new) with a perfect 7-0 record, the Spartans finish ing 9-1 overall. Brearley won the Valley Division with a 5-0 mark Westfield won the Watchung Conference with a 6-1 record. Summit shared the Iron Hill Conference's Hills Division crown

posting 8-1 IHC-Hills marks. · Cranford had the biggest tur naround in the county, going from three straight 2-8 seasons to a 6-4

season. NJSIAA FINAL

North 2, Group 2 Johnson vs. West Essex at Kean University, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 (1) Cranford 20, Kearny 12 Thursday, Nov. 28 (8) Linden 34, Union 6 Scotch Plains 33, Elizabeth 6 Immaculata 39, Rahway 13-Brearley 34, Hillside 0 Johnson 38, Granville 0 Roselle 14, Roselle Park 0 New Prov. 20, Gov. Liv. Westfield 14, Plainfield 6 Summit finished its season in state playoffs.

Playoff pick Johnson over West Essex: West Essex won last year i North Caldwell. This year, Johnson gets even in Union. Last_week: 6-3

UNION COUNTY 1. Johnson (9-2) 2. Summit (9-2) 3. Elizabeth (8-3) 4. Brearley (9-1) 5. Cranford (6-4) 6. Scotch Plains (6-4) -7. Westfield-(7-3)-8. Linden (5-5) 9. New Providence (7-3) 10. Gov. Livingston (5-5) Union (3-7)

Plainfield (2-8)

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This year: 89-35 (.718)



Brearley High School senior running back Amir Bethea (No. 15) scored two touchdowns against Hillside to help lead the Bears to a 34-0 season-ending victory last Thursday at Hillside's Woodman Field. Bethea finished the season with seven touchdowns and carried 52 times for 404 yards for an impressive 7.7 average.

Brearley closes campaign with a dominating victory

Bethea scores two TDs as Bears finish 9-1

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — The Hillside High School football team did all the talking, but it was Brearley's Dan Zika who had the last word as he led the Bears to a 34-0 victory on Thanksgiving Day at Woodman Field.

The senior running back rushed for 181 yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns to help Brearley finish its season at a very impressive 9-1. Senior running back Amir Bethea also scored two touchdowns.

Hillside finished 2-8 and lost for the seventh straight time. The Comets downed Brearley 26-21 last Thanksgiving at Kenilworth's Ward Field.

"The players on Hillside kept talking stuff all game," said Zika, who finished with 27 touchdowns and 41 other points for a total of 203. "I had to shut them up." Zika did just that early in the fourth quarter as he scored the first of his two TDs.

Forcing Hillside to punt from its own five-yard line, Brearley took over at the Comet 37.

On first down, Zika carried a pile of tacklers for a nineyard gain. A 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty was tacked on to the play, thus bringing the ball to the Hillside 13. After runs of six, one and one by Zika, Brearley was facing a fourth-and-two from the five-yard line. The Bears

went for it and the gamble paid off big as Zika took a handoff up the middle for the touchdown. The run on the twopoint conversion was stopped as Brearley held a 28-0 advantage with 9:17 remaining. Zika capped the game's scoring with 3:26 left, when he

scampered around the right side for a 20-yard touchdown run. He was then stopped on the two-point run to bring the game to 34-0. While Zika still leads the state in scoring at the moment,

it's not likely that he will finish as the leader because two players below him play this weekend and have an excellent chance of passing him.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments this year," Zika Hillside threatened to score after Brearley's final touch-

down, but was turned away by a tough Bear defensive stand

The Comets took the kickoff from their own 35 and drove to the 10-yard line. Facing a third-and-four, Hillside quarterback Curtis Davila pitched to running back Andrew Jones, who looked to throw an option pass.

Jones had a receiver open in the end zone, but senior defensive back Dave Sweigart made a diving block of the ball as it fell incomplete. "We knew they like to run that play because we saw it

on their game films," Sweigart said. "I read the play well and it paid off."

After a five-yard penalty pushed the Comets back to their own 15-yard line, there was time for one last play. Davila dropped back and looked for a receiver, but was flushed out of the pocket and forced to run. The sophomore

quarterback scrambled down the right sideline and seemed destined for the end zone before senior linebacker Joe Kahoonei met him at the one-yard line and pushed him back with his tackle, thus bringing the game to its end. "We played outstanding defense the whole game,"

Sweigart said. "We really turned it on in the second half." After a scoreless first quarter, Brearley got on the scoreboard with 7:39 left before halftime. An 11-play, 94-yard drive was capped off with a 14-yar-

d touchdown run by Bethea. The extra point was missed as Brearley-held a 6-0 lead.

On the play, Brearley senior quarterback Steve Washuta raced around the right side on a keeper, but pitched to Bethea just as he was getting tackled. Bethea got around the corner and tip-toed along the sideline right into the end zone for the score. Bethea also scored the Bears' second touchdown of the

game when he took a pitch right for an 18-yard romp to paydirt. Zika then blasted over for the two-point conversion to make it 14-0,

The score came on the opening drive of the second half as Brearley put together an eight-play, 84-yard march that was highlighted by a 43-yard reception by senior wide, receiver Sean Frank.

Brearley took a comfortable 22-0 lead late in the third quarter. After pinning the Comets deep in their own territory, Brearley took over on the Hillside 31-yard line after a 25-yard punt.

Zika picked up a yard on first down and then Betheagained a yard. Facing a third-and-eight, Washuta connected with tight end Mike Rothery for a six-yard gain. Brearley decided to go for it on fourth down and the gamble paid off as Washuta pushed the pile on a keeper for three yards and a first down. A five-yard face mask penalty

was tacked on to the play, bringing the ball to the Hillside

After a three-yard loss by Zika and 10-yard holding penalty, Brearley was facing a first-and-18 from the Hillside

On the next snap, Washuta dropped back and found Sweigart on a fly pattern for a touchdown. Zika ran in the two-point conversion

"The line did a great job of blocking," Sweigart said: "I got past my defender and Steve made a good throw.' Brearley proved to be one of the most dominant teams in North Jersey this year, despite falling in the first round of the North 2, Group 1 playoffs. The Bears scored the most points in Union County (335), gave up the least (29) and posted the most shutouts (7).

Brearley gave up only four scores in 10 games, one to Metuchen, one to Newark Central and two to Boonton. Not bad for having to play all 10 contests away from Ward Field.

Brearley also finished 9-0 in the regular season for the first time since 1988.



The Springfield Fire 10-and-under boys' soccer team concluded a perfect 7-0 season by blanking South Mountain 7-0. Netting goals were Steven Dombrowski, Justin Grant, Jeffrey Sommer and Martin Gimenez. Also playing well for the Fire were Jesse Benzell, Tyler Bujnowski, Johan Chabanon, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira, Carl Korieocha, Ben Miller and Max Webb. Other team members, who did not play in the season-finale, Include Salvatore Basile and Jason Berke. The team was coached by Steven Dombrowski and John Ferreira.

SPORTS

	Union County: 973-763-2557 Essex County: 973-674-2038
	BEARS FOOTBALL
	HILLSIDE — What a season it was for Brearley running back Dan Zika. The senior finished as one of the state's leading scorers with 203 points on 27 touchdowns and 41 other points.
	Zika also rushed for 1,357 yards on 176 carries for an impressive 7.7 yard average,
· ·	He carried 25 times for 181 yards and scored his final two touchdowns of the season in Brearley's 34-0 win at Hillside last Thursday morning in Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision play at Woodman Field. Brearley closed at 9-1, winning nine games for the first time since finish- ing 10-1 in 1988. The Bears, with a record of 5-0, also captured the MVC's
	Valley Division crown for the first time since that 1988 season, Hillside, which two years ago reached the North 2, Group 2 semifinals, had a tough 2-8 season and finished with a seven-game losing streak. Brearley senior running back Amir Bethea, a Dayton student, carried 52 times for 404 yards, also netting a 7.7 average. Not bad. He scored twice
	against Hillside to finish with seven touchdowns.
	GAME TEN Brearley 34, Hillside 0
	FIRST DOWNS: Brearley 14, Hillside 7 RUSHES-YARDS: Brearley 41-304, Hillside 26-119 PASSES: Brearley 7-11-0, Hillside 2-9-1
	PASSING YARDS: Brearley 95, Hillside 15 FUMBLES-LOST: Brearley 1-0, Hillside 3-0 PUNTS-AVG.: Brearley 1-26, Hillside 9-58 PENALTIES: Brearley 5-35, Hillside 9-55
	Brearley (9-1) 0 6 16 12 $-$ 34 Hillside (2-8) 0 0 0 0 $-$ 0
	 Brearley — Bethea 14 run, kick failed (B 6-0) (Second quarter: 11 plays, 94 yards, 10:00 used) Brearley — Bethea 18 run, Zika run (B 14-0) (Third quarter: 8 plays, 84 yards, 4:58 used) Brearley — Sweigart 28 pass from Washuta, Zika run (B 22-0) (Third quarter: 6 plays, 31 yards, 2:32 used) Brearley — Zika 5 run, run failed (B 28-0) (Fourth quarter: 5 plays, 37 yards, 4:23 used) Brearley — Zika 20 run, run failed (B 34-0) (Fourth quarter: 6 plays, 78 yards, 5:17 used)
	RUSHING: Brearley — Dan Zika 25-181, two touchdowns. Amir Bethea 7-54, two touchdowns. Joe Kahoonei 5-52. Steve Washuta 4-17. Tot- als: 41-304, four touchdowns. Hillside — Danny Little 7-55. Sultan Scott 12-28. Curtis Davila 2-23. Andrew Jones 5-13. Totals: 26-119. PASSING: Brearley — Steve Washuta 7-11-0. 95 yards, one touch- down. Hillside — Shawn Gibson 1-4-0. 8 yards. Curtis Davila 1-4-1. 7 yards. Andrew Jones 0-1-0. 0 yards. Totals: 2-9-1. 15 yards.
	 RECEIVING: Brearley — Mike Rothery 3-12. Dave Sweigart 2-37. one touchdown: Sean Frank 1-43. Dan Zika 1-3. Totals: 7-95. one touchdown. Hillside — Quran Hall 1-8. Charles Coles 1-7. Totals: 2-15. INTERCEPTIONS: Brearley — Dave Sweigart. Hillside — None. FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Brearley — Amir Bethca. Hillside — Leo-
	poldo Allen. Sultan Scott. Curtis Davila. . SACKS: Brearley — Dan Zika. Hillside — Jamil Coleman. — JEFF WOLFRUM
	GL football team proved
	to be a worthy opponent
	The Governor Livingston High School football team made great strides this season, finishing with a 5-5 record after falling at New Provi- dence 20-7 last Thursday in Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision play in New Providence New Providence tied the game a 7-7 in the second quarter and the scored 13 more points in the fourt quarter. Scoring touchdowns for the Pion eers were Joe Kretschmer. Tyle Weoderoff and Even Rafinatio
	in New Providence. Woodruff and Evan Rafanello. The Highlanders posted a winning Kretschmer scored on a one-yard record (4-3) against MVC-Mountain run in the third quarter.

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Division opponents and outscored the opposition by a 156-138 margin, posting one shutout.

The Highlanders also qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1989. Earning the seventh seed in North 2, Group 2, GL went to North Caldwell and almost knocked off the defending champions, falling 23-18 to West Essex.

GL won four of five to qualify with a 5-3 record at the cutoff date. Victories came against Roselle Park (41-6), Rahway (13-6), Hillside (12-0), North Plainfield (19-14) and Roselle (20-6). Senior quarterback Scott Sheppard scored GL's final touchdown of the season on a one-yard run in the second quarter against New Providence. Chuck Orlando's extra point gave the Highlanders a brief 7-0 lead.

GL marched 80 yards in 17 plays. with Sheppard completing two passes to senior fullback Pete Klebaur.

Woodruff scored on a six-yard run and Rafanello on a three-yard run in

the fourth quarter. New Providence, which reached the North 2. Group 1 playoffs, finished 7-3 for the second straight year.

Gov. Liv. (5-5) (A) Gov. Liv. 41. Roselle Park 6 (H) Immaculata 28, Gov. Liv. 6 (A) Ridge 21. Gov. Livingston 20 (H) Gov. Liv. 13, Rahway 6 (H) Gov. Liv. 12, Hillside 0 (H) Johnson 14. Gov. Livingston 0 (A) Gov. Liv. 19, North Plain. 14 (H) Gov. Liv. 20, Roselle 6 (A) West Essex 23, Gov. Liv. 18 (A) New Prov. 20, Gov. Liv. 7 Record: 5-5 MVC-Mountain: 4-3 Home: '3-2 Away: 2-3 Points for: 156 Points against: 138



The following are Springfield youth soccer results: 10-and-under

Springfield Fire 7, South Mountain 0: Steven Dombrowski. Justin Grant. Jeffrey Sommer and Martin Gimenez netted goals as Springfield closed with an undefeated record. Also playing well for the Fire were Jesse Benzell. Tyler Bujnowski, Johan Chabanon, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira. Carl Korieocha. Ben Miller and Max Webb.

- 9-and-unde Highland 5, Springfield Stingers 2: Playing well on offense and in the midfield for the Stingers were Ross Konesky, Nico Izzi, Sergio Annunziata, Jesse DiCocco, Jack Finnegan, Joey Policastro and Ryan Schweikert, who netted both of his team's goals. Playing well on defense were Brian DiFiore, Tyler Schafer, Ryan Rinderman and goalkeeper Jake Rudolph, who made several outstanding saves.

Springfield Girls Softball registration deadline tomorrow

The Springfield Girls Softball Program registration deadline is tomorrow Registration continues today and concludes tomorrow at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The registration fee is \$45, one check for \$20 payable to: Township of Springfield and one check for \$25 payable to: Girls Softball Parent's Organization. All fees are non-refundable.

-More information-may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2227.

Liberal and conservative: what do they mean?

Editor's note: This is the part in a series from the book "Freedom Tide." We are reprinting it in serialized form, with permission.

To truly make a difference, we first have to decide where we stand on issues. I really did not know how I felt about some of the most revelant issues we face today until I started a business of my own. Being an independent business owner really made me think my true feelings through. It also exposed me to other successful business people who helped me shape my own thoughts.

In my corporate engineering career most issues seemed to be suppressed or out of my area. I just did not have to confront anyone on them. Things were always handled by "corporate policy." As I built my own business. I encountered people every day who asked me what I thought or where I stood on everything from A to Z. I began to take a stand on many issues that people typically call controversial. But, if you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything.

It sure seems that many people today have tried to legislate morality right out of society, and those efforts have cost our nation its moral standards. We now have many who want to live their lives by preference and not conviction. Have we become a people of immorality through natural circumstances, or has the change been purposeful?

There is a group of people in America that is concerned with the equality of opportunity. There is another group of people that is concerned with the quality of outcome. I believe that our founders wanted this to be a land of equal opportunity: they weren't looking for a handout.

Equal opportunity dictates that each person has access to the same tools and the same resources. Each then chooses how hard to work based on how badly they want their goals and dreams. That is fairness.

The other group proposes to legislate fairness by identifying people or groups of people who - in its view - don't have the same opportunity. This group constantly tries to level the playing field so that the outcomes are equal. Traditionally, these views are known as liberal - equality of outcome - and conservative - equality of opportunity.

1 don't believe liberal versus conservative is a political party issue although political parties can identify themselves as liberal or conservative. "he issue is in our philosophy of life and in how these opposing viewpoints affect us. Again, it is imperative that we know what we believe and why. "Conservatism...seeks to conserve

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the best elements of the past." Lincoln was once asked. "What is conservat-" ism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried?" His response: "It understands the important role that traditions, institutions, habits and authority have in our social life together, and it recognizes many of our national institutions as products of principles developed over time by custom, the lessons of experience and concensus. Conservatives are interested in pursuing policies that will better reinforce and encourage the rest of our people's common culture, habits and beliefs. Conservatism, too, is based on the belief that the social order rests on a moral base..."

Liberalism, on the other hand, implies tolerence to others' views as well as open mindedness to ideas that challenge tradition, even favoring progressive views that allow for fundamental or extreme change to traditional structure. I believe that an increasingly liberal view of government's role has led us to pull away people from some of the traditions and principles upon which our country was lounder

Today's liberalism believes that the more government we have, the better. But, as government gets bigger, individuals inevitably lose freedoms. Lib-

A real States

ernment instead of less, higher or increased taxes as opposed to lower taxes, weaker national defense and progressive family values instead of traditional family values

When taxes and regulation are increased, government has more power to control the people. Stronger central control in the hands of the government is the basic foundation of a socialistic or communistic state. It sounds so good in the short run, the idea that "government is going to help you...you need it." The implication is that you cannot succeed on your own without government help.

Walter E. Williams, a free market economist and writer, described how government can easily slide into socialism by its very nature in a

speech he gave at Hillsdale College. "The only way the government can give one American one dollar is to confiscate it first, under intimidation, threats and coercion, from another American. In other words, for government to do good, it must first do evil. If a private person were to do the things that government does, he would be condemned as a common thief. The only difference is legality. and legality alone is no talisman for moral people. This reasoning explains what socialism is evil. It uses bad means - coercion - to achieve what are seen as good ends - helping

Bob McEwen, former Ohio congressman, and a noted free enterprise speaker, draws out the two different thought patterns like this: European model. God gives power to government, which gives power to people: and free enterprise or American moderals generally believe in more gov- el. God gives power to people who

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The free enterprise model could be called "conservative" and the European model could be called "liberal." You often hear liberal politicians talk of "taxing the rich" because wealth and money are corrupt. They evidentbelieve that people who have become successful shouldn't keep more of their own money, or they may become corrupt. Liberals believe that more money should go to the government because government knows better how to spend your money than you do. It has always amazed me that the people who believe that money corrupts individuals couldn't see that individuals still make up the govern-

emerged over the past 30 years or so that believes that government gives belief was the basis for Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto." The government is supreme, and everything is provided for you. There is no God.

All people are imperfect. Since people are imperfect, government is mperfect. Thus, when people have power without any moral direction, corruption is invevitable.

Chad Connelly is founder and president of Freedom Tide Foundation, an organization committed to educating Americans about the fundamental principles that have made America great. More information can be obtained at www.freedomtide.com.

COUNTY NEWS

Four magnet students go to Governor's School

Four Union County Magnet High School students spent their summer attending the New Jersey Governor's School, a prestigious and competitive ducational initiative for high school uniors throughout the state.

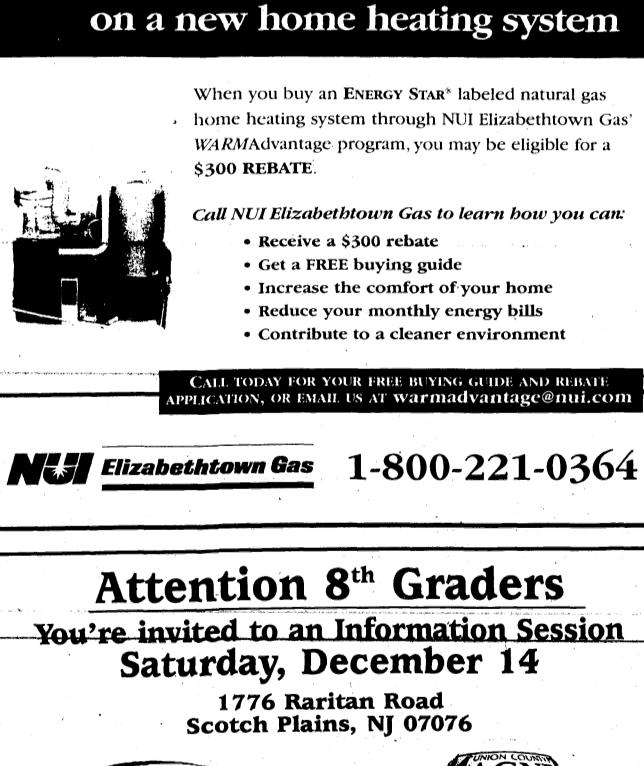
The Governor's School is an intenive, four-week residential program at ollege campuses throughout New Jersey. Each year, approximately 2,400 students apply for the 350 seats funded through the Governor's School program.

Students are nominated by their tigh schools and must submit an application. Nominees are judged on a number of criteria, including transcripts, letters of recommendation, essays, extracurricular activities, community service, special honors and PSAT scores.

Betsy Gauthier of Roselle attended the Governor's School for International Studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey. This program focuses on contemporary international issues such as negotiations and diplomacy social issues, public health, trade and economics, global environmental and sources, and universal human

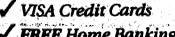
Daniel Guarnera, a Hillside resident, attended the Governor's School of Public Issues at Monmouth University. This program provides students with opportunities to study how state and local governments identify and respond to public issues.

Leena Scaria of Union attended the Governor's School on the Environment at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The school concentrates on national and urban ecosystems,



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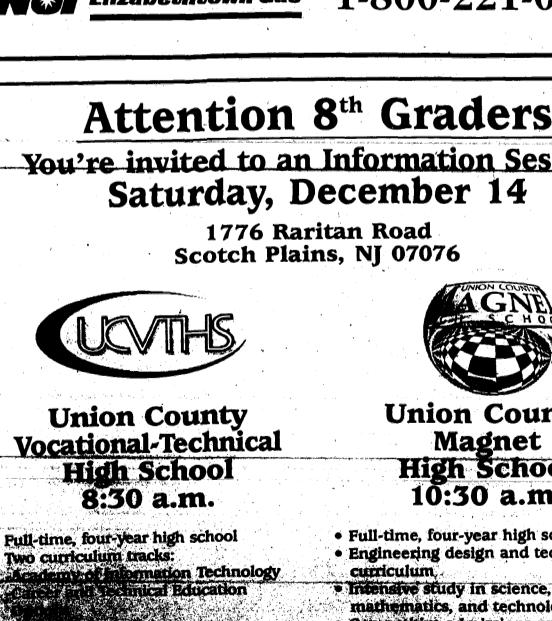
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pollution, geopolitics of space, and the international food and water crisis.

The Governor's School Arts at The College of New Jersey welcomed Diane Park of Westfield, a concert violinist, for its summer program. The program emphasizes extensive study n the fields of creative writing, dance, music, theatre, video/film production and the visual arts.

All four students are members of he Union County Magnet High School Class of 2003, the third graduating class at the school, which specializes in engineering and design technology, as well as computeraided drafting and design.

The school is located on the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus at 1776 Raritan Road. For more information, call the high school admissions office at 908-889-3800, Ext. 201.

NJAWBO holiday party

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners holiday reception and auction will be Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East. Mountainside

All women business owners in Union County, members and nonmembers of NJAWBO are welcome. All items that are donated will be auctioned at the event and the proceeds will go to this year's selected charity, The Center for Hope Hospice in Linden

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Radio plays come to life on area stages for holidays

By Bill VanSant **Associate Editor**

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Christmas night, 1997. The dinner is finished, the CDs and computer games have been unwrapped, and the family gathers around ... the radio?

Well, not quite, but that was the feeling when PBS televised a production of the Lux Radio Theater version of the classic Frank Capra film "It's a Wonderful Life."

Taped Dec. 8 of that year at the Pasadena Playhouse, the production, which was simulcast on affiliated radio stations nationwide, featured an all-star roster headlined by Bill Pullman, Penelope Ann Miller, Nathan Lane, Bronson Pinchot, Joe Mantegna, Robert Guillaume, Charles Durning, Christian Slater and Oscar-winners Martin Landau Sally Field.

Thus the phrase "radio play" was thrust into popular usage in the American pop culture vocabulary.

However, the medium was anything but new. During radio's heyday, the Lux Radio Theater broadcast abridged versions of then-current movie screenplays, often using the film's actual cast. The initiative served multiple purposes: it promoted the film in the days before television and trailers, it offered many opportunities to plug the sponsor's products, and the various actors gained broader exposure. Although the 1997 PBS telecast

made "radio plays" a household term, the Lux scripts had been in use at colleges and amateur theaters across the country from some time prior.

With radio plays are once again the rage, two holiday-themed productions will be unwrapped at area theaters in the coming weeks.

This Sunday, the Theater Project at Union County College in Cranford will present "It's a Wonderful Life," adapted and directed by Liz Zazzi, and in Maplewood, the What Exit? Theater Company will stage an adaptation of "Miracle on 34th Street" Dec. 18 to 22. Zazzi serves as the director-playwright of "Miracle" as well

But why a radio play when scripts for "A Christmas Carol" and other ly 'dead air.' holiday classics abound? For Zazzi and her colleagues, the answer is found in the unique opportunities the genre provides.

Sheehan, the artistic derful Life" was presented last year. By way of explanation, she recalled a recent episode of "Larry King Live" their next line. on which Melanie Griffith, voiceover star of "Stuart Little," was the guest.

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hard it was to do just the voice, because you can't use all these other things," she said in reference to such acting tools as facial expressions, dramatic pauses and gestures. However, Sheehan commented that it isn't "just the voice."

"Melanie Griffith was saying how

'When you're behind a mike, there is something to see. If you go to our sessions," she said of their oiceover work, "you will see us doing the part. We don't just stand there and go, 'Blah blah blah.' In order to make it come across through your voice, you use your body; it's acting in your imagination. You have to visualize everything exactly the way that you do on the stage. It's real-

ly no different. "And that's what radio was. None of these actors could have done that if they just stood there worrying about the mike."

It's such "behind the scenes" performances that audiences will see in Cranford and Maplewood, Something of a show within a show, radio plays allow the viewer to watch circa-1940s actors with scripts in hand, but hear George Bailey, Clarence the Angel or Kris Kringle, Likewise, smaller roles are often played by one actor, letting the audience enjoy a particular performer's versatility.

"The other thing, too," added Zazźł, is that "there is no dramatic entrance; there's no pause, there's no moment where somebody raises an evebrow. That has got to be conveyed within the reading of the line; a reaction has to be conveyed within the speaking of the reacted line. So the actor is compelled to supress any urge that he might have to raise his eyebrow or pause."

"You can raise your eyebrow, but you've got to do it while you're talking," Sheehan interjected with a laugh

"In a real radio recording," Zazzi continued, "even though the studio audience was treated to this pleasure of seeing all these people perform this, a real broadcast could not contain any pauses because it was literal-

"Something that, as I'm putting the show together, I impress upon the actors is it doesn't matter how cleverly you think you're glancing at some-"We're voiceover people, number one – I cannot see it. So the actors are then compelled to deliver a line and director of What Exit?, where "Won- then, if they need a reaction, it has to come while the other person is speaking or it has to come in the context of

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Gary Glor and Liz Zazzi run through a scene in the radioplay version of the classic holiday film 'It's a Wonderful Life.' Zazzi's radio-play adaptations of 'It's a Wonderful Life' and 'Miracle on 34th Street' will grace area stages in the coming weeks.

Writing for radio

Duke University has the archives of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, and is in possession of the catalogue of Lux Radio Theater scripts from the 1940s. This is where Zazzi began in creating the adaptations audiences will see in the comingweeks. She described them as being like "giant infomercials."

"You got a lot of information about Lux soap throughout the course of the program that was built kind of into introductions, certainly within commercials and at the end of the program. You got a lot of information about the latest project a certain actor was working on. So the story started to suffer.

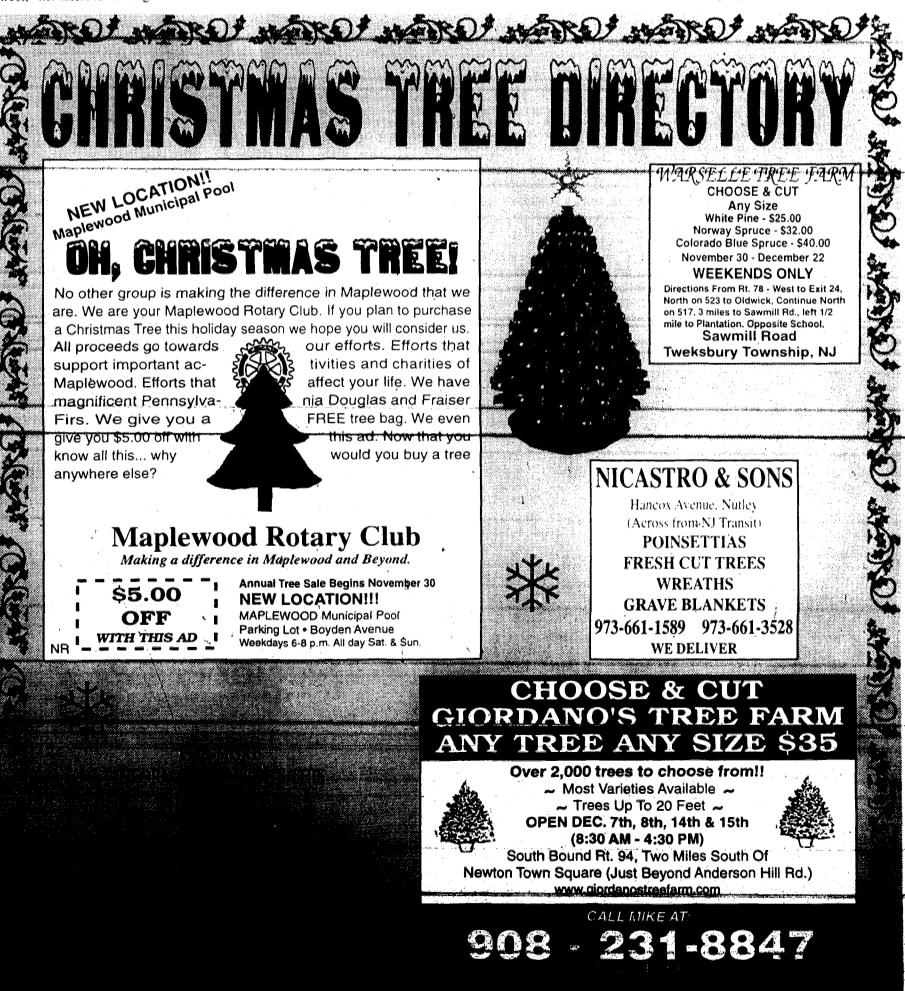
In remedying this problem, Zazzi - who is not beholden to promote Lux or any other product - revisited the actual films, both for "It's a Wonderful Life," which she adapted for What Exit? last year, and "Miracle on 34th Street," her latest reworking.

"I had to go back to the original material and watch the movies and say, 'All right, what's missing that can't live without in this radio script?" And then I'd watch scenes and some of them were no-brainers because I'd -go, 'Oh, that line I can't five without, or 'That section of that scene'.' And so I'd flesh it out by watching the movie and adding lines and adding scenes."

Zazzi's preparation wasn't limited solely to the addition of missing material, resulting in some challenging modifications to the scripts.

"Also very interesting was the fact that I'd watch the movies," she said, "and I'd look and say, 'You know what? This scene is very visual in the movie.

To illustrate her point, she made reference to a scene in "Wonderful Life" in which town tart Violet crosses a street, tosses off a brief sassy comment and flips her hair, stopping traffic cold. However, on screen, the





dialogue.

"And so then I have to say, as an adapter, how can I stretch that out so that the audience knows, if they were only listening, that these things happen? So then you have to inform within the story,"

Hence, the addition of lines not found in the Jimmy Stewart version. brief moments to establish the circumstances of situations that are purely visual "and only really relevant when you're watching a movie.'

Aiding immeasurably in this is the on-stage sound effects person whose performance is integral to the action In Maplewood, Mary Staunton Conway will provide the effects, while Lisa Alford performs the same tasks in Cranford.

Sheehan commented. "Radio in oure storytelling?

Zazzi also mentioned the chalenge of making exposition an factive" passage of the script, and commnented on the excitement of being riveted while watching actors holding scripts.

"It feels like that script essentially becomes a prop." she said. In furthering this piont, Wha

Exit? actor Brian Corrigan drew correlation to rock legend Eric Clapton. "If Eric Clapton did "Lavla," why did he have to do "Layla" unplugged. he asked. "Because when you see a inplugged, the effect voul religetting that you're not just watching the story, you're watching the technique." He went on to add that in traditional theater, technique should be invisible, but radio plays allow the rare opportunity for an actor to let his technique be seen and enjoyed.

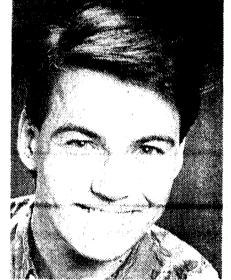
Season of giving Mark Spina, artistic director of the Theater Project, welcomes the chance. to diversify his company's offerings. and give something back to patrons that have shown their devotion.

" 'It's a Wonderful Life' is our Christmas present to our audience, he said. "So often, we do 'adultthemed' projects. This play is familyfriendly and we wanted to do something to thank our audience, which has been so supportive over the past eight years."

Like "Miracle on 34th Street" at What Exit?, the Theater Project's production of "It's a Wonderful Life"



Pulling double-duty are director-playwright Liz Zazzi, above, and actor Rick Delaney, below.



ill feature company members who faces are familiar to regular auences. Notably, actor Rick Delane who stepped into Jimmy Stewart shoes last year when he created a role of George at What Exit?, w appear in both of this year's produ

The east is made up of a group of actors that have been such a stream part of the the Theater Project's rowth." Spina continued. "As flarence says, "No man is a failure who has friends,' and we are so gratefal to all our friends, on stage and

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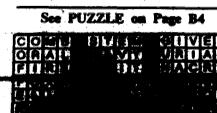
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