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Moppet budget revealed

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Chief School Administrator of the Mountainside school district, Gerard Schaller, used part of the Dec. 10 Board of Education meeting to present part of the 2002-03 school budget, which he called his "budget worksheet."

"We have begun initial planning stages for the 2003-04 district budget, and to help the board, the administration, the staff and the public," said Schaller. "I have made guidelines and assumptions have been developed to aid in this development."

Schaller then read the guidelines for this year's coming budget: to provide necessary funding to support increased school enrollment, to maintain program strength by providing appropriate student-to-teacher ratio; to provide adequate funds to support curriculum initiatives, to fund the capital facility maintenance and improvement projects adequately and finally, to continue the implementation of the district's technology program and strategic plan.

Discussed at the meeting was the first part, the preliminary budget for Moppet, or pre-kindergarten, through grade 2. Other sections of the budget will follow at subsequent board meetings.

Schaller said, "I have based this working document on enrollment. As we build, we may have to revisit this, so that is why it is only a preliminary budget. It is a complete breakdown so that the public could understand it, and any lay person can read it as able to all at the meeting.

budget with the one for 2003-04.

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

"We're just housewives, working people who are interested in peace." said Sylvia Zisman, a Springfield resident

She was referring to a majority of the New Jersey Hiroshima Remembrance Day Committee, of which she is the co-chairwoman. The group of well." The budget sheets were avail-7 roughly 100 unpaid volunteers is a statewide organization that lobbies for Schaller compared the 2002-03 an end to the threat of nuclear war.

Targeting the impending United The moppet section showed expen----States war with Iraq. Zisman sees the ---

One of their largest demonstrations was the Peace Train March and Rally Dec. 7 in Newark, where roughly 750 people turned out to show their support to the committee. They've also demonstrated at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, calling for an end to weapons of mass destruction. particularly those that use depleted uranium ammunition.

As Zisman reveals, the committee has had an extensive history of bringing to light the dangers of nuclear war, particularly with their accomplish--ments with the "Peace Days" events tear that the behavior of dishonoring which were conducted in Union and Essex Counties last August. The Aug. 7 to 9 date signified the committee's 14th annual remembrance of the nuclear bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan Aug. 9, 1945.

what the committee would like to see someday.

U.S. Senator Jon Corzine also sent the committee a letter in August supporting their mission and commending them for their peace-making efforts. Many veterans of World War II as well as the Vietnam and Korean Wars often participate in their demonstrations, showing their support for the committee

Citing the current threat of the U.S. using nuclear weapons against Iraq, a non-nuclear nation. Suess and Zisman treaties could result in another attack

For project, dis will get nearly By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer

As the referendum ballot for school expansion approaches. Springfield school officials received state aid figures for the nearly \$19 million spending plan with a local share of close to \$15 million funded by taxpayers.

Springfield schools were eligible to receive state funding of as much as \$9,797,451. However, the state will only provide the township with \$3,918,980, roughly 21 percent, of the total \$18,918.888 expansion project.

"We are going to get just under \$4 million from the state of New Jersey in the form of a grant to support this project," Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler said.

Mahler said that the money the state is providing is around the same number that the school district has been estimating they'd receive all along.

"We've been incredibly conservative in our approach in getting everything together for what we need to do to improve our facilities," said Mahler, at a Board of Education meeting Monday night, "We've been estimating up until this evening anywhere from 20 percent to 25 to 26 percent. We ve been sharing with people what we've been underscoring as preliminary numbers, numbers that we've been cautioning everyone not to take as gospel because we needed to get: these numbers: "transformation data and the determinant of the selection of the select

If the referendum is approved by voters Jan. 28, 2003, homeowners will pay approximately \$165 per year for 20 years for the average home in Springfield assessed at roughly \$160,000. Although the exact amount has not yet been determined, Mahler said that if the number is going to change, it will only change \$5 to \$10.

"Now that we finally got our number from the state, they're going to be meeting with the board's auditor and working up that number." said Steven Rogut, the school district's bond counselor. "They should have that by next week." The state considers elementary schools as grades K to 5. Springfield's elementary schools qualified for 22,750 square feet of additions, according to the state. The state could have funded up to \$138 for each square foot. For See OFFICIALS, Page 3





As Christmas Day draws near, Matthew Seale, 7, of Springfield, talks to Santa Claus during his special visit at the tree lighting ceremony conducted in front of the Municipal Building Dec. 10.

'Tis the season to protest, peacefully

ditures for 2002-03 at \$40,357, with expenditures for 2003-04 at \$42,527, or an increase of \$2,170. This was with the addition of one teacher plus written in the worksheets which everyone had in hand.

-During-public_comment, one... mother asked if every teacher gets \$850 for supplies as it showed on the sheet.

"Yes," said Schaller, "each and every teacher will receive that same sum for supplies. It will, however, be flexible and this may be open to change — they will share if one needs less and one needs more."

On the worksheet, supplies were well. broken down specifically for all to over last year due to increased enrolldue to time and budget.

holiday season as a way to truly promote peace with a series of vigils and rallies conducted in the downtown areas of Springfield, Plainfield and substitutes, and he had this clearly Elizabeth. The planned dates for the peaceful, non-violent demonstrations are today, Friday and Saturday.

Their hope is to have hundreds of vigils across the state that spread the message that Americans can solve the Iraq conflict in other ways.

Calling it "The Eve of Christmas, the Eve of War," what the committee is hoping to do with these vigils is to not only make people aware of the looming threat of nuclear war, but to offer ways to help promote peace. They're hoping that local churches come out in force to support them as-

"This should be a focal point for the see, with a slight increase of \$193 religious services coming up," said Terri Suess, a member of New Jersey ment. He had also listed field trips, Peace Action an organization that hasand said they would be "tentative" joined with the committee in their peace-promoting efforts.

The committee welcomed Koji Hayashida, a survivor of the atomic bomb blasts and Fumie Kakita, a child of a survivor, both of whom traveled to the U.S. from Japan in August. Seven events in that three-day period were conducted at various locations in the hopes of building a culture of peace with the committee's motto "No More Hiroshimas, No More Nagasakis.'

Zisman also received correspondence from another woman living in Nagasaki, Japan who was a survivor of the attack on her city. After describing her experiences, she also expressed the need to stop nuclear testing-and-to-abolish-the-use-of nuclear arms. Ultimately, putting a freeze on the nuclear arms race is

like Hiroshima. "What we are doing is trying to prevent Hiroshimas," said Zisman. "We

don't impugn the patriotism of anyone who fought in war." She said the committee continues to have observances on the 9th day of

every month to honor the atomic bomb attacks on the Japanese. By bringing the Japanese survivors of the attacks to New Jersey, as the committee did in August, Zisman hopes to have spread awareness about the severity of nuclear war, particularly in light of recent events.

"Now we're entering a whole new era where George Bush has rejected the anti-ballistic missile treaty," said Suess. "We should be the peacemakers. We have huge economic power at our fingertips and we can use that for goud."

To contact the committee, call 732-571-0430.-

Photo By Bob Helfrich Hoping to achieve true peace on Earth, members of the New Jersey Hiroshima Day Remembrance Committee are sponsoring a series of vigils during the holiday sea-

son to protest the impending United States war with Iraq: Co-chairwoman Sylvia Zisman of Springfield and Terri Suess, a member of New Jersey Peace Action, plan to gather with fellow members to promote peace.

Area churches celebrate the season with Christmas services

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

Area churches in both Springfield and Mountainside are making special plans for the celebration of Christmas, with, sacred services, children's pageants and concerts open to all. Springfield

• The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield at 37 Church Mall will offer two special Christmas Eve services Tuesday; one at 4 p.m. and the other at 11:30 p.m. Both services will be candlelight, and Holy Communion will be offered at both.

At the 4 p.m. service, the Festival Choir will perform, and at the 11:30 service, featured soloist will be Virgi-

nia Bunnell, a member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who will

sing, "To the Glory of God." • The Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 639 Mountain Ave., will host a festive Christmas Eve service for the entire family at 5:30 p.m. This will be especially meaningful as it is the first . service in the new sanctuary. Child care will be available for youngsters younger 3 years of age. • The Evangel Baptist Church at

242 Shunpike Road will host its Christmas Candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m., and all in thearea are welcome.

On New Year's Eve, the church will show the Billy Graham Video,

ment of the prophecy from the Old

Testament, the Book of Isaiah and

or messiah to be born in Israel

The baby's name, "Jesus," means

"The Climb," at 7 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

• St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., with host its Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m., and again at midnight. At the second service, carols will begin at 11:30 p.m.

On Christmas Day, four Masses are offered. They are at 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m., and noon.

Mountainside

• Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church at 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will have a -special-Christmas Mass schedule. The first Mass will be at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, which will be a Family Liturgy. There

will also be a 10 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve Mass, which will begin at 9:30 p.m. with a carol sing.

On Christmas Day, three Masses will be offered. They will be at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

• The Mountainside Chapel at 1180 Spruce Drive will offer a Christmas message at 11 a.m. Sunday. Beginning at 5 p.m. and running until 7:30 p.m., there will be a Christmas Gathering, with a soup and salad dinner. The Christmas spirit will include -teen-drama-choir-presentation_and_ more. All those attending are asked to bring a homemade gift, such as a Christmas tree ornament, cookies, etc.

Call 908-232-3456 for information. There will also be a family Christ-

mas Eve service at 71 p.m. at the chapel.

Offices closed for the holidays

As the holiday season descends upon us, this newspaper's publication dates will change, and as the dates change, so will our deadlines.

The final edition of the year will be published on Christmas Eye, a Tuesday, and the first edition of 2003 will be published on Jan. 3. a Friday.

Our offices will close at noon on Tuesday. Dec. 24, and will remain . closed until Monday, Dec. 30, in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will reopen at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30.

The deadlines for the Tuesday, Dec. 24, editions are as follows: • Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. - today, Dec. 19,

noon. • Letters-to-the-editor ---- Friday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.

• What's Going On - Friday, Dec. 20, noon.

• Display ads - Today, Dec. 19, 3 p.m., for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A.

- Sports news Today, Dec. 19, 9 a.m.
- General news Friday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising Friday, Dec. 20, 3 p.m.
- Legal advertising Today, Dec. 19, 3 p.m.

Our offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. We will reopen, Thursday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m. Deadlines for the

Friday, Jan. 3, editions are as follows: • Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. - Friday, Dec. 27. noon.

• Letters to the editor - Monday, Dec. 30, noon.

• What's Going On - Monday, Dec. 30, noon.

• Display ads - Monday, Dec. 30, noon for Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A:

- Sports news Monday, Dec. 30, Monday, 9-a.m.
- General news Tuesday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m.
- Classified advertising Tuesday, Dec. 31, noon.

Traditional tale helps holy day stay alive

By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

Christmas Day, the holy day of others, when God promised a savior Christ's birth, is just six days away, and as the anticipation mounts, all Christian churches are planning for both joyous and solemn celebrations

throughout the area. disterally, Christmas is "Christ's Mass which is a tribute to the Christ Child ... tom more than 2,000 years ago of a millingh (Dec. 24 in the town of n what was then Judea.

"savior," and as the story is told many times, he was born to a virgin, Mary, a young girl of about 16, chosen by God for this purpose at precisely this time and place. They were poor, Mary was espoused to Joseph, a carpenter from.

Nazareth, who was entrusted with her care through God's plan also. They travelled many miles to follow Cac-Contractions believe this was the fulfill-sar's-tax-laws, requiring registrationin the family's place of origin, the City of David: the same for both Mary. and Joseph. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Mary was about to give birth.

The old saying "No room at the inn" comes from their experience. because they were turned away from the Inn there, which was full. Instead, they were allowed to stay at the stable

the place where the holy birth took place. Therefore, Jesus was born among animals, so that in all the

Christmas pageants, animals from the

stable become part of the story; many churches use live animals to give realism-to-the holy-scene.

In perspective, according to tradition, Christmas is also special because it is the story of humble people, chosen by God, who were at that time temporarily homeless. Yet they depended on God for help, and received not only all they needed, but changed civilization for all time. Even time itself began a new count after

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Place of birth is sacred (Continued from Page 1)

that date, as in "A.D.", or Anno Dommini in Latin, which means "Year of our Lord" and all other time became "B.C." or "Before Christ" in English.

Ironically, today's materialism of giving expensive gifts and lavish parties becomes a stark contrast to the real meaning, which most clergymen will be stressing in their sermons. Even though the world seems always on the brink of wars, still the focus will be on peace, and God's gift to humanity, his Son, Jesus.

Beautiful services and magnificent music will be heard, such as Handel's "Messiah." which was written espe-

cially to portray the Christmas story. Children's plays in all the Sunday Schools are popular, and they vie for the roles of Mary and Joseph, and the shepherds and angels. Most of these pageants are on early Christmas Eve, or at special children's services in the church calendars. Churches usually have their biggest turnout at this season of the year.

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> By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

After purchasing Adobe Premier and Adobe After Effects, two hightech editing programs for the Jonathan Dayton High School Television Studio last year, the Springfield Township Committee recently authorized the purchase of DVD training courses so students can maximize the editing of their television videos.

"These are two software packages that are state-of-the-art video editing and special effects that can go on TV production programs," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld

The cost of the DVD courses is \$815. The money comes from the annual \$5.000 Cable Committee pal budget. Before the purchase of the videos, there was \$3,300 left in the budget.

said Hirschfeld. "I asked if they'd consider using this Adobe program, which is something all the colleges use and all television studios use. So we got it for them."

"Each year they've been helping us out," said Dayton Principal Charles Serson. "They've always been kind to us. Last year they gave us some editing equipment that was computerized that helps us out doing the editing work. It speeds it up, makes it a lot

After the township originally purchased the Adobe software, the school system thought they could learn how to use the software by using the help program that is installed with Adobe. However, the program is far too com-

"It's not something like Microsoft

strator Richard Sheola. "This is a fairly complex video editing program." Instead of hiring somebody to come train the students, the Township Committee decided to purchase instructional videos. Current and future Dayton classes will be able to use the DVDs over and over again, to learn how to use the Adobe programs.

"If you're buying them the training software, it's reusable." said Hirschfeld. "It's not hiring somebody to come in and train them. It's a DVD software program that trains you. It's like a tele-course."

Dayton studios produce several school-related programs within the studio. Last year, some of the prog-

rams focused on Sept. 11. "We did some things relative to the kids' thoughts," said Serson. "It was

kind of like a talk show." Other programs the students produce include, "Spotlight On Dayton," a show Serson hosts; a program on Dayton's emergency response team; and an athletic program.

Dayton sends the shows over to V-36, which broadcasts the programs The programs Dayton students pro-

duce are also aired in the school. "Everyday our news is done live," said Serson.



All the Activities You Want

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residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Today • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.; continues its international film festival with a screening of "No Man's Land," directed by Danis Tanovic, at noon and 7 p.m.

Admission is free. For information. call 973-376-4930.

• Rosanne Taglia R N., community nurse educator for senior health at St. Barnabas Medical Center, speaks to Springfield Hadassah on "Improving Memory," noon at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield. For information, call 973-376-0539.

• Darwin's "The Moral Sense of Man and the Lower Animals" will be the topic of the Great Books Discussion Group, 10 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The group welcomes new members. For information, call

973-376-4930. Saturday

• The first of three Babysitter's Training courses is conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call 908-232-7090.

Upcoming

Dec. 26 • The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 7 p.m. Ian. 2

• The reorganization meeting of the Mountainside Borough Council will be conducted at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Jan. 3 • A free blood pressure clinic will be hosted at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East in Mountainside, from 10 a.m. to noon. For information,

call 908-232-0015. Jan. 9

• The Mountainside P.A.L. is sponsoring a cheerleading class for third- and fourth-graders, meeting every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Bor-

• The Mountainside Recreation Department sponsors a skiing and snowboarding trip to Mountain Creek. The bus will leave Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. at 7:15 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Various registration fees apply. For information, call 908-232-0015. Feb. 11

• The Mountainside Recreation Department sponsors a New York City bus leaves Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$100 per person and includes orchestra seating and bus For information, call 908-232-0015.

Ongoing • The Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at noon at Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path in Mountainside: For information, call 908-232-4406.

day of the month at 10 a.m. at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. For information, call 908-232-4406.

the past year.

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Registration information will be sent through Deerfield School. For information, call 908-232-1596, ext. 531. Jan. 16

• Preschool Storytimes will be conducted at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, for children ages 3 and 4, Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. through Feb. 6. For information, call 908-233-0015. Jan. 17

• Toddler Storytimes will meet 10:30 a.m. at the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, for children ages 2 to 2 1/2. To register and for information, call 908-233-0015. Feb. 2

bus trip to see "Mamma Mia," a musical featuring songs by ABBA. The and returns after the show's 8 p.m. performance. transportation. Make checks payable to Mountainside Recreation Department, and mail to: 1385 Route 22 East, Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

• The Mountainside Active Retirees meets the second and fourth Tues-

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines published within

• "Write Your Life Stories" is a writing group that meets regularly the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Springfield

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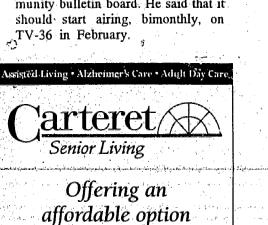
ough Hall Community Room, 1385 Route 22 East, through Feb. 27.

Committee helps Dayton students focus on editing

Each classroom is equipped, with television screens and at precisely 9:15 a.m., the morning news comes on, hosted by students.

"We do our local weather in the morning on TV," said Serson. "Right now we have a student who goes outside everyday and he actually gives a

weather forecast from outside. Serson is in the process of gathering information from local organizations and combining it into a TV program that will act as a Springfield community bulletin board. He said that it should start airing, bimonthly, on



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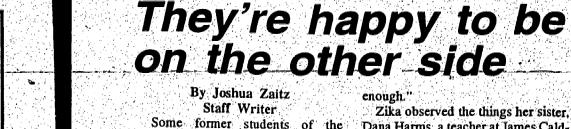
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Some former students of the Springfield school district liked the township's schools so much that when they grew up, they decided to teach there. Currently, the district employs six

Springfield. "Having graduated from the

Springfield public schools, there's a greater appreciation for the level of instruction that we expect and also a and how supportive they are," said understanding all that we have in a little back." order to support the students and their

ton. said that when she graduated hire a new teacher who is a product of from the high school in 1997 she nev- the Springfield school district. She er thought she'd be in the school said the teachers who graduated from again, let alone have her own the district have a sense of loyalty to classroom.

she'd be teaching until the summer regulations. after she graduated college. "I interviewed at a bunch of different places comfort level, especially for teachers - just companies, big companies. I who are starting out," Duke said. have a math background, data analysis, things like that. None of those first working with some of the same

bone and joint decade.

Zika observed the things her sister, Dana Harms, a teacher at James Caldwell School and a fellow Dayton alumni, was doing and said it seemed really interesting and something she'd

enjoy doing. "I basically sent my resume out to teachers who graduated from every school in Union County," Zika Jonathan Dayton High School in said. "Dayton just happened to have a teaching position open real late in the summer

Wendy Horowitz, also a math teacher at Dayton, who graduated from the high school in 1998, said that greater appreciation of the community for some reason, she always knew she'd end up back at Dayton. "I loved Superintendent of Schools Walter it here when I went here," she said, Mahler. "So, when a person has reminiscing about the days when she already graduated from this commun- sat at a desk in Dayton rather than ity and they come back to teach here, standing in front of the class. "I just they have a little bit of a head start in always wanted to come back and give

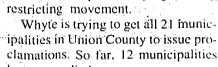
Board of Education President Linda Duke said that she thinks it can be an advantage to a certain degree to Springfield and are already familiar In fact. Zika didn't even know with several of the rules and

"It provides some familiarity and a Zika said it was a little strange at

> of extra bone form across the joints in characteristic patterns, progressively restricting movement.

Whyte is trying to get all 21 munic-

clamations. So far, 12 municipalities have complied.



"I had an idea of trying to bring county support to FOP and ask the 2 ntayors in Union County if they

neer Middle School.

conversations."

to their age so they're well-behaved

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FOP," Whyte said." Whyte said that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will also issue a proclamation. FOP is a disease in which the body produces not just too much bone but an extra skeleton that immobilizes the joints of the body;

An attempt to remove the extra-





Happy to be on the other side of the classroom are Wendy Horowitz and Jackie Zika, just two of the six teachers in the Springfield school district who were former students in the township's schools and graduates of Jonathan Dayton High School.

was actually helpful because we didn't have to worry about the stupid little things like --- where's the teachers' room, what are the rules when a kid does this? We already knew that because it was so recently that we've been here, experiencing it." Horowitz said that it wasn't awk-

ward at all when she first started. "If anything it was more helpful." Both Zika and Horowitz teach stu-

dents whose grade levels range from reshmen all the way up to seniors. However, they said that their closeness in age to some of their students is not a problem. Zika said that she feels it's an

advantage in some ways. "They seem to like us better because we're closer

Borough Council designates bone, joint decade

ing of Mountainside resident Garv. Whyte, who is staging a campaign to increase awareness and find a cure for Fibrodyplasia Ossificans Progressiva, a rare genetic disorder in which bone

companies seemed interesting teachers who taught her. "I think it

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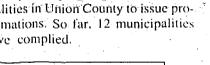
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By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

ultimate success." Jackie Zika, a math teacher at Day-



renovations, the state can pay as much as 40 percent of the cost. Springfield school officials have said that the district is in desperate need of expansion, as classrooms are already overcrowded and enrollment is projected to increase.

The expansion will most likely result in pre-K through second-graders attending Edward V. Walton School, third- through fifth-graders attending both James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School and sixth- through eighth-graders remaining at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School..... Walton and Sandmeier will be expanded, while sections of the other schools will be renovated, including the district's science labs.

Originally, the referendum was supposed to be placed on a Dec. 10, 2002, ballot. However, the school system did not receive the preliminary cost estimates from the state Department of Education in time for the Union County Board of Elections to place the referendum on the Dec. 10 ballot. "I've been involved for the last week with finally getting the feedback from

the Department of Education, their determination of the eligible costs for each of the five projects," said Rogut. To accelerate the completion of the construction, and have the school fully

expanded and renovated for the 2004-05 school year. the district will be using modular construction rather than traditional on-site construction. Modular construction is a design/build construction method allowing project completion to occur in two simultaneous building phases.

Finalization of land swap expected soon

> By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The proposed land swap between Springfield and Union County, in which the township would receive the property surrounding Jonathan Dayton High School in exchange for Green Acres Park on Morris Avenue, should be completed early next year. Representatives from the county met with Springfield officials on Dec.

11 to discuss the land swap and see when it will actually take place. "They met and just decided that

they need to do more surveying," said Union County Public Information Officer John Salerno, "They've all gone back to do additional surveying of the land just to make sure that everybody is on the same page as to where the boundaries will be and how much land is exactly in each parcel? Earlier this year. Springfield and the county entered into an agreement to conduct a survey to determine just where are the boundaries of each

Harbor Consultants Inc. of Cran-

cost. Springfield only paid \$5,000 Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said the two governing bodies need to put the land ownership into deeds. The survey will determine the "meets and bounds" description. exactly where the property starts and ends:

The survey has to finalized and will most likely be completed by the end of the year, explained Township Administrator Richard Sheola. "We'll get together, hopefully, right after the first of the year and finalize this thing," he said.

The Township Committee began discussing the land swap with Union County almost two years ago.

In the proposed trade, Springfield is expected to receive about nine acres that surround Dayton on Mountain Avenue, including Wabeno Avenue Park, while the county would receive more than 14 acres adjacent to the four acres the county already owns at the Union-Springfield border on Morris Avenue, known as Green Acres

Once the deal' is completed, the

Horowitz said that with the closeness in age she has to constantly walk a fine line between being the students' friend and an authority figure. "You can't let them know that you're on a similar age level as them. You can't get involved in some of the outside

Other current teachers in the district who graduated from Dayton include JoAnn Goffreda and Susan Greene, both teachers at Edward V. Walton School; and Candice Giordano, a teacher at Florence M. Gaudi-

would consider a proclamation on "

Houses of worship create council

The seniors' organizations Springfield's three synagogues have oined to form a coordinating council called the Jewish Seniors of Springfield. The purposes of the new group are to avoid scheduling conflicts among the activities for seniors in the three congregations, to publish a joint schedule of activities to enable cross participation; and to sponsor a limited number of joint programs for all. For information about Jewish Seniors of Springfield or the fall/ winter lecture series with Eugene Lieber, call Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance group representatives Marge Grossbarth or Arlene Newman through the Temple

Sha arey Shalom office at 973-379-5387. The Jewish Seniors of Springfield is sponsoring a fall and winter lecture series. "American Presidents from Washington to Bush II." The lecturer will be professor and historian Eugene Lieber of Essex County Col-

lege who has been lecturing widely in the metropolitan area for more than 30

A special visit

given after 9:30 a.m. coffee at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, -78-S- Springfield --- about Jewish holidays and the Bible. Ave., are scheduled Jan. 8 and 22. Each is open to the public without fee.

or reservation The seniors' organizations joining in this enterprise are Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance group, Congregation Israel's Senior Se and Femple Beth Ahm's Hazak and Not Just Lunch groups. The Congregational Nurse program, also sponsored by the three synagogues, is participating in the new council as well as the leaders of the component organizations are each synagogue's representatives on the Jewish Seniors of Springfield council.

The Jewish Seniors of Springfield has received funding from the Wallerstein Foundation. The foundation encourages joint Jewish senior activities among all branches of Judaism as a means of strengthening Jewish community life.

Jewish Adventure Series

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School invites preschoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series. Children 4 years The remaining lectures, each to be old, pre-K, will experience an enrich-

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METHODIST -(July/August 9.50 a.m.). Childcare and children's - (Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor,



one at the SAGE Resale Shop, a place that offers a wide selection of items. The shop, located at 478 Morris Ave., sells new or gently used quality goods donated by local residents and is operated through SAGE. a nonprofit organization serving the needs of the city's elderly. The items include china, artwork, clothing and accessories, craft items and books. Any could make a welcome gift for that special person on one's shopping list.

Bishop Arthur Serratelli, auxiliary bishop and vicar

general of the Archdiocese of Newark, addresses

the student body at Oratory Preparatory School in

Summit. On Nov. 1, during the Feast of All Saints,

to the audience of 240 young men, discussing the

role of the saints and their relevancy to our lives.

Bishop Serratelli celebrated the Eucharist and spoke

The Resale Shop also sells furniture, baby items, china. glassware and linens, goods that are often needed during holiday visits from family. Christmas merchandise also is available and is now marked at 50 percent off the already low prices. The SAGE Resale Shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to-4:30-p.m.--

Donations are received on a daily basis. Joanne Gentile, manager of the Resale Shop, urges customers to stop by on a regular basis for the best selections and the best buys. Donations are always welcome and can be brought in at any time during store hours. For large items, call ahead. Pick-up can be arranged. For information, call Gentile or one of the volunteer salespeople at 908-273-5564.

All proceeds are used to support SAGE programs to help the homebound elderly remain in their homes. SAGE serves as a major community resource in the establishment and delivery of innovative services for older adults and their caregivers, thereby promoting independence and a dignified quality of life. These programs include Spend-a-Day Adult Day Health Center, HomeCare, Meals-on-Wheels, a Shopping Service and InfoCare, an information and referral service.

In addition to its Resale Shop, SAGE also runs a furniture repair service. SAGE serves more than 5,000 elders and their families annually in Union, Morris. Somerset and Essex counties.

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Concert marks reign of Queen Elizabeth The Clan Currie Society has announced that The Pipes of Christmas, its annual holiday concert, has been designated as a Golden Jubilee event, marking

- the 50-year reign of England's Queen Elizabeth. The Pipes of Christmas, which will be Saturday at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, is expected to be one of the final Golden Jubilee events in the United States, closing a year of worldwide celebrations. Clan Currie has also announced that television highlights of its highly popu-

lar "Pipes of Christmas" concert will air on Summit's TV-36 Communities On Cable on Christmas Day.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations are intended to provide a special opportunity to acknowledge all those who support and contribute to their communities through public service and voluntary endeavor. The queen hopes that the celebrations will reach into every community and involve everyone no matter what their background, age, culture, ethnic origin, religion or other status.

"The Clan Currie Society is honored to once again participate in an event that has been designated an official occasion of the Golden Jubilee," said Commander Robert Currie of The Clan Currie Society. "In recognition of this honor, the Clan Currie Society has commissioned a special musical selection to commemorate the life of the Queen Mother, a beloved member of the royal family. Rather than a dirge, this special piece of music recalls the joy and victory of the Oueen Mother's life."

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, died peacefully in her sleep on March 30 at the age of 101. She was devoted to the service of her country, the fulfillment of her royal duties and the support of her family. Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne upon the early death of her father, King George VI, on Feb. 6, 1952. These were emotional events which deeply affected people throughout the United Kingdom and the world. After a period of widespread mourning for the late king, people welcomed the opportunity to rejoice the following year when the 26-year-old Queen Elizabeth was crowned in an ancient ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

The Pipes of Christmas is the third Golden Jubilee event in which the Clan Currie has participated this year.

The first was the Sept. 14 unveiling of a historic mural of William Franklin, the last Colonial governor of New Jersey and the son of Benjamin Franklin, which was installed at The Proprietary House in Perth Amboy. The Proprietary House is the only remaining Colonial governor's mansion in the United States: The second Golden Jubilee event was His Royal Highness Prince Andrew's visit to the city of Philadelphia on Sept. 22 and 23. As members of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Committee, Clan Currie helped to inaugurate the Jubilee International Education Fund. The fund was established to provide support to under-

privileged high school students in Philadelphia. The third event is The Pipes of Christmas, which features two performances on Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. The concert features Scottish and Irish musicians performing favorite holiday selections accompanied by a selection of readings taken from Celtic literature and Scripture. For information, call 908-273-3509 or visit the society's Web site at www.clancurrie.com.

Founded in 1992, the Clan Currie Society is a non-profit organization, which promotes awareness and understanding of the history and contributions of the Clan Currie and Scottish history and culture.



Summit Chorale has auditions

Jan. 7 and 14 from 7:45 to 10:15 p.m. evenings on the Drew University Summit Chorale, a 60-voice SATB chorus, offers auditions in all voice - For information and audition parts for the remainder of the 2002-03 season including two major concerts. sonnel manager at 732-698-1433 or Garyth Nair is the chorale's music

Summit Chorale conducts auditions director. Rehearsals are Tuesday campus on Madison Avenue in Madison. appointments, call the chorale's pervisit www.summitchorale.org.







Marjorie G. Halpin Marjorie, G. Halpin, 67, of Spring---field-died-Dec.-5-in-Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Halpin moved to Springfield 31 years ago. She was a secretary to the superintendent of schools in Springfield for 27 years. Previously, Mrs. Halpin worked for Ciba Pharmaceuticals, Summit, for four years. She was a member of the Capital Campaign Committee to -build the new church at St. James Church, Springfield, and of its bereavement and stewardship ministries.

Mrs. Halpin was a Democratic county committeewoman, an officer of the Springfield Democratic Organization, a member of the League of Women Voters and the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment, a former member of the Environmental Commission and a member of the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Surviving are two sons, William F. and Stephen J.; a daughter, Moira E. O'Connell: a sister. Eileen Hayden: and four grandchildren.

Frieda E. Haggerty

Frieda E. Haggerty, 93, of Springfield died Dec. 6 at home. Born in Harrison, Mrs. Haggerty fived in Newar, before moving to Springfield 62 was ago. She was a member of the Springfield Senior Citizens Group 6.

Surviving are two sons, Eugene I and William L .; two daughters, Patri-.cia Ann Haggerty and Peggy Keller: 12 grandchildren: and three greatgrandchildren.

Carol A. Joannides

Carol Ann Joannides, 67, of Mountainside died Dec. 7 in the Ashbrook

Nursing Home, Scotch Plains. Born in Westfield, Mrs. Joannides lived in Mountainside for most of herlife. She was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Bowling League, both in Mountainside

Surviving are three daughters, Nancy L. Skurka, Sandra Menzie and Mary Bonilla, three sisters, Patricia L. Lympkins, Virginia Gandy and JoAnn Smith: and six grandchildren.

Jessie Jacobs

Jessie Jacobs, 92, of Mountainside died Nov. 10 in Brighton Gardens

Assisted Living, Mountainside. Born in Hoboken, Mrs. Jacobs - lived in Jersey City and Boca Raton, Fla., before moving to Mountainside: She was a history teacher at Snyder High School, Jersey City, for 35 years and retired 32 years ago, Surviving are a son, Dr. Ivar

Jacobs, and two grandchildren: Jacob A. Lipstein

Jacob A. Lipstein, 90, of Springfield died Nov: 11 in St Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Lipstein lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield many years ago. He was an attorney with a private practice in Newark and West Orange for many years before retiring in 1997. Surviving are his wife, Jean; two

sons. Norman and Richard; and four grandchildren.

Katherine Grafanakis Katherine Grafanakis, 87, of

Springfield died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, Born in Hopewell, Val., she lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1953."

Surviving are two sons, George and Larry: two sisters, Anna S, Karakos and Christine Lepinsky: four grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

Marv Tavaska

Mary Tavaska, 89, of Springfield died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Tavaska moved to Springfield 16 years ago. She was a seamstress with Shifman Brothers Mattress Co., Newark, for 25 years and retired 17 years ago. Surviving are two sons. Edward and Ronald: a brother, Nicholas Kondroski; seven grandchildren; and sevengreat-grandchildren.

Catherine Edwards

Catherine M. Edwards, 78, of Whitehouse Station, formerly of Mountainside, died Nov, 13 in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan. Born in Hillside, Mrs. Edwards lived in Mountainside and Absecon before moving to Whitehouse Station 30 years ago. She was a secretary for Helipot Industries. Mountainside, from 1948 to 1951.

Surviving is her husband, Harry.

Beniamin Lubiner

Benjamin Lubiner, 78, of Monroe and Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of

Springfield, died on Nov. 15. Born in Newark, Mr. Lubiner lived in Newark and Springfield before maintaining dual residences in Delray Beach and Monroe Township for many years. He owned and operated Westfield Cleaners for 30 years and retired in 1988. He served in the Army Infantry during World War II and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star medal

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Alan: two daughters. Sheila Schechter and Gail Schofield; a brother, Alvin; a sister. Shirley Morrow; and six grandchildren.

Gladys Berger

· Gladys Berger: \$1: of Springfield died Nov. 8 in the Woldenberg Village Nursing Home. New Orleans, La. Born in Newark, Mrs. Berger lived in Verona before moving to Spring

field 37 years ago. Surviving are two sons, Gary and Alan; two sisters. Ruth Hillard and Beatrice Marder: a brother, Philip Lehner: and three grandchildren.

Mrs. J. Hamberger

Jacoueline Hamberger, 57, of Mountainside died Nov. 19 at home. Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Hamberger lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside 10 years ago. She was a sales associate for Burgdorff Realtors. Westfield, for the past three years. Before that, Mrs. Hamberger was a project manager at Lucent Technologies, where she worked for many years before retiring in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter. Jocelyn Northcutt-Delaney: her mother, Ruth Kuntz; and two brothers, Rodney and Douglas Kuntz.

ville, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 21 in Community Medical Cen-

mann lived in Springfield before moving to Bayville in 1996. He owned Buthmann Luncheonette. Newark. and retired in 1988,

Mr. Buthmann served in the Army during the Korean War. Heb was a member and past master of the F&AM Germania Corinthian Union

Lodge 11 in Union and was a right worshipful grand chaplain for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Caren E. Strasko; two sons. Richard A. Jr. and Ronald E.: two stepsons, William and Aldwin Pein; two stepdaughters, Cathleen McDonald and Nancy Kessler; 14 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Stella M. Castillo

Stella M. Castillo, 80, of Mountainside died Nov. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Flagstaff, Mrs. Castillo moved to Mountainside 35 years ago. She was a gradaute of Arizona State Teachers College, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Ernesto C .: two sons, Michael E. and Charles W.; two daughters, Patricia Ann Masseau and Stella Marie: six grandchildren: and two greatgrandchildren.

Emma L. Dunleavv

Emma L. Dunleavy. 79, of Madison, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 23 at home.

Born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., Mrs. Dunleavy lived in Springfield before moving to Madison in 1954. She was an office worker at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, for 25 years and retired many years ago. Mrs. Dunleavy was a volunteer with the Red Cross and at St. Vincent Martyr Church, both in Madison. Surviving are two sons, Jeffrey, and

Robert, and four grandchildren.

Janet A. Wittenberg

Janet Ann Wittenberg, 64, of Springfield died Nov. 23 at home. Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Wittenberg

moved to Springfield 39 years ago. She was employed by California Waves/Sizzle Beach in New York. She was a member of the International. Swimwear Manufacturer's Association and the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield. Surviving are a son, Michael; two daughters, Jill Abrams and Marci; and

four grandchildren. Albert J. Colandrea

Albert I. Colandrea, 91, a lifelong resident of Springfield, died Nov. 22

Mr. Colandrea was a self-employed plumbing contractor in the Spring-

field area before retiring 25 years ago. He also owned the Warrenbrook Country Club, Warren, for 20 years. Mr.-Colandrea-was an Army-veteran of World War II and was a recipient of

the Purple Heart. Surviving are two sisters; Helen Kopper and Florence Williams, and eight brothers, Raymond, William. Benjamin, Arthur, Edward, Richard. Vincent and Robert.

Nadine T. Gurrera

Nadine Teresa Gurrera, 71, of Flanders, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 8 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Gurrera lived in Springfield before moving to Flanders 16 years ago. She was a retired nurse. Mrs. Gurrera was a member of the Mount Olive Senior Citizens and the Rosary Society of St. Jude's Church, Budd Lake.

Surviving are her husband of 51 years, Joseph; a son, Dr. Ronald Gurrera; two daughters, Valerie Dawson and Jayne Caruso; and three grandchildren.

Muriel O. French

Muriel O. French, 84, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 10 at home.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. French lived in Springfield before moving to Arizona two years ago. She was a safe deposit clerk with the National State Bank, Springfield, for 35 years and retired in 1980.

Surviving are a son. William F. Jr.: daughter, Crol Fernandes; nine grandchildren; and a greatgrandchild.

Susan Cleary Baitz

Susan Cleary Baitz, 53, of Mountainside died Dec. 14 at home.

Born in Cape May, Mrs. Baitz lived in Westfield before moving to Mountainside in 1988. She was an interior decorator and owned Cleary Interiors, Mountainside, and earlier, Westfield. Previously, Mrs. Baitz managed Lloyd's Furniture Store, Somerville, for 15 years until 1988. She was a 1978 graduate of the Pratt Institute, New York City, where she received a degree in nterior design.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas. and a brother, Kevin Cleary.

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Richard Buthmann

Richard A. Buthmann, 66, of Bayter, Toms River.

Born in New York City, Mr. Buth-

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER C. Robert Anderson

C. Robert Anderson, 82, of Summit died Dec. 7 at home. Born in Red Deer, Canada, Mr. Anderson lived in Seattle, Wash., and Edina. Minn., before moving to Summit 35 years ago. He was an attorney and vice president and general counsel for the Eastern Home Office of Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, where he worked from 1967 to 1982, when he retired. Before that, Mr. Anderson worked for Prudential in Minneapolis, Minn., from 1954 to 1967. He received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Washington, where he achieved national athletic prominence in track and field and a law degree from Harvard University Law School in 1949. During World War II. Mr. Anderson served with the Georgia National Guard in the Pacific, rising to the rank of captain. He was past fund-raising chairman for the United Way of Central, N.J., past trustee of the Newark

and Essex Legal Services and a member of the Association of Life Insurance Counsels and the Minnesota, New Jersey and American Bar associations. Mr. Anderson was a past president of the Upper Midwest Amateur Athletic Union from 1960 to 1964 and member of the United States Olympic Committee from 1960 to Surviving are two daughters, Diane

Asher and Julie Anderson; a son, Frederick: and five grandchildren.

Goldie I. Bennett

Goldie I. Bennett, 89, of Summit died Dec: 4 in Mercer Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Born in Richmond, Va., Mrs. Bennett lived in Summit for 69 years. She was a self-employed, day-care provider in Summit for 30 years before retiring. Mrs. Bennett was a deaconess,

missionary and choir member, all with Fountain Baptist Church, Summit. She also was a member of Linsey-Street Post 322 American Legion Auxiliary and the Court of Calanthe, a fraternity organization, both of Summit.

Surviving are a son, David S.; a sister, Dorothy B. Perry; and a brother, Wallace Binford.





The Summit, Oak Knoll, Kent Place and Governor Livingston high school teams were represented at this month's 18th annual North Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Star Games at Montclair State University, Kneeling, from left, are Sarah Bowman of Summit. Beth Kowitt of Summit and Laura Cohen of Kent Place. Standing, from left, is Oak Knoll assistant coach Ali Sumas, Molly Bate of Oak Knoll, Genny LaPaglia of Oak Knoll. Jen McCallum of Oak Knoll, Laura Sumas of Oak Knoll and Katrina Blasi of Governor Livingston. Players from Oak Knoll and GL played on the Blue team that defeated the White 2-0 in one of three games. Summit and Kent Place players were on the White team. Oak Knoll won the Union County Tournament title this year, beating Summit in the final.

Summit boys' basketball is confident entering season Hilltoppers have experienced players

Bv Jeff Wolfrun

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Editor: JR Parachini

Staff Writer

Entering the season with confidence. That's what Summit High School boys' basketball coach Eugene Maxwell feels his team is doing. "I have a lot of experienced players back, so I expect my team to be very good," Maxwell said. "Lthink we could be. better than last season."

The Hilltoppers were very successful last year as they compiled a 14-8 mark and qualified for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 playoffs.

In the section semifinals, Summit lost at Orange 87-47 "We weren't very disciplined with the ball in that game," Maxwell said. "I think we'll be better in that department this year."

Maxwell's squad consists of 16 players, which three are returning seniors. That list includes 5-11 guard Tony Johnson and 6-2

guards Alex Sprinzen and Steve Bariexca. "Tony is very quick and athletic," Maxwell said. "Alex

and Steve have played on the varsity since they were sophomores." Juniors include 6-2 twins Dwight and Dwayne Reid, 6-3 forwards Chris Dean and Anson Frasier and 5-10 guard

Kevin McNeil. "Dwight will see time at forward, while Dwayne will play at the guard position," Maxwell said. "Dean started.

for us last year, so I expect him to be a big factor this season." ر مان مان با با به فرقه ومراغ و اعداد انتسب سمان. مربق مار انها: ¥ بار می منابع اور مان و سرخی Seven sophomores and one freshman round out the

team. Three sophomores Maxwell will count on include 6-5 forward Wellington Smith, 6-1 guard Mark Dugan and 5-11 guard John Alpizar

"Wellington is going to be one of the best players in the ogram." Maxwell said. "Mark is the younger brother of Dan Dugan, the player who led our team in scoring last

The elder Dugan has since graduated, along with four others from last year's squad. "I think we're more athletic than we were last season,"

Summit Boys' Basketball

- Dec. 20 Morris Hills, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 27-28 Holiday Tourn. home
- Jan: 3 at Mount Olive, 7 Jan. 7 at Mendham, 7
- Jan. 10 Parsippany, 7
- Jan. 14 at West Essex, Jan. 17 Weequahic, 7
- Jan. 21 at Hanover Park, 7
- Jan. 24 Parsippany Hills, Jan. 28 at Dover, 7
- Jan. 30 at Morris Hills, Feb. 4 Mount Olive, 7
- Feb. 6 Mendham, 7

Summit Girls' Basketball

Dec. 20 at Morris Hills, 7 p.m.

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Maxwell said. "That should help our up-tempo style of offense. The Hilltoppers will implore a half court scheme that

will see them running and trapping more. "I want my team to press more," Maxwell said. "That should lead to a lot of easy baskets for us." Summit will run a motion offense to take advantage of

its auickness "That style will suit my team just fine," Maxwell said. "It will, especially in our conference, because many teams

are bigger than us." Competing in the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division, Summit will face the likes of Morris Hills, Mount Olive and Mendham early in the season.

Summit is scheduled to open its season tomorrow home at 7 p.m. against Morris Hills. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to host its own Christmas Tournament Dec. 28-29.

In the Coaches vs. Cancer Holiday Tourney, Summit is scheduled-to-play-Madison-and-New-Providence-will-face_ Chatham.

The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to play at Mount Olive on Jan. 3 and at Mendham on Jan. 7. "I'm looking forward to getting out to a good start," Maxwell said: "The first two games of the new year are going to be tough, so we're going to be fighting for conference positioning right off the bat." Looking ahead to the states. Maxwell feels that Roselle.

Hillside, Weequahic and Rahway should be tough outs. "Our section is very good," Maxwell said. "Our focus every year is to win a state championship. We're improved; have a lot of enthusiasm and the potential to go all the

Schedule: Dec. 20 Morris Hills, 7 p.m.; Dec. 27-28 Holiday Tournament at home; Jan. 3 at Mount Olive, 7; Jan. 7 at Mendham, 7; Jan. 10 Parsippany, 7; Jan. 14 at West Essex, 7; Jan. 17 Weequahic, 7; Jan. 21 at Hanover Park, 7; Jan. 24 Parsippany Hills, 7; Jan. 28 at Dover, 7; Jan. 30 at Morris Hills, 7; Feb. 4 Mount Olive, 7; Feb. 6 Mendham, 7; Feb. 11 at Parsippany, 7; Feb. 13 West Essex, 7; Feb. 18 at Weequahic, 4 p.m.; Feb. 20 Hanover

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By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

A willingness to improve its game. That's what Dayton High School girls' basketball coach Dave Rennie feels is the best trait his team has this season. "The girls have great enthusiasm and attitude toward one another," said Rennie, who returns four of five starters. "That should bode well for us going into the season." Dayton had a very successful campaign last year. fashoning a 17-5 mark which earned the Bulldogs a final No. 10 ranking in Union County. Dayton lost to Oak Knoll twice to finish second in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, lost to first-time Union County Tournament champion Roselle twice (both times in tourna-

ment play) and then fell to Newark University in the North

2, Group 1 semifinals. "We had a lack of execution on offense and didn't handle the ball well," Rennie said of the season-ending home loss to University. "I feel that we've learned from that experience how to play in close games." Rennie has seen the team progress so far in scrimmage

play. The Bulldogs played Whippany Park and Hanover Park in a tri-scrimmage and also competed against Verona and Mount St. Mary. "We've looked good in all of our scrimmages," Rennie

said. "The girls seem hungry and I get the sense they're getting better.

Not having much size, Dayton will rely on a motion offense that takes advantage of the team's quickness. "I have a lot of good ball handlers that can distribute accurate passes," Rennie said. "That should lead to some easy buckets off fast breaks."

On defense, Dayton is hoping to create turnovers in the front court with its press. "We'll play a lot of man-to-man and other things that

ause chaos," Rennie said. "Our main focus on defense is to keep the opposing team's offense out of rhythm." Lacking height, Dayton will stress rebounding by boxing out and out-hustling the other team to the ball. "When you're not tall, you have to outwork the other player," Rennie said. "That goes for offense and defense."

Dayton is led by 5-3 junior point guard Sara Steinman, a hree-year starter. "Having Sara on the court is like having another coach

out there," Rennie said. "She's got great court sense and a much improved shot. Another junior looked upon for scoring is 5-5 guard Lyndsey Brahm, another returning starter. "Lyndsey has really worked on her guard skills over the

summer." Rennie said. "She's a great athlete and very aggressive. We want her to score in double digits on a consistent basis."

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Basketball League. The varsity 7th- and 8th-grade team earned a hard-fought, come-from-behind 36-29 win over Our Lady of Peace of New Providence. Steven Siracusa had 14 points and six rebounds, Jimmy Guarino eight points. Joe Giaimo seven points and seven rebounds and Jose Carillo five points and five rebounds.

James Kukucka had two points, Eric DuBeau one point and Andy Ghilino. Alex Ambroise and Chris Farinhaus also played well. . The 5th- and 6th-grade team defeated St. Helen's of Westfield 32-20. Casey Buckley scored 10 points, Robert Liskowski five and Colin Greten, Billy Kirk and Jim Siracusa each made a basket. It also won a non-league game over Our Lady of Sorrows of South Orange

38-17. Kevin McGovern, Dan DuBeau, John Ghilino, Dylan Prus, Jason Condon, Alex Popolani, Frank Russo, Dan Osias and Stephen Patrico played well. The varsity downed Our Lady of Sorrows 52-30 as Siracusa scored 14. Carillo 14 and Guarino 12. DuBeau netted four points, while Ghilino, Roscoe -Sabale, Patrick White and Ambroise each made one basket. Farinhaus and > only the two oldest children is due. Giaimo contributed outstanding defense and rebounding.

North Jersey, Section 2 playoff champs By JR Parachini

Morris County had two playoff champions, Essex County one and Union County one as the 2002 high school football season came to a close concerning teams in North Jersey, Section 2.

Morris County had first-time champion Mount Olive in Group 3 and Moun-Union County had Johnson winning Group 2 for the second time. Since 1995,

tain Lakes winning for the third time in Group 1. Mountain Lakes last won the section in 1976 and was awarded the 1974 crown by the NJSIAA. Essex County had Montclair winning its fourth playoff crown in Group 4. Montclair lost in the final the previous three seasons. Randolph is the only team to have lost the North 2, Group 4 final four years in a row (1991-1994). Union County has had only two schools win state championships; Johnson in 1995 and 2002 and Elizabeth in 1997, 1999 and 2000. Here's a closer look at this year's champions: Group 4: Montclair (9-3), sixth seed, fourth title

Group 3: Mount Olive (11-1), third seed, first title-Group 2: Johnson (10-2), fourth seed, second title Group 1: Mountain Lakes (12-0), top seed, third title

Morris County now leads the section with 47 playoff championships since 1974. Union County has won 44, Essex County 20 and Warren County five.

Here's a breakdown of the 116 championships awarded in North Jersey, Section 2 during the first 29 seasons (1974-2002) of playoff football: 10: Union 7: Butler.

- 6: Elizabeth, Randolph. 4: West Morris, Caldwell, Brearley Regional, Montclair.
- Glen Ridge, Mountain Lakes. 2: Westfield, Phillipsburg, Jefferson, Pequannock, Johnson.

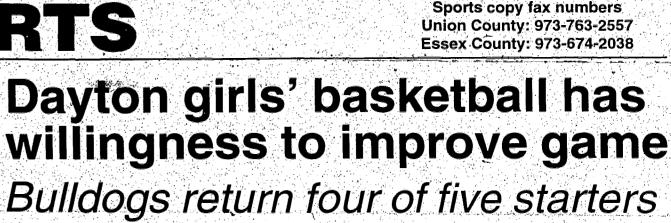
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Two other juniors in the starting lineup include 5-9 for wards Lisa Listowski and Margaret Mysliwicz. Listowski also started last year.

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"Lisa has a good perimeter game and plays solid defense," Rennie said. "Margaret is strong enough to play an opposing team's center and quick enough to guard its point guard. We expect to get points from her off offensive rebounds."

Sophomore Cristin Zavocki rounds out Dayton's starting lineup. The returning 5-6 guard was the team's second leading scorer last season.

Zavocki totaled 213 points and scored in double figures 14 times. She had a season-high 16 points against visiting Manville in a 54-28 victory

"Cristin is a good outside shooter and excellent passer." Rennie said: "We want her to develop a scoring mentality, so she'll take that big shot at the end of the game instead of dishing it off because she's so unselfish."

Coming off the bench to make contributions will be seniors Kate Ciullo, Asia Crawford, Val Zlotsky and Iveisha Gordon; juniors Andrea Handeli and Michelle Tomasino; sophomores Amanda DiCocco and Daria Poltrock and freshman Kaitlyn Biverito.

"Val has a good perimeter shot, while Iyeisha will be relied on for rebounding," Rennie said, "Amanda is strong and aggressive and has some nice post moves around the basket.

Dayton has its eyes on beating out Oak Knoll for the Valley Division crown this year "I want my team to concentrate on winning the confer-

ence first,"Rennie said. "If we do that, everything else should fall into place.

. Having been knocked out in the first round of the states and Union County Tournament last year, the Bulldogs are looking to go a little further this season In last year's UCT, Dayton lost a 53-39 decision to Roselle at Roselle Catholic, Earlier in the year, Dayton was defeated by Roselle by the same score in the first round of the Roselle Park Tournament.

, "I want the girls to know that hard work pays off," Rennie said. "It can only benefit them in the classroom and in the future."

NOTES: The lone starter lost to graduation was Esther. Aizenberg, one of the top three-sport athletes to compete at Dayton, Now at the University of Michigan, Aizenberg excelled in soccer; basketball and softball.

Aizenberg scored her 1.000th point last year and finished with 1.039 for her career.

Aizenberg scored/12 points against University, while Zavocki and Brahm netted 10 each. Dayton led by four going into the fourth period before being outscored 18-10 in the final eight minutes.



St-James has started another successful campaign in the Union County CYO

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1: Barringer, Roxbury, Linden, Nutley, Morris Hills, Scotch Plains, Warren Hills, Hillside, Roselle, Hanover Park, Hackettstown, Mendham, Whippany Summit Junior Baseball League registration continues today

The Summit Junior Baseball League will conduct walk-in registra tion sessions for Summit boys and girls in grades K-8 for the 2003 baseball and softball seasons on the following dates: today from 3-5 p.m. and Jan. 11 from 9-11 a.m.

Registration will take place in the Summit Middle School entrance hall. Registrations will take place in the Summit Middle School entrance hall Registrations received after Jan. 11, the registration cutoff date, will be charged a late fee of \$50 per player. Baseball League fees are \$75 per

player for grades-K-2 and \$145 perplayer for grades 3-8. Softball League tees are \$75 per

player for grades 2 and 3 and \$100 per player for grades 4-8. In either program, if more than two family members register, the fee for-

Scholarships may be available upon request.

Application forms have been distributed to all K-8 Summit school children through their schools. Additional copies of the registration forms and other pertinent registration information can be downloaded off the SJBB web site at 222.summitnjsports.com. The season commences April 7 and

concludes June 15. More information may be obtained . by calling 908-273-6529.

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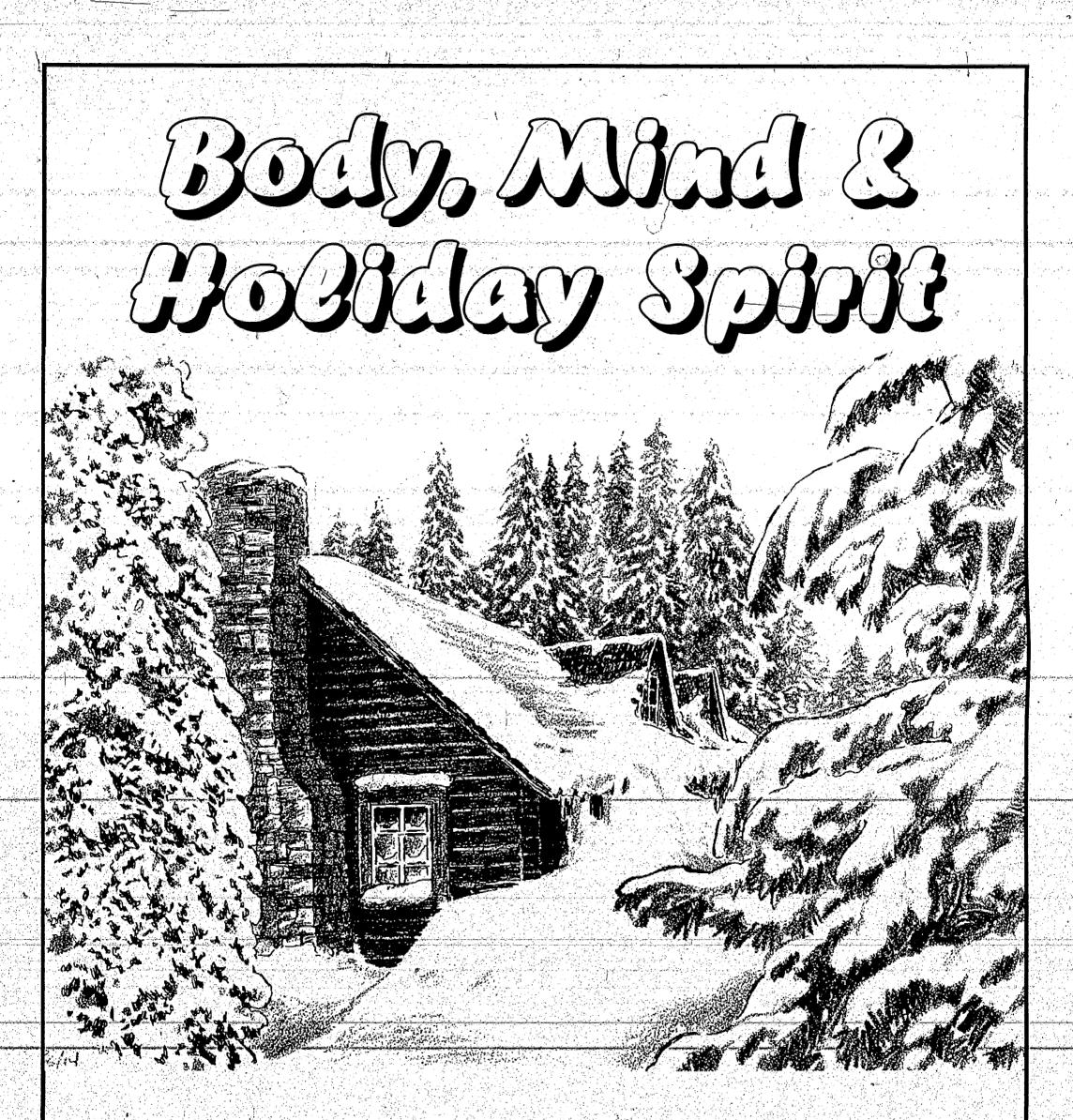
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The program is split into two sessions and will meet on seven consecutive Friday evenings, starting on Jan. 31 and ending on March 14.

The first session will run from 6 to-7:20 p.m. for boys and girls ages 5-10, while the second session will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for boys and girls ages 11-16.

The registration fee is \$89 and each camper will receive a T-shirt and soccer ball.

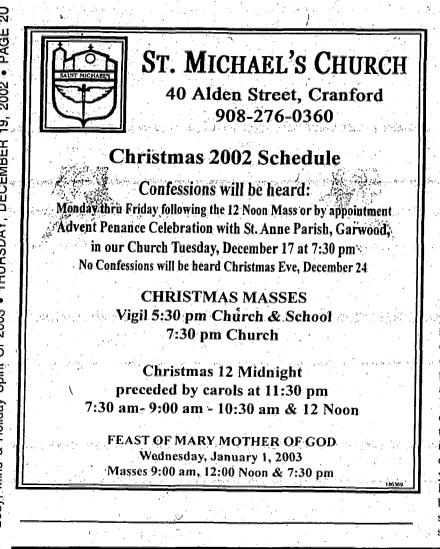
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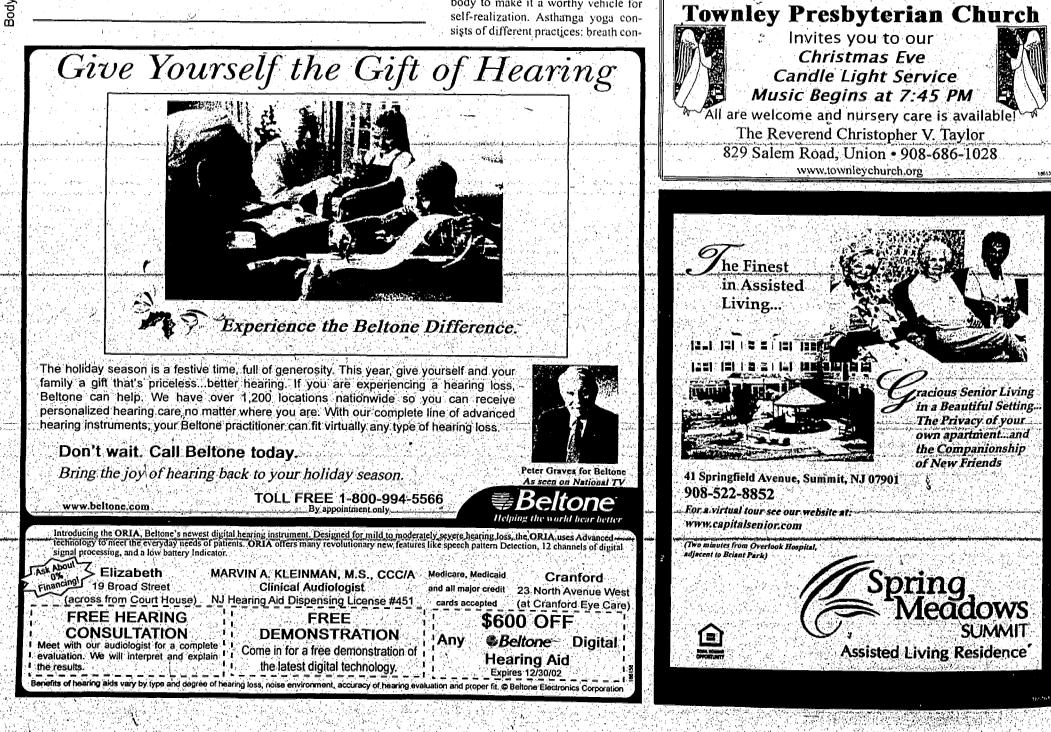
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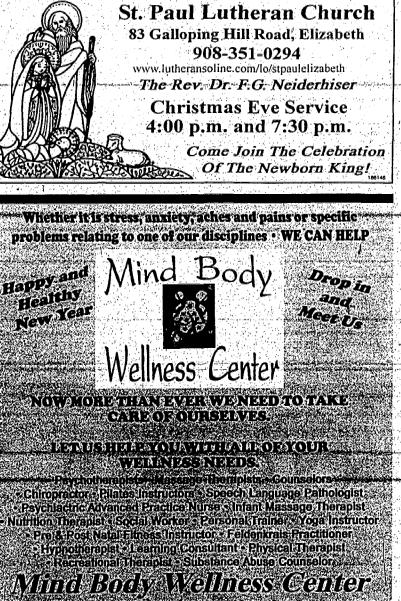
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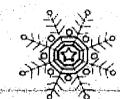


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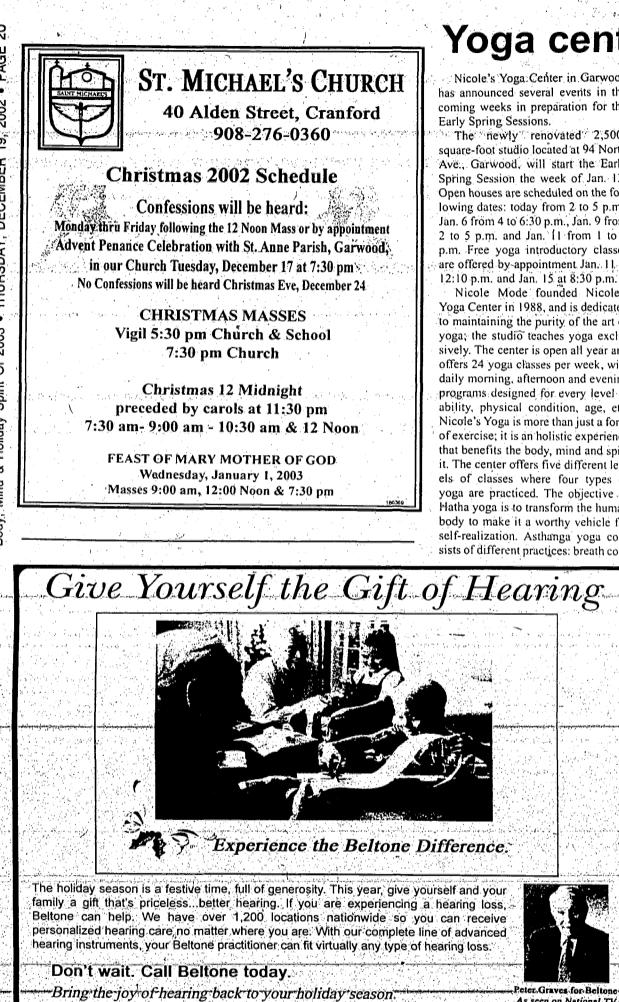
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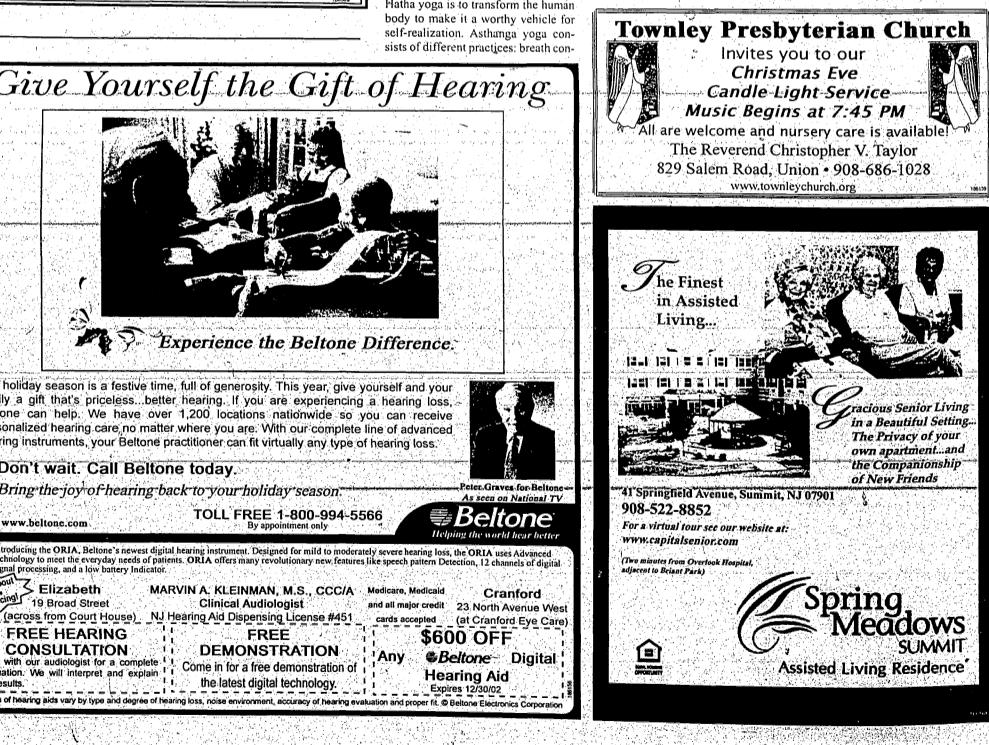
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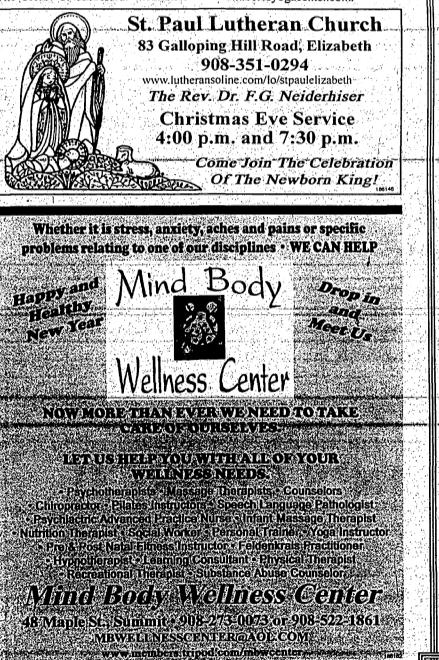
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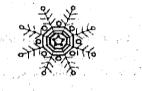
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The Center for Muscle Care and Relaxation, located at 560 Springfield Ave. in Westfield, has been providing professional massage/bodywork therapy since 1996.

Offering Swedish, neuromuscular, trigger point, prenatal, energy work and sports massage, all therapists are nationally certified by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. Therapists are also members of the American Massage Therapy Association and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals.

Recently, the center has added the expertise of Gillian Levy M. Tech. (Hom.) to the staff. Levy has studied the science of homeopathy for five years and is trained in holistic healing science developed more than 200 years ago and employs the use of ninute doses of natural remedies created from plant, animal and mineral substances. Used throughout the world for centuries, homeopathy timulates gentle, yet profound heal ing from within. Homeopathy is safe, has no side effects and no drug interactions. Levy is available by appointment only and people of all ages are velcome.

Gift certificates are always available for any services. The center is committed to providing the highest quality complimentary health care services and can be reached at 908-276-4242.

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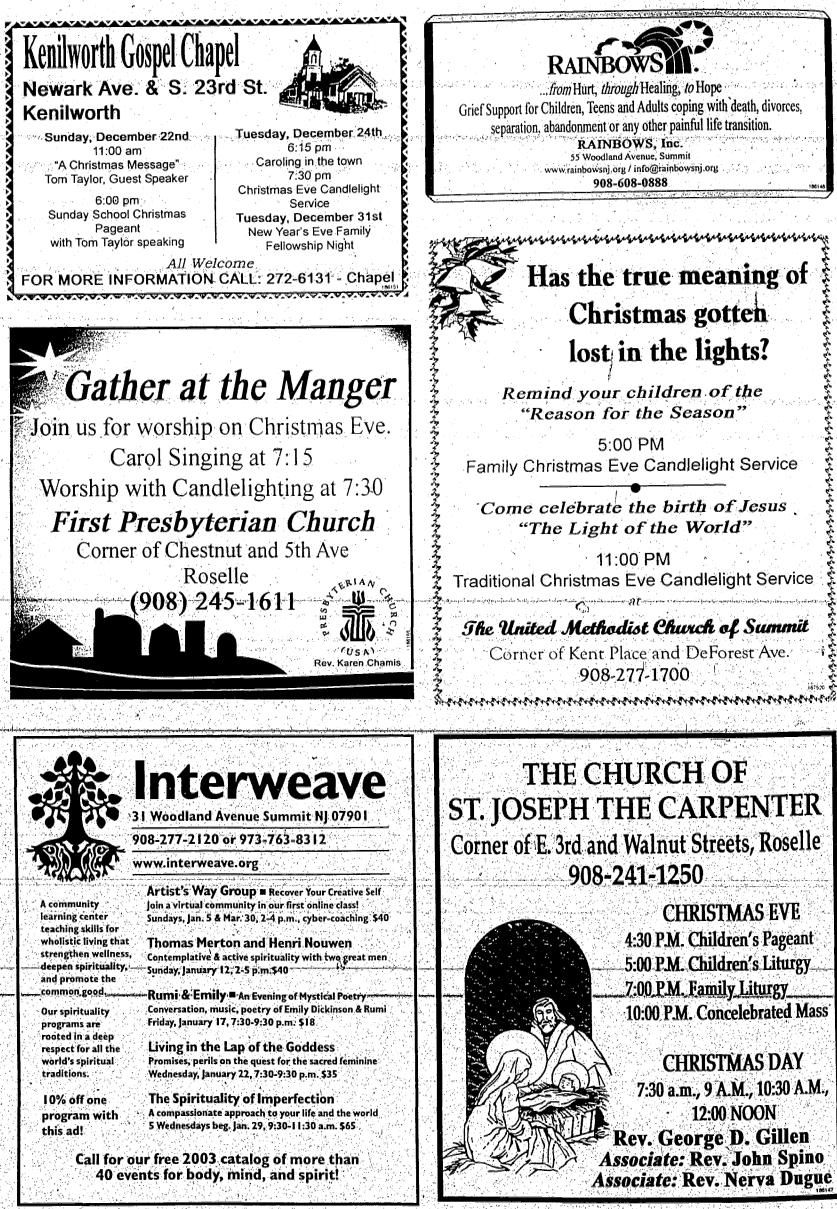
At the same time, the friendly and professional staff provides a helping hand along the way for residents who may appreciate assistance with activities of daily living.

Residents can be assured that Spring Meadows Assisted Living provides the quality care that will allow them to remain as self-reliant as possible while living in a supportive environment. Spring Meadows' features include three meals daily, housekeeping, laundry, cable/satellite TV, courtyard, daily activities, transportation, fitness center with licensed trainers, recreation room, library, media/computer center, wellness-center with 24/7 nursing and more.

Spring Meadows is situated adjacent to scenic Briant Park, which consists of 10 acres of wooded landscape, a one-mile walking path and a serene pond. Spring Meadows is just minutes from the Short Hills Mall; Overlook Hospital and St. Barnabas Medical Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Susan Katz or Peter King at 908-522-8852. A holiday incentive program is now under way, so call to arrange a tour.

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Hearing aids can restore life's joys

Untreated hearing loss has been linked to depression and social isolation in seniors according to a study by the National Council on the Aging.

Gone untreated, hearing loss can have serious emotional consequences, according to Marvin A. Kleinman, NJHAD No. 451, with offices in Elizabeth, Cranford and Glen Ridge.

"Hearing loss effects more than 9 million Americans older than 65, but at least three out of five older Americans with hearing loss do, not use hearing aids. Study finds that vanity, denial and cost are the biggest barriers to the use of hearing aids," Kleinman explains.

Social isolation can be a serious problem for some older people. They are less likely to participate in social activities and maintain relationships, he adds.

According to Kleinman, a survey found hearing aid users reported vast improvements in many areas of their lives, including a noted improvement 5566.

in their sense of independence. Families of hearing aid users also reported improvements in relationships at home, with children, grandchildren, sense of safety, relations at work and feelings about self.

But why are so many older Americans with hearing impairment reluctant to wear hearing aids? More than two-thirds said, "My hearing is not bad enough, or I can get along without one." About one-half cited the cost of hearing aids, and one in five explained, "It would make me feel old," or "I'm embarrassed to wear one."

"Older Americans can significantly improve the quality of their lives and not let vanity or derial get in the way of treatment. Advancements in technology have vastly improved the treatment of hearing loss, and patients with a variety of hearing losses can be helped with hearing instruments," Kleinman adds.

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Safety comes first with holiday decorations

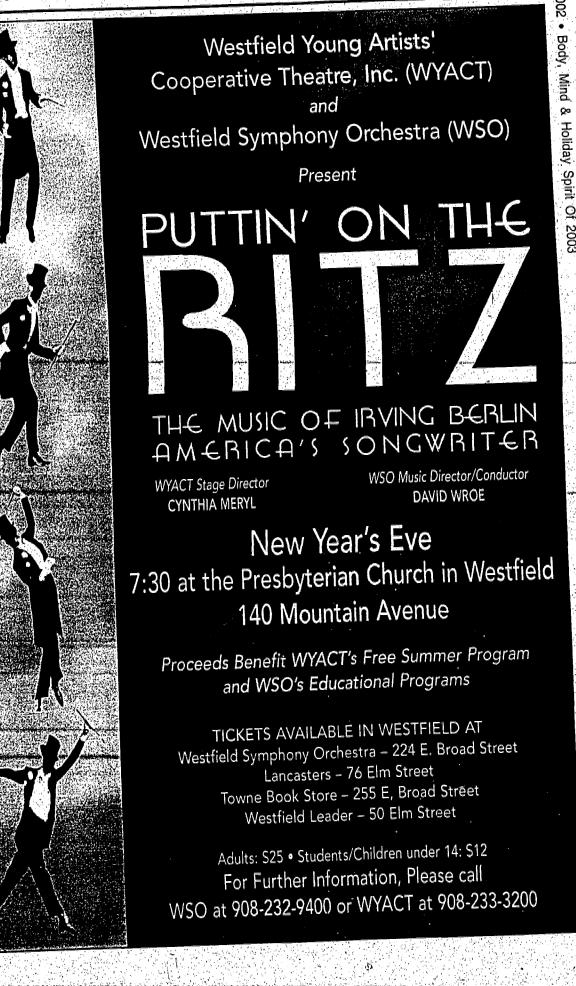
Decking the halls with boughs of holly may have been a popular means of decorating for holidays of years past, but flashing bulbs, illuminated icicles, even animated figurines on lawns and rooftops are a far more common sight today.

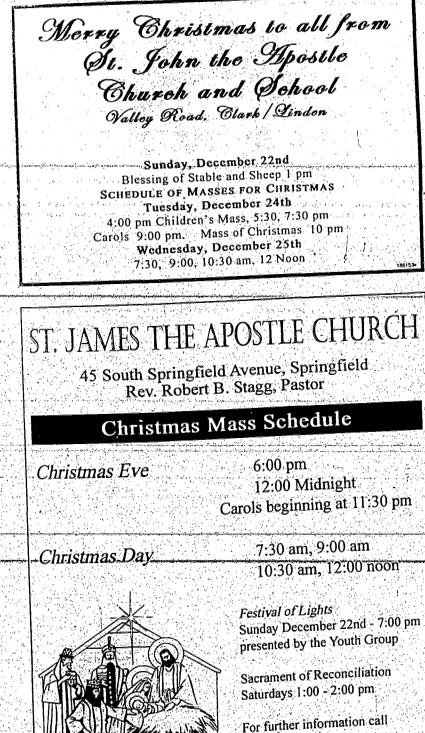
And, while there's no denying their beauty, electrical decorations such as light strings, animated ornaments and figures should be used and displayed with the utmost care.

According to the U.S. Con-

sumer Product Safety Commission, each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 10,000 people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and trees. To address this alarming trend, Underwriters Laboratories Inc., an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization, is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Agency, a private, nonprofit fire safety advocate group, to sponsor "Operation Decoration," a public awareness campaign aimed at helping to promote holiday decorating safety.

The safety professionals at UL and the 'NFPA' offer the following tips and precautions when decorating your home this holiday season: • When purchasing live, cut trees or greens, carefully inspect the needles. If they're brown or break easily, the greenery isn't fresh and poses a greater fire risk. When you take your tree home, put See **DECORATIONS**, Page 11





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WYACT, WSO get ready for New Year's Eve Berlin gala 300 soldiers. Berlin donated the forming Arts Center, and Kilduff also

sented New Year's Eve at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

"The Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater Inc. and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra will again join forces to present this holiday event celebrating the music of America's most prolific songwriter in an effort to bring performing arts to the community and the state," said Cynthia Meryl, WYACT artistic director. "We at WYACT are delighted to again be working with the WSO and Maestro David Wroe." Jerome Kern is quoted as saying.

Rehearsals are under way for the "Irving Berlin has no place in Amermuch-awaited concert, "Puttin' on ican music. He is American music." the Ritz: The Music of Irving Berlin, Puccini wanted to write an opera America's Songwriter," to be pre- with him. George Bernard Shaw wrote lyrics for him. He composed about 1,500 songs in a career that spanned almost 60 years. Born Isidore Baline, son of a Russian cantor, Berlin wrote the song that made ragtime a national passion: "Alexander's Ragtime Band." He wrote 17 complete scores such as "The Cocoanuts,""Call Me Madam," "As Thousands Cheer," "Louisiana Purchase," and his most famous, "Annie Get Your Gun," based on the life of sharpshooter Annie Oakley. That show features such hits as "They Say It's Wonderful," "You Can't Get a

Man With a Gun." "The Girl That I Marry" and "Anything You Can Do." all part of the New Year's Eve fare.

In addition, the concert will feature "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Let Yourself Go," "Cheek to Cheek" and "Puttin' on the Ritz," tunes the whole nation sang, introduced in "Blue Skies," "Follow the Fleet" and "Top Hat," three of Berlin's 18 movie scores and made famous by the incomparable Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Baritone Todd Kubrak and Jon Christian Hoche will lead the men in "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" and the title song from "This is the Army," a 1942 Berlin musical revue that was comprised of

\$10,000,000 proceeds to the Army played Tonetti in "The Gay Divorce" Relief Emergency Fund. He won the /the song that would become the anthem for homesick servicemen overseas, "White Christmas," sung in the New Year's concert by mezzosoprano Lindsay-Rose Sinclair. Berlin wrote "God Bless America" as a "peace" song, not a "war" song. Kate Smith introduced it on her radio show on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1938, Meryl, mezzo-soprano and Broadway veteran, the WSO and the cast will close the evening's entertainment with this stirring piece, which, "as the storm clouds gathered," so strongly struck a chord with the American people. At Berlin's centennial celebration at Carnegie Hall in 1988, the famous musician- conductor Morton Gould said, "Irving Berlin's music will last not for just an hour, not for just a day, not for just a year, but 'Always,'" sung on Dec. 31 by soprano Abigail Sparling.

The performers in the concert are WYACT veterans who have all played leading roles for WYACT: Abigail Sparling played Fiona and "Brigadoon" at the New Jersey Per- 232-9400.

in the Kean Arts Incubator Festival: Academy Award that year for writing - Lindsay-Rose Sinclair played Erzulie and baritone Jon Christian Hoche played Daniel in "Once on This Island" at NJPAC and both appeared in last year's concert; Todd Kubrak played Lucky in last summer's Dames at Sea" at AAT, and both Kubrak and Hoche were featured as MacCaffrey and Stewpot, respectively, in "South Pacific." Meryl and tenor Brian Maslow will round out the cast. Chelsea Meyers will lead younger WYACT students joining in a rendition of a Judy Garland favorite, Berlin's "Easter Parade."

"Puttin' on the Ritz" will be presented Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Ave, Tickets - \$25 for adults, \$12 for students - are available at the following Westfield locations: Westfield Symphony Orchestra office, 224 E. Broad St.; The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., and Lancaster's, 76 Elm St. Proceeds will benefit WYACT's free summer program and WSO's educational programs. For information, call WYACT tenor James Kilduff played Charlie in at 908-233-3200 or the WSO at 908-

Group resolutions can reduce stress

By Beth Pincus L.C.S.W. Correspondent

The holidays can be stressful times for many people and often we add to that 'stress 'by creating unnecessary' demands on ourselves that we feel obligated to carry throughout the year. One of the big ones is New Year's esolutions

What is it that moves us to make New Year's resolutions each year, knowing that we are most likely to break them before the month is over? It could be that most of us take stock ar-the-year-s-end-and for some reasonbelieve that we fall short. It could be that it is just a tradition we have become accustomed to and just do it. But it could also be a desire to begin the year with fresh energy and new directions and this is one small way to start.

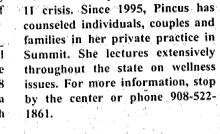
Whatever the reason, we start off vith good intentions and often that is ** as far as we get. This year, why not try something different? Why not resolve to not make a list of resolutions? Instead, try to think of something you, would like to accomplish this year and make a list of what it will take to accomplish your goal. Talk to others who might be able to help you along the way and ask them to set goals for themselves as well. Agree to be partners in reaching your goals. No resolutions, no repercussions, just goaloriented friends working together toward several achievable goals.

You will find that by not setting vourself-up-for-failure-vou-will-feel better and more positive. With a support system in place you will have a better chance of achieving your goals and will have your "cheering section" in place to celebrate your mutual achievements. Because you are sharing your ideas, you are more likely to set reasonable goals and may even inspire others to join in on your purpose or embrace it as their own as well. The great thing is that you may start a tradition of working together with others toward mutual goals and you might even make some new friends along the way.

This simple change in strategies

can go a long way toward relieving stress and starting the New Year off on a more positive note.

Beth Pincus is a licensed clinical social worker and co-founder of the Mind Body Wellness Center at 48 Maple St., Summit. She is also a Red Cross Disaster Mental Health



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Tips help avoid holiday shocks

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· Place your tree or greens a least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Also make sure not to block a loorway or other exit route.

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· Electrical light strings and decorations such as candle lights and illuminated ornaments that have been tested by UL bear holographic labels - easily identified by their silver base and UL marks that appear to "float" in the background. Holographic labels for light-strings-designed-for indoor use only bear green UL Listing Marks, and light strings for both indoor and/or outdoor use are idenified by red UL marks.

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Holiday safety begins with simple precautions

Whether you're heading over the river and through the woods to Grandma's this year, or hosting friends and family at your house, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and the National Fire Protection Association remind you that holiday festivities can pose certain safety risks.

For the seventh consecutive year, the NFPA is helping UL in working for a safer world by cosponsoring UL's "Operation Decoration" holiday safety campaign. The program is aimed at helping the public prevent home fires, as well as electric shock and other injuries, which are far too common during the holiday season and winter months.

Recent NFPA statistics illustrate that more than one-third of all home fire. deaths in the United States occur during the winter months, UL and the NEPA are urging consumers to protect their homes, themselves and their loved ones from the potentially devastating effects of a home fire by heeding the following tips on cooking, heating and candle safety:

Safer cooking According to the NFPA, cooking has been the leading cause of home fires since 1990. UL and the NFPA offer these fire safety tips to follow while

cooking during the holidays or at any time of the year. • Turn off and unplug all appliances when not is use. Periodically check

on food being cooked in an oven, microwave or on the stove..

• Use caution when using electrical appliances. Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet. Check appliances for frayed or cracked cords and make sure to have them repaired by a professional technician if needed. Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.

• Keep young children at least 3 feet away from kitchen appliances when cooking. If you allow older children to cook, supervise them closely and teach them safe cooking practices.

• Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources.

· Have plenty of fire-resistant potholders and oven mitts ready for use while cooking.

• Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the

• Keep the stovetop clean and clear. Store combustible materials away from heat sources

• Save operating instructions for rarely used appliances and reread them before each use.

Safer home heating

According to the NFPA, a home fire occurs every 82 seconds in this country. In 2000 alone, approximately 368,000 fires occurred in residences, killing 3,420 people and injuring 16,975. While home heating is usually a necessity during the colder months, home fires should not be a consequence. The safety professionals at UL and the NFPA offer the following tips and precautions, when heating your home:

• Select heating equipment that bears the UL mark. The UL mark on a product means the UL engineers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards.

 Install and maintain heating equipment correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire and building codes. Have local building or certified maintenance and repair technicians check and clean your heating system once a year.

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• Keep all portable heaters and space heaters at least 36 inches - 1 yard from combustible materials, including furniture, bedding, clothing and pets.

• Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Supervise children at all times when space heaters are in use.

• If you have an electric space heater, check for frayed or split wires or overheating. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before

• If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended operating. by the manufacturer. Never use gasoline or any other substitute fuel. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment's design limits and cause a serious fire.

• When refueling, always turn off the heater and let it cool down completely before adding fuel. Wipe up any spills promptly. If you are considering buying a kerosene heater, be sure to check with your local fire department first to find out if it is legal in your community.





Atlantic Federal Credit Union

Atlantic Federal Credit Union is a no-cost employee benefit

Not all employee benefits have to cost the employer money. More and more employers are discovering the many advantages of adding credit union membership to their employee benefits packages. Credit unions cost the employer nothing to make it available and there is no cost for the employee to join.

Atlantic Federal Credit Union, based in Kenilworth with branches in Newark. Elizabeth and Princeton, now has more than 300 area businesses participating and new groups are signing on each month, according to Fred Beckman, Atlantic Federal's CEO Treasurer.

"Companies realize that to attract and retain top-notch employees, they need benefits that set them apart," Beckman said. "Offering a credit union can have a positive effect on employee morale and productivity. Credit unions are non-profit and exist solely to serve the needs of their members, not the interests of a few stockholders. As a result, we pay higher rates on savings and charge lower rates for loans."

Atlantic Federal has a full array of financial products and services including free checking with debit cards. CDs, money market accounts, holiday vacation clubs, mortgages, home equity loans and vehicle loans. Members can either visit a branch to transact business or use Atlantic Federal's many remote services. In the case of a car loan, for example, a niember can apply for a loan in person, via fax or get instant approval on-line at the credit union's website.

"When a company's employees join Atlantic Federal, they have access to all of the financial products they need to achieve financial security and reach their financial goals." Beckman said.

Some credit unions have switched their focus to offering membership to people who live or work in designated geographic areas. Atlantic Federal has chosen to remain a company/association based credit union. Atlantic Federal's member groups range from small mom-and-pop businesses to large corporations and even a number of associations. "We find that people place a higher value on their credit union membership when it, comes as an employee benefit." Beckman said. "Also, by not being community based, we're able to sustain a wider network of branches.

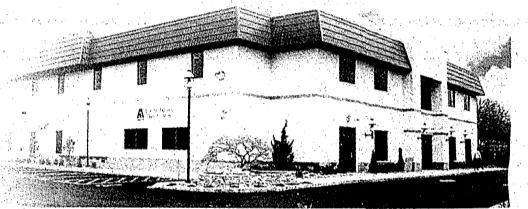
"We serve diverse groups and the services we offer reflect the broad range of our members' needs." he added.

An employee's family members may also open accounts at the credit union.

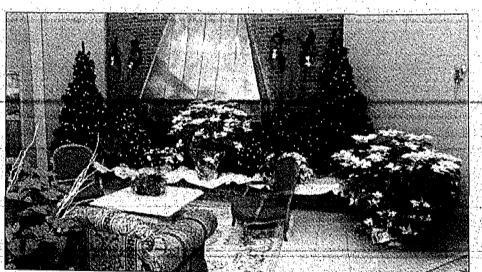
"We have third generation members from the same family, " Beckman said.

Started in 1935 as the credit union for AT&T's Western Electric employees in Kearny, Atlantic Lederal currently has \$210 million in assets and 25,000 members. Tach member < deposits are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, an agency of the federal government. Union County groups that are members of Atlantic Federal include Trinitas Hospital, Tuscan Dairy, Meyer & Depew, Partners Healthcare and Costeo.

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The Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce will honor the pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co., Inc., Worrall Community Newspapers Inc. and Re/Max Commercial Real Estate, LLC, for the firms' contributions to the business community and the support each has provided for the Gateway Chamber by naming them Companies of the Year at the Chamber's 91st th Annual Awards Dinner, Jan. 23 at the Wyndham Hotel in Elizabeth.

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Merck is being honored as the large Company of the Year, the family-owned Worrall newspapers based in Union as the medium-sized Company of the Year and the threeperson Re/Max Commercial Real Estate as the small Company of the Year.

"It makes great sense to recognize these three vital members of the local business community," said Joseph Starkey, director of community affairs at Schering-Plough Corp. and a member of the Chamber's dinner committee. "You cannot think about business in Union County-without thinking of companies such as Merck, Worrall and Re/Max and the vital contributions each has made to the economy of the county."

"Re/Max is acknowledged as the pre-eminent expert with regard to commercial market information in Union and Middlesex Counties," said Kevin T. Gillen, senior vice president of Commerce Bank and a member of the dinner committee. "Worrall newspapers is a multi-generation, family-owned business that has provided tremendous support for both the community and the Chamber."

Ronald Dooney, president of TERMS, an environmental consulting firm that won the honor of small Company of the Year last year, and chairman of the Chamber, added, "Merck has been part of the economic success of Union County for many years. The company has been active in creating and keeping jobs in the county and in many Chamber activities."

-Merck, which began manufacturing drugs in Rahway in 1903, and now is one of the largest pharmaceutical and research companies in the world, has been an active member of the Chamber as well as participating in numerous community activities.

"Though Merck is an international company, the work we do begins locally," said William J. Tortoriello, senior director site engineering of Merck. "Our success may be measured by the individual patients we help with one of our breakthrough medicines. But as a neighbor, the true measurement of our success is when those in our local communities, those we help by other means, attach importance to the work we do. That is why being recognized by the Chamber means so much to us," said Tortoriello, a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

"Working with the Chamber is a way to foster business relationships that promote a stable economy in the area where we operate. As a large company, we are able to share our expertise and network with other businesses in our greater community. Having the Chamber to facilitate these opportunities strengthens information sharing among local businesses."

Ray Worrall, second generation owner of the 18 papers in the Worrall company, which serves Union and Essex communities, said, "It is an honor to be recognized by the Gateway Chamber. As a member of many business organizations throughout the region, we have found that belonging to a Chamber that has experienced the phenomenal growth of the Gateway Chamber is very advantageous.

"It provides us with many contacts in the business community," said Worrall, who is a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "The Chamber plays an active role in the prosperity of its membership."

Ian Grusd, one of three partners at Re/Max Commercial Real Estate in Cranford and a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, said, "The Chamber has opened many doors for us especially within the larger companies in Union County. We have benefited from using the Chamber's marketing programs and cost saving programs,"

"The success and growth of the Gateway Chamber is based on its members. Anything we achieve is really to their credit," said James Coyle, president of the Gateway Regional Chamber. "That is why it is a privilege for the Chamber each year to select three companies, one small, one medium-size and one large, to recognize for their hard work within the Chamber.

"It also is an opportunity for us to acknowledge their contribution to the economic health of the region," he added.



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In addition, the bank offers automobile, boar, motorcycle and motor home loans. Customers can apply for loans directly on the bank's website at www.firstsavings.com or through an automated "Loan-by-Phone" system accessible 24-hours a day at-1-800-218-4266.

First Savings has a number of unique services to make banking easier and more affordable for consumers. For individuals age 55 and older there is the "Golden I Club," which provides free checking, free check orders, free travelers checks and other services. Checking customers of any age can take advantage of the bank's "Money Manager" package of services, which offers checking and statement savings accounts combined on one statement and one ATM card and free transfers from savings to checking to cover overdrafts.

Business banking services include free checking, savings accounts, money market accounts, escrow management and trust accounts, credit card processing and retirement accounts. One of First Savings' primary goals is to be responsive to the needs of local businesses. Because time is precious for small business owners, the bank offers "express deposit service." which guarantees that business people will never have to stand in a teller line to make a deposit.

Founded as the Modern Building and Loan Association. First Savings remains committed to its original mission to help potential homebuyers realize their dreams of home ownership. The bank offers first-time home buyer classes, a reduced-rate "Great Start" mongage program for moderate-income buyers, and the "First Home Club." which provides grants to low-to-moderate income. first-time buyers who complete home ownership counseling and begin a structured savings program.

New Jersey. In Union County, the bank has a branch at 206 South Ave., Fanwood, where Esther Covington is the manager.

In 2001 First Savings celebrated its 100th anniversary. Reflecting on the bank's century of service, First Savings' CEO John P. Mulkerin summarized the corporate philosophy which bank officials say sets First Savings Bank apart in today's competitive banking environment.

"The most important thing we do each day is to serve the needs of our customers. People put their trust in us to help them reach their financial goals, and we will not let them down," said Mulkerin. "In the end, their success is our success, too."

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Additional information about First Savings Bank and its services can be obtained by calling 908-322-8660 or visiting the bank website at www.firstsavings.com.



Federal credit unions were created nearly 70 years ago to provide financial services for under-served parts of the population, mostly people with lower incomes. Since that time, credit unions have increased in number and expanded services and now compete successfully with the largest banks and other financial institutions, despite their small size.

The largest credit unions are small compared to even community banks, let alone the national and international financial institutions, credit union officials point out, but a credit union can offer some things a bank cannot.

"We are member owned so we are able to offer lower cost loans: At the same time we can pay better returns on savings and investments," said Chris Davis, president and CEO of Advanced Financial Services Federal Credit Union, headquartered in New Providence. "Banks get a majority of their money from fees. We do not charge fees, We get our money from interest on loans. Since we are a not-for-profit organization, we return that money to the members."

Because the customers are considered members, each person is treated equally. Davis said.

"Every member has one equal share, no matter how much money they have with us or how big of a loan they have," Davis continued. "We try to give the best service possible no matter who the person is."

For instance, Advanced Financial Services has no minimum balance for checking, free checks and a flat interest rate for savings, rather than tiered interest tied to the amount of the deposit. Interest paid on savings is usually a point or two higher than in banks. Home equity loans are now 4.25 percent and car loans are 5 percent, he said.

Until recently credit unions, for the most part, were open to employees of one company or to employees of a group of similar companies or an organization, such as a labor union. That restriction was changed and now many credit unions formerly associated with a company have expanded to include a specific geographic area.

Advanced Financial is one of those. Previously associated with Bell Labs and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the credit union is now open to anyone who lives or works in Union County. The credit union plans to open a new office in Elizabeth soon.



Similarly, Linden Federal Credit Union was associated with General Motors and the United Auto Workers, but has now expanded to include 15 companies and associations. Based in Linden, the credit union is expanding to Elizabeth.

"Credit unions originally were supposed to serve people of limited means but they got away from that," said Ed Landerkin, president of Linden Assemblers. "Now the federal government is encouraging us to go back to that original purpose because the banks have abandoned those areas. We will need new types of products to offer people in Elizabeth."

Credit unions are not-for-profit co-operatives owned by the members who share a common bond. The definition of that bond was recently expanded so that credit unions could increase their membership. In exchange, additional restrictions to assure financial stability were imposed.

"Large banks have no problem with credit unions because we are tiny in comparison but some community banks have a problem. The new findpcial restrictions were the compromise that was reached in exchange for allowing us to grow." Landerkin said.

United Financial Services Community Federal Credit Union is an example of the new type of community credit union. Under its new charter, the union can take in anyone who lives, works, worships or goes to school in 11 Union County municipalities. It was formerly associated with Western Electric in Newark.

"The most significant thing we can offer our members is that our ownership structure is different from a bank. We have the same services, but we have a volunteer board of directors and we do not need to make a profit. Therefore we can provide the lowest loan rates and pay the highest dividend rates," said Linda Wood, president and CEO of United Financial based in Scotch Plains.

Maryann Small, manager of marketing for the Atlantic Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Kenilworth, agreed.

"Companies sign up with us and offer the credit union as a benefit to their employees at no cost to the employer. Our members include everything from high tech to home office companies," Small said. "Loans are a little easier to obtain and rates are lower because we do not have to build a profit into the cost."

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January 10	Local & County Affairs Committee	and the second	Call for Location
January 14	Industrial Safety Council Breakfast Seminar "Drug & Alcohol Abuse in the Workplace" presented by Special Agent Douglas Collier of the US Dept. of Ju		Crowne Plaza Hotel, 136 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
January 15	Springfield Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Call for Location
January 22	Clark Chamber Meeting		L'Oreal USA, Terminal Avenue, Clark
January 23	91st Annual Awards Dinner		Wyndham Newark Airport Hotel, Elizabeth
January 28	Linden Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Call for Location

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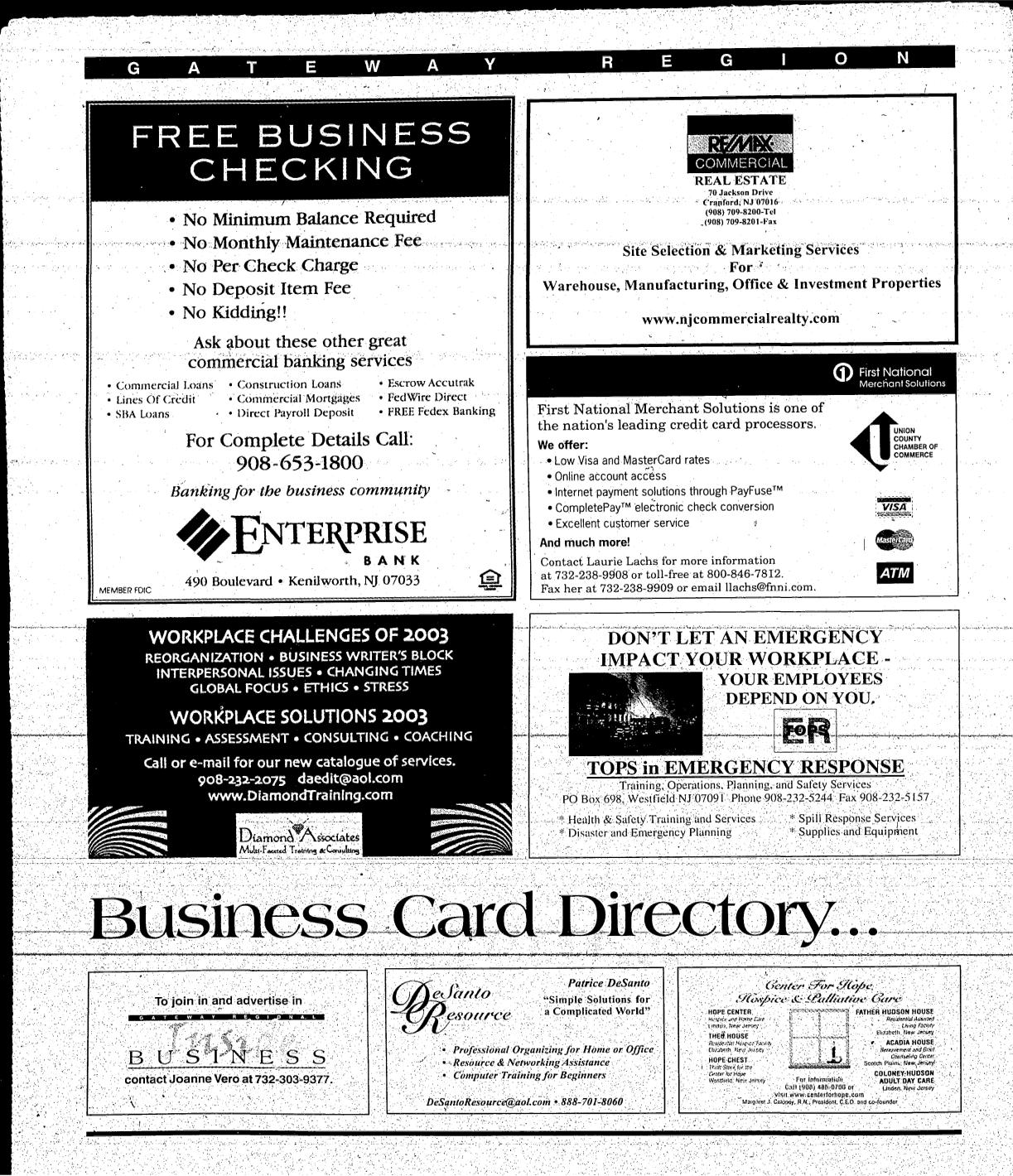
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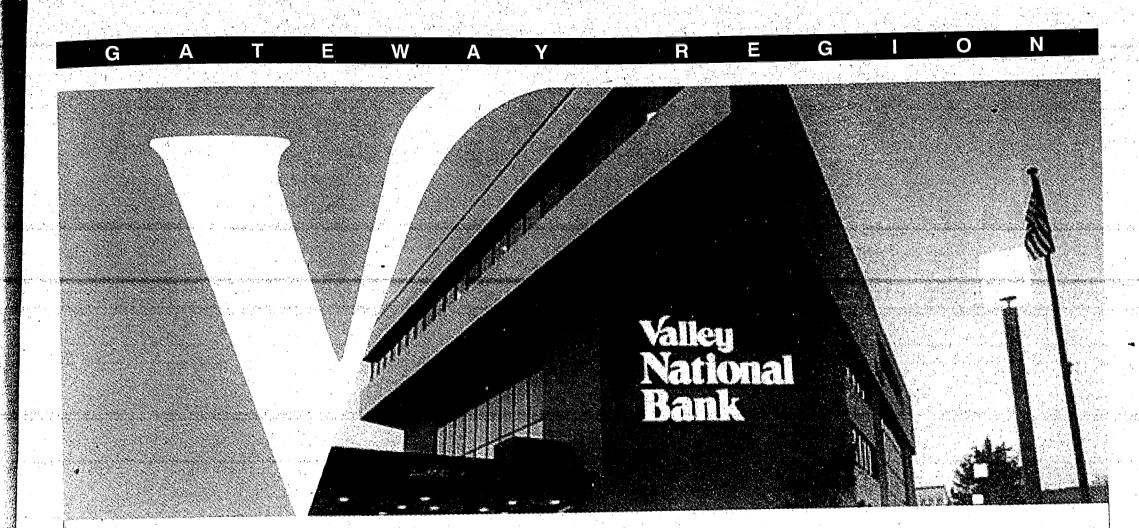
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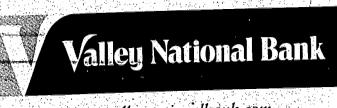




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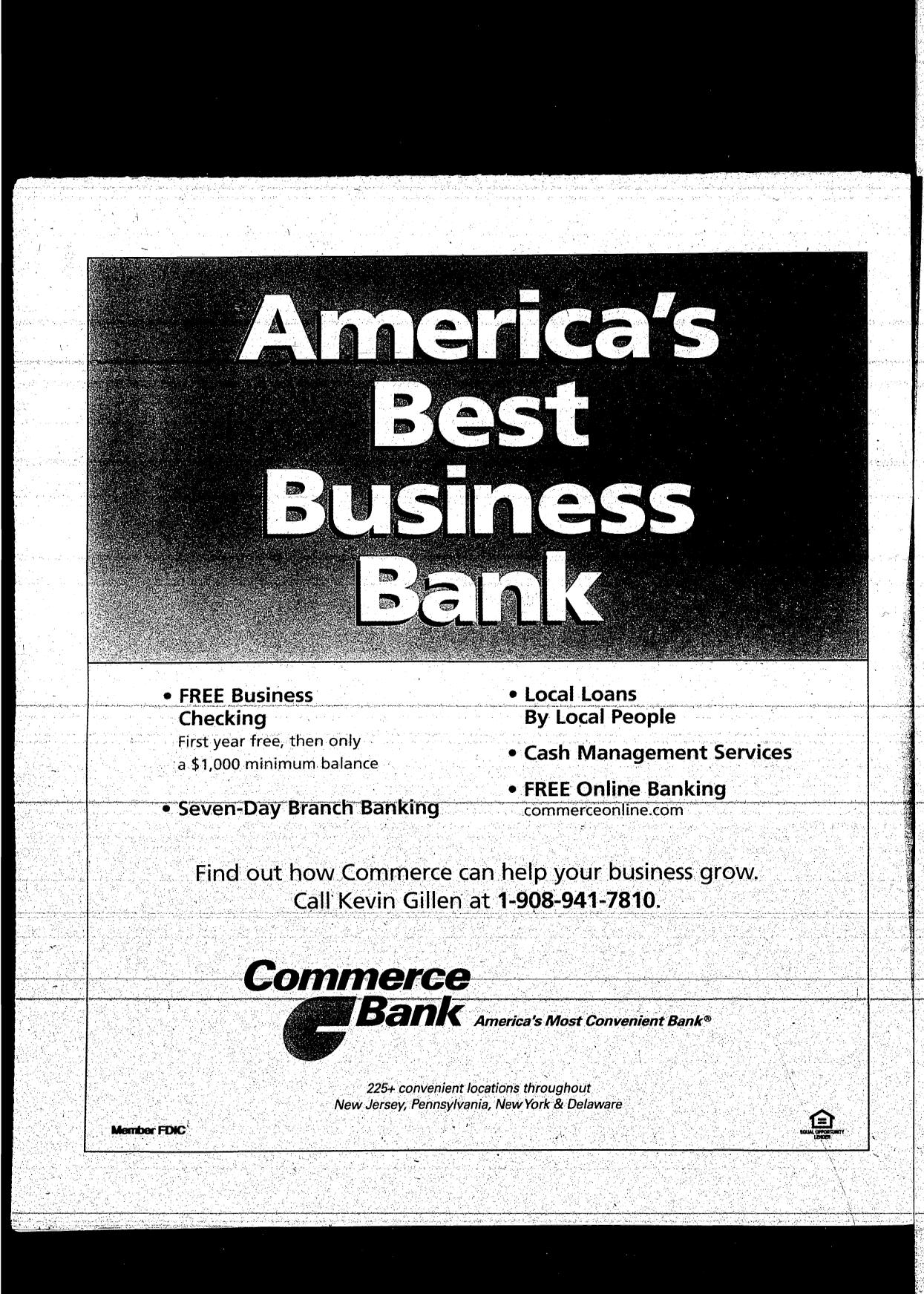
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Happy holidays Happy holidays to Jani Kovacas- Middle-income districts face funding dilemma

ounas of Union for helping develop the care program, "My Aging Parent," at the YM-YWHA of Union County.

Bah humbug to Kenilworth Mayor Michael Tripodi for his mis guided attack on county govern ment in opposing the reactivation of the Morristown and Eric Railway. Rail traffic is essential to our economic growth. Then again, wouldn't want it in my backyard The real battle will be with the difficult federal Surface Transportation Board. But focusing on them wouldn't garner the headlines Tri podi is seeking.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Happy holidays to Bonnie Hermann of Clark and the Union County Youth Services Bureau. While she doesn't have a press staff, her professionalism and dedication in helping our young people and fighting the gang problems deserves praise.

Bah humbug to Cranford Engineer Jeff Sias. This year he makes the list for foot-dragging on the program which would get a reduction in flood insurance for a big chunk of residents. Arbitrarily determining he was too busy to do the work, it took the efforts of resident Joan Varanelli and Chief Harry Wilde in his role as the head of Emergency Management to get the process moving.

Happy holidays to Winfield con Walter Kusma Jr. Just a few weeks after finishing a refresher course of defibrillation, he put the training to good use in saving the life of a choking infant.

Happy holidays to Springfield FMBA President James Beyer. It's never easy being the tough guy fighting for the union. A thankless ob often, that nonetheless needs to e done.

Bah humbug to Summit Admi ustrator Stuart Brown for using tired phrases, "target-based budge process that attempts to match spending-to-available-resources. Translation — we don't want to rankle the residents with a tax increase so we will raise fees on restaurant licenses, birth certificates and zoning certificates of occupancy

Happy holidays to R. Paul Vizzuso, the new business administrator and board secretary at the Mountainside Board of Education He gets high grades as a local guy who did good work at Summit' Oratory Prep.

Happy holidays to 10-year-old Luke Diano for playing recreational basketball thus making his cousin happy. Two great shots last Saturday, we may be watching Cranford High School's starting point guard in 2008.

Happy holidays to Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage for hi seminar on Brownfields last week which got statewide raves, and his appointment to head the League of Municipalities to push his urban agenda. But...(

Bah humbug to the city's traffic enforcement. Between the double parking and jay walkers, Broad Street is like traveling through pinball machine.

Happy holidays to Marie Maris at the Cranford Rustic Mill. She follows the old-fashioned rule that you-don't-have-to-let-the-world know when you do nice deeds for

Happy holidays to Kathy Adessa of Elizabeth and the county Juvenile Detention Center. Her penchant for detail and cost saving are special, so is she.

-Happy holidays to John Widele head of Linden Animal Control who does a tough job with compe ency and compassion Bah hum bug to his critics who don't have a clue as to the job. Happy holidays to all of us Most enjoy living in Union County and generally like our neighbors

That's not bad at all. A resident of Cranford, Frank

lapece is an attorney.

Committee hosts forum in Roselle Park

By Toniann Antonelli Staff Writer

With talk of another freeze on state aid to school districts as well as inevitable tax hikes brought about by increasing costs involved with meeting state mandates and providing a thorough and efficient education to middle-income students, concerned citizens who attended a public forum Tuesday night all seemed to agree on one thing — the need for more funding.

Representatives from charter school, parochial school and middle income school districts in Union County as well as other municipalities throughout the state, met at the Roselle Park Municipal Building Tuesday to give testimony regarding educational opportunities and the current school funding formula. The meeting was hosted by Assemblyman Thomas Kean Jr., R-Union, who serves as the chairman of the Assembly Republican Policy Committee. The forum was the fourth public meeting held by the committee, which has hosted meetings in other municipalities throughout the state.

"Currently per-pupil spending in the state's low-income districts is the same as in the highest spending suburban districts, leaving middle-

income school districts to make up the difference," said Kean. "The current formula leaves hard-working families in hundreds of middleincome school districts facing the difficult choice of either paying increased property taxes to educate their children because their state aid is being directed elsewhere, or cutting important educational programs. We need equality in opportunity for our kids."

A number of municipalities in Union County are considered middle-income. As such, these districts are not wealthy enough to provide adequate funding for many programs, nor are they eligible to receive additional money through classification as Abbott districts. Kean said such forums give citizens the opportunity to offer creative solutions to work toward easing the "financial plight" of middle income districts.

According to Dan Gaby, executive director of Excellent Education for Everyone and the former vice president of the State Board of Education, there is 250 percent more money being spent per pupil than there was 25 years ago. Gaby indicated that funds currently sent to Abbott districts should be redirected through a

revised funding formula so districts facing financial constraints will benefit from the aid as well. Gaby also was an advocate of the voucher system of education, whereby families can choose which school within a district to send their children.

Other speakers at the meeting addressed the needs of charter schools and parochial schools. both of which are in need of additional funding. Mary Jo Kapalko, president of the New Jersey Charter, Public Schools Association indicated that 90 percent of the state's charter schools are minority and 44 percent are economically disadvantaged.

Despite the financial picture, charter school students, Kapalko said, tend to score higher on standardized tests than the public schools in the districts where the charter school students reside

Mary McElroy of Springfield, coordinator of the New Jersey Alliance of Catholic School Families, pointed out that families whose children attend private school are being doubletaxed" since they not only pay tuition, but contribute tax dollars to the local school district as

Both McElroy and Kapalko said, however, that parochial and charter school offer families

Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapol-

la discusses renovations of the sixth floor at the old

As for the space on the second floor of the Ruotolo Center, Jaeger said the

Traditionally, most grand jurys are conduced off-site, Jaeger said, as is the

Renovations also are ongoing to court rooms within the tower complex, on

The county hired a consultant last summer at a cost of \$95,000 to study the

Funding for the study was included within the 2002 capital budget. A \$35.5

The first floor of the old jail, adjacent to the new rear atrium entrance of the

Prior to the renovations; Lapolla said employees in his department were

"It was always part of the plan to renovate the courthouse to bring those

The county is in the midst of a \$20-million rehabilitation project of the

Different parts of the courthouse complex in Elizabeth have been built at

different times over the years, mixing and matching different buildings, from

the main courthouse, the courthouse tower, courthouse rotunda, courthouse

county jail, which next year will house the grand jury.

New plans moving forward for old jail By Mark Hrywna

Regional Editor

The sixth floor of the old jail building in Elizabeth once housed the kitchen and laundry services. Sometime next year, it will become the new home for the Union County grand jury.

Renovations to the sixth floor ultimately will provide 6,000 square feet to house a lobby, office space and the grand jury. Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapolla hopes the renovations, which he estimated will cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, will be completed in six months. Most of the labor on renovations was done in-house by county employees, he said.

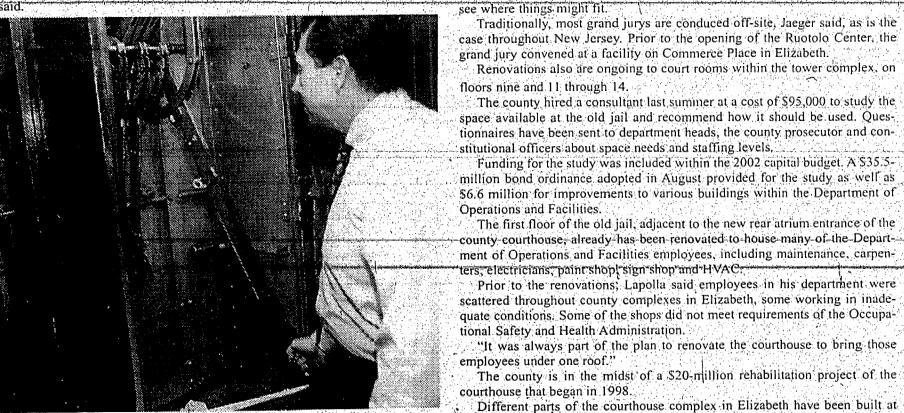
"They can build, do anything from beginning to end," Lapolla said of his employees. The project also has used the Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program workers

for demolition work. Executive Assistant Prosecutor Henry Jaeger said there are 23 grand jurors who sit Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays , in addition to two or three attor-

neys, a court clerk, a court reporter and five clerical staff. The assignment judge selects grand jurors from a pool that comes from votng and driver's license records. The grand jury handles specialized cases, such as homicides, narcotics, sexual and child abuse, and stays until the case is com-

pleted. By contrast, citizens chosen for the petit jury pool must report to the courthouse for two days, or one jury selection session.

The grand jury has outgrown the space the 2,500 square feet it has used on the second floor of the Andrew K. Ruotolo Justice Center when the facility opened in June 1999, Jaeger said. "The increase in space should meet our needs for the next several years," he



Lapolla demonstrates the device used at the old jail to control the opening and closing of jail cells.

annex and old jail. Cops bust largest heroin ring in county

By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor**

organized gang in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth.

Law enforcement agents confiscated at least \$700,000 in cash as of Tuesday afternoon, in addition to seizing three automatic weapons. including a Chinese assault rifle and a Tec 9, and six handguns; all were loaded.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said authorities normally do not see automatic weapons in drug arrests, primarily

handguns An early-morning raid Tuesday by more than 100 law enforcement tion ring as a million-dollar-a-year

warehouse and laboratory yielded the since he took over as prosecutor in arrests and confiscation of thousands July. Federal charges are possible

of dollars worth of heroin as well as cocaine at 82 S. Second Street, near Fulton Street, in addition to the laboratory. The warehouse at 307 Clinton Place in Newark was able to package up to 2,500 bags of heroin a day, to be sold

for \$7 in Elizabeth, authorities said. Nine search warrants executed at 11 different locations yielded 11 ounces of suspected heroin valued at street value of \$5,600 and four ounces of suspected cocaine valued, at \$11,000 and 250 loose vials at \$20

Romankow described the distribu-

because of the weapons involved. More than 100 complaints about Authorities believe they have The operation, which included drug trafficking from residents in the son, a.k.a., Old Boy Wayne, 51, of cracked the largest heroin distribution lookouts, bodyguards and walkie- Elizabethport section of Elizabeth Lafayette Street; Angel Aviles, a.k.a. ring in Union County, run by a well- talkies, was based out of an apartment helped authorities crack the case, Puerto Rico; Tyshon Johns, a.k.a. T-Romankow said, encouraging people mont, 18, of Franklin Street; Jewel to call police about problems in their Jones of Franklin Street; Diane Wells, neighborhoods.

The Prosecutor's Office was involved in the investigation for a little more than a month, but Elizabeth Detective John Sheridan developed street sources and led the probe.

Bail was set at \$1 million for three \$43,000, another 18 bricks with a. of the four people suspected to be High Intensity Drug Trafficking within the last year. A new contract ringleaders of the drug trafficking operation: Dawshon Fitzgerald, a.k.a., Shoc or Shony, 25, of South Park Street, and his brothers, Dawud Fitzgerald, a.k.a., Duke, 27, of Force, Union County Narcotics Task PBA 199A, which represents supeagents on a Newark drug packaging operation, by far the biggest arrest ald; a ka Doc, 23, of Elm Street, all Response Team, and police depart tions, is expected to negotiate a new of Elizabeth.

Others arrested were Sherrod Britt,

Elizabeth; Theodore Wayne Patter-Cynthia Lewis and Eric Foulk, all of

a.k.a. Rodney, 24, of Second Street,

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Office, Union County Gang Task of 2000. and Berkeley Heights.

16-year-old male. Agencies assisting in Operation ance co-payments. Shockwave included the federal Drug



a choice of where to educate children. They said families throughout the state should have such choices and that the educational facilities they choose should receive adequate funding, specifically those considered to be middle income districts.

During the meeting, members of the Roselle Park Board of Education, most of whom were present or sent prepared statements beforehand, emphasized the need for additional funding. Members of the borough's governing body and the Senior Citizens Educational Advisory Committee, also were present and gave testimony regarding funding. The borough, a middleincome district with several volunteer education-oriented organizations, is facing a challenge involving the need for additional instructional space, but a lack of funds to reno-

vate the existing facilities. Former Roselle Park school board member Alexander Balaban suggested that Kean consider drafting legislation "whereby a restructured vertical equity income tax policy would contribute more revenue to the General Fund." At the close of the meeting, Kean suggestedthat residents write or call their legislators in an

effort to continually stress the need for additional funding for middle-income districts. Two sides



An arbitrator has until the end of the calendar year to resolve a contract dispute between Union County and itscorrections officers.

The state Public Employees Relations Commission remanded the county's appeal back to an arbitrator on Oct. 31. Robert Light then had 60 days from that date --- which will be Dec. 31 - to adjudicate the matter. The arbitrator was to consider arguments from both sides and justify

his earlier reward. On May 16, Light awarded 4 perent=annual=increases=to=the=labor union representing corrections officers at the county jail, in addition to deciding members did not have to begin contributing medical co-payments. The county filed its appeal to that decision June 26 with PERC. Deputy County Manager and Director Prosecutor's Office will move things around internally, juggling some units to of Administrative Services Elizabeth enjevich said Representatives for Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 199. which represents more than 200 corrections officers at the county jail. deemed the arbitrator's decision fair.

as the county offered 3.5 percent salary increases while they had asked for 5 percent. Jim Roche, president of PBA 199,

said the arbitrator has been ordered to provide more criteria and rationale for his earlier decision. "We're confident we'll be successful, there's no reason to change the award." In the meantime. Roche said, the

union will continue a dialogue with county officials. The county, he-said has been very receptive since he took over leadership of the union in June. The contract to be settled would cover the years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Once the contract is settled, the two sides might have to get right back. to negotiations on a new deal. "There are very few issues left on the table once this is settled." Roche said: PBA 199 has been without a new contract since Dec. 31, 2000. That

contract was not settled until May 2000, in the mediation phase of arbitration. It covered the years 1998 through 2000. The pact provided for salary increases of 2 percent in each of the first two years and 2.5 percent in the third year for employees not at -the-maximum-on the salary guide. Those at the top of the guide received 5 percent raises.

Of the 20 bargaining units that deal with the county, nine have settled Second Street., as well as two 17- four-year contracts that expire at the year-old males, and a 14-year-old and end of 2004. All of the new contracts include some form of medical insur-

The county is in negotiations with Enforcement Administration, Newark six unions whose contracts expired Areas Task Force, Elizabeth Nar- for PBA 73, which represents county cotics Bureau, Essex County Prosecu- police, is in the arbitration phase, tor's Office, Union County Sheriff's Their last contract expired at the end

Franklin Street, and Daween Fitzger- Force, Union County Emergency rior officers in the Division of Correcments from Newark, Linden, Roselle contract once the settlement with PBA 199 is settled; Genievich said.

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New Jersey Workshop for the Arts opens new office space in Westfield facility

annex located at 361 South Ave. Westfield.

The 1,100-square-foot addition will be an asset to the ever-expanding New Jersey Workshop for the Arts. More rooms will now be available for the year round instrumental music lessons, art and drama classes, and Orchestra and Alphorn Ensemble.

have been working on this expansion great efficience

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Con-

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21): It helps

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CANCER (June 22-July 22): A rela-

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't over-

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Many

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much-desired job into a reality.

Dec. 23-29

The New Jersey Workshop for the project for the past two years," Arts has announced the opening of an explained Ted Scholsberg, founder and executive director of NJWA. This could not have been accomplished without the highly professional teaching staff that has come to lives by providing opportunities to make NJWA an artistic venue for Westfield and the surrounding communities. Our music teachers are through both instruction and perfortrained in many of the finest schools mance." To that end NJWA is comensembles such as the String Training in the country and the student body mitted to pursuing a variety of prog-

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dream big. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Focus on your energy, Pace yourself wisely and relaxing and spending quality time with family this week. Lay low and give your body an opportunity to cial expansion is a real probability

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Your mind is very active and easily distracted. Strive to get on the same wavelength with siblings or neighbors. and learn something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Brace yourself for the unexpected in the expense department. Keep a list of priorities; stick to your budget and -take-care-of-home.-----CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): -Expect to reach new levels of personal

lop your creative talents. Look within and see what your subconscious has to offer. Take time to get quiet and listen

Having recently celebrated 30 years of operation, the nonprofit New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has become a full-service arts education organization. Its mission "is to enrich develop creative talents and encourage a greater appreciation of the arts shop, and ensembles, such as The Jazz

• The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at 732-617-1000.

Band, Concert Band, and the String

Orchestra, other divisions of NJWA

are: Kids 'n' Arts, a pre-school prog-

ram for 3 to 5 years olds; The Fencing

Club; The Drawing Workshop and

The Westfield Summer Workshop.

being developed is the collaboration

with the Plainfield Public School Dis-

trict, and the Westfield Center Senior

Among the many new programs

20th reunion, 2003. Union High School Class of 1993, -Westfield-High-School-Glass-of

oanjerr@aol.com.

1982 is organizing a class reunion. For information, or to volunteer for the planning committee, call Kim Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and

• Rahway High School Class of

For more details concerning NJWA joining the ensembles, call programs or to find out more about 908-789-9696.

'We have been working on this expansion project for the past two years.

largest city.

REUNIONS

732-821-5774. • St. Mary High School, Jersey City, Classes of 1960, '61, '62 and '63 are planning a reunion. For information, call Ken, Giordano at

• Hillside High School Alumni Association of Florida will conduct its reunion Feb. 16 in Boynton Beach, Fla: For information, contact Marvin Kaleky, Class of '55, via e-mail at hhaafla@yahoo.com; by mail at 466 Briarwood Circle, Hollywood, FL 33024: by phone at 954-967-0199 or 954-967-8500, or by fax at 954-967-0890

• Battin High School, Elizabeth,

Union High School Class of 1983.

Citizens workshop.

for adventure.

10th reunion, 2003.

1992, 10th reunion, May 4. · Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1950 is searching for classmates in preparation for its 52nd reunion. For information, call Jerry Bieler 954-360-0666 or send e-mail to

· Elizabeth High School Class of Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.

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The Quebec-based Cirque Eloize returns to the

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Tickets are \$13 to \$49. The Opening Night Cele-

bration Dec. 27 benefits NJPAC's Women's Board

Association's Arts Education Initiatives.-VIP tickets

are \$100 per person and include prime seating and a

post-performance reception with the cast. Tickets may

be purchased by telephone at 1-888-466-5722, at the

NJPAC box office at I Center St. in 'downtown

Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC web site at

www.njpac.org. The performance is part of the AT&T

In "Nomade," the latest creation of Cirque Eloize,

Premier Artist Series and PSEG Holiday Celebration.

the company invites audiences on a surreal journey

along the highways and byways of their imagination.

The performers stage a nighttime carnival filled with

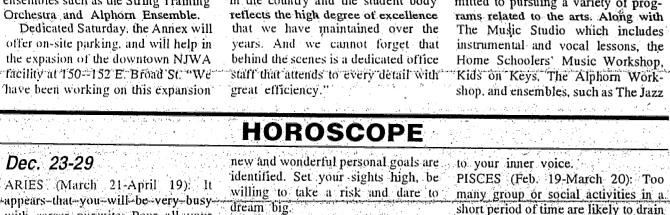
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in a celebration of man's wandering spirit and quest

Seven young performers from the Magdalen Islands

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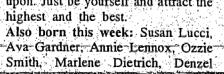
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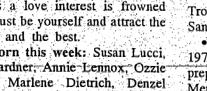
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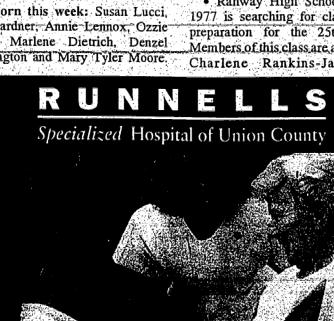
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Cirque Eloize will make NJ appearance

National Circus School, founded Cirque Eloize, a European-style, animal-free circus, in 1993, Since its inception, Cirque Eloize has given more than 1,000 performances in more than 200 cities and more than 20 countries around the world.

Under the artistic direction of Jeannot Painchaud Cirque Eloize strives to combine theater with acrobatic performances, poetry and circus thrills. "Nomade" director, Daniele Finzi Pasca, is the founder of the Swiss theater troupe Teatro Sunil, a company that blends clowning with the theater. Backing him is a solid team of creative talent; set designs by Guillaume Lord; costumes by Meredith Caron; lighting by Martin Labrecque; sound by David Wirtgen; Krzysztof Soroczynski as head trainer, and musical score by Lucie Cauchon in association with Maria Bonzanigo.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located in the heart of an emerging downtown Newark, is the sixth largest performing arts center in the United States. Home of the Grammy Award-winning New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, NJPAC has been widely cited as a catalyst in the revitalization of New Jersey's

- Ted Scholsberg, founder and executive director

908-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at Class of 1968 will conduct its 35th reunion in the fall of 2003, for all 1968 classmates that attended Edison Vocational and Technical High School and Thomas Jefferson High School, both of Elizabeth. For information, send current names and addresses to reunion committee coordinator Marlene) Golab, P.O. Box 9390, Elizabeth, 07202.

 Union High School Class of 1963 will conduct two events in 2003 to commemorate the 40th reunion. A weekend trip to Las Vegas is planned for May 2003, and the 40th reunion will take place in November 2003. For information, contact Toby Askin Ledford at tiledford@yahoo.com.



Sixth annual Kwanzaa Festival is set to begin tonight at NJPAC

Caroll, McNeil to be honored for service to community

The sixth annual Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace, produced by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, will begin today and continue through Saturday. The festival will kick off with the

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critically acclaimed 120-voice NJPAC Jubilation Choir in "A Joyous Gospel Holiday," a rousing concert featuring gospel holiday classics and other spiritually uplifting favorites. Nationally renowned gospel artist Daryl Coley will join the NJPAC Jubilation Choir under the musical direction of Stefanie Minatee.

"A Joyous Gospel Holiday" will be performed today at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall. Tickets are \$29 foradults, \$16 for children. Tickets for all Kwanzaa Festival events may be purchased by telephone at 1-888-466-5722, at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. in downtown Newark or on the NJPAC web site at www.njpac.org. "A Joyous Gospel Holiday" is presented as part of the Verizon Passport to Culture Series and the PSEG Holiday Celebration. The Kwanzaa Festival and Market place is presented in association with the Newark Branch of the NAACP, the Weequahic Park Association, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority-North Jersey Alumnae Chapter, and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc

The festival continues Friday at 5 p.m. with a Kwanzaa Honoree Celebration and Reception in the Arts Center's Chase Room. Sally G. Caroll, a member of the National Board of Directors for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Wilbur J. McNeil, founder and president of Weequahic Park Association, will be honored for their commitment and continued service to the Newark community.

Honoring the elders is an integral part of the annual celebration during which the seven principles of Kwanzaa are exhibited: Umoja, Unity; Kujichagulia, self-determination; Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, cooperative economics; Nia, purpose; Kuumba creativity, and Iman, faith. Tickets to the Kwanzaa Tribute to the Elders Reception are \$31.

Caribbean dance and music by the African-American books; I McK-Ko-Thi Dance Company will take night Ltd., jewelry, African clothing



Sally G. Caroll Honoree

center stage for three performances of "The Spirit of Kwanzaa" Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 5 p.m. in the Victoria Theater. These performances will begin with a libation ceremony featuring C Katunge Mimy and Foluso Alamide. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$10 for children. On Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Chase Room, NJPAC presents "Celebrating Kwanzaa," a pre-performance workshop designed for parents and their children to learn more about the Ko-Thi Dance Company. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children. This event is part of the PSEG Holiday Celebration.

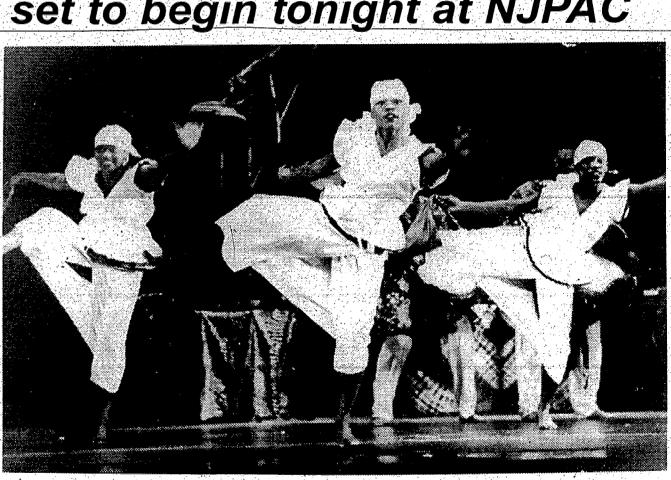
Throughout the three-day celebration, The Kwanzaa Marketplace will transform the Prudential Hall lobby into an exciting shopping village. The village will be open today and Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. Vendors will include Top Shelf, kids' wear, scarves and handcrafted jewelry; Rhythm of Life 4U, home furnishings, Lotus Garden, natural bath and body products; The Works, hand-crafted leather accessories; Out of Africa, framed art, batiks and Makonde sculptures from Tanzania; Global Linkages, jewelry and clothing from Ghana; Djema Imports, imported African prints, kuba and mud cloth, and asoke; Chriscerrine Accessories, originally designed hats, handbags, wall hang-

Traditional African-American and ings and leather items; Kujichagulia,

Honoree and exotic scents; Ren Boz Jewelry, jewelry, scarves and more; Adrienne Lockett Designs, handcrafted jewelry; Astah's Art Gallery, original painting, prints, tiles and African

Wilbur J. McNei

Other free activities Saturday



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The Ko-Thi Dance Company will perform 'The Spirit of Kwanzaa' Friday and Saturday as part of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's sixth annual Kwanzaa Festival and Marketplace.

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set the standard of excellence for Handel's choral masterpiece.

Westenburg and the acclaimed Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra bring Vanguard, BMG and Deutsche Grammophon. Handel's "Messiah" to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Sunday at by telephone at 1-800-466-5722, at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. event is presented as part of the PSEG Holiday Celebration.

Founded by Richard Westenburg in 1968, Musica Sacra is America's for Baroque music, Musica Sacra has gained a reputation for its wide

dren's Storyroom will take place masks, and City News, Kwanzaa media sponsor and WLIB-radio partfrom 1 to 1:45 and 3:30 to 4:20 p.m. in NJPAC's Community Room, featuring Queen and percussionist Sunni The festival focus shifts to free Dey, who will explore the principles family activities happening throughof Kwanzaa in a fun and interactive out NJPAC Saturday from noon to 5 way. All ages are invited to join p.m. with the fun-filled Kwanzaa Karen Love and drummer Farai Children's Festival in association Malianga at 3:30 in the Chase Room with the Delta Sigma Theta Sororityto learn traditional African dance and North Jersey Alumnae Chapter. In the NJPAC Site Office, across the street from the Arts Center at the corner of Park Avenue and Center Street, will be the Arts and Crafts Village, featuring face painting, mask crafting, Kwanzaa wish scrolls, bookmarks, Allen and Joan Bildner and the Bild-Oware games and more. ner Family Foundation, The Bodman include the Women's Sekere Ensemment Fund in Honor of Raymond G. ble, an energetic and talented group Chambers, Geraldine R. Dodge of female percussionists dedicated to Foundation, William Randolph the preservation of African music. Hearst Foundation, Robert Wood who will bring secular and percussive Johnson Jr. Charitable Trust, Albert music found in Africa diaspora to and Katherine Merck, The Prudential Prudential Hall's lobby, from 2 to 3 Foundation, The Sagner Family p.m and 5 to 6 p.m. Foundation, Schering-Plough, Smart Elders from previous NJPAC Kwan-Family Foundation/Freedam & Stone zaa Festivals will share their experi-The Star-Ledger/Samuel I. Newences about the city of Newark in the house Foundation, Surdna Founda-"Newark Stories" workshop from tion, Children's Benefit/Toys 'R' Us, 3:30 to 4:50 p.m. in NJPAC's Parson-Turrel Fund, Verizon, Victoria Founnet Room. This event is presented in dation and Wallace-Reader's Digest association with Women in Support of the Million Man March and will Funds. be hosted by Fredrica Bey. A Chil- Support is also provided by the This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey

For more than 30 years, Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra's per- range of repertoire, including music of the Renaissance and Romantic formances of "The Messiah" at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall have eras. The orchestra has performed commissioned works and premieres from leading contemporary composers, including Britten, Rorem, Hob--Following-its-sold-out-engagement-last-season, conductor-Richard-haness, Schickele and Rands. Musica Sacra has recorded on RCA, CBS, The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located in the heart of an 2 p.m. in-Prudential Hall. Special guest vocalists include soprano Judith emerging downtown Newark, is the sixth largest performing arts center Pannill, mezzo-soprano Juliana Anderson, tenor Frederick Urrey and in the United States. Home of the Grammy Award-winning New Jersey. baritone Mark Rehnstrom. Tickets are \$13 to \$51, and may be purchased Symphony Orchestra, NJPAC has been widely cited as a catalyst in the revitalization of New Jersey's largest city attracting more than 2.7 milin downtown Newark, or the NJPAC web site at www.njpac.org. This lion visitors, including more than 500,000 children, in its first five years of operation longest-running all-professional choral ensemble performing regularly in State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the concert halls across the country. In addition to its acknowledged affinity National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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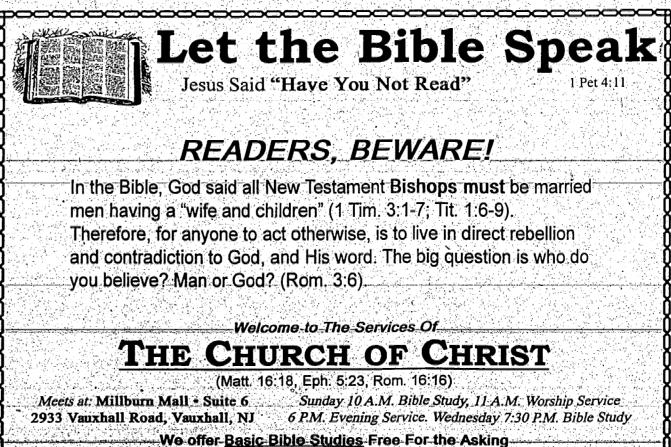
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In 1740, Elizabethtown, the capital of New Jersey, was a very active and

served to visitors at the house and in the Frazee Building. social seaport city. Mode of dress was many reproductions, cookbooks, teas, sion to the museum is \$2 for adults, entirely different from the simple crafts and educational materials, attire of the farmers living in the West offers an opportunity to add to one's younger than 6 years of age are admit-

The colonial gift shop, with its museum, call 908-232-1776. Admis-Fields of Elizabethtown, as were their Christmas gifts. Be sure to stop in and ted free of charge.

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for the taste of the German Springerle cookie made with anise seed or, like

woman's father and father-in-law both love the taste, and the owner of Joy-Ful Catering enjoys making them each holiday season along with her mother. They've experimented over the years, trying out different are hundreds of variations - until coming up with one they liked. Some use powdered sugar in the mix, others, like the one Martin prefers, use granular sugar. Some use cream of tartar - Martin's does - others do not.

recipe," she said. "You either like paint them.

are baked.

Christmas cookie is not to open the oven door while they're baking. "They tend to get lopsided if you do

personal rules when making cookies. If the recipe calls for butter, "Don't substitute margarine. The taste will be entirely different." But she doesn't hesitate to use margarine, "if that's what the recipe calls for." She also prefers not to chill some dough, even-'if the recipe calls for it. 🧭

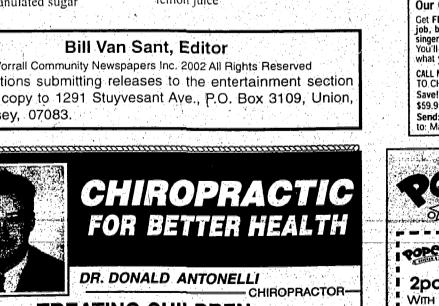
self, she said, but often, the dough is already dry enough to just go ahead. and start rolling. Chilling the dough will make it crumble that much more-

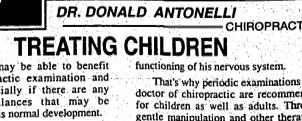
people everywhere are pulling out the mixing bowls and cookie sheets and stocking their pantry with all the nec-

Gardens Food Trend Study, cookies

bors. There's something quite reward-Peanut Butter Blossoms, Chocolate Chips, Ginger Creams, Shortbreads. tercream frosting.

recipes to try, courtesy of Martin.





Elizabeth Playhouse presents two pieces

"Hello Out There" by William Saroyan and "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell will be performed from through Sunday at The Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$8; students and senior citizens. \$6. For reservations, call 908-355-0077.

Reading these plays in school, as most have, does not begin to convey the mystical beauty and raw power that seeing them on stage provides. "Hello Out There" was first produced in 1942. A young man is alone

NJPAC seeks musicians for annual concert series

"Absolut Sounds of the City," New Jersey Performing Arts Center's acclaimed free outdoor summer music series, is seeking musicians to perform as part of its 2003 series of concerts in Theater Square, NJPAC's public plaza, Thursdays, June to August

Offering the most diverse music anywhere in the state, the series brings together thousands of people with more than 40 new and emerging music groups in downtown Newark.

Three groups are featured per evening, each performing one 45- to 60minute set. An honorarium is given to each group selected. Artists are also given the opportunity to present and sell their CDs and tapes and promote other upcoming area performances.

The "Sounds of the City" committee is currently canvassing the area's dubs and live music venues looking for groups for the fifth anniversary series. Musicians are required to submit an entry form along with a CD or cassette demo and basic biographical information no later than Jan. 15. "Sounds of the City" committee members will review the submissions and groups will be selected and notified by mid-May. Group's are selected based on a combination of artistic integrity and NJPAC's desire to represent a variety of music.

For more information on "Absolut Sounds of the City 2003," or to be faxed sent a submission form, contact Elisabeth Sseniovu at 973-353-0057 or essenjoyu/dyahoo.com, or download submission form directly from www.njpac.org

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located on the Newark Riverfront near Gateway Center, Newark's Penn Station and the Ironbound District in downtown Newark, is the first major performing arts center to open in the northeast in more than 30 years and the sixth largest performing arts center inthe United States

Funding for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center has been made possible through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

N.Y. theater scene serves up interesting autumn fare

The autumn season is always time for the theater for me.

Over a six-week span. I have viewed and listened to great drama, acting, musicals and music, and ideas. Arts viewed and listened to great drama, to ponder from a variety of plays at a variety of locations in and about New By Jon Plout York City.

The orgy of plays began for me at the little theater at the Morris Musuem, where a new and competentwriting of the classic Yiddish story. "La Shayna Maidle," is constructed around two siters and their tyrannical father who escaped the holocaust. The relationship of siblings; where all isnot as first seen: thus engages the most terrible crime of the 20th century

" Israel Horowitz's "My Old Lady" takes place in and draws on an old * French dowager's Paris apartment, fabulously reconstructed at an uptown Off-Broadway theater. There, she and her more contemporary daughter live in well defined routines, until interrupted at the play's start by an unruly Jewish American, who claims to have been willed the apartment by his deceased businessman father. The play is alternately funny and startling as it works out the mystery of the relationship. Andre Gide's "life must go on" is suggested.

Caryl Churchill's "Far Away" is a 55-minute punch in the stomach at the New York Theater workshop in the East Village. Concerned with a world gone haywire, factions of nations, animals and even nature are at war. New Yorkers are referencing the play to

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In the next column, I will celebrate two new Broadway musicals, an opera via Australia, and two more plays. This is the fist of two columns on

the theater season this fall in the New York City area. Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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locked up for a crime that may or may best. not have happened. He tries to explain it to a lonely, teen aged girl, the only person he can find in the dreary isolation of the Texas plains.

Did he rape the traveling salesman's wife or did she claim it was rape when he wouldn't give her money? Is he just a con man or has he really found a kindred spirit in this innocent girl after 'a life of drifting from one town to the next. And has the sheriff purposely left him alone so that a lynch mob might find him defenseles?? The play has a magic done

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in an isolated, rural jail in Texas, power and beauty of Saroyan at his

The second play is "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell, written in 1916. A farmer has been murdered in his bed. Did his wife do it? She claims to know nothing about it. Town officials search for clues and motive while the women wait and notice the trifles, the details of the life this couple has lead in the prairie of Nebraska. Slowly, with a forensic ability borne of common sense, the women piece together the whole story and see that justice is

Cookbook benefits town

"A Taste of Our Town," the historic Garwood 2003 centennial cookbook, is now being sold to the public. The book has more than 425 recipes donated by past and present residents of Garwood or those that work in Garwood. Even the town's honorary citizen, Gov. James. E. McGreevey, has donated a recipe. This is a fund-raiser and all proceeds go to defrav the costs of Garwood's various 100th anniversary events

The cookbooks can be purchased at Garwood Public Library, 223 Walnut

being held in 2003.



dinner or Sunday brunch crowd. No matter what time the curtain opens, walking into the restaurant is like taking a tour of Broadway's best. Posters from hit musicals line the

walls as diners feel they are enjoying everything from waffles to steaks with a star-studded cast. The menu's variety is at first overwhelming, but appeals to the taste buds of a wide audience. The pancakes, served with whipped butter and syrup, come in 11 vari-

eties from French style - buttermilk pancakes topped with orange sauce and powdered sugar - to chocolate chip, raisin, strawberry, pineapple and ham. The French apple pancakes are a group favorite for breakfast and dessert - they're sliced in a cinammon-raisin glaze and topped with whipped cream.

Hearty appetites are encouraged to try the "Famous Country Sampler," which includes two pancakes, a wedge of French toast, a wedge of Belgian waffle, one sausage link and two strips of bacon. All omelettes, served in almost any style imaginable, are made with three extra-large eggs; all egg orders come with homemade potatoes and toast. Light breakfast eaters can opt for individual cereals, bagels or a variety

of breads and muffins. The number of items, and the taste, makes the wait during lunchtime

worthwhile. Everything from triple decker sandwiches to salads to burgers to wraps are prepared fresh. The "Stars of Broadway" include the Happy Waitress, an open-faced grilled cheese sandwich with bacon, tomato, French fries, onion rings and cole slaw. The Philadelphia cheese steak deluxe, New York-style Sloppy Joe, and hot pastrami and corned beef combo on rye are diners' selections for Tony Awards. Patrons in the mood for full dinners also have a selection among

seafood, chops and sauteed specialties. Aside from the Italian specialties, all dinners come with soup or salad, rice pilaf or spaghetti or potato and a vegetable. Kids are welcome to select any menu item, including those in

to walk-in meals, the owners offer professional on- and off-premises catering. For more "information, call 908-273-4353. Additional locations include 1075 Broadway, Bayonne, and 45 Monmouth St., Red Bank.

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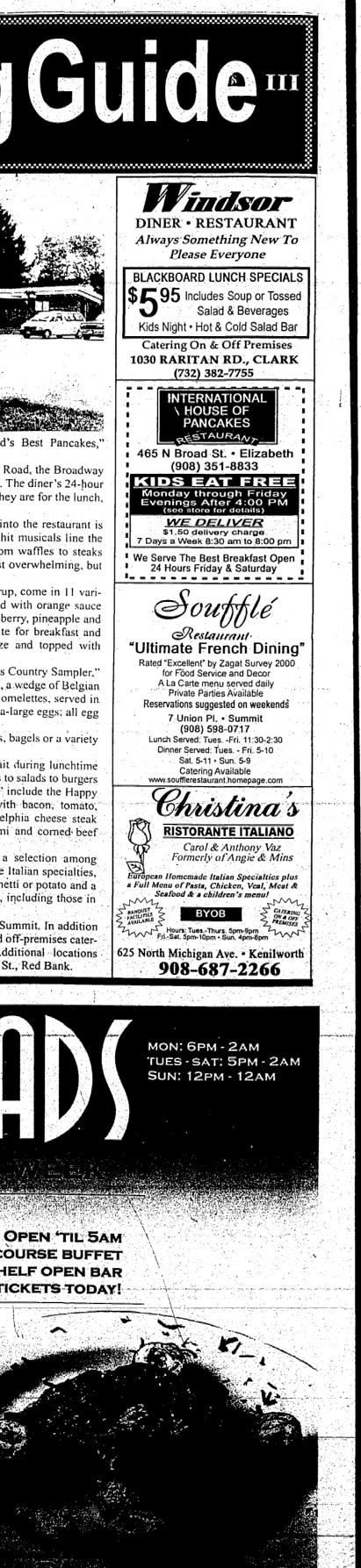


St., Garwood. The price is \$10 each. Orders can also be called in at 908-789-1670 or 908-654-1392. Delivery cost would add \$3. Supplies are limited.

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

Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m. Save your newspaper for recycling.



ART SHOWS BEARING WITNESS, the works of

photographer Helen M. Stummer, will be on exhibit in the Tomasulo Gallery in the Kenneth MacKay Library at Union County College in Cranford through today. Gallery hours are Mondays to

Thursdays, and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155. DOLIN GALLERY in Rahway will

exhibit the works of Christine Dolinich-Matuska, SM Ann Therese Kelly, Victor Macarol and Lester Murphy through Dec. 29, Gallery hours are Sundays from 2

to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Dolin Gallery is located at 1348 Pierce St. Rahway. For information, call 732-815-1475.

NEW ART GROUP MEMBERS Nancy J. Ori and Jim Fuess will have their works on exhibit through Jan. 1 at the Bouras Galleries in Summit

Gallery hours are by appointment only Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 Deforest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054

SEASONAL AND DIVERSITY ART will be on exhibit through Jan. 5 at the Diversity Art Gallery in Clark.

Gallery hours are Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m., and by appointment. The Diversity Art Gallery is located in the Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark, on the Clark Circle, For information, call 732-574-1479.

NJCVA FACULTY EXHIBITION will be on display through Jan. 8 in the Palmer Gallery at the New Jersey

Center for Visual Arts in Summit. Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Tours are available upon request. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njvca.com.

MIXING MEMORY AND DESIRE, the works of Carol Alter, will be on exhibit through Jan. 9 in the Donald B. Palmer Gallery at the Springfrield Free Public Library in Springfield.

Gallery hours are Mondas, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

WORLDS, the works of Jane Thompson George, will be on exhibit through WORLDS, the works of Jane Thompson George, will be on exhibit through Jan. 16 at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library.

Gallery hours are Mondays to days and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is local ed in Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

BOOKS

AUTHOR NARAIN GEHANI will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, "Bell Labs: Life in the Crown Jewel." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544. THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-



in Clark: Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818. **EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS'** CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Spring field. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

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SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Read ing Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818. WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-

CLASSES

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NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISU-AL ARTS in Summit will offer its fall Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fri- 2002 classes and workshops in the coming months. Offerings are Black and White Master Class, through Feb. 15; The Art of the Clay Monoprint, Watercolor Mobiles, Beginning Drawing, Beginning Painting and Children's Clay Class. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

COLLECTIBLES

THE WESTFIELD STAMP CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3045 or send e-mail to 8605@comcast.net.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH A CONSCIENCE Concert Series of Westfield and

ING GROUP meets the first Wednes- Springfield will present musical per- Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan day of the month at Barnes and Noble formers each month through June at Road. Clark. Fee for each lesson is two locations in Union County. Jan. 18: Commondbond, Spring-

> Feb. 15: Eric Schwartz, Westfield March 15: Dan Crisci presents Springfield April 19: Amy Carol Webb, West-

> field May 17: Kevin Brody, Springfield

June 21: GrooveLily, Westfield All concerts begin at 8 pm.m Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St.; Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. Suggested donation is \$12 with proceeds benefiting various local charities. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com

'A JOYOUS GOSPEL HOLIDAY' will be presented today at 7 p.m., featuring the NJPAC Jubliation Choir with special guest Daryl Coley, in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$29 for adults, \$16 for children. NJPAC is located at 1 Center St.,

Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.nipac.org.

THE NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present its annual Messiah" Sing Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. Tickets are \$25. For information, call 800-255-3476 or visit www.njsymphony.org.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, will present musical performances throughout the year. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in teh cafe section. For information, call 973-376-

CRAFTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present the New Jersey Ballet Company in "The Nutcracker" Friday through Dec. 30.

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- Saturday: 2 and 7 p.m Sunday: 1 and 6 p.m.
- Monday: 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday: 1 p.m.
- Dec. 26: 2 and 7 p.m
- Dec. 27: 2 and 7 p.m. Dec. 28: 2 and 7 p.m.
- Dec. 29: 1 and 6 p.m. Dec. 30: 2 and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$24 to \$44; box seats are \$52. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St. Summit, Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. The lsat date of 2002 is Friday, after which there will be a holiday party. Dates in early 2003 are Jan. 10 and 31 and Feb. 14 and 28. Admission is \$2, or \$12 for half the season; workshops are \$5.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at

series of visits, bringing art personalized to suit their individual needs and interests. Art forms such as live musical performances, visual artists, poets sen Freeholders has announced a new to read and/or help the caregiver to write poetry or a journal; a dance/

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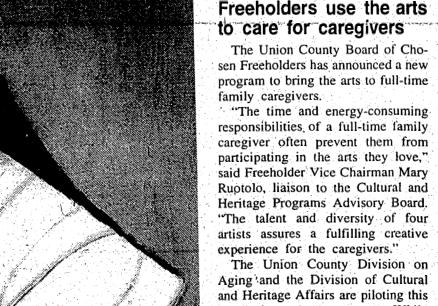
movement training will be available to qualified family caregivers. For more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Alfairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202. Telephone inquiries may be directed to 908-558-2550; NJ Heritage Programs Advisory Board. Relays users dial 711. E-mail may be sent to scoen@unioncountynj.org.

HEART Grants available for the county's artists

The Union County Board of Cho sen Freeholders invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the Union County HEART - History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands --- Grant program.

Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the profit organizations of Union County. "The response to the HEART Grant Program is exciting. The recipients

composers of orchestral music, cultural organizations and civic entities," This program will provide artists to said Freeholder Chairman Lewis

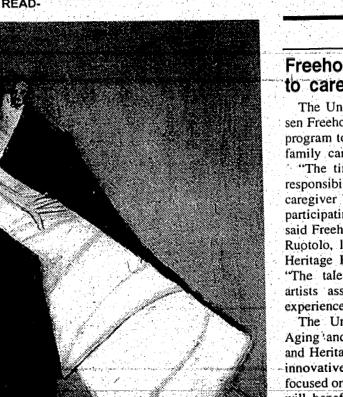


and Heritage Affairs are piloting this innovative new program. While focused on the caregiver, the program will benefit everyone in the family. "Recent studies have shown that the stress of long-term care-giving responsibilities can have detrimental

effects on the health and emotional well being of the caregiver," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board. "This program is intended to relieve that stress while it arts and humanities, and demonstrates exercises the caregiver's creativity." a commitment to the artists and non-In addition to caring for a family

member, the caregiver may also work a full-time job outside the home. As long as either the patient or the care- are a wonderful mix of visual artists, giver is older than 60, they are

come to the caregiver's home in a Mingo Jr.



"CARRIED AWAY' by Carole Alter is among the artist's work on exhibit in 'Mixing Memory and Desire,' currently on display at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM in Union will sponsor several holiday events,

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance

club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at

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1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

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sponsor a series of free film classics at

the Main Branch. All films begin at 10

a.m. The Main Branch is of the Eliza-

Broad St., Elizabeth. For information,

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC.

meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union,

behind Home Depot on Route 22 East.

The club is open to the public Satur-

days from 1 to 4 p.m. For information,

call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808,

send e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or

beth Public Library located at 11 S.

science4seniors@aol.com.

call 732-574-1818.

call 908-354-6060.

visit www.tmrci.com.

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Claus" - Friday and Saturday; tours begin every 15 minutes from 5 to 8 p.m.; \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, \$6 for children 6 to 17, free for children younger than 6; reservations are required.

Saturday; 10 a.m. to noon or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; \$15 per child; for ages 6 to 10; reservations are required.

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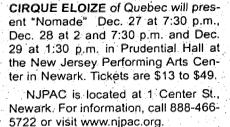
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concluding this weekend. . "From St. Nicholas to Santa

• "Gingerbread House Workshop" -

Liberty Hall Museum is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. For informaTHURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002 - PAGE B13

VARIETY



WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' Westfield Symphony Orchestra will present "Puttin' on the Ritz: The Music of Irving Berlin" Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield 140 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for students and children younger than 14. Tickets are available at the WSO office, 224 E Broad St.: Lancasters, 76 Elm St.: the Town Book Store, 255 E. Elm St.; and the Westfield Leader, 50 Elm St. For information, call WSO at 908-232-9400 or WYACT at 908-233-3200.

LIVE JAHEIM, featuring Stahr, The Intruders and Nucci-Rio, will be presented Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theater in Elizabeth. Tickets are \$45 to \$90. The Ritz Theater is located at 1140 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, For information. call 732-382-8563.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Uni-

HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music poetry, comedy and performance art Refreshments are served. Donations are suggested to cover expenses Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-273-3245

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thursday night. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For. information: call 732-381-6544

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as foot ball-themed nights.

Every Sunday Sunday Football, noon to closing, see all the games with \$2 domestic pints and wing specials. Every Monday: Open Mike Night,

Happy Hour all night. Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints are \$2

Every Wednesday: Corona, Cuer vo, Margaritas, \$2 all night Every Thursday: All domestic beer

\$2 all night Today: Ether/Locket

Friday: Funky Black Widows Saturday: R. Materazzo and the Nick Bukuvalas Band

Wednesday: TB/ Dec. 26 Enjoy!

Dec. 27: The Jen Curtis Band and Guilty Dec. 28: Sabroson

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve 2002 with The Beats, playing the music of The Beatles: call for tickets

For information, call 908-232-566 or visit www.xxroads.com

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by: musical artists. Eat to the Beat is located at 1465 Irving St. at East Cherry Street, Rahway, For information, call 732-381-0505

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

www.nishakespeare.org.

County College will present "Golden Oldies" by Marlene Asher Cocchiola Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. as part of the Staged CENTER in Mountainside will sponsor Reading Series. The performance will "Owl Prow!" Jan. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. take place in The Commons on the Space is limited and pre-registration is Cranford Campus, 1033 Springfield required, Admission is \$5 per person. Ave., Cranford, Admission is free. For

Trailside is located at 452 New Provi- information, call 908-659-5189.

THE NEW JERSEY BALLET COMPANY appears in 'The Nutcracker' at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey Friday through Dec. 30. For information, see the 'Dance' listing on this page.

dence Road, Mountainside. For infor mation, call 908-789-3670. BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22

West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales. for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tues days and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays COOPERATIVE THEATER and the at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place t Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble. 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and thirda "Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a loca restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com. INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Chruch. 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

I HEATER

THE ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Hello Out There" by William Saroyan and "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell through Sunday. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission. \$6 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St.; Elizabeth: For information, call-908-355-0077

NEW JERSEY SHAKESPEARE FES-TIVAL will present "A Midwinter Night's Dream" through Dec. 29 at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. Shows are Tuesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sun- days at 7:30 p.m.; plus malinees. Tickets are \$22 to \$50. For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit

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SHOWROOM HOURS: Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-7:30pmSat 9am-6pm PARTS & SERVICE: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm

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