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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 well." The budget sheets were available to all at the meeting.

Schaller compared the 2002-03 budget with the one for 2003-04.

The moppet section showed expenditures 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 substitutes, and he had this clearly 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 broken down specifically for all to see, with a slight increase of \$193 over last year due to increased enrollment. He had also listed field trips, and said they would be "tentative" due to time and budget.

Santa's here



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

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

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 roughly 100 unpaid volunteers is a statewide organization that lobbies for an end to the threat of nuclear war.

Targeting the impending United States war with Iraq, Zisman sees the 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 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 well.

"This should be a focal point for the religious services coming up," said Terri Suess, a member of New Jersey Peace Action, an organization that has joined with the committee in their peace-promoting efforts.

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 accomplishments with the "Peace-Days" events 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.

The committee welcomed Koji Hayashida, a survivor of the atomic bomb blast 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

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 fear that the behavior of dishonoring treaties could result in another attack 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 good."

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

For project, dis will get nearly 11

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."

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

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Photo By Bob Helrich

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 season 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 Virginia

Bunell, 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 the area are welcome.

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

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

• St. James the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., will 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. Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. at the There will also be a family Christmas 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 Eve, 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 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.

Essentially, Christmas is "Christ's Mass," which is a tribute to the Christ who was born more than 2,000 years ago on the night of Dec. 24 in the town of Bethlehem, what was then Judea. Many believe this was the fulfill-

ment of the prophecy from the Old Testament, the Book of Isaiah and others, when God promised a savior or messiah to be born in Israel.

The baby's name, "Jesus," means "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 Cae-

sar's tax laws, requiring registration in 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

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that date, as in "A.D.," or Anno Domini 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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

• 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.

• The Mountain Side 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.

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ough Hall Community Room, 1385 Route 22 East, through Feb. 27. Registration information will be sent through Deerfield School.

• 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.

• 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.

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Committee helps Dayton students focus on editing

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

After purchasing Adobe Premier and Adobe After Effects, two high-tech 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 Committee member Roy Hirschfeld.

The cost of the DVD courses is \$815. The money comes from the annual \$5,000 Cable Committee budget. Before the purchase of the videos, there was \$3,300 left in the budget.

"Last year it was part of my initiative to help enhance the program," 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 better."

"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 complex to learn without proper instructions."

"It's not something like Microsoft Word where you can take it off the shelf and learn how to use it after a few days," said Township Administrator 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 programs 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 TV-36, which broadcasts the programs. "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 TV-36 in February.

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

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They're happy to be on the other side

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

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 teachers who graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

"Having graduated from the Springfield public schools, there's a greater appreciation for the level of instruction that we expect and also a greater appreciation of the community and how supportive they are," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler.

"So, when a person has already graduated from this community and they come back to teach here, they have a little bit of a head start in understanding all that we have in order to support the students and their ultimate success."

Jackie Zika, a math teacher at Dayton, said that when she graduated from the high school in 1997 she never thought she'd be in the school again, let alone have her own classroom.

In fact, Zika didn't even know she'd be teaching until the summer after she graduated college. "I interviewed at a bunch of different places — just companies, big companies. I have a math background, data analysis, things like that. None of those companies seemed interesting

enough." Zika observed the things her sister, Dana Harris, 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 every school in Union County," Zika 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 for some reason, she always knew she'd end up back at Dayton. "I loved it here when I went here," she said, reminiscing about the days when she sat at a desk in Dayton rather than standing in front of the class. "I just always wanted to come back and give a little back."

Board of Education President Linda Duke said that she thinks it can be an advantage to a certain degree to hire a new teacher who is a product of the Springfield school district. She said the teachers who graduated from the district have a sense of loyalty to Springfield and are already familiar with several of the rules and regulations.

"It provides some familiarity and a comfort level, especially for teachers who are starting out," Duke said. "Zika said it was a little strange at first working with some of the same teachers who taught her. 'I think it



Photo by Bob Waldrich

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 awkward at all when she first started. "If anything it was more helpful."

Both Zika and Horowitz teach students whose grade levels range from freshmen 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

to their age so they're well-versed for us."

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 conversations."

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. Gaudineer Middle School.

Officials say schools have space issues

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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 property.

Harbor Consultants Inc. of Cranford was contracted at a cost of \$17,600 to conduct the survey. Of

"I had an idea of trying to bring county support to FOP and ask the 21 municipalities in Union County if they would consider a proclamation on 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 bone results in even more robust bone formation.

Borough Council designates bone, joint decade

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council passed a proclamation declaring the years 2002-2011, the national bone and joint decade.

The proclamation comes at the urging of Mountainside resident Gary Whyte, who is staging a campaign to increase awareness and find a cure for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, a rare genetic disorder in which bone forms in muscles, tendons, ligaments, and other connective tissues. Bridges

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

Whyte is trying to get all 21 municipalities in Union County to issue proclamations. So far, 12 municipalities have complied.

CareOne at Livingston advertisement featuring photos of elderly people and text describing care services.

Severyn Fur Salon advertisement with list of fur items and prices, including Mink Coats, Designer Shearlings, and Men's Jackets.

The Caring Line advertisement with phone number 1-888-320-CARE and text about providing a sympathetic ear.

NorCrown Bank advertisement for a free book and high yield checking accounts.

Short Hills Mathematics advertisement for private tutoring.

Stuyvesant Haircutting advertisement for quality haircuts.

Carteret Senior Living advertisement for assisted living.

Investors Savings Bank advertisement for Christmas with a picture of a reindeer and text about wishing joy and peace.

Houses of worship create council

The seniors' organizations of Springfield's three synagogues have joined 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 Leclerc, call Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Renaissance group representatives Margaret Grossbarth or Adlene Newman through the Temple Sha'arey Shalom office at 973-379-3387.

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 Leclerc of Essex County College who has been lecturing widely in the metropolitan area for more than 30 years.

The remaining lectures, each to be

given after 9:30 a.m. coffee at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield 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 Temple Beth Ahim's Hazaq 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 old, pre-K, will experience an enrich-

ing, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the Bible. Activities will consist of music, Torah and holiday stories, arts and crafts, dance and cooking.

RELIGION

Upcoming Sunday events include "Happy-Birthday Trees," Jan. 12; "Parim Costume Party," March 9; "Passover Celebration," April 6; and "Israel's Birthday," May 11.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH - SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY - 242 Shampike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr., Pastor. Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care - 5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club. Program for Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study; Junior/Senior High Ministry. Active Youth Ministry. Wide-Range Music Program. Super Seniors 3rd Thursday at 11 AM followed by lunch. Adult Parking. Chair Lift provided with assistance. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (973) 379-3351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

EPISCOPAL

SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH - 119 Main Street, Millburn, NJ 07041, (973) 376-0688. Sunday Worship: A spoken service of Holy Eucharist with a homily will be held at 8:00 a.m. followed by a Holy Eucharist with choral music at 10:00 a.m. Church School for children in K thru 8th grade and nursery care available at 10:30 a.m. Youth & adult choir and adult bell choir celebrating our 150th year of service to the community. We welcome all people.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHIM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 973-376-0539. Mark Malachuk, Rabbi; Richard Nadel, Cantor; Laurence R. Horowitz, President. Beth Ahim is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services: Mon-Fri, 7:00 AM Sun. 8:30 PM Shabbat 9:30 AM & sunset. Sundays, 9:30 AM Festival & Holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. A Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's League Men's Club, youth groups for Smith through twelfth grades, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD

339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 973-376-0662. Chaim Marcus, Rabbi; Alan J. Yarek, Rabbi Emeritus; Solomon Greenfield, President. Congregation Israel is a Modern Orthodox Synagogue. There are two daily weekday morning Minyan at 6:15 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. Daily weekday Minyan services are also held. Call the shul office for times. There are two Shabbat morning services at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as Junior

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081-973-376-3044. SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Church of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Worship is at 10:30 a.m., the emphasis of which is to always have a "good word" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. "Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a 'good word'." Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908-277-1700.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAIAREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Danich, Cantor/Director of Religious Education; Pre-School Director; Mady Schreffel, Family Life Educator; Chair, Daffner, President. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship enhanced by volunteer choir begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:00 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturdays mornings for grades K-3, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post-Barbat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2-12 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Synagogue Board/Board of Trustees. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, 973-379-5387.

PENTECOSTAL-NON-DENOMINATIONAL

VISIONS OF GOD FAMILY WORSHIP RAISING PEOPLE OF POWER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY 242 Shampike Road, Springfield, NJ 07081. Shabbat worship enhanced by volunteer choir begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:00 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturdays mornings for grades K-3, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post-Barbat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2-12 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Synagogue Board/Board of Trustees. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, 973-379-5387.

LUTHERAN

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 620 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4255, Fax: 973-379-8887. Rensho Madsen, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our music and children's and adult programs, contact the Church office. Music through, Thursdays, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

METHODIST

EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 80 Church Hill, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-376-0662. Children's and adult programs, contact the Church office. Music through, Thursdays, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX

ST. MICHAEL'S RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, 277 Oliver St., Newark, (973) 389-8712. Please call Rev. Fr. Michael Taratuchin, Vigil, Saturday 5 p.m., Liturgy, Sunday 10 a.m., Coffee hour immediately follows. Family breakfast last Sun. of every month. Services in Slavonic/English. All are welcome. Come Discover the Orthodox Church! Members needed for Sunday School.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. Visit us in our expanded and renovated building. 908-273-2447. www.ucsummitnj.org. Rev. Vanessa Rish Southern, Minister, Rev. Carol Haug, Min. Religious Educ. 1201 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109 Union, N.J. 07083. 1/1W

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210 Morris Ave at Church Hill, Springfield, 739-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (daily and August 9:30 a.m.), with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personal growth through worship, Christian education, Choir, church activities and fellowship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Ladies Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The Rev. Daniel J. Russell, Jr., Pastor.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

250 Northfield Rd., Westfield, NJ 07091. 908-232-1512. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. All children 1-12 coming. Worship Service, 7:30 pm. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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Each session will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the SJCC, 67 Kent Place Blvd. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$15 per session, per child for members, \$18 for non-members. For information, call Stacey Davila at 908-2-73-2800 or stacey@bavelle.com.

Concert marks reign of Queen Elizabeth

The Clan Currie Society has announced that The Pipes of Christmas, its annual holiday concert, has been designated 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 popular "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 Queen 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 underprivileged 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.



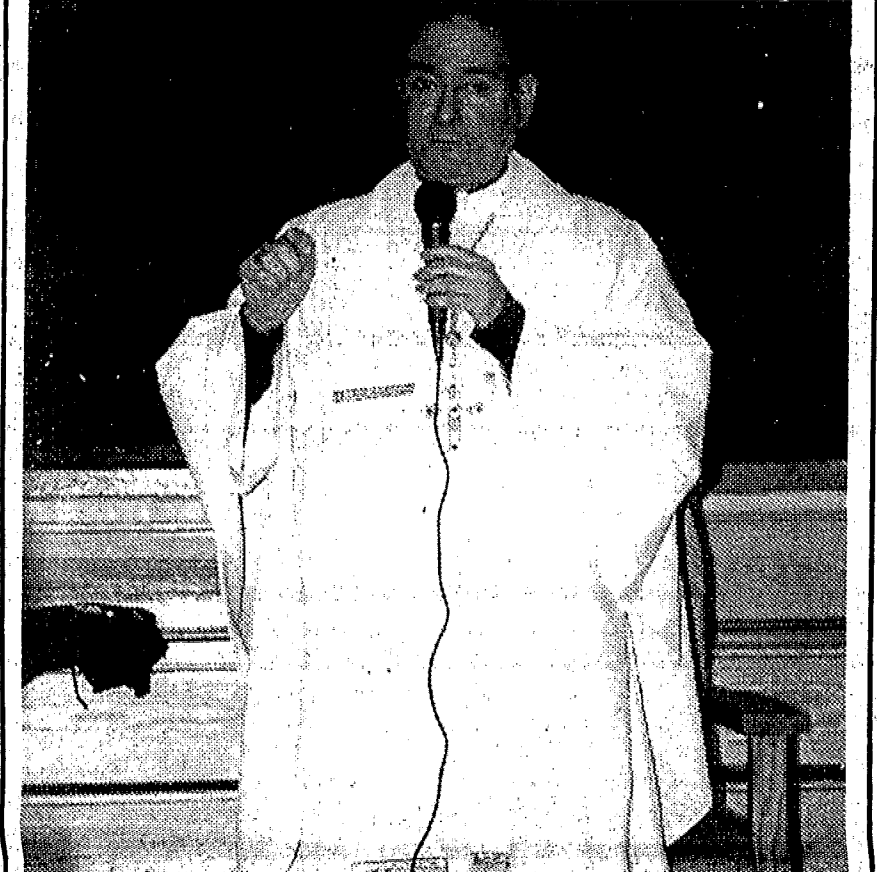
Summit Chorale has auditions

Summit Chorale conducts auditions Jan. 7 and 14 from 7:45 to 10:15 p.m. Summit Chorale, a 60-voice SATB chorus, offers auditions in all voice parts for the remainder of the 2002-03 season including two major concerts. For information and audition appointments, call the chorale's personal manager at 732-698-1433 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

Music makers

Liz Gamble and Simon Kwak are just two members of the Summit High School wind ensemble. They performed holiday music along with the concert band, chorus, freshman treble chorus and string orchestra on Dec. 11 in the newly renovated SHS auditorium for the annual winter concert. Selections included the 'Hallelujah' from Handel's 'Messiah', the 'Sanctus' from the 'Faure Requiem', and Tartini's Concerto in F.

A special visit



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. 11 during the Feast of All Saints, Bishop Serratelli celebrated the Eucharist and spoke to the audience of 240 young men, discussing the role of the saints and their relevancy to our lives. This was the first time the bishop visited the Summit school.

Resale shop offers new, gently used gifts

Those who are searching for an unusual holiday gift at a good price can find 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.

The Resale Shop also sells furniture, baby items, china, glassware and linens, goods that are often needed during holiday visits from family. Christmas merchandise is also 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.

Trees are still available

The Summit Area Jaycees, a chapter of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, continues its longstanding tradition of selling Christmas trees and wreaths to raise money for various local charities. This year, the Jaycees has joined forces with members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad who have been assisting with the sale, which takes place in the First Aid Squad parking lot on Summit Ave.

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Weight & Hypnosis advertisement featuring Dr. Ronny Glassman, Ph.D., M.P.H. Board Certified + Insured + Private Appointments. 908-301-0445 www.DrRonnyGlassman.com

The Port Authority helps local businesses land new opportunities. Advertisement for Kennedy LaGuardia Newark Liberty Airport. Includes text about business development and airport services.



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Calderone School of Music advertisement. Established 1975. Certified Teachers. Piano, Keyboard, Organ, Accordion, Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Voice, Guitar, Drums. Lessons for the Learning Disabled. Kindermusik Classes for ages 2 to 7.

3 Locations To Serve You. Advertisement for Total Wine & More with maps and store locations in Springfield, Millburn, and Union.

Marjorie G. Halpin

Marjorie G. Halpin, 67, of Springfield 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.

Frieda E. Haggerty

Frieda E. Haggerty, 93, of Springfield died Dec. 6 at home.

Carol A. Joannides

Carol Ann Joannides, 67, of Mountaintide died Dec. 7 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Jessie Jacobs

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

Assisted Living, Mountaintide. Born in Hoboken, Mrs. Jacobs lived in Jersey City and Boca Raton, Fla., before moving to Mountaintide.

Jacob A. Lipstein

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

Katherine Grafanakis

Katherine Grafanakis, 87, of Springfield died Nov. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mary Tavaska

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

Benjamin Lubiner

Benjamin Lubiner, 78, of Monroe and Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 15.

Stella M. Castillo

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

Gladys Berger

Gladys Berger, 81, of Springfield died Nov. 8 in the Woldenberg Village Nursing Home, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. J. Hamberger

Jacqueline Hamberger, 57, of Mountaintide died Nov. 19 at home.

Richard Butthman

Richard A. Butthman, 66, of Bayville, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 21 in Community Medical Center, Tom's River.

Catherine Edwards

Catherine M. Edwards, 78, of Whitehouse Station, formerly of Mountaintide, died Nov. 13 in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan.

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

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

Nadine T. Gurrera

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

Emma L. Dunleavy

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

Muriel O. French

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

Janet A. Wittenberg

Janet Ann Wittenberg, 64, of Springfield died Nov. 23 at home.

Susan Cleary Baitz

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

Albert J. Colandrea

Albert J. Colandrea, 91, a lifelong resident of Springfield, died Nov. 22 at home.

field area before retiring 25 years ago. He also owned the Warembrook Country Club, Warren, for 20 years.

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Goldie I. Bennett

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

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.

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SPORTS

Dayton girls' basketball has willingness to improve game Bulldogs return four of five starters



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.

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, fashioning a 17-5 record which earned the Bulldogs a final No. 10 ranking in Union County.

Rennie has seen the team progress so far in scrimmage play. The Bulldogs played Whippany Park and Hanover Park in a tri-scrammage and also competed against Verona and Mount St. Mary.

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.

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 cause chaos," Rennie said.

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.

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

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

Entering the season with confidence. That's what Summit High School boys' basketball coach Eugene Maxwell feels his team is doing.

The Hilltoppers will employ a half court scheme that will see them running and trapping more. "I want my team to press more," Maxwell said.

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St. James hoops off to good start Siracusa nets 14, Guarino 8

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

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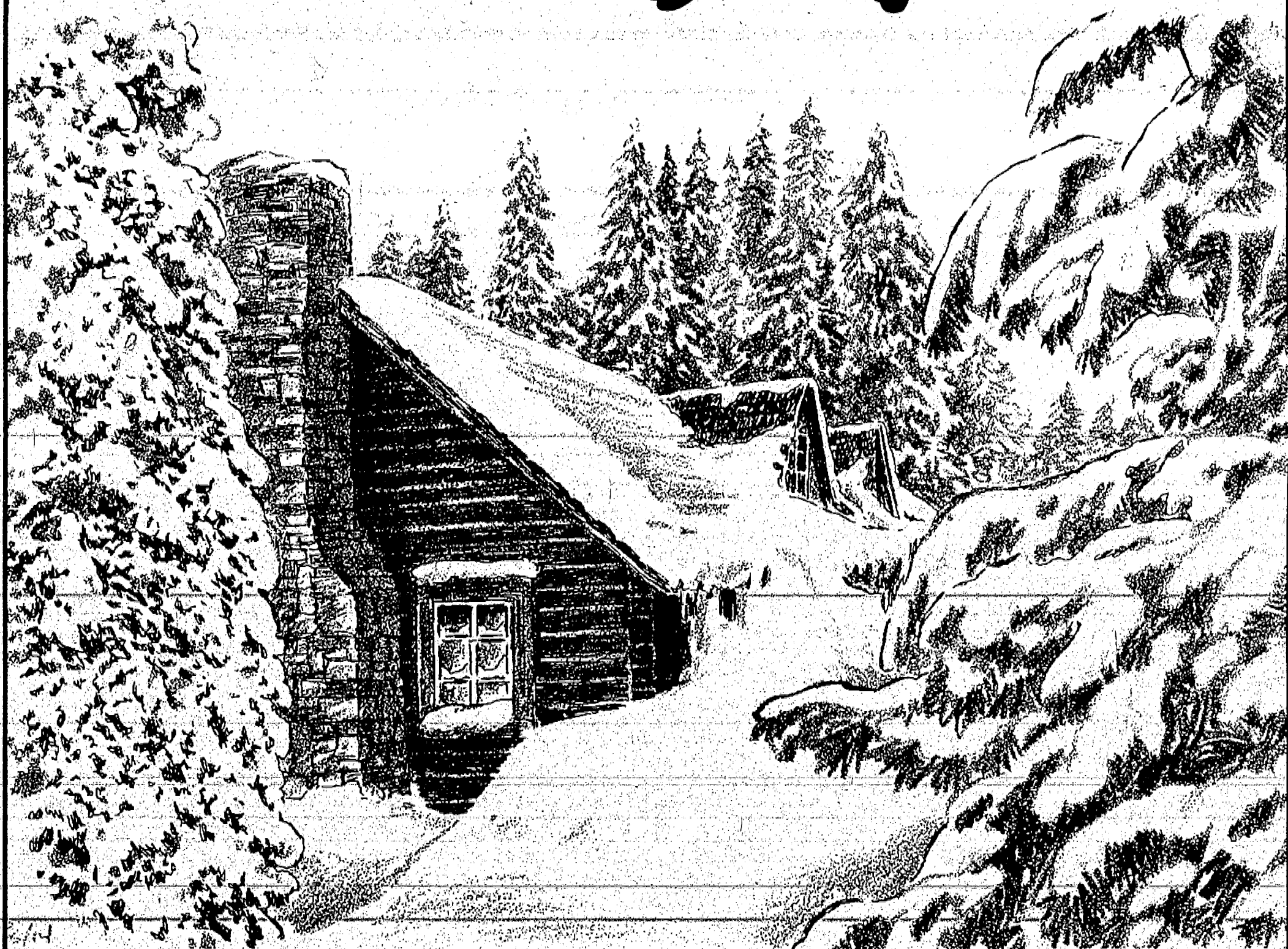
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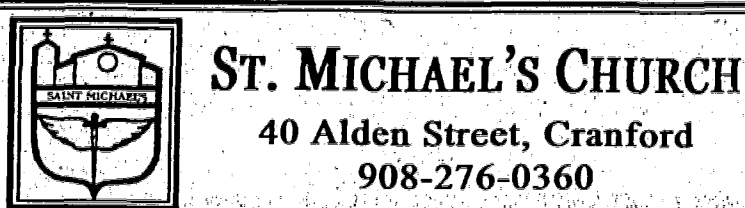
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Christmas 2002 Schedule

Confessions will be heard:

Monday thru Friday following the 12 Noon Mass or by appointment
Advent Penance Celebration with St. Anne Parish, Garwood,
in our Church Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm
No Confessions will be heard Christmas Eve, December 24

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil 5:30 pm Church & School
7:30 pm Church

Christmas 12 Midnight
preceded by carols at 11:30 pm
7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am & 12 Noon

FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD
Wednesday, January 1, 2003
Masses 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 7:30 pm

Yoga center prepares for spring

Nicole's Yoga Center in Garwood has announced several events in the coming weeks in preparation for the Early Spring Sessions.

The newly renovated 2,500-square-foot studio located at 94 North Ave., Garwood, will start the Early Spring Session the week of Jan. 13. Open houses are scheduled on the following dates: today from 2 to 5 p.m., Jan. 6 from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. Free yoga introductory classes are offered by appointment Jan. 11 at 12:10 p.m. and Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m.

Nicole Mode founded Nicole's Yoga Center in 1988, and is dedicated to maintaining the purity of the art of yoga; the studio teaches yoga exclusively. The center is open all year and offers 24 yoga classes per week, with daily morning, afternoon and evening programs designed for every level of ability, physical condition, age, etc. Nicole's Yoga is more than just a form of exercise; it is an holistic experience that benefits the body, mind and spirit. The center offers five different levels of classes where four types of yoga are practiced. The objective of Hatha yoga is to transform the human body to make it a worthy vehicle for self-realization. Ashtanga yoga consists of different practices: breath con-

trol, posture, concentration, meditation, moral observance and self-discipline. Kriya yoga is the union between the male and female creative principles. Kundalini yoga is the final realization of the self.

Mode's method of studying yoga is orderly, and progressive, step-by-step instructions on how to perform each posture, breathing, meditation and visualization techniques are used during each class. The center offers classes for back activities, breathing, weight reduction. Yoga for Children, Yoga for Seniors and teacher-training programs.

The Restorative Yoga class consists of exercises done on the floor or chair for those with disabilities, consisting of a series of movements performed with great attention and without pain. This class will utilize Asanas - posture - to develop balance, limberness and strength. Benefits are proper alignment, increasing circulation and flexibility, and a reduction in stiffness in joints, such as hand, wrist, knee, ankle, etc. Special props are utilized to stabilize the spine and open the body to meet the outlines of

Asanas. This class is recommended for people with limited possibilities or stiffness in joints, post-surgery and cancer patients, and pregnant women.

The Yoga Back class is experienced in a sitting and lying down position. This class is well suited for people with respiratory problems, asthma, back problems, cardiovascular difficulties, etc. Students will learn how to use core techniques while breathing awareness is recognized within each posture. Benefits include restoring balance, improvement in the hip-joint opening, expansion of the thoracic cage, strengthening abdominal and back muscles, reducing cardiovascular stress and normalizing muscle tone.

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The yoga class for children 6 to 10

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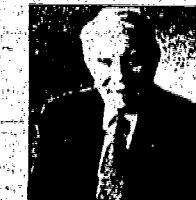
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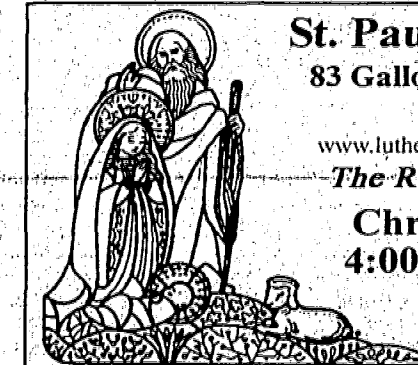
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Yoga center prepares for spring

Nicole's Yoga Center in Garwood has announced several events in the coming weeks in preparation for the Early Spring Sessions.

The "newly" renovated 2,500-square-foot studio located at 94 North Ave., Garwood, will start the Early Spring Session the week of Jan. 13. Open houses are scheduled on the following dates: today from 2 to 5 p.m., Jan. 6 from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. Free yoga introductory classes are offered by appointment Jan. 11 at 12:10 p.m. and Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m.

Nicole Mode founded Nicole's Yoga Center in 1988, and is dedicated to maintaining the purity of the art of yoga; the studio teaches yoga exclusively. The center is open all year and offers 24 yoga classes per week, with daily morning, afternoon and evening programs designed for every level of ability, physical condition, age, etc. Nicole's Yoga is more than just a form of exercise; it is an holistic experience that benefits the body, mind and spirit. The center offers five different levels of classes where four types of yoga are practiced. The objective of Hatha yoga is to transform the human body to make it a worthy vehicle for self-realization. Asthanga yoga consists of different practices: breath con-

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Mode's method of studying yoga is orderly, and progressive, step-by-step instructions on how to perform each posture, breathing, meditation and visualization techniques are used during each class. The center offers classes for back activities, breathing, weight reduction, Yoga for Children, Yoga for Seniors and teacher-training programs.

The Restorative Yoga class consists of exercises done on the floor or chair for those with disabilities, consisting of a series of movements performed with great attention and without pain. This class will utilize Asanas - posture - to develop balance, limberness and strength. Benefits are proper alignment, increasing circulation and flexibility, and a reduction in stiffness in joints, such as hand, wrist, knee, ankle, etc. Special props are utilized to stabilize the spine and open the body to meet the outlines of

Asanas. This class is recommended for people with limited possibilities or stiffness in joints, post-surgery and cancer patients, and pregnant women.

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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

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.

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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.

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According to the U.S. Consumer 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:

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WYACT, WSO get ready for New Year's Eve Berlin gala

Rehearsals are under way for the much-awaited concert, "Puttin' on the Ritz: The Music of Irving Berlin, America's Songwriter," to be presented 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,

"Irving Berlin has no place in American music. He is American music." Puccini wanted to write an opera 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

300 soldiers. Berlin donated the \$10,000,000 proceeds to the Army Relief Emergency Fund. He won the Academy Award that year for writing the song that would become the anthem for homesick servicemen overseas, "White Christmas," sung in the New Year's concert by mezzo-soprano 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 tenor James Kilduff played Charlie in "Brigadoon" at the New Jersey Per-

forming Arts Center, and Kilduff also played Tonetti in "The Gay Divorce" in the Kean Arts Incubator Festival; 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 at 908-233-3200 or the WSO at 908-232-9400.

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 resolutions.

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 at the year's end and for some reason believe 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 with 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 goal-oriented friends working together toward several achievable goals.

You will find that by not setting yourself up for failure, you 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.

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Tips help avoid holiday shocks

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- If your family prefers decorating with artificial trees or greens, purchase those that are flame retardant. The product packaging will indicate if the branches or your artificial tree or greens have been treated with flame-retardant material. Remember that light strings and other electrical decorations should not be used on artificial trees or greens that have metal needles, leaves or branch coverings.
- Place your tree or greens at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Also make sure not to block a doorway or other exit route.
- Use light strings and animated or electrical decorations that bear the UL mark. The UL mark on a product means that UL engineers have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety/hazards such as fire and electric shock.
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- Before you begin decorating, your first step should be to follow the manufacturer's instructions concerning installation and maintenance of the electrical decorations you'll be using.
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- Before plugging in newly purchased or previously used electrical decorations, carefully inspect each decoration. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new, UL Listed decorations.
- Always unplug a light string or electrical decoration before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Check the instructions to determine which maintenance the manufacturer recommends you perform. In most cases, maintenance is limited to fuse and lamp replacement only. Don't attempt to make a repair unless the instructions indicate the proper procedure and equipment for doing so.

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 NFPA 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 in 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 stove.

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.
- Keep all portable materials, including furniture, bedding, clothing and pets, from combustible heaters and space heaters at least 36 inches - 1 yard - from combustibles.
- 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.
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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 and 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 member 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 Federal currently has \$210 million in assets and 25,000 members. Each member's 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 Costco.

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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 Annual Awards Dinner, Jan. 23 at the Wyndham Hotel in Elizabeth.

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 three-person 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 Grud, 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 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.

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Credit unions successfully compete with other financial institutions

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 financial 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.

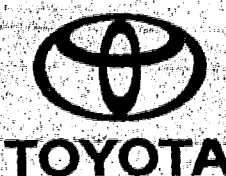
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Maryann Small, manager of marketing for the Atlantic Federal Credit Union, headquartered in Kenilworth, agreed.

"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 14	Industrial Safety Council Breakfast Seminar "Drug & Alcohol Abuse in the Workplace" presented by Special Agent Douglas Collier of the US Dept. of Justice - Drug Enforcement Admin.	8:00 AM	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	8:30 AM	L'Oreal USA, Terminal Avenue, Clark
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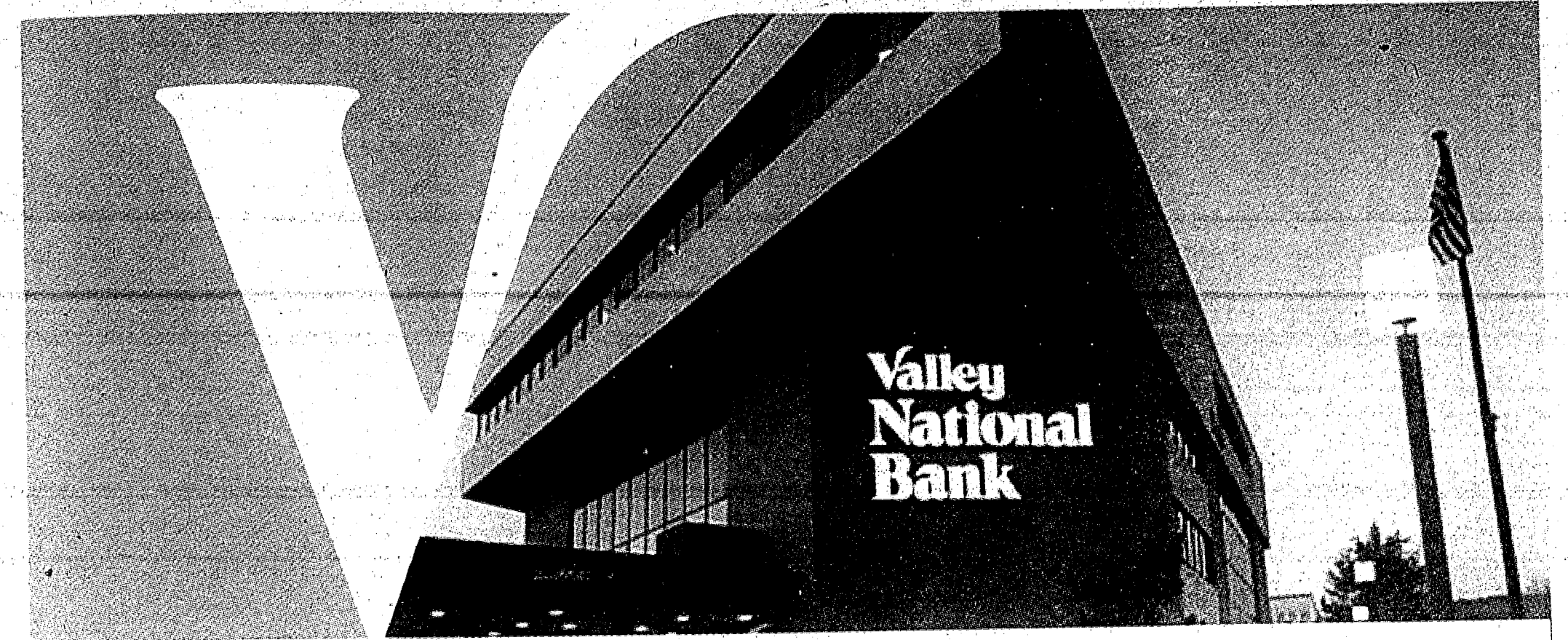
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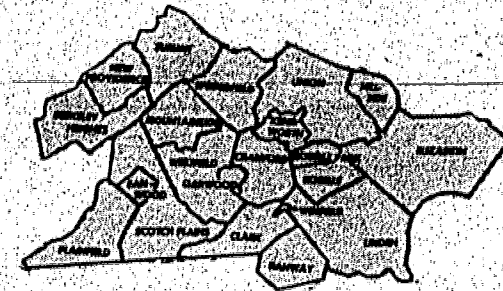
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Happy holidays

Happy holidays to Jani Kovacas-Jonas 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 misguided attack on county government in opposing the reactivation of the Morris and Erie Railways. Rail traffic is essential to our economic growth. Then again, I 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 Tripodi 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 Witte in his role as the head of Emergency Management to get the process moving.

Happy holidays to Winfield cop 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 FMEA President James Beyer. It's never easy being the tough guy fighting for the union. A thankless job often, that nonetheless needs to be done.

Bah humbug to Summit Administrator Stuart Brown for using tired phrases, "target-based budget process that attempts to match spending-to-available-resources." Translation — we don't want to rattle 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's 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 his 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 a 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 people.

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 compassion. Bah humbug 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 Capece is an attorney.

Middle-income districts face funding dilemma

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 middle-income 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 "double-taxed" since they not only pay tuition, but contribute tax dollars to the local school district as well.

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

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 middle-income district with several volunteer education-oriented organizations, is facing a challenge involving the need for additional instructional space but a lack of funds to renovate 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 suggested that residents write or call their legislators in an effort to continually stress the need for additional funding for middle-income districts.

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 attorneys, a court clerk, a court reporter and five clerical staff.

The assignment judge selects grand jurors from a pool that comes from voting 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 completed.

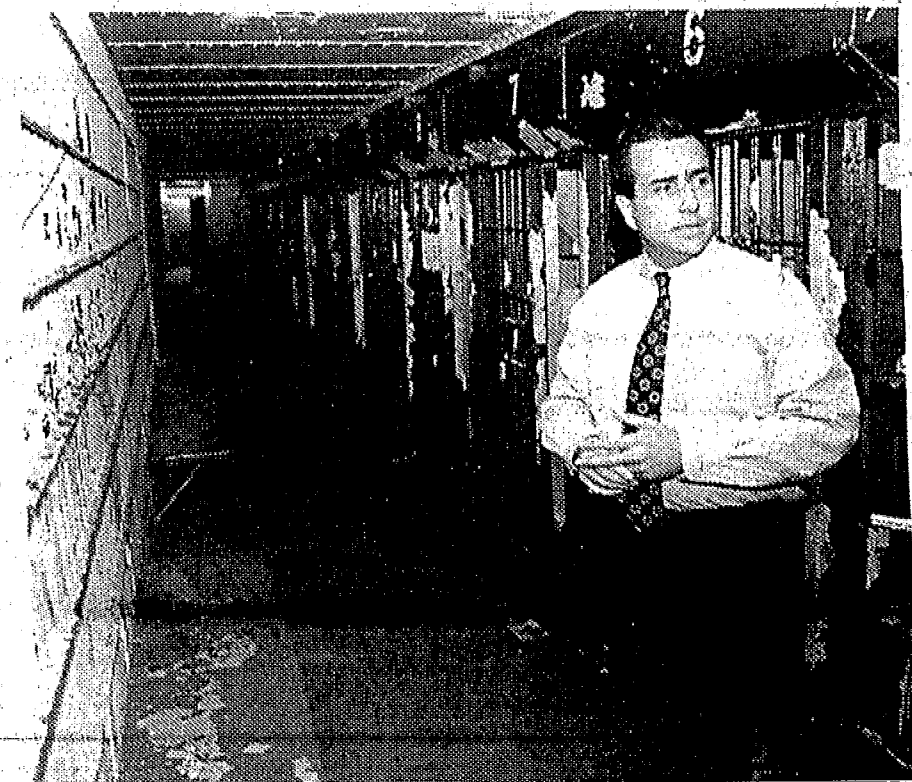
By contrast, citizens chosen for the petit jury pool must report to the courthouse for two days, or one jury selection session.

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 since the facility opened in June 1999, Jaeger said.

"The increase in space should meet our needs for the next several years," he said.



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



Director of Operations and Facilities Richmond Lapolla discusses renovations of the sixth floor at the old county jail, which next year will house the grand jury.

As for the space on the second floor of the Ruotolo Center, Jaeger said the Prosecutor's Office will move things around internally, juggling some units to see where things might fit.

Traditionally, most grand juries are conducted off-site, Jaeger said, as is the case throughout New Jersey. Prior to the opening of the Ruotolo Center, the grand jury convened at a facility on Commerce Place in Elizabeth.

Renovations also are ongoing to court rooms within the tower complex, on floors nine and 11, through 14.

The county hired a consultant last summer at a cost of \$95,000 to study the space available at the old jail and recommend how it should be used. Questionnaires have been sent to department heads, the county prosecutor and constitutional officers about space needs and staffing levels.

Funding for the study was included within the 2002 capital budget. A \$35.5-million bond ordinance adopted in August provided for the study as well as \$6.6 million for improvements to various buildings within the Department of Operations and Facilities.

The first floor of the old jail, adjacent to the new rear atrium entrance of the county courthouse, already has been renovated to house many of the Department of Operations and Facilities employees, including maintenance, carpenters, electricians, paint shop, sign shop and HVAC.

Prior to the renovations, Lapolla said employees in his department were scattered throughout county complexes in Elizabeth, some working in inadequate conditions. Some of the shops did not meet requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"It was always part of the plan to renovate the courthouse to bring those employees under one roof."

The county is in the midst of a \$20-million rehabilitation project of the courthouse that began in 1998.

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 rounda, courthouse annex and old jail.

Two sides await decision

Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

An arbitrator has until the end of the calendar year to resolve a contract dispute between Union County and its corrections 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 a 4 percent annual increase 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 of Administrative Services Elizabeth Gemevich 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 3.5 percent raises.

Of the 20 bargaining units that deal with the county, nine have settled four-year contracts that expire at the end of 2004. All of the new contracts include some form of medical insurance co-payments.

The county is in negotiations with six unions whose contracts expired within the last year. A new contract for PBA 73, which represents county police, is in the arbitration phase. Their last contract expired at the end of 2000.

PBA 199A, which represents superior officers in the Division of Corrections, is expected to negotiate a new contract once the settlement with PBA 199 is settled, Gemevich said.

Cops bust largest heroin ring in county

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Authorities believe they have cracked the largest heroin distribution ring in Union County, run by a well-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 agents on a Newark drug packaging warehouse and laboratory yielded the arrests and confiscation of thousands

of dollars worth of heroin as well as cocaine.

The operation, which included lookouts, bodyguards and walkie-talkies, was based out of an apartment at 82 S. Second Street, near Fulton Street, in addition to the laboratory. The warehouse at 207 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 \$43,000, another 18 bricks with a street value of \$5,600 and four ounces of suspected cocaine valued at \$11,000 and 250 loose vials at \$20 each.

Romankow described the distribution ring as a million-dollar-a-year operation, by far the biggest area since he took over as prosecutor in July. Federal charges are possible

because of the weapons involved.

More than 100 complaints about drug trafficking from residents in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth helped authorities crack the case, Romankow said, encouraging people to call police about problems in their 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 of the four people suspected to be ringleaders of the drug trafficking operation: Dawson Fitzgerald, a.k.a., Shoc or Shony, 25, of South Park Street, and his brothers, Dawud Fitzgerald, a.k.a., Duke, 27, of Franklin Street, and Dawen Fitzgerald, a.k.a., Doc, 23, of Elm Street, all of Elizabeth.

Others arrested were Sherrod Brit,

a.k.a. Rodney, 24, of Second Street, Elizabeth; Theodore Wayne Patterson, a.k.a., Old Boy Wayne, 51, of Lafayette Street; Angel Aviles, a.k.a. Puerto Rico Tyson-Johns, a.k.a. T. J., 18, of Franklin Street; Jewel Jones of Franklin Street; Diane Wells, Cynthia Lewis and Eric Foulk, all of Second Street, as well as two 17-year-old males, and a 14-year-old and 16-year-old male.

Agencies assisting in Operation Shockwave included the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, Newark High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Task Force, Elizabeth Narcotics Bureau, Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office, Union County Gang Task Force, Union County Narcotics Task Force, Union County Emergency Response Team, and police departments from Newark, Linden, Roselle and Berkeley Heights.

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Sixth annual Kwanzaa Festival is set to begin tonight at NJPAC

Carroll, McNeil to be honored for service to community

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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.

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

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has announced the opening of an 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.

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Christmas Eve Candle Light Service advertisement for the First Presbyterian Church.

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 they bring on stage provides. "Hello Out There" was first produced in 1942. A young man is alone

NJPAC seeks musicians for annual concert series

"Absolute 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.

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Three groups are featured per evening, each performing one 45- to 60-minute 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 clubs 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. Groups are selected based on a combination of artistic integrity and NJPAC's desire to represent a variety of music.

For more information on "Absolute Sounds of the City 2003," or to be faxed send a submission form, contact Elizabeth Ssenjova at 973-353-0057 or via e-mail at elizbeth@njpac.org, or download submission form directly from www.njpac.org.

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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 to ponder from a variety of plays at a variety of locations in and about New York City.

The play of plays began for me at the little theater of the Music Museum, where a new and competent writing of the classic Yiddish story, "La Shayna Mittle," is constructed around two sisters and their tyrannical father who escaped the holocaust. The relationship of siblings, where all is not 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, famously 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 killed 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.

In the next column, I will celebrate two new Broadway musicals, an opera via Australia, and two more plays. This is the first of two columns on the theater season this fall in the New York City area. Jon Platt is a resident of Summit.

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DOLIN GALLERY in Rahway will exhibit the works of Christine Delich, Matka, SM Ann Therese Kelly, Victor Macarol and Lester Murphy through Dec. 29.

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.

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

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CIRQUE ELOIZE of Quebec will present "Nomade" Dec. 27 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 28 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 29 at 1:30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$13 to \$49.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE THEATER and the 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., Lancaster, 76 Elm St., the Town Book Store, 255 E. Elm St., and the Westfield Theater, 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 \$50. The Ritz Theater is located at 1140 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 732-382-8563.

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'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.

Freeholders use the arts to care for caregivers The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a new program to bring the arts to full-time family caregivers. "The time and energy-consuming responsibilities of a full-time family caregiver often prevent them from participating in the arts they love," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Mary Ruptolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The talent and diversity of four artists assures a fulfilling creative experience for the caregivers." The Union County Division on Aging and the Division of Cultural 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 overcomes the caregiver's creativity." 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 caregiver is older than 60, they are eligible. This program will provide artists to come to the caregiver's home in a series of visits, bringing art personalized to suit their individual needs and interests. Art forms such as live musical performances, visual artists, poets to read and/or help the caregiver to write poetry or a journal, a dance/movement training will be available to qualified family caregivers. For more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202. Telephone inquiries may be directed to 908-558-2550; NJ 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 Chosen 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 arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County. "The response to the HEART Grant Program is exciting. The recipients are a wonderful mix of visual artists, composers of orchestral music, cultural organizations and civic entities," said Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr.

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.

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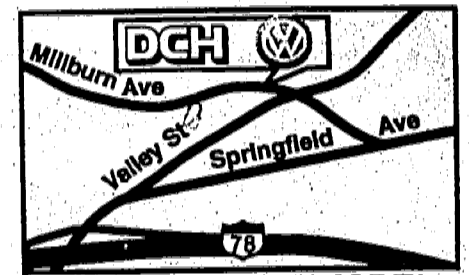
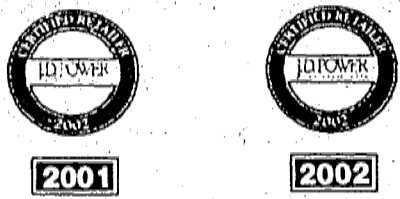
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