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TWO SECTIONS

## Judge rules payment of regional district funds to Mountainside

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Starting in April, Springfield may be paying a high price for two of the six towns that were part of the Union County Regional High School district, which broke up in 1997.

Administrative Law Judge Robert Giordano ruled that Mountainside and Garwood should be reimbursed more than \$8 million by the other municipalities that composed the former district: Berkeley Heights, Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield.

Should the ruling stand, the four towns would be ordered to pay Mountainside and Garwood in 10 installments over five years, starting in April.

The problem with that, however, is that finding money in the current year's school

budget would be somewhat of a struggle for the district, considering there has been no time to plan ahead for the payments.

According to attorney Cherie Adams, who represents the Springfield Board of Education in the case, the parties involved are inquiring about when payments may begin, hoping for the possibility that they can be held "until all appeals are exhausted."

The initial decision, which was simply a recommendation by the state judge, will now go to state Education Commissioner William I. Librera, who can choose to adopt, reject, or adjust the findings that have already occurred.

If unchanged, the payment plan calls for Springfield to begin 10 equal payments of \$166,119 to Mountainside on April 15, continuing every six months until the last payment in

October 2008. The plan also orders Springfield to pay Garwood in 10 installments of \$82,458, spanning the same time period.

"The first payment is during the current budget year, which has already been established," said Adams. "That makes it extremely difficult to come up with the money."

Springfield school Business Administrator Matthew Clarke made clear that the case is a complicated one, and that by no means has a final decision been made yet.

"The board hasn't discussed how the payments would be made," said Clarke. "After a final decision is made, we can discuss all of our options for the possible bill that could come down the road somewhere."

Clarke added that one of the issues involved in the case of Springfield is that it originated as

a K-8 district, but was expanded by Jonathan Dayton High School.

The case, which has been developing through both the courts and the Department of Education for more than seven years, will likely go through several appeals, should the commissioner hold to the recommended decision.

January would mark the three-year anniversary of the state Supreme Court's ruling that Mountainside and Garwood should be compensated after the breakup of the regional district.

When the district was dissolved in 1997, Berkeley Heights received Governor Livingston High School, Clark took over Arthur L. Johnson High School, Kenilworth reopened David Breatley High School, and Springfield received Jonathan Dayton High School.

The Supreme Court rule since they did not take control of any buildings and shared in all costs of the building and operating of the four high schools.

That decision, however, reversed earlier findings by the Department of Education, which felt that such compensation was unnecessary because it was not originally stipulated in the referendum when residents voted to dissolve the district.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vighianti seemed pessimistic about when the towns will be compensated.

"It's been five years since the Supreme Court said that we're entitled to this money," he said. "So, I'll believe it when I see it. Eventually, we'll get the money."

## Religious center sets its eyes on township

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

The 95-year-old Abundant Life Worship Center will soon have a home in Springfield, adding to about eight other locations around New Jersey and New York.

The Developmental Disabilities Association of New Jersey, located on Fadem Road in Springfield, will be leasing space of its building for use by the religious organization, currently located in Kenilworth.

The center, which originated in Nutley, has branched out to surrounding communities. The move is being made by a group that first moved out of the Nutley site to the Township of Union, renting space at Cioffi's Restaurant as a bible study program.

From there, the group moved to the Veterans Center in Kenilworth, Harding Elementary School, also in Kenilworth, and finally to the Kenilworth Inn for about three years.

According to a spokesperson from the worship center who has been involved in the church and office duties for five years, the center is excited to have the extra space for use in combining their offices, services, and youth organization group, which, in Kenilworth, were split up in two different buildings.

The Developmental Disabilities Association of New Jersey, which has moved around itself since 1981, has been located on Fadem Road since 1995, providing residential and employment services, along with sheltered workshops in the town.

According to Abbie Bartner, who has worked with the agency for 21 years, the 63,000 square feet used by the not-for-profit organization had more than enough space, and is happy to welcome the worship center to its building.

"Most of it is mutually usable space," she said, explaining that while both groups will have some of the space to themselves, there will be shared areas.

Bartner added that the space is used by the agency for crafts, woodshop,

ceramics, and employment training, among many other activities.

Bishop Peter Bruno, who is the fourth and current pastor at the church in Nutley, has seen the center experience tremendous growth, as he encouraged other pastors to worship in surrounding communities, which include Whippany, Bernardsville, and Lincoln Park.

The worship center holds services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., including various youth sessions throughout the week.

"With only four paid staff members, approximately 50 people volunteer their time at the center, including deacons, elders, and laborers."

The Rev. Joseph Cancelliere also holds counseling sessions during the entire week for those who would like to come in and speak to him.

The facility's youth center, which has organized activities for age ranges from 9 to 13, 14 to 19, and 20 to 35, includes events such as snow tubing and trips to Great Adventure.

According to Bartner, a mutual friend who works for the agency and worship center helped initiate the idea of combining the space.

Lou Delia, who has been part of the Nutley center for 12 years and on the staff for the last four, feels that the move being made into a larger Springfield facility will benefit those involved.

"Obviously, it's going to be an asset to the community," he said, "as well as the church. It can open up to a greater number of people in Springfield, helping them become part of a family, such as ours here in Nutley. They come and worship together, and have fun together, too."

Bartner also said that because the agency is completely state-funded, they've been trying to think of ways to generate revenue.

"Our building is huge and under-utilized," she said.

The leasing agreements were yet to be worked out as of presstime Tuesday.

## Township Committee raises jitney fare \$50

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Springfield's jitney bus service will now cost \$400 for an annual membership that includes parking, which is a \$50 increase overall, and \$100 for a quarterly membership.

The original membership cost was \$300 for the year and \$50 for parking, with no quarterly option available.

This is the first increase in membership costs since the service was started five years ago.

"I don't think it will have any effect," said Committeeman Steven Goldstein, regarding the number of people who will use the service after a price increase. "If numbers go down, I don't think it will be because of a price increase."

The jitney bus to the Short Hills Train Station, which runs every day on a standard schedule from Monday to Friday, was brought to the township in 1998 through a grant from NJ Transit.

The grant, which was developed by Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, helped jumpstart the program.

Since then, however, NJ Transit has decreased funding on a yearly basis, as was expected and agreed upon. Now, Springfield will receive no more help from NJ Transit, and the township is left to find the money to operate it elsewhere.

According to Goldstein, who rides the jitney on a regular basis, the bus is usually full.

The jitney picks up passengers at Duffy's Corner, across from the Morris Avenue-Caldwell Place intersection in Springfield. The parking lot has substantial space for everyone who uses the service to park their cars.

Merchants in the area have complained that the service takes parking spaces away from potential shoppers that have to sometimes look for spaces elsewhere.

According to Goldstein, the cost is still beneficial to residents who use the service, as the comparison to other options proves the jitney to be the cheapest service.

Goldstein said that driving to the train station in Newark would cost around \$250, along with the predictable wear and tear on a vehicle car, including gas.

According to Goldstein, most of the jitney users are destined for Manhattan, while some may be looking to go to Hoboken.

"It's a selling point for real estate," said Goldstein. "It's a good deal for a town that doesn't have a train station."

Other surrounding communities that do have train stations include

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## Mmmmm...tastes good



Photo By Beena Rose Shivan

Austin Smith, 5, gets a taste of what his snowman is made of. He and his father, Peter, built the snowman and decorated it with pine branches, pine needles and coins for buttons underneath the Town Hall Christmas tree, which was lit during a ceremony Dec. 9.

## Deer hunt approved

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

After a brief delay in approval for Mountainside's part in the Union County-sanctioned deer hunt in the Watchung Reservation, the Borough Council voted in favor of the hunt at its Tuesday meeting.

The council's agreement authorizes the county to apply for a special deer management permit from the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife for the 2004 deer management program, to begin March 1.

The county needed the approval by January, but a delay in getting all the information the borough needed put the decision on hold, throwing in the possibility that Mountainside might not be able to take part for the second year in a row. Last year, Mountainside did not participate in the hunt, having received the information from the county at the last minute.

Mayor Robert Vighianti pointed out that the hunt will cease after three days or after the removal of 100 deer, whichever comes first.

"You'll only have 12 agents who will be doing the culling of the herd," said Vighianti. "They take a very safe attitude as they have in the past."

According to the county's program guidelines, the 12 agents will be chosen from a pool of experienced, licensed hunters who have demonstrated a proficiency in marksmanship and most of whom have participated in the program in the past. The removal of the white-tailed deer will be performed by hunters shooting over baited sites.

The program was adopted by the county in 1995. The other four municipalities spanned by the Watchung Reservation include Springfield, Summit, Berkeley Heights and Scotch Plains.

Vighianti assured the public that appropriate signage would be posted throughout the period of the hunt.

## A tall and proud tradition



Photo By Joe Sorrentino

Standing tall and proud by Borough Hall at the intersection of Route 22 and New Providence Road in Mountainside is the borough's Christmas tree, strung with lots of brightly colored lights.

## Newspaper offices to be closed for Christmas holiday

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas. We will reopen Dec. 29.

We also will be closed Jan. 1, 2004, for New Year's Day, and reopen on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004.

This newspaper will be published one day early, on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and again on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Our normal deadlines and schedule will return for the Jan. 8, 2004 edition.

The deadlines for the Dec. 24 edition are as follows:

- Legal advertising — Today, 5 p.m.
- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, 9 a.m.
- What's Going On — Friday, 4 p.m.
- Display ads — Friday, 5 p.m. for Section A and noon for Section B.
- Sports news — Friday, 9 a.m.
- General news — Friday, 5 p.m.
- Classified advertising — Monday, 3 p.m.

## Opening set for school

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

With an opening almost a year-and-a-half after it was originally planned, Beechwood School in Mountainside is ready to open its doors to students in pre-kindergarten through second grade, welcoming about 242 children who have been part of the overcrowded population at Deerfield School.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller announced that Friday will become an early dismissal, giving teachers time to pack up and prepare for a move.

The Mountainside Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the change in the school year's calendar, which also included a half-day on Monday, again to benefit the teachers' move, along with an extra two days of winter vacation, Jan. 5 and 6.

So, when is the opening date, which has been anticipated since the announcement was made to reopen the school?

On Jan. 7, students will have their first day at the "new" school building, which is fully prepared and functional to educate and accommodate the children.

Jan. 5 and Jan. 6 will give the teachers an extra couple of days to make the move, as students will have two unexpected days off from school.

Letters are being sent home with the students to let parents know of the new schedule, along with changes in the bus schedules and other information relevant to the move.

On Dec. 29 and 30, the building will be open for students and parents to take a tour if they so desire, but this is only after the students get a complete tour first.

Kids will get a chance to check out the entire building prior to its opening, finding out where their classrooms will be, along with other important rooms, such as the media center and cafeteria.

"We're very excited about that," Schaller said, regarding the tour that will allow the students to feel comfortable with their new setting. "The staff is a little nervous and edgy about all the packing and unpacking, but they're excited as well."

While one parent seemed slightly concerned with picking up a child at both Deerfield and Beechwood, Schaller noted that they will be monitoring the situation and that students will be waiting in a designated area to avoid confusion.

Board President Peter Goggi added that after speaking with Police Chief James Debbie, it was confirmed that there would be extra crossing guards assigned to nearby roads.

"The safety of the children is obviously paramount," he said.

Schaller also added that the Board of Education staff will move into Beechwood, following a full certificate of occupancy from borough inspectors.

The staff, however, is still going to discuss where to conduct their meetings.



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NJ Transit ends funding for bus

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discussed advertising on the bus, both on the inside and outside, to help fund the costs of the program.
Singler added that some people have expressed concern that it isn't always available for their convenience, but for those with regular hours, it's been a "boom" and has made a dramatic impact.

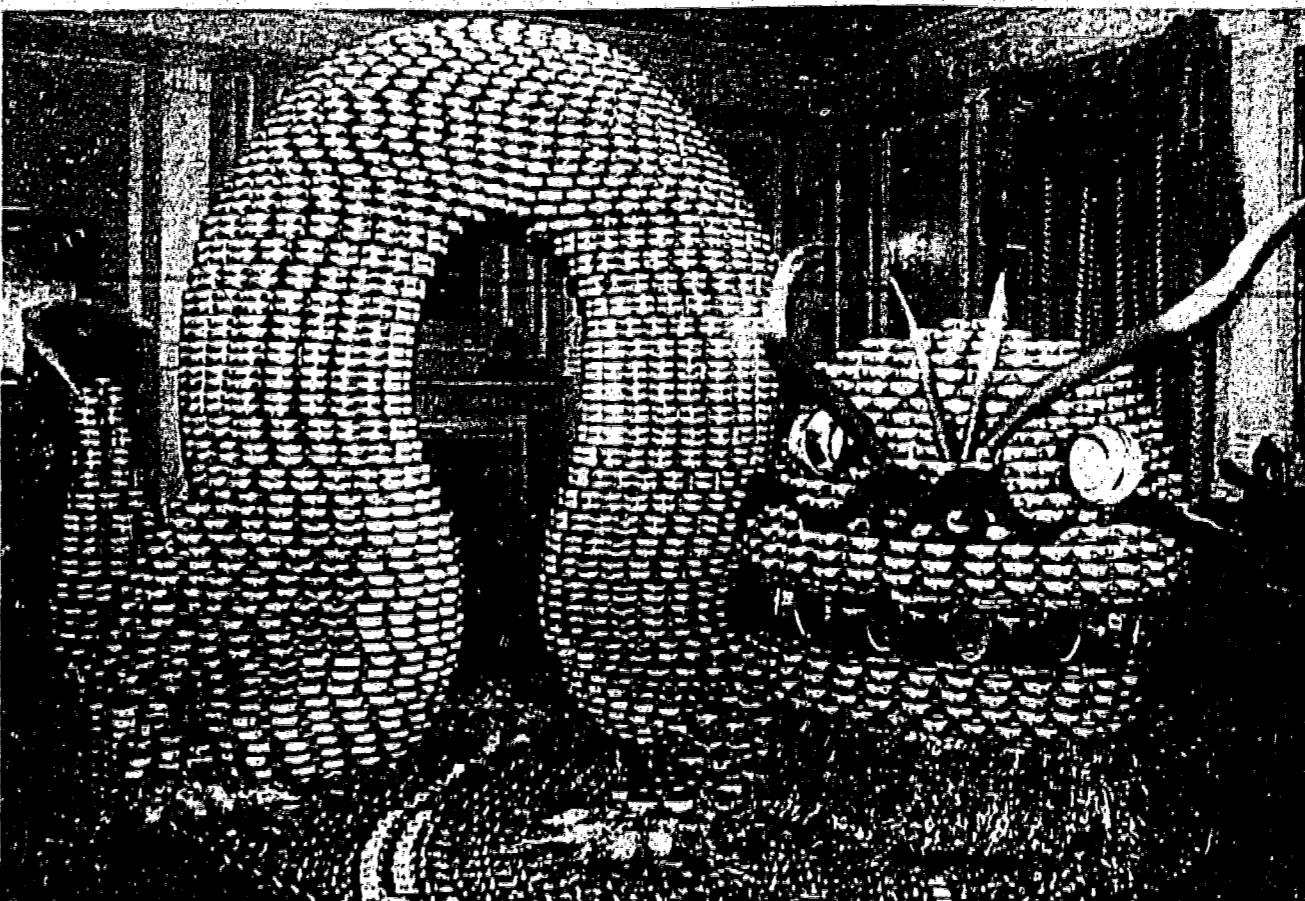
Truck crash brings firefighters

On Dec. 6 at 11:39 a.m., firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Summit Lane and Sunny Slope Drive, where an ongoing investigation determined that a small landscaping truck skidded, crashing into a tree.
Both the driver and passenger were ejected through the truck cab's windshield into the snow. The injured occupants were taken to Overlook Hospital by Mountainside EMS ambulance.

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Project 'can' feed hungry

Winning the award for "Jurors' Favorite" and "Best Use of Labels," an 8-by-10-foot Chinese Dragon, made entirely out of bottles and cans, will be appreciated more for helping to feed the hungry than for style.
While the Springfield-based Gruskin Group, previously AGM Architecture and Design, may have come up with the most visually stunning design for a contest that pitted models made of cans and bottles against one another, the real prize that everyone involved can take pride in is providing food for those in need.



The Springfield-based Gruskin Group was the jurors' favorite at the AIA Newark Suburban Chapter 'CANSTRUCTION' competition for its 8-by-10-foot Chinese Dragon, made entirely of cans. Participating companies in the architectural contest will donate all cans to the local Second Harvest Food Bank.

Made from more than 4,000 cans and bottles, the design incorporated the donations from Bruce Baron, Conagra Foods, Costco, Customized Employee Benefits, LLC, Drucks Inc., First Atlantic Federal Credit Union, Galasy Glass and Stone, Roger Greenway of RJP Environment, Janet Malcolm, Morris Johnson & Associates Inc., Office Furniture Partnership, Paragano Construction Services, Pro Energy, Your HR Solutions and Sunquest LLC.
AGM also won the Jurors' Favorite award in the 2002 National CANSTRUCTION competition with their "Canned Tuna," which used less than half of the number of cans and bottles as this year.

Members of the AGM team, which had one day to construct its entry at the on-site competition, included personnel throughout the company. Under the competition rules, no more than five people can build at one time.
The Buildout Team participants, led by Team Leader AJ Divino, included Samir Award, of Summit, Ed Gudek, Bob Lyons, Dan Clark and Joanne Tomasso. The Support Team included Senior Associate Brooke Robinson, Jeff Baracani, Herve Hervieux, Ed James, John Ou, Har Santos and Seth Scott.

FIRE BLOTTER

At 8:57 a.m. Dec. 9, firefighters responded to the school again for another activated fire alarm.
On Dec. 9 at 3:00 p.m., firefighters responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call.
At 8:44 p.m. Dec. 9, the Fire Department responded to a Milltown road residence for an odor in the house.

Book sale offers gift-giving ideas

Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will sponsor a special holiday book sale of new books only during regular library hours.
New releases and new copies of previously published books will be for sale in time for holiday gift-giving.
All hardcover copies will sell for \$5, paperbacks will be \$3 each. The selection includes gift books, fiction, bestsellers, history, biographies, self-help and inspirational, animal stories, adventure tales and lots more.

Newspaper's policy on weddings, engagements

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification if it time a questions arise.
When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required.

Church services mark holiday celebrations

The Festival of Lights, with Stations of the Nativity will be held Christmas night at 7 p.m., presented by the Parish Youth Group.
At 5:30 p.m. Dec. 31, there will be Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, at 5:30 p.m., and on New Year's Day, Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m.
The Community Presbyterian Church, on Meeting House Lane, will host its annual Christmas Pageant, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. On that same afternoon, people will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to go caroling.
On Christmas Eve, there will be two services. The first is at 5 p.m., a "child-friendly" service. The latter service will be at 11 p.m., both are candlelight services with Christmas music.

First responder courses offered

Be a first responder. Classes are being offered at the Mountainside Rescue Squad at Borough Hall, 138 Route 22 East. You can give to your community by joining the Rescue Squad. If you are 16 years or older you can be trained in classes instructed by squad members.
New classes will be starting in January. For information, call 908-233-6333 and leave a message.

Deets appointed trustee of national school association

Card M. Deets, a teacher at Deerfield School in Mountainside, has been appointed trustee of the National Middle School Association, the nation's only education association focusing on the needs of young adolescents.
Deets, a veteran in education, assumed her position at the conclusion of National Middle School Association's annual conference, held in Atlanta this year.
Deets is a member of the New Jersey Middle School Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the Mountainside Education Association. She also has served on NMSA's Executive Selection and Teams That Make a Difference committees. While maintaining a personal link to the classroom, Deets will promote NMSA's mission by offering students and staff a stronger voice in the middle school. She pledges her commitment to seek research-based solutions that will provide all teachers with strategies that promote highest student achievement.

Editorial deadlines

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Entertainment - Friday noon.
Sports - Monday noon.
Letter to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.
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# For believers, 12-25 marks miracle birth

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

In just seven days, Christians around the world will celebrate the birth of the Christ child to a poor family in an obscure village more than 2,000 years ago.

The season of Christmas, which means "Christ's Mass," has become the most important event of faith for many believers.

Christians believe this to be the fulfillment of prophecy from the Old Testament, when God promised in the Book of Isaiah a son on whom the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

The Christmas story is retold again and again in narration, pageants and song in many different ways in churches everywhere at this time of year.

Some churches have live animals in a manger re-enactment, because the Christ child was born to Mary in a manger behind a inn, surrounded by animals. It was the only place available to Mary and Joseph on Dec. 24, that very first Christmas Eve.

The baby was to be named, Jesus, meaning "savior" according to Scripture, both to a virgin, Mary, a young girl about 16, who was chosen by God for this very purpose. Her husband, a much older Joseph was a poor carpenter from Nazareth, also chosen by God.

They were traveling to register to obey the laws at the time when it was time for the baby to be born.

Christians believe in the miracle of the virgin birth, and pay homage and honor to Mary to this day.

In today's materialistic world, the simple story of a law-abiding yet very poor couple, traveling many miles to meet the required Roman



To get into the festive spirit, Ola Binford, Carol Morris and Peg Murray of Summit decorate one of the two Christmas trees donated to SAGE Spend-A-Day health center. The trees were donated by Treasure Island of North Plainfield.

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# Trees brighten spirits

At SAGE Spend-A-Day, holiday festivities are an important part of clients' schedules.

Helping Spend-A-Day participants celebrate Christmas, Treasure Island of North Plainfield recently donated two artificial Christmas trees to the adult day health center. Clients made decorations to adorn the trees and nearly all were able to take part in trimming the trees.

Began in 1975, SAGE Spend-A-Day was one of the first adult day centers in New Jersey and is one of the most highly regarded adult day programs in the state. It is a state-licensed adult day health center that can provide an alternative to placement in an assisted living facility or nursing home.

Spend-A-Day offers two levels of programming, one for the older person who can participate in a full schedule of group activities and one for the senior who is just beginning to suffer from memory impairment.

# Spelling bee brings buzz back for 2nd year

The Women's Resource Center is proud to sponsor the second annual Adult Team Spelling Bee at 4 p.m. Feb. 29 at the Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Blvd.

The community-wide adult spelling bee is a fund-raising event for the Center's children programs such as The Girl Project, which runs programs designed to ensure that today's girls become tomorrow's strong women, and Rainbows, which provides free support groups for boys and girls grieving the loss of a parent through death or divorce.

The center is also donating a sizeable amount of the proceeds to the Summit Educational Foundation, which provides funding in the form of teacher-parent grants to support enrichment programs and projects in the Summit public schools.

"We hope to have teams representing local businesses, book clubs, service organizations, neighborhood groups as well as members of the Women's Resource Center and the Summit Educational Foundation," said bee co-chairwomen Beth Brier and Shari Nyman.

The early rounds start with the easier words and later rounds become progressively more difficult. Prizes will be awarded to the champion spellers, as well as to the team that takes the most in error, the team with the most original team name, and the team with the most original team costume, which is optional. All contributions and fees are tax-deductible.

Any threesome can form a team—ages 16 and up—and must contribute raise \$300— at the Early Bee Race, \$400 after Jan. 30—to enter. To prepare for the contest, each team member will receive a copy of the official Scripps Howard Book of Words upon confirmation of entry.

To register, call the Center at 908-273-7253 for the Adult Team Spelling Bee Entry form and send completed forms and contributions to the Women's Resource Center, 57 New England Ave., Summit, NJ 07901. The deadline for entry is Feb. 20.

Organizers say the event will be a relaxed and light-hearted affair, although competitive and above all fun for all. This event is limited to 50 teams, so participants are encouraged to register early, study hard and spell to win.

The Women's Resource Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and its mission has remained the

same from the beginning. To provide the tools to women and girls so they can meet the goals they have set for themselves in life and change the world one woman at a time.

In the previous program year, the center served more than 4,700 women and girls. The needs of women and girls are met through the wide variety of programs and services including legal consultations, financial planning, support groups, personal growth workshops, anger women programs, literacy discussions, parent coaching, breast and gynecological cancer support groups, Girl Project programs and more. The Pathways cancer support groups are free and the rest are provided at a fraction of their actual cost.

For information about these programs, call the center at 908-273-7253.

# BPW accepts Young Careerist contenders

Summit Business & Professional Women is accepting nominations for its Young Careerist program.

The Virginia Allan Young Careerist program recognizes the accomplishments of successful women and men, while acknowledging their mission and vision for BPW USA.

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# RECREATION

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Building a dream

It's official. A community center is coming to Mountain-side, and for a town that offers many recreation activities for young and old, it's a long-time coming.

Borough Engineer Mike Disko has been appointed by the Borough Council to begin a preliminary engineering study and plans for the center to be paid from Community Development Block Grant funds. Mountainside has already received a \$10,000 grant for this preliminary work, which will include a topographic map, a survey and an outline of where wetlands are on the property so that sensitive areas will be taken into consideration during the planning stages. The estimated cost for the study is \$4,000 to \$5,000.

The center will be built on what is known as the Barns tract, sandwiched between the 7-11 and the Community Pool on Mountain Avenue. Clearly, the council would be hard-pressed to find a better, more centralized location in town, as the new facility will have easy access to not only the pool, but also the nearby tennis courts, ice rink, baseball field and Borough Hall.

This center is poised to be the physical realization of a dream come true for the community and these preliminary plans are an important first step in that process.

### Festival of lights

The Festival of Lights, or Hanukkah, begins Friday evening and runs through Dec. 27. In Jewish homes and temples and synagogues throughout the country, menorahs are lit to celebrate the eight-day diurnal climb to complete luminescence.

The festival was instituted by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC to celebrate the purification of the Temple of Jerusalem. It had been desecrated three years earlier when Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine, dedicated the temple to the worship of the pagan god Zeus Olympus and forbade the practice of Judaism. When Judas Maccabee recaptured Jerusalem, three years later, only a one-day supply of nondesecrated olive oil could be found for the rededication, but that small quantity burned miraculously for eight days. Jews commemorate this event by lighting candles for the eight nights of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is a festive family occasion, with special foods and songs. Children generally receive small gifts or money, known as Hanukkah gelt, each evening after the candles are lit. Foods fried in oil, such as latkes, or potato pancakes, and doughnuts, commemorate the miracle of the oil. Sweet foods also are popular, and children may receive chocolate coins in place of Hanukkah gelt. Songs also play a part in the festivities and remind the family of the events commemorated.

Hanukkah is a time to recognize the commonality of all mankind and to embrace both family and friends, acquaintances and strangers. Let the miracle of the Festival of Lights awaken our faith in God and allow us to celebrate this special holiday in solidarity and peace.

### Added protection

Few people these days would dream of not having a smoke detector in the house. The alarms, which come cheaply and mount easily on walls and ceilings, are a no-brainer. Years of experience and indoctrination have taught us that a smoke detector can save lives by alerting us to the presence of fire. For the same reason, it makes sense for every homeowner in Mountainside and Springfield to install a carbon monoxide detector.

Although fire departments in Springfield and Mountainside continue to get numerous amounts of false alarms related to activated carbon monoxide detectors, having no carbon monoxide detector in the home presents a real risk. You don't have to look far afield to find places where residents have died from exposure to CO.

It was only a little more than a year ago, on Oct. 28, 2002, that authorities in Woodbridge found a local couple and two adult sons dead from carbon monoxide poisoning in their homes. The Journal of the American Medical Association lists carbon monoxide poisoning as the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta says more than 500 Americans die of carbon monoxide poisoning each year.

Those deaths are all the more tragic for how easily preventable they are. The state now requires homeowners to have carbon monoxide detectors installed before they can sell their homes. That's important for the prospective home buyer, but it shouldn't take a sale to motivate people to invest in a detector. If you don't have one, buy one today. If your friends and family don't have one, consider making it a holiday gift. It may be the best present you ever give.



**REMEMBERING A DARK DAY** — Members of the Springfield Auxiliary Police Color Guard join American Legion Commander Ethel Smith as part of Springfield's Pearl Harbor Day remembrance ceremony Dec. 7 at Veteran's Park. Honoring those lost on that day 62 years ago are from left: Smith, Ralph Carpin, Catherine Mathews, Jim Bonacor-da and Scott Seidel.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Springfield residents deserve better

By the Editor  
Honesty, Integrity. Two of the many characteristics of good leadership. This letter is a response to the article in the *Echo Leader* dated Nov. 20 titled "Term's report on FD staff remains uneven."

While reading the article, I was amused by some of the comments of Springfield Township Committee member S.V. Mullman. I would like to point out these comments and reveal the true facts behind the comments so your readers can make up their own minds.

The first comment made by Committee member Mullman was that the report was "sarcastic" because the people doing the report were in the same line of work as those being reviewed. That is absolutely true. If the Township Committee member Mullman then asks, "Did he hire them to begin with?" Did he and the other committee members check into the company that they paid \$25,000 to? Is Mullman suggesting that the township hire a plumber to do a study on the Fire Department? He has also hired a consultant to review the Police Department who had law enforcement background. So what is wrong with "Ter Data"? The fact of the matter is that Ter Data has done reviews of some of the nation's largest fire departments, which include Houston and Chicago along with numerous other departments in the past 10 years. It seems to me that Committee member Mullman knows what's in the report and does not like what it says.

The next comment made by Committee member Mullman that I found interesting was that Ter Data "recommended that the department get a quinn" and that "We don't even have any buildings in Springfield that need a ladder like that. They said to get it because that's what every one's getting nowadays, and our chief said that's the last thing we need." Committee member Mullman also noted that a quinn is a fire truck with a ladder that is 25 yards long which cost \$1 million, and that "We ended up getting a \$600,000 truck." Committee member Mullman, I've been in the fire service for more than 20 years and in that time I have never seen a piece of fire apparatus which cost \$1 million. For a comparison you only need to go next door to Mountainside and you will find that they recently purchased a 25 foot quinn for approximately \$650,000. That's a far cry from the \$1 million you are quoted saying.

As for that "Newman truck" we received, how about \$500,000 for Engine 1? Seeing the report, I would like to see a quinn, a quinn is what Ter Data recommended. A quinn offers the fire ground commander more versatility on the fire ground. The ladder allows for rapid removal of fire systems in upper floors while still allowing the fire ground commander the option of pulling a hose line on the fire. I do understand that this is a total change in the way we operate and requires other operational changes which leads me to believe that Fire Chief William Griss would not recommend it. But to use that as a way to discredit Ter Data? Really, I would hope you have done your homework better than that. The residents of Springfield deserve better than that.

I started off my letter with a brief statement "Honesty, Integrity. Two of the many characteristics of good leadership." Good leaders use these words as benchmarks when dealing with tough problems, not as words to apply when it is convenient for them to get out of a jam. I know that management issue is a very difficult problem to solve. I come to work every day and I know that we have a fire with someone trapped inside and if only we had a few more men we could get the job done. Tough indeed. But the fact remains it's been since August 2000 that the Township Committee has had a copy of the report and has done nothing with it. They held behind the notion that the report cannot be released because it will affect negotiation. Well, the township's decision was due at the end of November. So what's next?

The citizens of Springfield and the men of its Fire Department deserve leadership that lives by the words honesty and integrity, because without that we don't have leadership.

Charles Colvine, Firefighter EM1  
Springfield Fire Department

### Important decisions made elsewhere

By the Editor  
It is interesting to note that many important decisions are being made at the executive meetings of the Springfield Township Committee, and not at the public meetings.

When I asked at which meeting did this governing body make the decision NOT to have the traditional holiday lights and decorations at the Municipal Building, I was surprised to hear that this decision was made at an "executive meeting" and not at a public meeting.

I was further told that if I wanted to find out about such decisions that I should attend the "executive meetings" which are held on Monday evenings. At these meetings, the public, citizens and observers, but no resident cannot speak or question. The resident must attend and have his say at the next regular public meeting held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Township Committee member S.V. Mullman said that I should attend the Monday night executive meeting, and then speak about the subject at the Tuesday evening public meeting. So, it takes two nights to find out what is being ruled in Springfield?

They continually stated that it was against the law to display religious decorations on the Town Hall lawn. However, when I asked for the number of the New Jersey statute stating these details, none of the Township Committee members or the township business administration knew the New Jersey State statute number. However, they said that they would call me to give the number. I am

still waiting for the call.  
It is also noted that there is a complicated system for a resident to enter the Town Hall for the purpose of just reading — not copying — recently approved minutes of Township Committee meetings. I wrote a letter to them and asked for the step-by-step procedure, but I have not received a reply as yet.

While our troops are fighting to support freedom and democracy in government in Iraq, what is happening with the one-party rule in Springfield?

Hazel Hardgrove  
Springfield

### An open letter to the postmaster

By the Editor  
The following is an open letter to the Springfield postmaster.

As you know, from our several conversations in the past three years that I have lived in Springfield, I am a resident of Rose Avenue. Following the several complaints I made about mail from other areas of the township being misdelivered to my home and my mail taking a trip to other addresses, the situation seemed to improve. When we recently received a different letter carrier I thought that would be the end of the mistakes. However, as I and several of my neighbors have discovered, that is not the case.

I still get mail from Twin Oaks Oval — the only thing in common with that address and mine being the number 21, and I often get mail addressed to my neighbors at the other addresses adjacent to mine on Rose Avenue and they continue to receive my mail. Just this afternoon, all of my mail was delivered to 25 Rose Avenue. This is all despite the fact that my neighbors have told the postman that he has been delivering to the wrong address. I fail to see why such a simple task as reading a number and a street name is so difficult for some of your letter carriers.

Despite several assurances from you in the past, it appears the situation has not corrected itself. Maybe it's time some more replacements were made on carrier routes — not just this, but also some replacements should be made in local post office management. I hope my fellow Springfielders will also write to let you know of their outrage at this. After all, we may be missing important mail which contains crucial financial or other messages. If I don't see an improvement soon I will contact your superiors in the postal service and my federal elected representatives. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Robert H. Casewski  
Springfield

### Don't get wrapped up in decor debate

By the Editor  
I can't believe the brouhaha surrounding the holiday tree lighting at Town Hall this year. Maybe the lights on Town Hall property should just be lit without attaching any sort of ceremony to them. Maybe no lights should be placed there at all. I enjoy seeing all of the beautiful decorations and holiday lights that my friends and neighbors have on their property and their homes. This is a great time of year to drive around Springfield and see it sparkle and shine. Happy holidays.

Mara Friedman  
Springfield

### Kids are the reason for the season

By the Editor  
I can't believe in this day and age we are actually worried about the color of lights!

America is at war, Americans are dying every day! Where was the Township Committee a few years ago when they didn't want the Veterans Day parade to go past the temple on Mountain Avenue because it was too loud?

All of a sudden they — the committee — are Mr. and Mrs. Patriot! I had to explain to my 6-year-old daughter already dressed in her Brownie outfit that she could not sing at the Christmas tree lighting because it was going to be held across the street and she would be the only one singing at the tree. I had to explain to a group of adults, who were frustrated politicians who have their priorities where the proverbial "sun does not shine!" It is a disgrace that this committee and the Girl Scout Organization have nothing else to worry about other than the color of lights!

Have all of you forgotten the meaning of the season? It's about love, caring for one another, giving and receiving and most importantly the KIDS! Now here in "A Christmas Story" does it mention politics? Did we fault Rudolph because his nose was red? Frosty because he had a pipe in his mouth? Santa because he was overweight by today's standards?

To the committee — you all forget who put you in your positions, we the town residents of Springfield did — you all seem to forget that when the going gets rough, your roles in the town government are not in stone. One day you all will be replaced by a committee that lives in 2003 not 1983!

And for the Girl Scout Leaders — it's the "Girl Scout" NOT the "WOMAN" Scouts. The kids want to sing; honestly a 6-year-old could care less what color the lights are, just as long as they light up and Santa is there giving candy canes! You all need to get your priorities in order and start worrying about the kids! Because they are the reason for the season!

Mike Del Vecchio  
Springfield

## WHAT? WHY?

HERE'S A CHANCE for all readers to share their answer to questions presented in this column. We will publish responses a week later. Send comments or suggest another question to WHAT and WHY, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083 or e-mail to [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com). Please include your town name.

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Stony Hill Players will be presenting the opera at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit, on Friday and Saturday as well as Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday and Dec. 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for students 18 and younger. For information, call 908-647-7716. The 50-minute opera is ideally suited for families.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a one-act opera that was commissioned especially for television. It was written by Gian-Carlo Menotti who directed the opera himself when it premiered on NBC Television, New York, on Dec. 24, 1951.

The story is of a poor woman and her son Amahl who are visited by the Three Kings on their way to Bethlehem. While they are there, a miracle occurs for Amahl, a crippled boy. The child is the focal figure of the opera and hence all the action and even the characterizations of the adult figures are dictated by his point of view.

The seeming severity of the mother, the colloquial conduct of the Three Kings, the visit of the shepherds and the miracle are all interpreted simply and directly in terms of a child's imagination.

Antioch presents holiday concert at Calvary Church

Antioch Chamber Ensemble will present its first Christmas concert in its "Concerts at Calvary" series with "An Antioch Christmas" at 7 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Wausland Ave.

The group will sing some of the season's best-loved carols and anthems, including "Three Carol Anthems" by Herbert Howells.

### TV-36 to air sold-out live concert

TV-36 Communities on Cable will broadcast the fifth annual "Pipes of Christmas" concert live from Central Presbyterian Church in Summit at 8 p.m. Saturday.

This is good news for those who had hoped to secure a ticket to this holiday favorite, which has been sold out since October.

The program, produced by the Clan Currie Society of Summit, will feature the music of Christmas accompanied by a selection of readings taken from Celtic literature and Scripture.

Featured performers include Metropolitan Opera star Mark Delavan, Celtic fiddler Paul Woodell, the R.P. Blandford & Son Pipe Band, and the Solid Brass ensemble. Also returning will be Jeff Richard and Susie Petry on organ and piano and Readers, Susie Currie, Fred Clark, and Evan Thompson (Cattana).

Joining Clan Currie's regular company of performers for this fifth anniversary production will be the renowned New Jersey Youth Chorus, under the direction of Trish

Joce. Irish tenor Tom Roche of the Boheme Opera Company of Trenton, uilleann piper Christopher Laver of the Trinity Irish Dance Company of Chicago, and Celtic harpist Jennifer Port direct from Ireland.

"TV-36 is excited to bring this critically acclaimed production to its viewing audience," said Alice Kolator, president of TV-36. "The Pipes of Christmas have grown in popularity and have become a holiday tradition in the community. The live broadcast of the sold-out concert on TV-36 will ensure that no one will be disappointed this holiday season."

In 2001, TV-36 Communities on Cable and Clan Currie first partnered to broadcast concert highlights of the "Pipes of Christmas" on Christmas Eve and has continued to do so ever since. The last two productions were both recipients of the prestigious Jells Award for production excellence.

If you miss the live broadcast of the "Pipes of Christmas" concert it will be repeated throughout the holiday season. Tune into TV-36 and check for viewing times.

### Deck the halls



Susan Palais of Springfield was one of hundreds attending this year's Reeves-Reed Arboretum Holiday House Tour on Dec. 11. Wisner House, the arboretum's 1889 headquarters, was decorated in a Victorian theme.

### Winter walk spreads joy of holidays

The Winter Solstice, the point in the year when there are more hours of darkness than light, will be observed Sunday with a labyrinth walk at Christ Church, Summit.

The Rev. Charles T. Rush, who visited the sites of many ancient labyrinths in Europe this summer, will lead the walk beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth will be illuminated with candles and seasonal music will enhance the experience. There is no charge for participating.

Walking the labyrinth is a time-honored meditative practice practiced by people from numerous world cultures and faith traditions. The labyrinth, which is located in the new wing of Christ Church, is modeled on the labyrinth at the Gothic cathedral at Amiens. France. Christ Church is located at 561 Springfield Ave., at the corner of New England Avenue. Please use the New England Avenue entrance for easy access to the labyrinth.

For information call Mary Dekey, Labyrinth Committee, Christ Church at 908-273-1232.

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### Wishing you all the wondrous anticipation of the holiday season.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Union County football had a season to be proud of this year, despite not having a single state championship for the second time in three years.

The county continues to struggle in producing state champions recently, although there were many quality teams this season that had the potential to capture one.

The county had nine of its 16 football playing schools qualify for the state playoffs. Nine teams also finished with winning records.

Elizabeth was the only team with a winning record that did not qualify for the playoffs and it was the first time for the Minutemen since 1984. Westfield was the only playoff qualifier among the nine that finished below 500.

Union and Scotch Plains had chances to win sectional crowns last Thursday at Clinton Stadium, but were defeated by Piscataway and Ridge, respectively.

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Union and Scotch Plains both improved a great deal from last season as Union went from a 3-7 mark to 10-2, while Scotch Plains went from 4-7 to 10-2.

Union's only regular season loss was to Bridgewater-Raritan, a team it went on to beat in the playoffs. Scotch Plains' only regular season loss was to Irvington, which qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1975.

A three-county team that qualified for the state playoffs were Summit, Plainfield and Canton. New Providence won first-round games, with Cranford's victory its first-ever in the state playoffs.

The four champs in North 2 were Becton in Group 1, West Essex in Group 2, Ridge in Group 3, and Piscataway in Group 4.

With the NJIAAA reclassification, Becton moved over from North 1 and Ridge and Piscataway from Central Jersey.

Will continue in August. Happy Holidays.

**NJSIAA FINALS SCORES**  
Thursday, Dec. 11  
at Giants Stadium  
North 2, Group 4  
Piscataway 29, Union 7

North 2, Group 3  
Ridge 27, Scotch Plains 0

**NJSIAA FINALS PICKS**  
Last week: 0-2  
This year: 89-27-1 (76%)

**UNION COUNTY FOR 2003**  
1. Union (10-2)  
2. Scotch Plains (10-2)  
3. Summit (9-1)  
4. Plainfield (1-1)  
5. Elizabeth (6-4)  
6. Cranford (8-3)  
7. New Providence (8-3)  
8. Westfield (4-6)  
9. Hillsdale (6-4)  
10. Brearley (6-4)  
Johnston (5-5)  
Gov. Livingston (4-6)  
Roselle Park (4-0)  
Rayway (2-8)  
Linden (2-8)  
Roselle (1-9)



The Springfield Rebels boys' soccer team was 10-0 and won the Intercountry Youth Soccer League's 14-and-under division. Kneeling, from left, are Lucas Biebelberg, Billy Kirk, Adam Frank, Jordan Gelband, Matt Butler, Chris Butler and Kevin Kirk. Standing, from left, are Joel Loeshelle, Jorge Gamba, Tony Harrison, Robert Krebner, Alex Neubauer, Joey Pulice, Kenny Glennon and Boris Anuloso. Coaches, from left, are Jeff Neubauer, and Bob Butler. Team member not in picture is Alex Popolani.

## Springfield Rebel booters have outstanding season

Post perfect 10-0 mark, outscore foes 44-1

The Springfield Rebels boys' soccer team completed a perfect 10-0 season to win the Intercountry Youth Soccer League's 14-and-under division.

Springfield was sponsored by the play of forwards Lucas Biebelberg, Adam Frank, Billy Kirk, Kevin Kirk, and Alex Popolani.

Outstanding midfielders in center Boris Anuloso, Matt Butler, Jorge Gamba, Jordan Gelband, Kenny Glennon, Alex Neubauer and Joey Pulice.

The defense was led by goalkeeper Tony Harrison, Chris Butler, Robert Krebner and Joel Loeshelle.

The Rebels completed a remarkable three-year run of 14-1 score.

The Rebels not only have won by the margin of the top youth soccer teams in the area, but they continue to represent the town of Springfield well.

## Summit's Ryan earns many college field hockey honors

Amherst 2-sport standout among the best



Christine Ryan starred at Kent Place

Summit resident and former Kent Place High School star Christine Ryan, who just completed an outstanding career at Amherst College, was named Third-Team NESCAC Division 3 All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association (NFHCA).

"It was a great honor to be recognized," Ryan said. "I've always tried to work hard and do my best."

The senior midfielder was named First Team NESCAC Division 3 All-New England West Region and Second Team All-NESCAC this season as well for the Massachusetts school.

"I played in a very competitive conference," Ryan said. "It's probably the most competitive in Division 3."

Ryan, a center midfielder and Amherst's top scorer this year, finished sixth in the conference in assists per game (0.50) and tied for 15th in points per game (1.13).

"It was difficult being a midfielder because I went against some great defenders," Ryan said. "Most of my goals came off corner shots."

## Dayton boys' hoops eyes gradual upgrade

By Jeff Wolfram  
Staff Writer

Looking to be more competitive in the conference and overall. That's the main focus for the Dayton High School boys' basketball team this season.

"We only had two wins in conference play last year, so we really want to improve on that," Dayton head coach Justin Peino said. "We also want to qualify for the state playoffs."

Coming off an 8-13 campaign, Peino feels this year's squad can definitely improve upon that mark.

"We have some nice size and a lot of really good athletes," Peino said. "Hopefully, that will balance out in some of the close games."

Peino, who's entering his third season at the helm of the Bulldogs, has Andy Huber and Chris Loeffler as his assistants.

Huber, who is the junior varsity coach, also serves as the varsity baseball coach, while Loeffler, who'll serve as the freshman coach, played on Dayton's Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division championship team in 1998.

"The coaching staff prides itself on instilling discipline and respect for the game and our opponents," Peino said. "We want our guys to be model citizens on the court and in the classroom."

The Bulldogs have four returning players from last year's team. That list includes 6-5 senior center Brian Stott, 5-11 senior shooting guard Mike Luciano, 6-2 junior forward Raul Furmanaga, and 5-11 junior point guard Michael Tate.

"They'll be joined by 5-11 senior guard Jordan Gierber, 6-4 junior forward Mike Mason, 5-10 junior guard Jesse Weatherston, 5-10 junior Jesse Fish-bein and 6-3 sophomore forward Joe Furmaga.

"Jordan will be a role player, while the two Jesses will see a lot of playing time," Peino said. "I'm also expecting major contributions from Mason and Joe Furmaga."

Peino felt that if Mason gets himself into great shape and back into the flow of playing basketball, he'll be someone who's name will be in the paper a lot.

"Mike has really good skills, so he just has to get into basketball shape," Peino said. "He could be a diamond in the rough."

Dayton will run an offensive scheme that Peino hopes will take advantage of its size.

"We're not a run-and-gun team, but we do want to break into our offense and try to get some mismatches in our favor," Peino said. "We want to get our big guys posting up underneath."

"On defense, the Bulldogs will use a zone to try to take away their opponents' best shooters."

Dayton opens its season tomorrow at Newark Technology and then is scheduled to play at Johnson on Tuesday.

The Bulldogs are then scheduled to participate in the Brearley Christmas Tournament Dec. 29-30.

"We have a tough opponent in Technology," Peino said. "We're going into the Christmas Tournament to win it, but we'll first be looking for a split."

Peino feels success can be reached if his team can stay together as a unit.

## Summit boys' hockey wins two of first four

Three against 500 and better

That's what the Summit High School ice hockey teams are doing so far this season.

The boys' team record stood at 2-1-1 as of Sunday's scheduled game against Montclair-Kimberly Academy at Warnanco Rink in Roselle.

Heading into the week, the Hilltoppers were coming off an impressive 5-1 victory over St. Joseph of Montvale.

After taking the lead on goals by Marshall Harden and Matt Donnelly in the first period, Summit closed out the scoring in the third period with goals by Alex Tim, Donnelly and Jake Grabowski.

Tim and Harden also added two assists in the victory.

## Shabbat and Hanukkah service planned Friday

Temple Sinai will hold a Shabbat and Hanukkah service at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Participants are encouraged to bring their Menorah and candles so everyone can light the first candle together. Refreshments and desserts including jelly donuts will follow.

This service will be held at their temporary residence at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit.

At 9 a.m. Sunday a Hanukkah concert will be geared for children kindergarten through fifth-grade and at 11 a.m. for grades six through 12.

The concert will feature Doug Cutler, a Grammy Award-winning composer and accomplished singer.

This event is open to the public and made possible by a grant from The Nessler Fund of Jewish Education. The concert will take place in the gym at their other temporary residence, St. Joseph's, 256 Franklin Ave., Maplewood.

Call the temple office 908-273-4921 for information.

## Congregation Israel offers Hanukkah party

The Orthodox synagogue, Congregation Israel, at 339 Mountain Ave., Springfield, will not offer any special Hanukkah service, but its Sisterhood will give a party for the children and families during the season.

The Hanukkah party will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the synagogue.

For information, call 973-376-6765.

## Christian-minded social group

Wings, a new social group for ages 18-60, has formed in Springfield.

The group's mission statement is to form a group of Christian-minded members who have found themselves

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These individuals will have a need for companionship with other singles, but are not ready to begin dating. They are in a transitional stage of regrouping and want to embrace life rather than hide from it, yet do not have the proper form. They may be new to the area or find that all of their friends are married or otherwise involved, so that they still feel as if they do not fit in.

Call 973-921-0277 for a weekly schedule of events.

Their plans for fun will include going to the movies, the beach, flea markets, antique shows, dinner, Broadway shows, having yard sales, together, fund-raising events and more. Their support and resource offerings will include resources for men and women in need of new clothing, a grooming shelter and even helping hands to move to a new place.

Join others and learn how to take pleasure in grouping together and

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Edward Peter Cook, 77, of Springfield died Dec. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Newark, Mr. Cook lived in Belleville before moving to Springfield 46 years ago. He owned the Edward Peter Cook Paper Hanging Co., Springfield, for many years before retiring 13 years ago. Mr. Cook served in the Army during World War II. He was a former deacon of the Springfield First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Marie; three sons, Edward P. Jr., Arthur and Peter; two daughters, Anna Marie McClear and Lisa Quinn; a brother, Raymond, and nine grandchildren.

Abe Green
Abe Green, 91, of Mendham and Boca Raton, Fla., owner of a museum in Mountaineer, died Dec. 9 at home in Boca Raton.
Born in Poland, Mr. Green lived in Newark and Maplewood before moving to Mendham while maintaining a residence in Florida. He was the founder of the CJC Corp., formerly known as the Ring Sales Co. and Runyon, Music & Games, Newark, before his retirement. He also was the owner of World Music Corp., Mountaineer.

Louis Martino
Louis F. Martino, 88, of Mountaineer, formerly of Cranford and Springfield, died Dec. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.
Born in Staten Island, N.Y., Mr. Martino lived in Cranford and Springfield before moving to Mountaineer 15 years ago. He was a partner at Vic's.

Mary Kontra
Mary M. Kontra, 90, of Mountaineer, formerly of Roselle Park, died Dec. 13 at home.
Born in Dante, Va., Mrs. Kontra lived in Roselle Park for 29 years before moving to Mountaineer 33 years ago. She was owner and vice president of United Die Co., Kearny. Mrs. Kontra was a member of the Rosary Society at the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, and the Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountaineer.

Martin Fishbein
Martin N. Fishbein, 76, of West Orange, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 7 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.
Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Fishbein lived in Newark, Springfield and San Diego before moving to West Orange three years ago. He was a factory representative for Rowe Furniture Corp., Salem, Va., for 27 years and retired in 1988. Mr. Fishbein served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

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Surviving are his wife, Shirley, two daughters, Joanne Burnside and Amy Smith, and seven grandchildren.

Louis Martino
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Resident participates in debutante cotillion
Jessica Scott of Springfield, a senior at Kent Place in Summit and participant in the 2003 Debutante Leadership Program, sponsored by Essex County Chapter, The Links Inc., was presented with 22 other debutantes at the 2003 Debutante Emerald and Ivory Cotillion on Sunday at the East Brunswick Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick.

Each debutante has demonstrated a willingness to serve others through various community service programs. As participants in the 2003 Debutante Leadership Program, they participated in workshops that focused on public speaking, understanding one's personality, ethical and moral behavior, etiquette today in the world of technology, understanding finances and interviewing techniques.

The Links Inc. is an international organization of professional women with more than 280 chapters and 10,000 members.

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Union County

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2003 - SECTION B

Keeping options

The movement of the kids and their parents in winter gear on Saturday at the Union County Vocational-Technical School was purposeful. Those with an interest in the magnet school with the "intensive study" in science and math were leaving from a presentation by 10:30 a.m. They passed by the kids coming with an interest in the informational technology and technical education programs.

Helping to house the homeless

A mother and daughter entered a homeless shelter early last year. The mother had served eight years in the military. Afterward, she took a job in a bank while raising her daughter and putting herself through college. She lost her job at the bank and everything went downhill from there.

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Photo by Barbara Kikkalis

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Wine store price list table with columns for wine types (Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot, etc.), brands (Kendall-Jackson, Meridian, Santa Margherita, etc.), and prices per bottle.

Domestic Import & Microbrew Beer price list table with columns for beer brands (Sam Adams, Budweiser, Corona, etc.) and prices per 12-pack.

Total Wine & More advertisement including store locations in Union and West Orange, NJ, with maps and contact information.

Small text at the bottom of the wine store advertisement regarding copyright and pricing.

Calderone School of Music advertisement listing classes for piano, keyboard, organ, accordion, strings, woodwinds, brass, voice, and guitar.

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COUNTY NEWS

Contributions sought for 'Tree of Hope' program

'Tree of Hope,' a program sponsored by Union County Sheriff's Office...

Skate with Santa Claus

You better watch out, you better not cry, Santa Claus is coming to the Warramisco Ice Skating Center...

Surrogate reminds of Sept. 11 filing deadline

Family members of men and women who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks have until Monday to file a claim for the U.S. government...

Donations needed for Operation Breadbasket

'Operation Breadbasket' is an ongoing program of donations of money, and food in order to continue its mission of providing needy families with food deliveries this holiday season...

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Instructions on how to file a claim

Instructions on how to file a claim, what support documentation is required and other information are available at www.usdoj.gov/victim-compensation...

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Counselors association selling '04 books

The Union County School Counselors Association is selling Entertainment '04 Books to fund 'We Care' awards granted to chosen high school students in Union County...

Entertainment books offer dis-

counties for fine dining, casual dining, special attractions, hotels, airlines, movies, dry cleaning, and car washes to name a few. Books are available covering the northern, central, and southern sections of New Jersey at costs of \$20 and \$30.

To obtain books, call Carmine Venes, president of UCSCA at 908-235-1086.

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Four are recognized with business awards

The Union County Economic Development Corporation, Dec. 10 presented its annual business awards to four companies for their contributions to their local communities.

The CEDC Community Partner Award This award recognizes an organization that has served as a strategic partner with CEDC in providing economic development assistance.

Two awards were presented this year. The City of Summit Streetscape Project for the significant effort in the redevelopment of downtown Summit and the Boys & Girls Club of Union County, Plainfield Club, for the impact the club has had in the Plainfield community.

On behalf of the City of Summit, Steven Weinberg, Mort O'Shea and Joseph Steiner, representing Summit Downtown Inc. and the Suburban Chambers of Commerce, were on hand to receive the award.

Russ Tricoli, chief executive officer, and Sal Divo, chief operating officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Union County received the award for the Plainfield Club Jacques Howard of the Office of Economic Development for the City of Plainfield represented the city, which nominated the club for the annual award.

The CEDC Entrepreneur of the Year Award is given to an individual merchant who has successfully developed and grown a business and who has demonstrated a commitment to the greater community through volunteer activities.

This year's award recipient is Maurice Flynn of Flynn's Irish Pub on Main Street in Rahway.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday tradition



The Snow Queen holds court as the New Jersey Ballet Company returns to Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey for its 33rd anniversary production of 'The Nutcracker,' beginning Friday and continuing through Dec. 28. For information, see the 'Dance' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B9.

Wirkus' work is on exhibit in 'Portfolio'

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the opening of an exhibit by photographer Barbara Wirkus of Kenilworth in the gallery space at the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth.

The exhibit in the Pearl Street Gallery is titled 'Portfolio' by award-winning photographer Barbara Wirkus, said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah P. Scanlon. "We are proud to display her inspiring work."

Wirkus was awarded first prize in the Union County Senior Art Show. Her many awards include prizes from the Les Marmes Art Gallery, the Union Township Festival on the Green, the Roselle Park Art Festival, and the Millburn Camera Club. Her photographs have been exhibited extensively in galleries, museums, and libraries throughout New Jersey.

"Seascapes and garden flowers, children and aging buildings... all become challenges for my camera," Wirkus said of her work.

"The world around us is wondrous, and documenting it is a priority in my life," she continued. "Each of these photos holds a special meaning for me. I seek to have the viewer respond with a memory or emotion of their own."

Barbara Wirkus' photographs are on display at the Pearl Street Gallery until Jan. 30. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

"We are proud to see the beautiful and historic St. John's Parsonage great hall put to use as a gallery to showcase visual artists," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

The talent and diversity of our county artists assures an inspiring and interesting variety of exhibits. We thank Ms. Wirkus for sharing her beautiful photographs."

Union County artists whose work can be hung on a wall - interested in exhibiting in the gallery are welcome to apply. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202, by calling 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or sending e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

Local appeal helps enhance books

Holiday shoppers wanting some local relevance with their gifts can consider four recently published books either by authors from, or whose subjects are of, our towns.

Our editorial office received books for review over the past year. The titles we consider have to have some local content or authorship for consideration.

'Baseball in Blue & Gray: The National Pastime During the Civil War' was written by Glen Ridge resident George Kirsch and published by Princeton University Press when the major leagues hit their summer stride. Kirsch, a recent borough board of education member, combined his Manhattan College history professorship with his interest in vintage baseball for this rarely covered part of the game.

'Baseball in Blue & Gray' starts with ground that some readers will find familiar: baseball's evolution from cricket, rounders and townball and debunking the Doubleday-Cooperstown invention myth. Kirsch hits his stride in the remaining sections of his 145-page work when it comes to how the Civil War helped mold baseball's rules and practices.

Topics covered includes how rules of play became standardized among army tanks and prison camps, participation by minorities, the development of leagues and touring teams, and the rise of the professional player. Mentions of players, ball fields and teams from Bloomfield, Elizabeth and Newark supply local content.

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While I'm Here

By Walter Elliott Staff Writer

story of 35 veterans by Al Santoli in October 1980. What makes "Delta Six," unique is Snider's chronological, and straightforward approach as a surgeon, a less-covered aspect of the war.

"Delta Six" allows the reader to follow that tour with its routines, highs and lows. One gets to meet the quality spread of fellow soldiers, medics and civilians.

Snider, as a first-time mainstream author presents a well-reasoned style and presentation. The doctor, for example, will spell out an acronym and explain it or a military term, only phrase on first reference. Only twice does the plan fail, forcing the reader to the index.

"Delta Six" is well-edited for an on-demand book, with only three typographical errors found in the reviewer's edition. It is available through heritagebooks.com or your local store.

'Drive 195' was produced by Stan Posner and Sandra Phillips-Posner from their Quebec Translmatr company in time for holiday travelers. The part-map, part-travel guide covers the Interstate from Boston to the Florida border, which the husband-and-wife team said they will update annually.

After reading the "how-to" section on the inside cover, the first third of the book takes the reader south in 15-mile increments. The highway lanes, speed limits, exits, landmarks and alternate routes are clearly given. Each exit that has services or attractions within a half-mile radius are listed.

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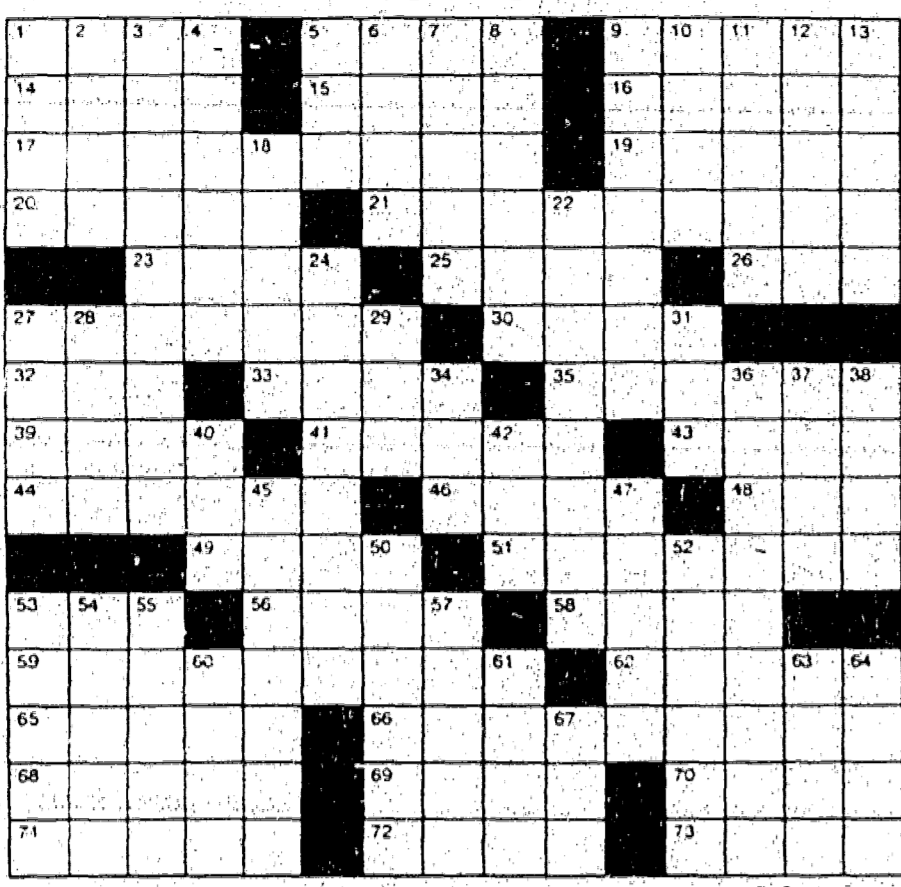
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# What's Going On?

**FLEA MARKET**  
**SUNDAY**  
 December 21st, 2003  
**EVENT: FLEA MARKET & COLLECTIBLE SHOW**  
**PLACE:** Belleville High School, 100 Posing Ave., Belleville (OFF JORALE MON ST)  
**TIME:** Sunday, 9am-5pm Indoors & Outdoors  
**DETAILS:** New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage tag sale section. For information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Graduation Celebration & SEppo

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**TIME:** 9am-5pm  
**DETAILS:** Great items including new merchandise, crafts, collectibles, and a garage tag sale section. For information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by Clark Lions

## HOROSCOPE

**Dec. 22-28**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Parental or early childhood influences are very strong. Do your best to remember your values and apply them with pride.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your patience is tested. Don't let situations of circumstances push your buttons. Deal with probable delays in a positive way.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21): Outline your fiscal goals and get started on the right path to success. Your creative ideas are inspired by friends. Keep an open mind.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): Relationship lessons will alter your outlook. You cannot change a loved one unless he or she is ready and willing. Relax and accept this reality.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid taking action or overreaching before you have all of the facts. There's likely to be confusion surrounding your schedule. Take time to clear it up.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A speculative venture appears more attractive than it really is. Allow yourself to see through the fantasy and make the right choice.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The new Moon this week directs your attention to home and family matters. Lay low and surround yourself with your favorite people and things.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Excel in activities requiring logic and the practical application of information. Keep your thoughts positive and stay focused in the now.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A new money-making venture has promising future. Be prepared to stick with the project throughout some daunting ups and downs.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The new Moon in your sign gets your creative juices flowing once again. Welcome a new cycle of personal growth and experiences.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A lot of soul-searching is in for the course of this week. Determine for yourself if the sacrifices you have to make for success are worth it.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Seek the advice of friends who are more experienced and wise in worldly affairs. His plans are useless without a logical course of action first focused.

**If your birthday is this week**, communication is highlighted during the course of year. Make an extra effort to ensure that you are clear and concise in your communications. Don't let any sign of trouble on the home front. Be patient with family members and focus yourself to working out your differences. Take part in an exciting adventure and open up a world of new opportunities.

**Also born this week:** Heather O'Rourke, Phil Spector, Sir Isaac Newton, Ricky Martin, Eddie Vedder, and Diane Sawyer.

# Books on food and drink can be a lifesaver for last-minute shoppers

The year-end confluence of holidays is bound to bring the usual harvest of joy, along with the usual annoying head-rattling dilemmas relating to last-minute presents.

Except for the super-organized, most of us will have forgotten a gift for at least one deserving person among our lists of extended clan and friends. When there is one day to go until that special day, salvation could lie in running to a bookstore. Bookstores offer other satisfactions, too.

It's quicker than logging onto Amazon.com. Most prices range from \$10 to \$50. Discounts are commonplace. You can choose gift wrapping and inspect the finished project. One size fits all. Books are easily exchangeable. You mingle with literate people. Bookstores smell good.

What book to get? The easy part is to avoid cookbooks. No religious, political, or self-help books. No novels unless you really know that the recipient collects the writer and is missing one title. The hard part is finding the perfect book. My answer to that is that with cookbooks, you don't have to perfect.

**Close to perfect.**

Large bookstores and hundreds of new cookbooks titles every year. And thousands of others are in print. There is no perfect cookbook, but there are enough that are close to perfect that you should be able to find something appropriate for anyone on your list. Granted, there are some folks who think they don't like cookbooks. Well,

diverse as New York City Dishes. Also helpful, preparation times are given. You will be appreciated for your effort. Get one for yourself since you've gone to the trouble of locating this modern classic.

"How to Cook Everything," by Mark Bittman, in four paperback volumes of 142 pages, each \$15.

The writer of *The New York Times* weekly Minimalist cooking column, Mark Bittman, has assembled more than 500 recipes in four volumes. Choose one or more of the four Quick Cooking, Vegetarian Cooking, Holiday Cooking, and Easy Weekend Cooking. Quick Cooking is my favorite, too. Even the recipes with a dozen ingredients emphasize speed of prep. Easy ones, like Linguine with scallops and grilled mesclun-stuffed tuna steaks, either teach a new way of preparing a basic dish, or suggest simple innovations that will make you like like a genius chef. The Vegetarian book is a great resource for parents who have run out of ideas of what to

cook for their vegetarians. (You can read, too, son.)

"Wine for Dummies," by Ed McCarthy and Mary Ewing-Mulligan, 403 pages, \$22 paperback. When you give "Wine for Dummies," be sure the giftee has a sense of humor. Or knows to not take the title literally. Of course, it's not for dummies, dummy. It's a fun book that will remove the serious countenance of the most jaded budding sommelier as it demystifies the world of wine. Look up wines by variety or by producer in the comprehensive index, and learn the fine points before you fill your glass. With 400 pages, it could be titled "Almost Everything About Wine," and it's not for dummies. The illustrations are at times a bit cute, but they do the job.

"Kitchen & Cook," the new monthly newsletter from the country's premier educator of chefs, the Culinary Institute of America, is sure to inspire mummies and abills for its nicely-illustrated tips and techniques. This

month's issue walks you through a foolproof way of doing perfectly crisp duck. Available only by mail, subscriptions are currently offered at \$19.97 for 12 issues, about half the usual price. By calling 800-515-8407.

"The Rosengarten Report" is another monthly newsletter, densely packed with foodie and wines insider intelligence from oyster to ice cream. Opinions, but David Rosengarten won't steer you wrong. Products are compared and names are named, but perhaps best are the features on hard-to-find artisanal foods. Ten issues and 10 free gifts for \$39.95. Details: 800-532-2330.

If you have the time to bid and wait for delivery, and you can gift-wrap an AOL e-bay check, you can almost 5,000 listings for cookbooks, many used, some new. If all these hints haven't cut it with you, give cash.

Joel Levin of South Orange writes about automobiles, wine and food, entertainment, and travel.

## Food & Drink

By Joel Levin  
 A&E Correspondent

Here are few favorites that should flatter the recipient as well as reflect your good taste. Each should be worth at least a hug in exchange or, if you're lucky, a meal or a dessert.

"The Slow Mediterranean Kitchen," by Paula Wolfert, 368 pages, \$35. One of the season's hottest books, "Slow" means "slow" here. No shortcuts, just cooking for the zen of it, for people who cook for thrills. Find Marra's double-cooked chicken, Tagine of monkfish fillets with fig leaves, fennel, and chestnuts, and Fava bean gazpacho with cherry tomatoes, and green grapes among hundreds of recipes. Popular food writer Wolfert does not assume advanced knowledge on the part of the reader, so no one will be left guessing. And although the techniques are less than ones, nothing in "SMK" is tedious. Replete with anecdotes and sources for ingredients and equipment, this should become a keeper, not a regifter.

"New York Cookbook," by Molly O'Neill, 509 pages, \$19.95. A multi-level entertainment, stuffed with New York stories and an assortment of recipes as

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This one says "gift" all over it. A classic Home Cooking, by Mary Berry and Marlene Spierer, \$11.95. This beautiful, oversized book may be hard to find, but it's the kind of book that says "gift" all over it. The photos and drawings are amazingly true-to-life and extremely helpful. Inside are photo essays on boning a whole chicken, and holding, phyllo sheets over baked habitat, for exam-

## Arts Clips

**'Tapestries' on exhibit**  
 Contemporary Tapestries by Archie Brennan and Susan Martin Maffei artists new and recent works by the artists at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

This show continues at NJCVA through Jan. 4. Contemporary Tapestries by Archie Brennan Susan Martin Maffei, has been curated by Sheila Stone and Peter D'Allesandro.

British artist Archie Brennan and American artist Susan Martin Maffei reside, work and teach in New York City. Working within an essentially 3,000 year-old process, these equally renowned artists produce contemporary artworks directly reflective of their place and time. Brennan and

Maffei utilize these traditional techniques to explore the endless opportunities available to the contemporary tapestry artist.

Frequently credited with the modern revival of tapestry, Brennan has long been a seminal figure in the tapestry world. Known for his creative imagers, often using a humorous approach, and his absolute mastery of technique, Brennan is acknowledged worldwide as a leading, influential figure in the craft of weaving. Responsible of the Department of Tapestries at Edinburgh College of Art, his alma mater, he's also the founder of the highly successful Victorian Tapestries Workshop in Melbourne, Australia. In 1981, Brennan was appointed Officer

of the British Empire by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to the arts.

Maffei has been weaving professionally since 1988. Her work is a creative journey that began early under the tutelage of her grandmother. As a child, Maffei spent a great deal of time with her grandmother, a consummate knitter and embroiderer. These early memories inspired Maffei into the tapestry medium. Trained at the Parsons School of Design, Maffei began an internship at the Scheer Tapestries Studio and later continued her studies with Jean Pierre Laroche and Yael Faine. In 1987, she completed a nine-month stage at Les ateliers in Paris. Maffei's work focuses on people and faces she knows and has a discernible urban feel attributed to her immediate surroundings, New York City.

A number of related events and a collaborative program with The Newark Museum, which houses a number of rare and relevant tapestries, have been scheduled to complement the exhibition. Ongoing workshops, lectures and trips include:

- A "behind the scenes" tour at the Fashion Institute of Technology.
- The Friends Committee of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts has organized a guided tour of the Fashion Institute of Technology's stellar collection of tapestries, weavings and handmade fabrics. Additional reserva-

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**Soufflé est tres magnifique**

The ambiance of this restaurant is quietly elegant as helps the experience awaiting you. New age music drifts through the attractively lit dining room while impressionistic paintings grace the walls. But it is the food that is beyond belief. My dinner companion and I started off with the foie gras and the escargot. The foie gras served over parsnip puree and caramelized pears, surprises the palate with its delicious and unexpected combination of flavors: while the escargots in their puff pastries swimming in a sauce of garlic, white wine and lemon were succulent.

Moving on to the main course, we chose the tenderness of beef in a Madeira wine sauce, and medallions of veal and shrimp sauteed in a light cream sauce. The tenderness all but melts in one's mouth as the tang of the Madeira sauce counterpoints the natural richness of the beef. The accompanying roasted pearl onions are an experience unto themselves. The veal and shrimp, generously covered with mushrooms, were cooked to perfection - the veal as tender as the shrimp were firm and all of it delicious.

Topping off the meal was the house specialty - soufflé. While I had the chocolate with raspberry sauce, my companion sampled the banana with a lime-flavored topping which featured small flecks of the fruit's flesh. Both soufflés were light enough to float out of their soufflé dishes and served at the peak of their perfection. Diners are asked to make their soufflé selections when ordering their meals to ensure this perfect timing.

The French have a unique talent for serving rich foods in combinations that leave the diner feeling satisfied and full, but never lethargic and over-stuffed, and the chef at Soufflé is no exception. They are now taking reservations for New Year's Eve... There will be 3 seatings and the dinner is Prix Fix. You can watch the First Night Fireworks across the street. Soufflé is located at 7 Union Place in Summit. Hours for lunch are noon to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 5 to 11 p.m. Saturdays, and 5 to 9 p.m. Sundays. Reservations are recommended. The restaurant does not have a liquor license. For reservations or more information call (908) 598-0717 or visit the website at www.soufflerestaurant.com

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# Leisure Lifestyles The Cook's Nook

## Well-loved holiday tradition gets an international flavor and flair

Time to head to the kitchen! Today's busy moms may resort to take-out and ready-made foods more frequently than their mothers did, but homemade Christmas cookies are still a must. For many families, holiday baking is not only an opportunity to enjoy treats, it's a much-loved tradition going back for generations.

And it's a custom spanning many cultures, as countries throughout the world have cookies associated with Christmas. Instead of traditional sugar cut-outs this year, why not get Santa with a plate of Polish Kuchki, Hungarian Kuki, or Italian Florentines? Of course, don't forget the ice-cold glass of milk to wash them down! While there's no scientific proof that leaving Santa's favorite snack means better gifts, smart girls and boys know better than to take chances this holiday season.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. has teamed up with www.christmascookies.com and the authors of the book "Christmas Cookies Are for Loving" to bring you an assortment of recipes from around the globe. To purchase "Christmas Cookies Are for Loving" visit the Web site at [www.publishing.com](http://www.publishing.com).

Cut-out sugar cookies are a tradition in many countries. Here's an updated American version that turns the tradition of decorating them with frosting inside out.

**Sugar Cookie Sandwiches**  
Yield: About 36 sandwiches  
For the cookies:  
1 cup unsalted butter, softened  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups milk or sour cream  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
For the filling:  
1 cup unsalted butter, softened  
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In large bowl with electric mixer, beat butter until creamy, about 1 minute. With mixer on low, alternately add flour, salt, and milk or sour cream and beat until blended. Do not add sugar. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 1/2 hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. F. Spread granulated sugar on a plate. On a floured surface, roll one-third of the dough to 1/8-inch thick. Cut into shapes with a 2-inch cookie cutter. Make sure you have an even number of each shape so you can put them up into the top and bottom half of sandwich later. Press cookies into sugar to coat on both sides then place on ungreased baking sheets. Prick each cookie all over with a fork. Roll out and prepare the remaining two-thirds of the dough.

Bake cookies 9 to 11 minutes until edges are golden. Allow to cool for 1 minute then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.

While cookies are baking, prepare filling. In a large bowl, beat butter until creamy with an electric mixer. Beat in vanilla. Gradually add powdered sugar and milk. Add food coloring to suit the filling pale green. Beat on high until the filling is light and fluffy, approximately 3 minutes.



When cookies have cooled, spread filling on half of the cookie and sandwich with the remaining halves. Outline cookies with the decorating icing. Refrigerate in an airtight container until serving.

**From Poland**  
**Kolaczki**  
Yield: About 36 cookies  
For the dough:  
1 pound cream cheese, softened  
2 cups butter, softened  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 egg whites, slightly beaten  
For the filling:  
1/2 cup raisins or more  
raspberry jam  
strawberry jam  
apricot jam  
nut filling (recipe below)  
Combine cream cheese and butter until smooth. Add flour gradually, until a soft dough ball has formed.

Adding an international flair to a time-honored American tradition are Christmas cookies from around the world, including Eggnog Kringle, Sugar Cookie Sandwiches, and Kolaczki.

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### ART SHOWS

**111 FIRST STREET**, works by Edward Fausty will be on exhibit in the Tomaso Gallery in Kennel MacKay Library at Union County College, Cranford, through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays to Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155.

**TEAROOMS, TEMPLES AND CEREMONIAL SPACES**, works by printmaker Francesca DeMasi Muccio will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Dec. 20.

**CHRISTMAS MINIATURES** will be on exhibit at Swan Galleries at Plainfield through Dec. 30.

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**BOURAS GALLERIES** in Summit will exhibit the works of the Mountain Gallery Artists through the end of December.

**CONTEMPORARY TAPESTRY**, works by Arche Brennan and Susan Martin Maffer, will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Jan. 4.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS** meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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**COLOR AND TEXTURE**, works by El Serfaty, will be on exhibit at the Lus Malum Art Gallery in Union County Library in January.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Jerry Frank and Debbie of the New Jersey Photography Forum throughout December and January.

**PHOTOGRAPHER BARBARA WIRKUS** will have her works on exhibit through Jan. 30 at the Pearl Street Gallery in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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**COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES** in Westfield and Springfield will present a series of artists through June at two locations through June.

Jan 17, Stephanie Corby and Chris Rosser, Westfield.

Feb 14, Songwriters in the Round, hosted by acoustic duo Open Book, Springfield.

Feb 21, DaVinci's Notebook, Westfield.

March 13, Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Bob Malone, Springfield.

March 20, We're About Nine, with opener Devon Sproule, Westfield.

April 17, Caroline Aiken, Westfield.

May 8, Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Rhiannon, Springfield.

May 15, Sonia/Disappear, Westfield, with opener Chris Glenn, Westfield.

June 12, Songwriters in the Round, hosted by Jessica Owen, Springfield.

June 19, Zoe Lewis, Westfield.

Westfield concerts are presented at the First United Methodist Church, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**CLASSICS BOOK CLUB** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site at [www.classicsbookclub.com](http://www.classicsbookclub.com).

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**NEW JERSEY INC.** will perform Joseph Hayden's "Mass in Time of War" and four motets by Anton Bruckner on Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, East Broad Street at Mt. Aven. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens.

**Jersey Performing Arts Center** in Newark. Tickets are \$30.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark. For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit [www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org).

**KIDS**

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOPS** will be sponsored by Liberty Hall Museum in Union on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Recommended for children 6 to 10. Fee is \$15 per child and includes materials. Reservations are required. Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave. Union. For information, call 908-527-0400 or visit the Web site at [www.libertyhall.org](http://www.libertyhall.org).

**CRAFT TIME** for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**BARNES AND NOBLE** 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. It will sponsor talks for tots, preschool storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. and the Kids Writing Workshops, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**THE NUTCRACKER** will be presented by The New Jersey Ballet Company and Paper Mill. The State Theater of New Jersey from Friday through Dec. 28. Schedule of shows is Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday at 1 and 6 p.m., Monday at 2 and 7 p.m., Tuesday at 2 and 7 p.m., Wednesday at 10 p.m., Dec 26 and 27, and 7 p.m., Dec 27 and 28. There is no performance on Christmas Day.

Dec 28, Tickets are \$24 to \$54. Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive, Millburn. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

**SUMMIT FOLK DANCIERS** will sponsor evenings of interdenational dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2, or \$12 for half the season; workshops are \$5. For information, call 973-467-8278.

**Y-SQUARES**, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank R. Henny School, Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

**SACTUARY CONCERTS** in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Dec 27, Christine Lavin  
Jan 10, David Roth  
Jan 24, Comic singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler

Feb 14, The Best of Jersey acoustic performers  
Feb 22, Tom Rush

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave. Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit [www.sanctuaryconcerts.com](http://www.sanctuaryconcerts.com).

**THE NJ PAC JUBILATION CHORUS**, with special guest Trinaime Hawkins, will present "A Joyous Gospel Holiday" today at 7 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$15 to \$37, \$18 for children younger than 14.

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**CALYPSO CLASSICS**, with David Rudder, Mighty Sparrow, Calypso Rose and Shantay Dwygaly, will be presented Friday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$16 to \$59.

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**NANCY WILSON AND RAMSEY LEWIS** will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$13 to \$59.

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**NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHORUS** will appear in "The Pipes of Christmas" with the Clari Currie Society on Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

"P.D. BACH STRIKES BACK," featuring Professor Peter Schickel and the New York Pickup Ensemble, will be presented Dec. 28 at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to \$55.

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**RETUMBA** will appear in the Three Kings Day Celebration on Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$10 for children younger than 14.

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**THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF**

**HOLIDAYS**

"FROM ST. NICHOLAS TO SANTA CLAUS" highlighting the history of Christmas traditions, will be sponsored by Liberty Hall Museum in Union on Friday and Saturday. Tours begin every 15 minutes from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for children, \$8 for children 6 to 17. Children younger than 6 are admitted free. Liberty Hall is located at 1003 Morris Ave., Union. For information, call 908-527-0400 or visit the Web site at [www.libertyhall.org](http://www.libertyhall.org).

**JAZZ**

**THE JUILLIARD JAZZ ORCHESTRA** will appear in concert Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New

**VARIETY**

**SINGER-SONGWRITER CRAIG CARNELIA** will appear in Jan. 10 at

**TAVERN-IN-THE-PARK** in Roselle Park will present entertainment in the coffee house. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and 52 quilts.

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'A Candlelight Christmas' at the Miller-Cory House

On Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., the Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield, will present 'A Candlelight Christmas in Elizabethtown.'

Teens Arts Touring Exhibit

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsors the 2003 Teen Arts Touring Exhibit at Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., through Jan. 4.

The exhibit consists of 50 pieces of art selected from over 600 visual art works shown at the county Teen Arts Festival in March at Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs...

The exhibit is open to the public for advisory services or more information, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone: 908-555-2550. Relay Services call 711.

Artist 'spits' for his art

Throughout today, the exhibition "111 First Street," featuring the works of artist Edward Faust, will be on display in the Tommasio Gallery, located on the first floor of the Kenneth Max Kay Library of the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1035 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07002.

Faust's exhibition is a series of pigmented digital inkjet prints known as "spits" in French, meaning "to spit" in output on plain uncoated "Arches" paper, which is 100-percent rag cotton paper.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays and from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays.

UCC seeks new plays

There are still a few openings for the monthly playwrights' workshop at The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company.

The workshop meets once a month, in addition to a monthly script-in-hand public performance discussion of one of the plays in development. Organizers are particularly interested in writers who can contribute to the process of the other participating playwrights.

Playwrights interested in developing their work through readings and critiques by actors, directors and other writers should submit scripts, self-addressed stamped envelopes with a cover letter, including a brief summary of writing background to Mark Spina, The Theater Project, Union County College, 1035 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07002.

Chorale plans its season

The Summit Chorale, has announced its 2003-04 season. Madrigals and songs and the Durufle Requiem will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. on March 6 at Central Presbyterian Church, 30 Maple St., Summit.

Madrigals and songs and the Durufle Requiem will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. on May 1 at a location to be determined by the chorale will be accompanied by a full symphony orchestra.

National information and tickets can be obtained from the Web site at www.summitchorale.org or from 973-762-2450.

Under the leadership of music director and conductor Gary Nair, Summit Chorale, one of the state's most respected choral organizations, now enters its 95th year. It is composed of non-professional singers, chosen by audition.

The chorale maintains a reputation for adventurous programming of less or known masterpieces in addition to popular works. It is Chorus in Residence at Princeton University.

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Arts Clips

Filmmakers are sought. The New Jersey Movie Makers' Network is looking for state-based independent producers with shorts or features that they would like to be seen.

Short movies, 20 minutes or less, can be aired on a television's public access show, 'Imagine That,' produced and hosted by Robin Richie Carpenter.

Carpenter is on the Network's board of directors and would like to show the works of and possibly interview independent producers once a month.

The network would also like to hear from producers with features and shorts longer than 20 minutes. They are preparing to negotiate with a local movie theater that would allow state-based movie makers to take over a

theater one day month and screen their productions. This will be a great opportunity for public viewings and to have the work reviewed by critics.

However, right now the New Jersey Movie Makers' Network has no idea how many people in the state have movies they'd like to show.

Producers should contact the Network by email at nmvmakers@aol.com or via snail mail at 149 Orange St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

Filmmakers should send their name, address, phone, e-mail, company name, name and length of the project, format and a one-paragraph description.

Everyone who writes will be contacted.

History in bloom at Reeves-Reed Arboretum

Susan Graham Reeves joined the Summit Garden Club in 1919, a time when the home gardening movement closely followed the migration toward country living that transformed this area of New Jersey into suburbia.

Reeves' recently printed historical guide at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit.

At the front driveway entrance, she would stop an invitation to friends, neighbors and passersby to walk in and enjoy the beauty of her rose and other gardens in peak bloom.

Reeves' garden later became Reeves-Reed Arboretum, which has been open to the public since 1974. New historical brochures, funded in part by the New Jersey Historical

Commission, a division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, though a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, explain the gardens and their history to new visitors.

The grounds of Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, are 200 open to the public from sunrise to sunset. Signs outside the gate advertise what's in bloom. Tall gates installed last year protect the gardens from deer. Visitors may drive right up to the gates; they will slide open.

Because we do not charge admission and are not supported by any government agencies, we operate on a shoestring budget," said Martha McDowall, assistant horticulturist at the Arboretum and a landscape historian who teaches at Drew University. "We very much appreciate this grant."

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Cookies from other countries add an international flair

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Summit ERA now has Callaghan as an associate

Summit ERA now has Callaghan as an associate. Callaghan has joined ERA as a sales associate in the Summit office at 401 Springfield Ave. Callaghan joined Burdoff after two successful years with another local real estate company.

Prior to becoming a real estate agent, Callaghan gained extensive sales experience in telecommunications with A&T. She also worked as an executive recruiter for Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs. Callaghan has a B.A. from the University of Michigan and an M.A. in psychology from Oakland University.

As a Summit resident for more than 13 years, Callaghan is familiar with the area and can advise newcomers and natives alike about the benefits of living in this part of the state. She is married with three children and active in the community. Callaghan is involved in the Summit public schools and is a member of the Hallett Society of the New Jersey Dance Theater Ensemble.

Callaghan welcomes your call at the office. The Burdoff ERA Summit office is a full-service real estate office offering the area's most comprehensive marketing programs.

Sergent honored for listings

Sergent honored for listings. Sergent, a consistent top achiever in the Burdoff ERA Summit office, has been honored once again with the Most Listings Award.

Award for August 2003

Award for August 2003. Sergent earned the award over more than 700 sales agents in the entire Burdoff ERA company. She had a total of six listings for that month.

Sergent has received many distinguished awards. She has earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Silver Achievement Award in 1992-93, 1996-99 and 2002, and the Golden Achievement Award in 2001-02.

She has been a real estate professional for more than 15 years, specializing in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Long Hill, Summit and the surrounding areas. Sergent has also earned numerous Burdoff awards, including membership in President's Elite and inclusion into the 2003 President's Council.

Luciano Tedesco-Kloud, vice president manager of the Summit office, said, "Luciano works hard for her clients, and they know it. She is a caring professional who always goes the extra mile. I am grateful to have her as part of our team and proud of her achievements."

Laurite joins Weichert

Laurite joins Weichert. Fred Watkins, president of Weichert Financial Services, announced that Ed Laurite has joined the company as president of Weichert Commercial Financing.

Laurite has more than 25 years of experience in all aspects of the mortgage banking industry, with a concentration during the past 10 years in the commercial financing sector. He holds a degree in management science from New York University in Union.

Ed brings to Weichert an extensive knowledge of commercial financing and a deep commitment to customer satisfaction," said Watkins. "Both our clients and Weichert's affiliated partners will benefit greatly by the financial acumen and people skills of Ed Laurite."

Santana joins RE/MAX

Santana joins RE/MAX. RE/MAX New Millennium Group in Hillsdale has welcomed Fabio Santana as its newest sales associate.

Santana specializes in the buying and sale of new construction properties in Hillsdale, Elizabeth and Newark.

"Being able to associate with so many other full-time top professionals who have the common goal of being the best in the business has helped me to continue to strive for excellence," said Santana, a resident of Hillsdale. "All of my colleagues share their expertise and knowledge and I'm proud to be a part of their team."

Santana has been licensed for one year, and received the Rookie of the Year Award in 2002. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving and fishing, and contributes to the Children's Miracle Network.

To contact Fabio Santana, call RE/MAX New Millennium Group in Hillsdale at 908-206-8884, or send an e-mail to him at fsantana@ermax.net.

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# Mercedes unveils a futuristic F500

At the 2003 Tokyo Motor Show, Mercedes-Benz unveiled the latest in an impressive string of research vehicles that provide insight into tomorrow's automotive technology. The F500 is a futuristic four-door that showcases more than a dozen novel approaches to safety, comfort, environmentalism and style in Mercedes cars to come.

Mercedes-Benz researchers will use the innovative F500 to conduct the first practical tests of such features as electronic pedals, a central roof pillar, two-way doors, infrared laser night vision, a programmable multivision dash display, and an ultrasound driver info system. The research car will also help developers gather more data on its highly promising diesel-hybrid powertrain.

While the "F" stands for the German word "Forschung," which means research, it could just as well stand for "future." Appearing in 1991, the F100 research vehicle served to unveil voice-operated controls, proximity radar, automatic emergency calling and solar ventilation — all hailed as revolutionary at the time but now found in many of today's Mercedes-Benz cars.

The F200 concept car featured test-stick steering, brakes and accelerator in 1996, and a year later the F300 "Life Jet" resembled a futuristic three-wheeled motorcycle. In 2001, the F400 demonstrated a new system that enabled the road car to exceed the cornering limits of most race cars.

Now F500 carries the torch, or in this case, a powerful xenon projector-beam headlights as well as an infrared laser night-vision system with a special video camera that "translates" the reflected infrared images and displays them on the car's in-dash multivision screen.

Incidentally, the infrared headlights emit very short light pulses which are synchronized with shutters on the video camera, so that the system is not affected by visible light from oncoming vehicles. Researchers plan to add a second camera later for a "stereo" system that will see hazards even better and provide extra warning time.

One of the more significant features of the new F500 is an advanced hybrid diesel powertrain that promises extremely high fuel mileage and reduces emissions by 20 percent. Electronic load-sharing between a conven-

tional engine and an electric motor allows the F500 to use the advantages of both powerplant designs. For example, the electric motor provides zero-emission operation in most around-town driving, while the internal combustion engine starts automatically when the driver calls for more power.

The partners in this system are a high-efficiency V8 diesel engine from the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and a 50-kilowatt electric motor mounted ahead of its modified automatic transmission. The diesel-hybrid system also makes use of regenerative braking that increases fuel mileage by at least 5 percent. Whenever the driver steps on the brakes, the electric motor becomes a generator that helps recharge the car's under-floor lithium-ion battery.

Another system of tomorrow on the F500 is electric steering, which would no longer require an engine-driven hydraulic pump and fluid lines. Instead, the energy for steering assist is provided by the car's 300-volt battery, and a transformer reduces it to 42 volts.

The car's oval steering wheel is reminiscent of the yoke used to steer many aircraft. A precision electric controller transmits driver input to the wheels, and a mechatronic system of servos and springs replicates a good steering feel for the driver. Instead of a steering shaft, column and joints, two redundant electric motors operate the rack-and-pinion steering gear. If one motor ever fails, the steering continues to work with just one motor. To ensure maximum safety and reliability, this type of redundancy is used in several areas of the new steering system.

With no steering column or other mechanical linkage, the steering wheel can slide about six inches up and to the right for easy exit and entrance, and a memory function returns the wheel to the right position when the driver's ready to go.

The developers of the F500 even came up with a dramatic new idea for the doors, which can open either conventionally, or the rear doors can swing open from the rear with the post between the doors still attached to the rear doors. The electro-mechanical latch for the base of the sill-height door post also doubles as a power-closing system when closing the rear doors. Best of all, the center-opening mode provides a doorway that's over 6 feet across.

Without conventional door posts, or B-pillars, connected to the roof, ensuring good crash safety and structural integrity of the body was a challenge for Mercedes engineers. Their analysis gave them the innovative idea of using a central interior pillar, not unlike a column in the middle of a ballroom. The central pillar makes a sturdy connection between the transmission tunnel in the floor and Y-shaped structural members in the roof. Together with a cross member in the floor and reinforced door sills, the F500 can provide outstanding protection in side collisions and rollovers.

A special curved and tapered shape for the new central pillar ensures good rear and side visibility. In addition, designers routed air conditioning ductwork through the pillar to provide rear passengers with adjustable ceiling vents, and special lighting panels in the pillar provide discreet, effective interior lighting.

The F500 has nearly five inches of extra leg room simply because the usual mechanical pedals have been replaced by pressure-sensitive electronic pedals. Eight sensors in each panel measure "pedal" effort and relay the electronic signal to control units in the engine and SBC brake system.

This new technology allows finely controlled acceleration and braking with very short response times, as well as more protection in a severe frontal collision and less noise because of the closed front bulkhead between the engine and passenger compartment.

With no moving parts or mechanical linkage, the pedal panels are electrically adjustable fore and aft to suit the driver's position.

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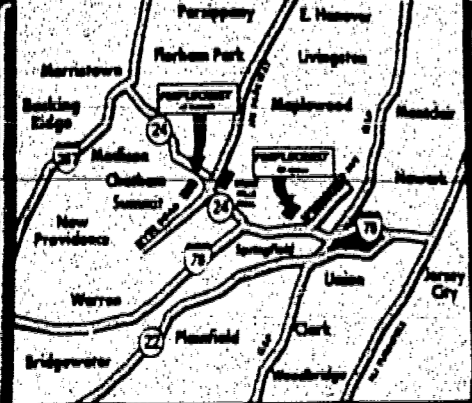
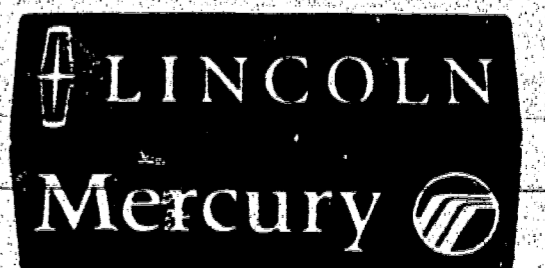
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