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## Hands-on math

### Deerfield tries Everyday math program

By Meave Sheehan  
Staff Writer

In Mountainside, students are learning about math in a different, more hands-on way with the Everyday Math program.

The district implemented the Everyday Math program this fall, with the help of recently appointed curriculum coordinator Michael Craver, who is also assistant principal at Beechwood School. In his dual role, Craver oversees the K-8 curriculum and has district-wide control in a supervisory role.

Everyday Math is a discovery-based approach to learning mathematics. Along with the usual teacher to group instruction, students work alone, in small groups, or with a partner.

The program seeks to make mathematics more meaningful by using real-life contexts and situations, and giving children the opportunity to become actively involved in their learning.

Craver said the district has achieved full implementation of Everyday Math in grades K-5. Teachers are working extra hard to familiarize students with the vocabulary and teaching method used in the program, Craver said. "They're dedicated to making it work," he said.

Teachers using the program have attached worksheets and

during the summer and fall to help with the transition. Teacher training is ongoing, with some conferences being conducted this week.

Through a joint program offered by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Montclair State University, known as the PRISM partnership, district teachers can receive professional development training at the university in math and science education. Such areas include specific training for the Everyday Math program and Connected Math program used in grades six and seven.

According to Montclair State University's Web site, the PRISM partnership is designed to improve local district mathematics and science test scores on statewide assessments and provide districts with support for implementing standards-based curricula.

Last Friday, in the Deerfield School classroom of teacher Nancy Kinney, third-graders alternated stations, playing games with dice and cards to reinforce the lessons they had learned that week.

In one game, "Name That Number," students held up triangles with times tables on them to practice multiplying and dividing.

At each station, students illustrated their conclusions on graphs or wrote down their answers. Before one exercise, Kinney asked the group of 25 students to chal-



Students at Deerfield School in Mountainside, clockwise, from left, Brian Schaumburg, Courtney Osleja, Kelly Rice and Chris Hamlett, work with cards as part of the Everyday Math program.

lenge themselves to make as many arrays, arrangements of quantities in rows and columns, as possible. During the class, Kinney and a teaching assistant moved among stations.

At other stations, students measured the perimeters of shapes and worked on a "number story" or problem, which required finding

out the shortest route to a house by measuring different paths.

On the classroom's math board, a Sunrise & Sunset chart showed the third-graders have been keeping track of the waning hours of daylight with the help of a bar graph. For example, on Nov. 14, the sun rose at 6:41 a.m. and set at 4:39 p.m.

A Guide to Solving Number Stories poster reminds students to ask "What do you want to find out?"

A paperweight on Kinney's desk reminds, "It is the supreme joy of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge," an Albert Einstein quote.

At the end of morning classes, Kinney gave the class an assignment to make up their own stories, giving the setting and letting up a problem for which they already have a solution.

Kinney said the third-graders are assigned up to 30 minutes of homework each night, which includes reading and spelling assignments. There are five third-grade classes at Deerfield School, which houses 150 students through eighth grade.

The curriculum change required educating parents about the program. This school year, two sessions have been conducted for parents who want to find out more about Everyday Math. Craver esti-

mated over 250 parents attended both sessions, all together.

As for grading, Craver said Everyday Math uses new kinds of learning assessments in addition to letter grades. "Everyday Math doesn't lend itself well to traditional methods."

Instead, along with letter grades, teachers give a detailed list of learning goals for that marking period and assign students to one of three categories: beginner, developing, and advanced. A student who receives a rating of "secure" can complete tasks independently, with confidence and consistency.

For students in grades K-2, Everyday Math strives to help younger students make sense of numbers they see in daily life.

Kindergartners work on art projects dealing with estimation and circumference. Calendars and thermometers in the classrooms help them learn about time and temperature. A number grid shows students how to count by 2, 5, and 10. "The program builds 'number sense' at a very early age," Craver said.

"Overall, it's been really positive," Craver said of the curriculum change. Previously, as a fifth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield, Craver helped pilot the program with other teachers.

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## Toy drives

### begun

By Meave Sheehan  
Staff Writer

This holiday season, residents can donate toys to needy children through U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Programs at drop-off locations in Springfield and Mountainside.

Springfield residents can drop new, unwrapped toys in a collection box at the Springfield Fire House, 200 Mountain Ave.

Last year, Springfield residents donated 19,000 toys and made numerous financial donations, according to Springfield firefighter Tom Ernst, the designated Toys for Tots coordinator for the township. Ernst said, "We've been doing this program for at least the past 15 years."

When asked for suggestions about which type of toys are needed most, Ernst said, while the program receives many gifts for infants and toddlers, toys for 8- to 12-year-olds are often overlooked. Toys for Tots gives presents to children up to the age of 17.

The toys must be unwrapped for safety reasons and ease of distribution. "It saves a lot of time," Ernst said.

Toys are stored in central warehouses where they are sorted for children by age and gender.

From warehouse locations, the toys will be distributed throughout northern and central New Jersey, as well as locally.

"We do have some needy children in our community," Ernst said. "The recipients of this year's toy drive will include children affected by Hurricane Katrina."

Mountainside residents can drop off toys at Borough Hall on the first floor. George McGrath, the borough's fire marshal and coordinator of the program, said residents can drop off toys at any time of day or night up until Christmas Eve.

While McGrath has been involved with Toys for Tots for 10 years, this is only the toy drive's third year in Mountainside. McGrath estimated that he has collected between 200 and 400 toys in the past two years.

Last year, Children's Specialized Hospital donated several toys given to the hospital that went unused by patients.

On a national level, the program is directed by the commander of the Marine Forces Reserve and his staff from the Marine Forces Reserve Headquarters in New Orleans, La.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Nick D'Andrea, Toys for Tots' regional coordinator, said the drive is conducted in nearly every township in the state. Mobilization Training Unit New Jersey-2, one of New Jersey's four Marine Corps units based in Metuchen, sponsors toy drives in Springfield and Mountainside. The other three Marine Reserve units are based at the Dover/Picatinny Arsenal, Red Bank and Trenton.

According to their Web site, Toys for Tots began when a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children in 1947. Adopting Toys for Tots in 1948, the Marine Corps expanded the drive into a nationwide campaign.

Local campaigns are conducted annually in nearly 500 communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In order to expand their reach, the Marine Corps Reserve authorizes the Toys for Tots Foundation to permit local community organizations to conduct Toys for Tots campaigns in communities without a Marine Reserve Center.

D'Andrea said Toys for Tots works with social welfare agencies, churches and other local community agencies that identify needy children in the community.

In the 57 years of the program, Marines have distributed more than 332.5 million toys to 158.7 million needy children.

Financial donations should be addressed to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

For more information, go to [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



Deerfield School teacher Nancy Kinney uses triangle multiplication cards with third-grader Moran DiPalma.

## Subdivision considered for Mountainview Drive

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

The Borough of Mountainside has almost 2,500 residential housing units within its 4 square miles, and it might add three more.

The Planning Board is considering an application to subdivide a 2.77-acre lot into three properties, for the purpose of constructing three separate

single-family homes on a new cul-de-sac, extending off Mountainview Drive, just off New Providence Road.

The subdivision would be very similar to others approved in Mountainside over the last few years, said Joseph Paparo, an attorney with Hehl & Hehl of Union representing the applicant.

While no architectural designs for

the homes have been completed, Paparo said the footprints for the three homes range from 4,000 to 5,000 square feet.

Paparo said testimony is expected to continue at the Dec. 8 Planning Board meeting, with the engineer who designed the proposal and a planner. A surveyor testified at the Nov. 10 Planning Board meeting. The applicant

also has applied for required approval from the county planning board, he said. Should all approvals come through, construction ideally would begin in the spring, Paparo said.

The most recent subdivision in Mountainside, Primavera Estates, located on four acres off Mountain Avenue, was approved by the Planning Board in July 2004. The six cen-

ter hall Colonials include up to five bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths and are expected to sell in the range of \$1.5 million.

The site is visible from Woodland Avenue but the only access will be from Mountain Avenue.

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## Mountainside man ordered to repay \$4.19M

Attorney General Peter C. Harvey announced that a Mountainside man has been ordered to repay more than \$4.19 million in restitution after pleading guilty to numerous counts of theft and related charges stemming from several insurance and mortgage fraud schemes, including a scam designed to rip off a mortgage company involved in the purchase of a multimillion-dollar residential property located in Bergen County.

According to Vaughn E. McCoy, director of the Division of Criminal Justice and Insurance Fraud Prosecutor Greta Gooden-Brown, Paul LoPapa, 59, was ordered by Bergen County Superior Court Judge William C. Meehan to pay more than \$4.19 million in restitution and fines and to serve five years probation.

In addition, LoPapa was barred from using the Internet while on probation. Meehan also granted the state permission to monitor LoPapa's phone bills.

On May 3, LoPapa pleaded guilty before Meehan to charges contained in a State Grand Jury indictment. The indictment charged LoPapa with various crimes including theft by deception, falsifying records, and forgery.

At the hearing, LoPapa also pleaded guilty to a separate criminal accusation charging him with four counts of theft by deception and one count of attempted theft by deception.

LoPapa has served more than 500 days in custody for the charges.

In pleading guilty to the charges in the State Grand Jury indictment, LoPapa admitted that between Nov. 11, 1995 and Nov. 1, 1996, he purchased residential real estate — mansion and guest home — located at 73 and 77-B, Saddle River Road in Saddle River.

An investigation by the Division of Criminal Justice Office of Insurance Fraud prosecutor determined that LoPapa funded the purchase of the Bergen County property through Castle Rock Real Estate, a real estate partnership, controlled by LoPapa.

The purchase was accomplished by creating a fictitious person, Joseph Georges, and representing that Georges was willing to buy the real estate from LoPapa for \$4.9 million.

The investigation determined that LoPapa created worthless promissory notes and other financial documents to lure a mortgage lender to

back the purchase. Using the worthless promissory note and \$1 million in purported cash, LoPapa induced a mortgage lender to advance \$3.35 million to finance and acquire the Saddle River property. The mortgage lender, in turn, sold the worthless note to an Arkansas mortgage broker.

The investigation revealed that, immediately after the bogus Georges transaction, LoPapa transferred the property to his company, Castle Rock Real Estate Inc.

LoPapa further admitted that between April 1996 and January 1997, he falsely inflated a homeowner's insurance claim in the amount of \$33,400 for artwork that was purportedly damaged by a leaky roof at the East Saddle River Road property.

LoPapa submitted the inflated claim to the Great Northern Insurance Co. An investigation

by the Division of Criminal Justice Office of Insurance Fraud prosecutor determined that the artwork never existed.

When pleading guilty to the criminal accusation, LoPapa admitted that between April and August 2000, that he stole more than \$84,000 in loan application fees from four victims.

LoPapa represented that he was a real estate investor and mortgage broker employed by the Citadel Group of Companies. LoPapa induced persons looking for real estate loans to pay mortgage application fees that LoPapa then stole.

State Investigator Joseph Luccarelli and Deputy Attorney General Nicole D. Rizzolo of the Division of Criminal Justice Office of Insurance Fraud Prosecutor were assigned to the investigation. Detective Sgt. Brian Giannini and Detective Sgt. Thomas Goletz of the New Jersey State Police assisted in the investigation.

### Newspaper offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

The offices of this newspaper will be closed tomorrow in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will resume Friday. The deadlines for the Dec. 1 edition will remain the same. We wish all of our readers and advertisers a happy holiday.



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EVENTS

Used clothing drive will be Saturday to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's class of 2006.

Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave., Berkeley Heights. Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside.

Holiday craft workshop at Deerfield School. The Mountain State annual kids' holiday craft workshop will take place at Deerfield School.

Historical Society to host open house. The Springfield Historical Society will host a Christmas open house at the historic Cannon Ball House.

Booster Club fair seeks vendors, crafters. The Governor Livingston High School Booster Club invites community vendors/crafters of all types to participate in its Highlander Market.

Greeting card-making class to meet Fridays. Learn to make your own greeting cards at the greeting card stamp class offered through the Mountainside Recreation Department.

Brighton Gardens conducts craft fair. Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 west, is having their first craft fair on Dec. 3.

Beth Ahm Men's Club welcomes comedy hour. The Men's Club of Temple Beth Ahm and the Springfield B'nai B'rith will co-sponsor a comedy hour with comedian Bobby Ramsen.

Foothill Club luncheon planned for Dec. 8. The Foothill Club luncheon will be at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield on Dec. 8.

GL Booster Club raises money for athletics. The Governor Livingston Highlander Booster Club invites fans of all ages to kick off another year of fundraising.

Widowed Persons group seeks members. The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, is looking for new members.

Biology topics course meets Tuesdays. The Union County College Life Center course Selected Topics in Biology will meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

MARS meet Tuesdays. The Mountainside Active Retirees meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Borough Hall.

Senior Van provides free transportation. The Mountainside Senior Van provides free transportation for seniors ages 60 and older.

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BMW reported stolen

On Nov. 11, there was a report of the theft of a BMW 540, valued at \$15,000, from the parking lot of Echo Plaza along the 900 block of Mountain Avenue.

On Nov. 4, Ludrick Freeman, 46, of Netcong was arrested at a location on Route 22 east for outstanding warrants out of Kearney and East Orange.

On Nov. 5, Ronald Miller, a.k.a. Bruce Left, 42, of Newark was arrested at a location on Route 22 east for an outstanding warrant out of Linden.

On Nov. 5, there was a report of the theft of high intensity headlights from a 2004 Lexus parked in Echo Plaza along the 900 block of Mountain Avenue.

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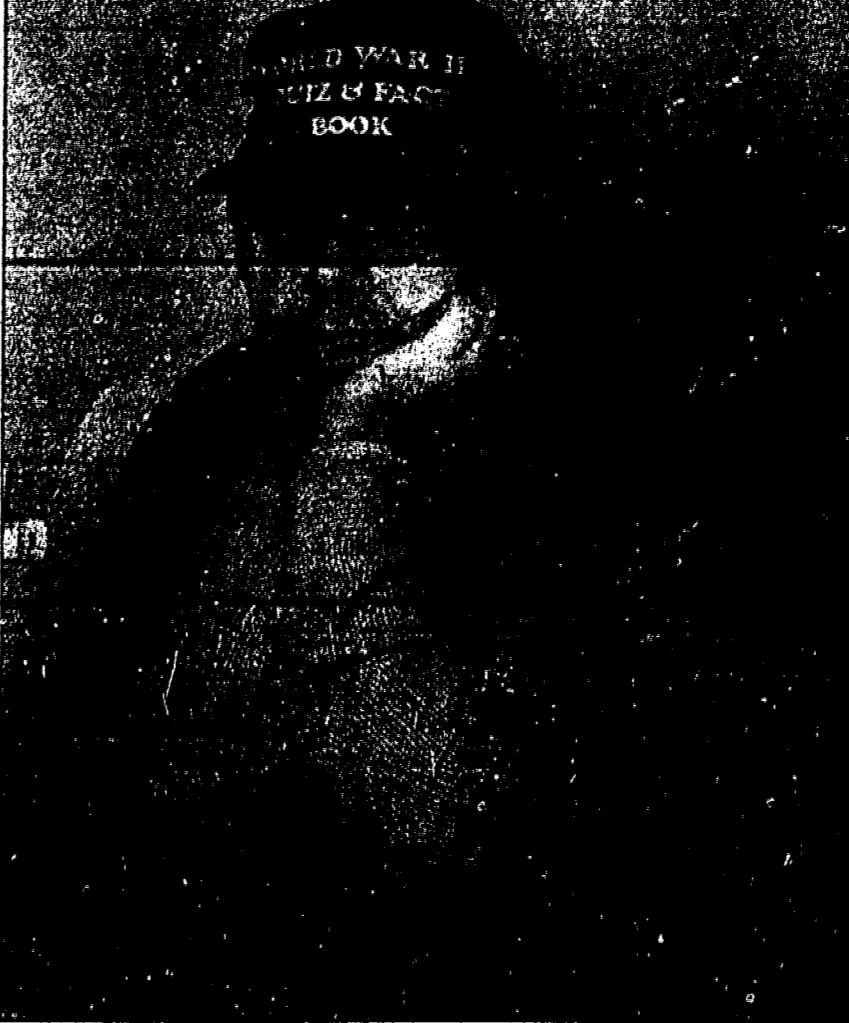
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Resident to speak on facts about Pearl Harbor

Best-selling author and award-winning novelist Timothy Benford, a former Mountainside councilman and police commissioner, will give a presentation at St. Peter's Prep, 140 Grand St., Jersey City, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 in the school's library.

Scheduled on the 64th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Benford's appearance will include odd and unusual anecdotes, vignettes, coincidences and little-known information from his best-selling book, 'Pearl Harbor Amazing Facts!'

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Mutual brings call for local firefighters

On Nov. 14 at 11:07 a.m., firefighters responded to a house fire in Mountainside on request from County Mutual Aid.

On Nov. 13 at 11:25 p.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 west at Exit 49 for a motor vehicle accident.

On Nov. 15 at 11:42 a.m., firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

On Nov. 15 at 4:53 p.m., firefighters responded to a Hillside Avenue residence for a motor vehicle lock-out.

On Nov. 16 at 8:02 a.m., firefighters responded to Route 78 west at mile post 47 for a motor vehicle accident.

On Nov. 16 at 8:29 a.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of Morris and Maple avenues for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

On Nov. 16 at 1:46 p.m., firefighters responded to Morris Avenue near Baltusrol Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

On Nov. 17 at 5:28 a.m., firefighters responded to the intersection of South Springfield and Hillside avenues for alarms sounding in the area.

On Nov. 17 at 7:24 a.m., firefighters responded to a Fernhill Road residence for an activated fire alarm.

On Nov. 17 at 5:21 p.m., firefighters responded to an Oak Ridge residence for an activated fire alarm.

On Oct. 31 at 12:42 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated Central Station fire alarm at Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation.

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Planning for For Art's Sake Holiday Party and Art Sale are, from left, Astrubal Franco; Estelle Fournier, co-chair of the event; Regan Wesson and Catic McCormack Totman, all of Summit; with Eric Pryor, center, the Visual Arts Center's president, and Richard Keating, right, of Short Hills.

### Center hosts holiday party, art sale

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm St., will host "For Art's Sake," its annual holiday party and art sale from 7:30 p.m. to midnight on Dec. 3. Buying art can be intimidating — and so serious. "For Art's Sake" makes buying art fun while offering guests the unique opportunity to meet the artists whose work is for sale in an intimate and festive atmosphere. Held in the center's stunning new gallery, the event will also feature live jazz, great food, libations and a silent auction of a mystery piece of art to be unveiled for the lucky winner with a toast of champagne. Original works of 24 established and emerging artists representing various mediums will offer guests an affordable way to take that first leap into collecting art or to add a special new piece to their existing collections. Neophytes and seasoned collectors alike are bound to fall in love with something. The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will also hold a

### SENIOR NEWS

**Summit AARP talks consumer fraud**  
The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will present "Don't Take the Bait!" about consumer fraud, with a postal inspector from U.S. Postal Inspection Service, on Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., at 10 a.m. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m. For more information on upcoming meetings, call 908-273-2239.

**Former directors of Old Guard to speak**  
Past directors of the Summit Old Guard will speak to the organization's membership at the New Providence Municipal Center on Tuesday. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. short business meeting. Ten former directors will speak about the highlights of their tenure as head of the organization.

**Fall prevention series**  
The SAGE ElderCare Fall Prevention Initiative includes a series of comprehensive programs about fall prevention for the elderly, for the public-at-large and for SAGE's volunteers, home health aides, staff, clients and caregivers. The programs are designed in collaboration with health care providers in SAGE's service area of Morris, Union, Essex and Somerset counties.

**Poetry group to meet**  
Join residents of Summit Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave., and their friends on Monday in the Community Room at 2 p.m. for their monthly poetry group, "Poetry: Poem from the Heart," led by Marion Mansfield.

**Art's Sake Holiday Party and Art Sale**  
For Art's Sake Holiday Party and Art Sale will be held at the newly renovated spacious building from Nov. 26 until the end of December. The boutique offers one-of-a-kind gifts handmade by artisans, including jewelry, pottery, glass, textiles, handbags and much more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

**Outreach program welcomes donations**  
For the past several years, BRIDGES, a Summit-based outreach program for the homeless, has delivered over 700 individually requested holiday gifts to men, women and children living on the streets or in shelters in lower Manhattan, Newark and Irvington. Gifts usually requested are shoes, coats or seasonal clothing of a particular size. Groups or individuals that would like to purchase holiday gifts will be given the individual's request with their name and general location. Gifts should be wrapped and tagged and returned to BRIDGES by mid-December. Call 908-273-0176 and ask for a holiday gift request. Every week, BRIDGES collects and distributes gently used seasonal clothing and blankets as well as toiletries and other necessities.

**Caregiver group meets**  
SAGE ElderCare, a major community resource for eldercare, offers a free monthly support group for caregivers of seniors on the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE ElderCare, 290 Broad St., Summit. The next meeting will be Dec. 21. PREP, People Responsible for Elderly Persons, provides caregivers with emotional support, community resources, effective problem-solving and coping strategies, and the chance to share common concerns with others who are caring for their aging loved ones.

**Essentials for Seniors**  
SAGE ElderCare will continue its fifth annual "Essentials for Seniors Drive" until Dec. 12, providing seniors with basic items for living. You can help seniors in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties by donating new items such as towels, razors and shaving cream, bed sheets, toiletries, supermarket gift certificates, and/or new clothing items such as gloves, hats, shirts, slippers, undershirts and sweaters.

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### National Home Care Month marked

More than four million Americans receive home-related health care daily from nearly one million caregivers. In their honor, SAGE ElderCare joins the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in celebrating November as National Home Care Month under the theme, "When You Are Well, and Especially When You Are Sick, There Is No Place Like Home."

"Caring for the sick, elderly and terminally ill in their homes truly is a privilege for us," Kathy Airs, director of SAGE ElderCare's HomeCare Department, said. "Home care professionals make it possible for people to stay in their homes, regardless of their condition."

SAGE ElderCare's roots began with the HomeCare program, with eight Home Health Aides working out of Overlook Hospital in 1954. Since then, the number of SAGE ElderCare Home Health Aides has expanded to 71, who serve approximately 300 people a year. All home health aides are certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and must complete in-service training each year for continued certification. All home health aides are bonded and insured.

SAGE ElderCare's HomeCare program includes a wide range of personal, medical and homemaking services and is an important alternative to extended hospital stays or nursing home placement for the elderly. HomeCare can also provide caregivers

pressure screening, medication dispensing, injections and wound care visits. Assessments include telephone calls to appropriate professionals to discuss results, and to recommend care or follow up.

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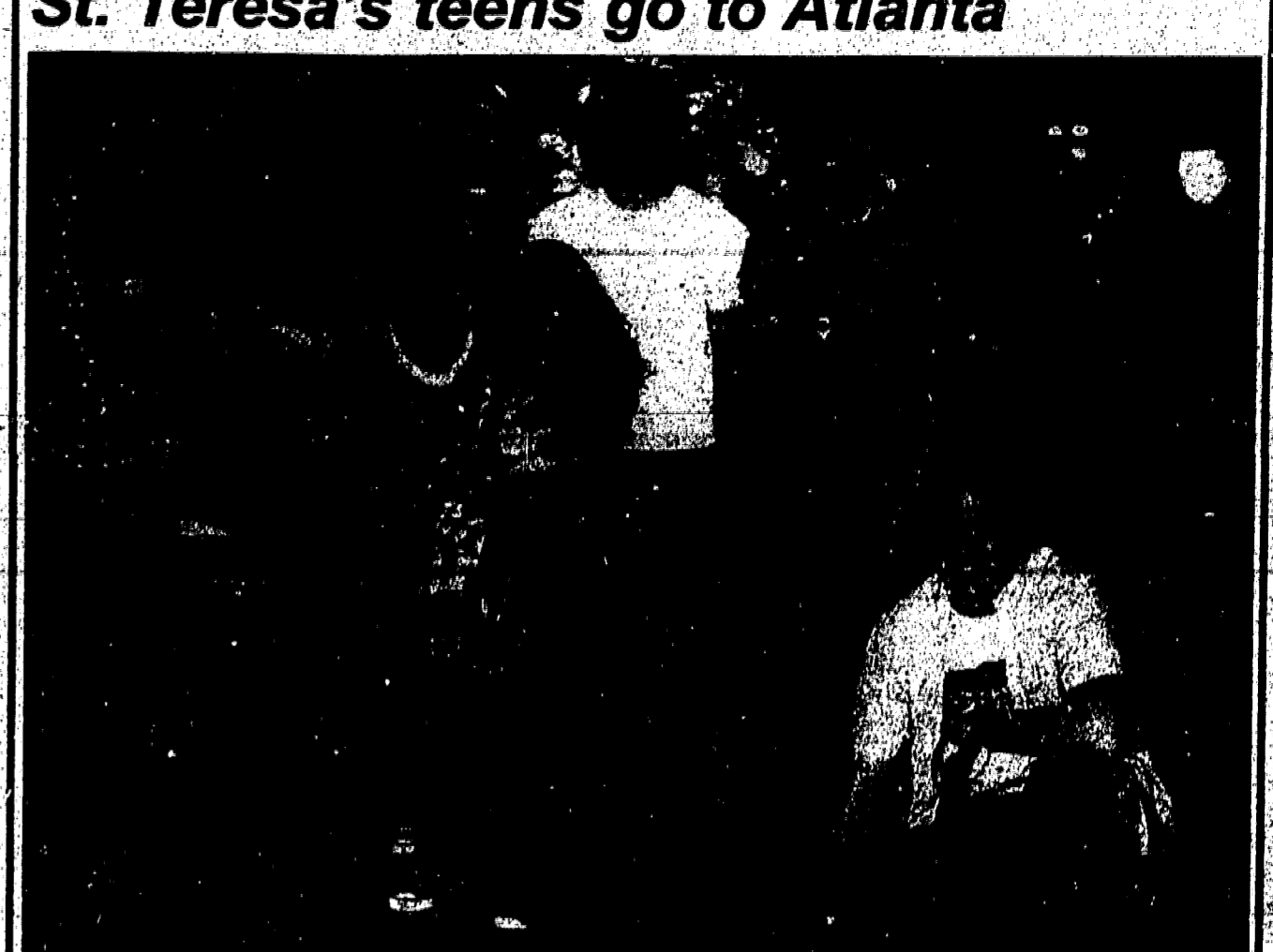
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### St. Teresa's teens go to Atlanta



Some of the peer ministers of St. Teresa of Avila Church were in Atlanta for the National Catholic Youth Conference Oct. 27-30. The conference is designed for Catholic youth to strengthen their faith and to grow as leaders. At the conference, are, from left, standing, Leigh Gorman, Esther Arieta, Samantha Reina, Steve Macchia and J.P. Obando; and kneeling, Tony Landi and Justin Stymacks. Not pictured is Youth Minister Kevin Canessa.

### Workshops offered at Visual Arts Center

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm St., is offering fall workshops designed to expand your knowledge of various mediums in a short time. Open to everyone of high school age and older, the workshops are appropriate for those from beginner to advanced levels and are perfect for those who don't have the time to take a full semester course. "Beyond the Single Image," Dec. 3-4 or Dec. 10-11, will be from 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Digital photography opens up creative possibilities in the art of photo compositing — combining multiple images — as never before. Students will learn scale, juxtaposition, unity versus fragmentation, and realism

versus surrealism, and will master the most useful features in Photoshop as well as the more advanced techniques. Participants should have a basic knowledge of Photoshop and digital photography.

Explore color in the sculptural medium with the "Patina" workshop on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taught by sculptor Alfredo Cardenas, students will learn the various techniques to make a patina and how to apply it. Participants will also learn the process of antiquing and working with faux finishes. Take your sculptures to the next level with this workshop.

Get down and dirty as you enter the amazing world of clay construction. Create a beautiful piece of art in a weekend at the "Ceramic Tiles" workshop Dec. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will explore the decorative themes of arts and crafts period tiles, review design concepts, and create two negative tile press molds which they will then use to create a motif suitable for mounting. Free-form tiles will also be created and glazed and finishing concepts will be discussed.

For more information on the workshops and other classes and programs at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, call 908-273-9121 or log onto www.njvac.org.

### OBITUARIES

**Alice Hoffman**  
Alice Lee Hoffman, 98, of Summit died Nov. 12 in Rumells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. Born in Newark, she was a member of the Junior League in Newark and the Visual Arts Center in Summit. She was a past president of the Clearwater Club in New Providence, a Girl Scout leader and a member of the Parents Teachers Organization at Franklin School, Summit.

**Margaret C. Robb**  
Margaret C. Robb, 62, of Summit died Nov. 14 in Hackensack University Medical Center. Born in Newark, she was a member of the Jefferson School Parent-Teachers Association. Surviving are her husband, John; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Marie Dolly Nunn**  
Marie "Dolly" Nunn, 94, of Amundale, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 15 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield. Born in Newark, she was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and Lightkeepers, both of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, and the Serra Club of the Oranges. She was a member of the Springfield Seniors.

**Veronica Braun**  
Veronica Braun, 95, of Springfield died Nov. 16 at home. Born in Newark, she was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and Lightkeepers, both of St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, and the Serra Club of the Oranges. She was a member of the Springfield Seniors.

**Henry Pfaff Jr.**  
Henry C. Pfaff Jr., 91, of Gladwyn, Pa., formerly of Summit, died Nov. 16 in Waverly Heights, Gladwyn. Born in Newark, Mr. Pfaff lived in Summit for 50 years before moving to Gladwyn, Pa., for 45 years.

**Roman Catholic**  
THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Montclair, 908-232-1122. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Adoration: 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:30am. Wednesday-Friday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm. Sacraments of Reconciliation, Saturday at 1pm. Personal Adoration Chapel: 10:00am-12:00pm. Office: 908-232-1122.

**Presbyterian**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1629 Deer Path, Montclair, N.J. 07042. You are invited to join us in worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This is a place to enjoy religious music and relevant messages that will challenge and inspire you. We have a warm and friendly environment with Bible Study, Sunday school and active adult and youth ministries. Contact: Dr. Christopher Redden, Pastor at 908-232-9400.

**United Methodist**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SUMMIT), 1201 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081-373-3044. SUNDAY BUCHEARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Happy Thanksgiving

On Thursday, people throughout the United States will celebrate Thanksgiving. This is a holiday that celebrates families and the strength they represent. In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrims' fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. Pilgrim Gov. William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving to be shared by all Colonists and neighboring Native Americans, who had helped Colonists survive in their new homes.

The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, after the harvest, continued through the years. In 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then, each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

While Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, it actually traces its roots thousands of years ago. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were given by the ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese and Egyptians. For them, a successful harvest was often the difference between survival and starvation, peace and war, life and death. The Pilgrims had survived their first year in the New World and, with this success came the birth of our great nation.

Today's Thanksgiving is a continuation of that celebration of life. Although the hard times of the first settlers are behind us, there are still many ill or indigent people throughout the United States who are suffering, including those newly added to the ranks, thanks to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. This is a time for us to reach out and help those most in need, and to thank the efforts of our police officers, firefighters and all those who give so much to help those in need. Their sacrifices have been made so others can survive and so our nation can recover and prosper. On this Thanksgiving, let's give thanks for all we have, and thank those for giving all they can.

Happy Thanksgiving.



**A RELAXING AFTER-NOON** Dominique Baccigalupi has her nails done at the Children's Specialized Hospital's Recreational Department's "Afternoon of Pampering" Nov. 11 in Mountain-side. This event provided patients and their families the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of massages, hair and nail treatments and snacks.

## Lung cancer should be everybody's concern

Last month, it seemed as if every time you looked around, you saw something pink. Whether it was ribbons wrapped around trees, or magnetic bumper stickers adhered to the backs and sides of vehicles, they were there — in plain view and clear to see.

There were formal walks and runs in parks, feature stories about it were written in newspapers and aired on radio stations, and even Melissa Etheridge was able to sing about it. "Run for Life," which already has become an anthem for this type of cancer, is truly an inspirational song.

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and if you didn't know it, you had to be on another planet. The bright pink color was everywhere.

This month is strikingly different. There are no walks or runs, nobody has come forward with an anthem, and the feature stories are not written. That's sad because November recognizes the cancer that kills the most people, yet news agencies and radio stations do not make the citizenry aware of it.

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, and even with the recent death of ABC News Anchorman Peter Jennings from this horrible disease, rarely a word is mentioned about it. I thought that with a renowned public figure such as Jennings, ABC News would embark on a project for the month in Jennings' memory to make viewers more aware of the disease and steps they can take to prevent it. I haven't seen one.

### For The Record

By Tom Canavan  
Editor in Chief

Lung cancer nationwide kills more people than the combined cancer deaths of brain, breast, colon, liver and prostate cancers. In 2005, the American Cancer Society is estimating that lung cancer will take the lives of 163,510 people, many of whom will be non-smokers.

A fact worrying the oncology community is that in 2005, the estimated number of females who will have been diagnosed with lung cancer will continue to grow. A total of 172,570 new lung cancer cases are being reported for 2005. Of that number, 93,010 cases will be males, while 79,560 cases will be females. Of the total number, 163,510 will die. That includes 90,490 males and 73,020 females.

These are frightening numbers. I'm purposely writing this column for this specific publication date because it's one week after the celebration of the Great American Smoke-out. I'm hoping that with the numbers I presented, those who tried to quit smoking last week and failed could get another dose of inspiration to kick

the habit this week and be successful. Need more numbers?

I was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2002 at the age of 41 and have been fighting the disease for the last three years and seven months. I don't mean having the treatments and surgeries in 2002 to get rid of the disease and that's all I've had to worry about. That would be too easy. I'm talking about literally fighting for my life during that time period.

I too was a smoker. More than three and one-half years later, I'm still undergoing cancer treatments, which include extremely heavy doses of chemotherapy. By the end of this year, I will have spent nine months of my life in cancer treatment — from February through June, and September through December. Isn't that a wonderful way to live? If you think so, keep smoking.

Between the months of September and December, I'll have been treated for my 16th, 17th and 18th tumors since diagnosis. All because of this horrible beast of a disease called lung cancer.

I've endured five surgeries, all I've got, occurring in 2002, and massive doses of radiation and chemotherapy, which have been part of the treatment plan each time I've been informed of a recurrence.

That's been eight times in three and one-half years. They have not been happy discussions with my oncologist. As I present my personal numbers, readers might say, "Well, after all this time, you're still alive."

That's certainly true. With a disease that takes the life of 85 percent of those diagnosed, I'm extremely lucky to be alive, especially since my diagnosis of lung cancer had already reached Stage 4, which clinically means it had spread from the lung to the brain. Once lung cancer gets into the blood system, that usually spells the end of the patient. At least, in the past it did.

But if my oncologist can diagnose me with lung cancer in 2002, and wish me a happy birthday for the fourth consecutive year since that diagnosis, and with all that I've endured, something has changed.

With advancements in medicine, many lung cancer patients are surviving longer.

This kind of news should be screamed from roof tops everywhere by the medical community. That kind of news is solely needed to reach as many lung cancer patients as possible because we still think a diagnosis of lung cancer automatically means death.

There's a reason lung cancer is known as the invisible cancer, and that's because so many people misunderstand it, thinking it's a smokers disease and it's not their concern. It's more than that, and it should become everyone's concern.

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## Leading by example

As sure as you can expect the seasons to change, you can expect the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will introduce its annual salary ordinance next month — conveniently after the November elections.

Each year, the freeholder board approves the ordinance, awarding salary increases for department heads, and sometimes for themselves. Most directors now earn well over six figures, and the county manager likely will break the \$150,000 threshold this year. But one thing is always certain — the raises will be retroactive to Jan. 1. There is no other reason why they are retroactive, other than that's just the way it's always been done. But where in the private sector does one receive a pay hike for work done the previous year? While there are such things as one-time bonuses for employees, these are increases to annual salaries that should take effect after they're approved, not retroactively.

County officials also must be wary of the financial situation in which the county and its residents find themselves. Property taxes are crushing homeowners in New Jersey, and it's not just county taxes, but municipal and school taxes as well. Each plays a big part in ever-increasing tax bills, and none operate in a vacuum. All three entities impact our wallets. Freeholders must remember that fact when they consider pay hikes. And there's no room for increasing their own salary this year. Board members already are among the highest-paid freeholders in the state.

Freeholders earn an annual salary of \$28,013, with the chairman and vice chairman receiving a few thousand dollars more. These are part-time positions that also offer health benefits. The last time freeholders gave themselves a raise was 2003, an increase of almost 4 percent, which followed a pay hike in 2002.

In a budget of \$400 million, nine people earning \$28,000 a year does not even rise to the level of nickel and diming, but as leaders of county government, freeholders must set the example when it comes to tightening fiscal belts.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Railroad will not eliminate truck trips

To the Editor:

In his letter in the Nov. 10 edition, John F. Hyde seeks to reassure us that "toxic garbage trains" will not be routed through Springfield. We hope his information is authoritative. However, it is unfortunate that he uses the expression that the railroad "could eventually eliminate 50,000 truck trips a year." This conjures up a vision of whole fleets of existing trucks disappearing from the roads, which is not what I think he means and which is certainly not going to happen.

Roads do not replace trucks; they do not have competing interests. They are interdependent components of a single distribution system. For some purposes, one may be more useful than the other, but neither could function effectively without the other. There is a time-proven relationship between them. As the requirement for freight transportation grows, the two services increase their capacities in an approximately consistent ratio.

This is demonstrated by Port Authority figures. Shipments for a recent year show 264,000 containers shipped by rail and 1,936 million shipped by truck; a ratio of 12 percent rail to 88 percent truck. As the port expands by a planned 400 percent, to handle the largest container ships, train shipments will increase to 2.024 million containers per year and truck shipments to 6.776 million; a ratio of 23 percent rail to 77 percent trucks. The pattern is similar throughout the industry.

There is more to the Staten Island story. New York City's garbage will be processed at a new facility at Fresh Kills and shipped out on 70 flat trains, 4,700 feet long, moving twice per week in each direction. The Howland Hook Marine Terminal and the adjoining Arlington Railway are expanding to match the Port Authority's plan to increase container handling capacity by 400 percent. Existing facilities have also signed on to use the railroad. The volume of train freight traffic crossing to New Jersey will be enormous and not all of it will "make a hard left onto the Chemical Coast Line."

Apart from the distress to the environment and the communities through which the diesel freight trains will roll, the staggering truck traffic will create havoc with our roads and taxes. The federal government has estimated that by 2020 New Jersey will lose 80 percent more truck freight volume compared with 1998 figures. Road repairs could cost as much as \$3.7 billion a year, by 2020, according to the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. Many millions are already committed to widen the Garden State Parkway to accommodate truck traffic from the port.

As for Springfield, the train may well come through. There seems to be too much money behind the project to be able to derail it and no inclination in our higher elected officials to protect the community. Once in operation, the train will carry whatever and whenever the market demands. Reality contradicts Mr. Hyde's vision of the "welcome development which will benefit us all."

Herbert Sloie  
Springfield

### Thank you for your support

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the voters of Union County for their overwhelming support in re-electing us. We would also like to thank the many supporters and volunteers who gave their time to help.

We pledge to continue providing you with the best possible governmental services, keeping Union County as the finest place in New Jersey to live and raise a family.

Angel G. Estrada  
Rick Proctor  
Nancy Ward

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The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages. This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of both Springfield and Mountainside and the County of Union.

The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The Echo Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com). Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083. For publication, all letters as 1 guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication on Thursday's edition.

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper. Advertising will not be accepted by e-mail.

"There is probably no way to make speech seem more important than to ban it."

Floyd Abrams  
First Amendment Lawyer  
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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Napolitano named partner in firm

Springfield resident Michael Napolitano has been named partner of the accounting and consulting firm, Meisel, Tuteur & Lewis P.C. in Roseland.

Napolitano specializes in consulting with family-owned businesses, developing strategies and providing solutions that are designed to help them meet their growth and profitability goals. In addition, he is experienced in the areas of forensic accounting, fraud detection, and marital dispute resolution.

Napolitano earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Rutgers University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and frequently lectures on business consulting and management topics.

Meisel, Tuteur & Lewis P.C. is a full service accounting, tax, and management advisory firm serving clients throughout the New York metropolitan area. The firm specializes in servicing closely held and family owned businesses and high net worth individuals.

### Seidel is Hadassah Woman of the year

The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah named Lorraine S. Seidel as its Woman of the Year. In this capacity, Seidel will be presented with the Myrtle Wreath Award at a brunch at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany at 9 a.m. on Dec. 11.

A 30-year life member, Seidel chairs the organization's American Affairs and Publicity committees. Her additional activities include membership in the Springfield Chapter of Commerce, for which she chairs the annual tribute dinner and public relations committees, the Springfield Municipal Alliance, and the Springfield Cable TV Committee. She is also a volunteer at Travelers Aid at Newark Airport.

Formerly, she was a president of the former Springfield League of Women Voters and served as publicity chairwoman for the Chamber of Commerce's Committee to Support the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield.

Her memberships in Jewish organizations include Jewish Women International, Council of Jewish Women,

Hazak, Senior Set, the Jewish Historical Society, and formerly Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield and Temple Sinai in Summit.

Seidel, of Springfield, began her professional career as the Moot Court Coordinator at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark. She worked as a campaign coordinator for the Upper New Jersey Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Montclair and as a public education director at the United Cerebral Palsy League of Union County.

For 27 years, she was executive director and a group director with the Northern New Jersey Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a position from which she retired in 2002.

Seidel noted her activities on behalf of Hadassah are inspired by the magnitude of the cause and the dedication displayed by the local chapter's members. She commented that having been involved with non-profit, voluntary health agencies for most of her professional life, she has been impressed with Hadassah's position as a global organization that embraces valid issues and takes meaningful positions on many vital matters.

Seidel said, "Being a member of Hadassah enables me to not only serve my local community but also play a part in world affairs."

### YMCA collects coats

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will host a winter coat drive for New Jersey Coats through Dec. 20.

NJ Coats collects and distributes thousands of winter coats each year primarily to homeless family shelters. They are asking for donations of gently used winter coats for infants, children and adults.

You can drop off coats any time the Y is open Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call membership services at 973-467-0838.

### Springfield YMCA seeks volunteers

The Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., is looking for volunteers for its Membership Services department. Volunteers will meet and greet members, and assist with front desk displays and information materials.

If interested, call Pam Halprin at 973-467-0838. E-mail: [pamhalprin@springfieldymca.org](mailto:pamhalprin@springfieldymca.org).

### Girls Night Out

Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., will once again host a "Girls Night Out" Dec. 3 and 4 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.

This is a special sleepover event for girls ages 6 to 9, featuring pajama

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party fun, cooking, snacks, crafts, games and movies. Adult supervision is provided by YMCA directors. A bagel breakfast is served on Sunday morning. Open to the community, fees are \$30 per child for Y members; \$40 per child for non-members. Registration is required.

To register, or for more information, call membership services 973-467-0838.

### Santa is coming

Santa is coming to the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., on Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your child can have a yummy breakfast, make a craft project, and take a picture with Santa.

Two sessions are available, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Open to the community, but reservations are required. Fees are \$5 per child for Y members; \$10 per child for non-members. Registration is required. For more information, call membership services 973-467-0838.

### PLT workshop Dec. 1

Adults with children ages 5 and older are invited to discover what it takes to survive in the wild on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Discover the best places to look for tracks and take a hike to find out who has been "hiking" around Trailside. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

Participants will receive the PLT guide with over 100 lessons included and six state Department of Education professional development credits. Pre-registration is required.

tools for increasing student environmental awareness. PLT activities will engage your students in interdisciplinary, hands-on experiences that develop skills in problem solving, evaluation and research. The fee for this workshop is \$10 per person. Light refreshments provided.

Participants will receive the PLT guide with over 100 lessons included and six state Department of Education professional development credits. Pre-registration is required.

### Learn animal tracks

Everyone is invited to learn to identify tracks of the common animals that inhabit the Watchung Reservation on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Discover the best places to look for tracks and take a hike to find out who has been "hiking" around Trailside. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

### Survive in the wild

Adults with children ages 5 and older are invited to discover what it takes to survive in the wild on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of the Outdoor Adventure series at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. Discover the best places to look for tracks and take a hike to find out who has been "hiking" around Trailside. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person.

Participants will receive the PLT guide with over 100 lessons included and six state Department of Education professional development credits. Pre-registration is required.

## Volunteers make bankets for hospital



The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of The Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside recently handmade and donated a number of blankets for patients at Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County located in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. The Handcrafter Group meets on the second Saturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m. Come use your own skills or learn new ones. The group is currently making items for donation to the Special Wishes Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps area families in need. For more information, call the church office at 908-232-9490 and leave your name and phone number with Janet.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### 'Skinny Dip' discussed

The (Really Good) Books Discussion Group at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaasen.

For two decades, Florida native Carl Hiaasen has mined the seamy side of the Sunshine State. "Skinny Dip," his 11th novel, starts out with a splash.

Chaz Perrone, the only marine biologist in the world, who doesn't know which way the Gulf Stream runs, throws his wife, Joey, overboard from the deck of a cruise ship. He forgets that she was a swimming champ in high school. Joey avoids death by clinging to a floating bag of marjari-

mentals for shelter and fire building. Together the group will build a shelter warm enough to sleep in. Pre-registration is not required. The fee for this program is a suggested donation of \$1 per person. For more information, call 908-789-3670.

### Recreation Department seeks lacrosse players

Springfield Recreation Department is planning to put together a lacrosse program in the township. They are looking for interested players, coaches and organizers.

If you are interested in seeing lacrosse in Springfield, stop by the Recreation Department to fill out a form or send an e-mail to Terry Cury at [springfieldlacrosse@comcast.net](mailto:springfieldlacrosse@comcast.net), or call 973-379-6842.

### Basketball pickup games begin at YMCA

Weekly supervised pickup basketball games are offered for ages 13-16 at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Games take place every Wednesday in the gym from 7 to 8 p.m. and will be supervised by YMCA staff.

If you are interested, the Springfield YMCA is offering "Tom Best" for ages 12-17. This is a beginner/intermediate aerobic workout with hip hop and other dance styles. The class meets Mondays from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum. Call to reserve a copy of the book at 973-376-4930, ext. 228.

Hiaasen's novels are loaded with unseemly, incongruous, bizarre happenings. Joey hauls and hauls her homicidal husband and takes the reader on a hilarious, wacky Hiaasen ride through the warped politics and mayhem of the human environment, and the human heart.

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### Artists' Showcase

Local artists are invited to join the Artists' Showcase to be sponsored by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library in February.

Painters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors and others in the fine arts are encouraged to participate. Exhibit your works for one low entry fee and keep the sale's proceeds. Suggested price range is \$25 to \$150 per piece.

Deadline to list is Dec. 15. Call the library at 908-233-0115 for more information.

### Lunchtime Video Series

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its Lunchtime Video Series, "Classic/Classy Comedies and Mysteries," Dec. 6 at noon.

The second film in the series came two years after the original, husband and wife hit starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. This time they're out to solve a series of murders, while engaging in bubbling repartee and champagne.

Once again, the sleuthing is a pre-text for chemistry, but it's a good pre-text just the same, centering on a cousin who's accused of murder. The fine cast also features young Jimmy Stewart, though it's obviously not his film. The 1936 film is black and white and runs 112 minutes. It is not rated.

The series will continue on Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 3, 17 and 31. Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

Bring a brown lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Miss Candy's enthusiasm encourages even the shyest child to participate, and of course, she gently encourages good manners.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

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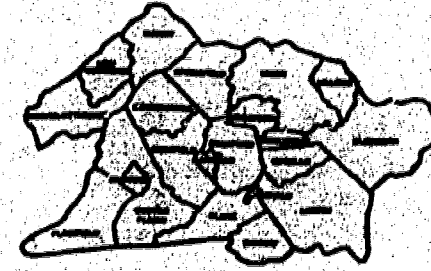
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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parschlin Sports Editor

For all but two Union County teams, it will be time to put the shoulder pads on once more before feasting on something other than an opponent.

Thanksgiving football is here. It all begins tonight with two games and concludes tomorrow morning with six more.

Brearely will host Hillside tomorrow and then begin preparations for its Central Jersey, Group 1 championship game against Florence.

Summit has already concluded its season.

Tonight, Linden and Cranford will attempt to clinch a winning season, both owners of a 5-4 record. Linden will host Union in the first holiday series game between the two to be played at night. Linden and Union's holiday series ran from 1992-1999 and then resumed in 2002.

Plainfield, Elizabeth, Governor Livingston and Roselle Park are four other 5-4 squads seeking a victory to clinch a winning season.

Elizabeth leads Union County with 24 consecutive winning seasons. The last time the Minutemen finished under .500 was in 1980 when they went 4-5.

Roselle Park and Roselle will meet for the 88th time, this year's game at Roselle's Armino Field. Roselle Park has won the last two meetings and leads the series 44-35-8.

Plainfield-Westfield and Millville-Vineland are right up there with Roselle Park-Roselle for the longest holiday rivalries in the state.

In last weekend's state playoffs, Union, Rahway and New Providence were defeated in their respective finals.

That leaves Brearely as the only Union County representative in a sectional final.

New Providence was the only Union County school in a final last year, falling at Florence 35-7 in the Central Jersey, Group 1 final.

Brearely lost at Florence 33-20 in last year's semis. The Bears are 9-1 and have won eight in a row.

Florence is 10-0, has won 34 straight and the section the past two years. The Flashers host Riverside today and are heavy favorites to win a 35th straight game. Florence last lost to Paulsboro 50-0 in the 2002 South Jersey, Group 1 final.

Happy Thanksgiving.

WEEK ELEVEN GAMES Wednesday, Nov. 23 (2) Union at Linden, 7 p.m. Cranford at Kearny, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 24 (6) S. Plains at Elizabeth, 10:30 a.m. Johnson at Rahway, 10:30 a.m. Roselle Park at Roselle, 10:30 a.m. Hillside at Brearely, 10:30 a.m. Plainfield at Westfield, 11 a.m. New Prov. at Gov. Liv., 11 a.m.

WEEK 10 PLAYOFF SCORES NJSIAA Semifinals Friday, Nov. 18 (2) North 2, Group 4 Phillipsburg 56, Union 14 Brearely 20, Burlington City 0

Saturday, Nov. 19 (2) Central Jersey, Group 2 Raritan 14, Rahway 0 North 2, Group 1 Verona 15, New Providence 14

WEEK ELEVEN PICKS (8) Union over Linden Cranford over Kearny Elizabeth over Scotch Plains Rahway over Johnson Roselle Park over Roselle Brearely over Hillside Plainfield over Westfield New Prov. over Gov. Livingston

Last week: 1-3 This year: 87-30 (.744)

UNION COUNTY AS OF NOV. 21 1. Rahway (8-2) 2. Union (7-3) 3. Brearely (9-1) 4. Plainfield (5-4) 5. Cranford (5-4) 6. Elizabeth (5-4) 7. Linden (5-4) 8. New Providence (7-3) 9. Gov. Livingston (5-4) 10. Johnson (6-3) 11. Scotch Plains (3-6) 12. Roselle Park (5-4) 13. Hillside (3-6) 14. Summit (1-9) 15. Westfield (1-8)

Floyd scores three TDs to lift squad in playoffs

By Timothy Denman Staff Writer

KENILWORTH - The Brearely football team is 48 minutes away from winning a state championship. Brearely reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 final for the first time after blanking Burlington City 20-0 in a semifinal played last Friday night at Ward Field.

Second-seeded Brearely will now play top-seeded and two-time defending champ Florence in the final. Kickoff is Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway.

Florence (10-0) has won 34 in a row and will extend that streak to 35 straight by beating Riverside (2-7) home tomorrow morning. Florence won at Riverside 54-6 on Thanksgiving last year.

Brearely will also host a game on Thanksgiving as the Bears are getting ready for Hillside (3-6). Brearely blanked Hillside 33-0 in Hillside last Thanksgiving.

Brearely (9-1) has a more modest eight-game winning streak, which is the longest in Union County at the moment. The Bears have outscored the opposition 297-60 and have three shutouts.

Florence, which defeated Brearely 33-20 in last year's semifinals, has outscored 10 foes by a 298-71 margin, including three shutouts.

"That was the longest bus ride of my life," Brearely senior fullback Jake Floyd said of the return trip from Florence last fall.

Florence's last loss was to Paulsboro 50-0 in the 2002 South Jersey, Group 1 final.

"We have been waiting to play them again," Floyd said. "It is not often that you get a second chance and it would be great to make up for last year and end their winning streak. We have been saying all year that we are the best team in the section and now we have a chance to prove it."

Floyd, a Springfield resident who attends Dayton, helped Brearely prove that it was the best team in the field Friday night against Burlington City. He rushed for 113 yards and scored three touchdowns.

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all three Brearely touchdowns and helped cement a defense that forced six second-half turnovers. "The defense was so fast today," Floyd added. "The defensive line was having a great day stopping the run. I am the middle linebacker and didn't have the opportunity to make many tackles because they were getting them all."

The Bears first lit up the scoreboard on the first play of the second quarter when they capped a nine-play, 73-yard drive with a 15-yard scoring run by Floyd.

Floyd and fellow senior running back Robert Shippey took the hand-off from junior quarterback Anthony Evans as Brearely marched down the field mostly with the run to take a 6-0 lead.

The two ball-carriers split the running duties right down the middle on the night, each touting the rock 21 times. Floyd gained an even 100 yards and Shippey 98.

"We have been preaching from day one to run to the ball and we did a great job of that tonight," said Brearely fourth-year head coach Scott Miller (33-8, 805).

The score remained the same until the start of the fourth quarter when Floyd capped a five-play, 25-yard drive when he powered into the end zone from four yards away.

The scoring drive was set up after Brearely senior linemen Brian Kizelevich recovered his first of three fumbles in the second half.

Brearely put the game out of reach with just over six minutes to play when Floyd scored on a six-yard run. The scoring drive was set up by a Steve Margolin interception.

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Working hard: what does it exactly mean? Grid mentors offer insight

By JR Parschlin Sports Editor

So many times we here football coaches - and coaches of other sports as well - explain to us how hard their players are working. For example: "Our kids are working real hard and showing a lot of effort."

"I'm proud of all the hard work our team has put into the season."

"I have the hardest working kids and we will never be out-hustled."

Here's how Union County football coaches responded to the question: what does working hard mean to you?

Joe George, Dayton: "Working hard means from the minute you step on the field. I think coaches are better prepared as football coaches than other coaches, because we're not oblivious or standoffish to the point of asking kids to go like the devil for every period out there."

"We call it 'great endurance.' We have old-fashioned stations and from ride to ride, each ride is a minute spread out on the four corners of the field. After a warmup, we break into individual periods."

"Kids take their cue from the coach and as coaches, we have to coach every second we're out there. That's how the kids learn. We always have water there and tell the kids to take water with them and drink as much as they want any time."

"High school age kids' bodies work fine, but their minds get in the way and for some of them that's the biggest road block. We have to motivate them. I would rather they run five sprints than jog 10."

George DiGrande, Summit: "Working hard is a player who consistently does what you ask of him and takes care of himself year-round."

"He should be attentive and organized and use his time efficiently. We look for kids that are getting better every day."

"I always tell the kids that if you are not getting better, then you are getting worse."

Terry Hanratty, Governor Livingston: "Football is a game of one-on-one. If you lift weights and work out every day, you will get stronger than your opponent. Most of the time it comes down to which team is stronger and that all starts in the weight room in the off-season."

"In addition to being a one-on-one confrontation, football is also a team sport. Individual play is important, but at the end of the day it all comes down to what the team did."

"The kids need to work hard as a team to learn to play as a team if they are going to succeed. That comes down to paying attention in practice, learning the playbook and giving it their all on the practice field."

Marc Cristof, Union: "It's a tempo that the team sets, from drill to drill, play to play and whistle to whistle."

"Kids getting to the football, running in and out of the huddle; it's a tempo players set that tells you how hard kids are working. A big part of it is what the kid is doing when the play is not near him."

John Wagner, Roselle Park: "The coaching staff shouldn't have to ask players to hustle, it should be built in. In the pre-season, we work on the kids' conditioning. Once the season gets under way, we believe that a quick, rigorous practice will be all the players need to sustain that conditioning."

"We practice from 3:05 to 5:30 p.m. every day and that is it. We want the kids to have time at night to do other things like their homework and watch TV and just be kids."

"In order for them to have that extra time, however, they need to be doing 100 percent the whole time they are out there on the practice field."

Scott Miller, Brearely: "Someone that is hard-working for me is a player that is constantly moving. He jogs to and from the huddle. Not everything about hard work is physical, though."

"The mental part of the game is huge. If a kid keeps making the same mistakes, it proves that he is not listening to you and, in turn, isn't working hard. The physical side of the game is important, but the mental side is just as important."

Jeff Wiener, Elizabeth: "A hard-working kid is someone who comes to work every day, punches the clock like a factory worker and keeps his mouth shut. Those are the kinds of kids I like."

"Kids with great God-given ability tend to put it in cruise control. I prefer a kid who is constantly working, working and working to get to All-State status. Working hard is a blue-collar mentality."

"Blocking, tackling and running - those are the kinds of things that will win games for you."

Perception and reality

By Frank Capace

Solomon's speech didn't get much notoriety. He spoke of official acts that "perception was reality."

Still, when Solomon, an ex-freedom holder and legislator, said the overwhelming number of local officials were hard working and honest, he lost any chance of a juicy headline in the Sunday papers: Solomon spoke about the "creeping danger" of the public official who feels that since others engaged in bad conduct, that makes it acceptable.

The U.S. attorney also spoke about the "sense of defeatism" being experienced by public officials who do the right thing but get hit with the brush of corruption in the process.

Recently considered to be Sumner County's best kept secret, the Carter House in East Westfield is steeped in local history.

The house, which was built by Benjamin Carter in 1741 is now home to the Summit Historical Society and its ever-growing collection of local artifacts.

Historical Society member Sheila Deutch said that what makes the Carter House so unique is that much of the house is original. In fact, it remained in possession of descendants of the Boyzel family for 167 years.

John Bonnel acquired the home in 1759 from the Carters. It was then passed on from generation to generation until 1908.

A tour of the home begins at the front door, which, the experts have said, is original.

Inside, all of the furniture is original to the time late 18th and 19th century.

Over the walls, paintings of the property "exist," she added.

"We're going to have to be the big guys. We're going to be the voices of doom that say, you gotta bite the bullet."

One official who wouldn't face any bullet biting is Cranford Commissioner Ann Darby, who did not seek re-election. One of Darby's contributions, though unintentional, was her ability to hold attention during her commissioners' comments at the end of meetings.

The corporate double speak she brought with her from Wall Street made those remarks sometimes an adventure in decoding. With only two meetings to go, Darby was running true to form last week.

On the subject of health officials enforcement of code violations she invited concerned citizens back to the next meeting saying, "No sense in you hearing it filtered through us." Translation: Come and hear it for yourself.

Darby added, "We should work through the people who are generally employed." Translation: We should stay out of the township professionals.

On the political front Darby congratulated the two local victors candidates who "ran for the two year term." Translation: Congratulations to each winning a seat on the Township Committee.

"Assembly representatives" will local officials who evidently face a rough time next year.

An attorney, Frank Capace is a resident of Cranford.

A tree grows in Roselle Park Couple donates tree for annual exhibit at county courthouse

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Longtime Union County residents Robert and Marilyn Wojtech will give a holiday present to the county this year.

Their 18-foot blue spruce was chosen as the county's holiday tree this year. The tree was selected after coming in second to last year's pick.

"I guess they still had my name from last year," Marilyn said, explaining that initially, she had responded to a newspaper advertisement last year about donating a tree.

Each year, a tree is selected to stand in the Union County Courthouse rotunda during the holiday season. "Offentimes, members of the county's Shade Tree Bureau make notes about appropriate-sized trees while they make their rounds all year round, Union County Public Information Director John Salemo said.

Since 2003, trees have come from a home in Edison, near the Clark border.

"They enjoyed their tree for many years, and now children and adults in Union County will have a chance to enjoy it over the holidays," Freeholder Chairman Rick Proctor said in a prepared statement.

The Roselle Park couple planted the tree in their backyard in the mid-1980s, after they had used the tree to decorate their dining room for the holidays. Marilyn Wojtech said she decorated the small tree with gingerbread and cranberry to set the mood.

When the holidays were over, the small tree, and a larger one which had previously taken up residence in the family living room, were planted in the backyard.

Both trees had been purchased from a friend's tree farm in northern New Jersey.

Over the years, Wojtech could see the tiny tree grow to its current stature from her kitchen window.

"Obviously we're going to miss it," she said.

On Dec. 12, the Union County Shade Tree Bureau will fell the tree and load it onto a flatbed truck which will transport it from Roselle Park to Elizabeth.

The tree will be hoisted onto the front steps of the courthouse by a crane. From there, it will take between 20 and 30 workers to haul the tree from the top of the steps, into the courthouse, and to set it in its stand.

The tree will probably be cut down to 15 feet to fit through the courthouse doors, according to the county.

In previous years, it has taken three days to decorate the tree.

Wojtech noted that she will be inviting her daughter and grandchildren to see the tree once it is decorated.

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Issue of ballots raised

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

On one hand, you have a resident, who came before the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Nov. 9, just one day after a General election, and on the other, you have the state and the office of the Union County Clerk.

Nancy Piwowar of Plainfield told the board that residents, who could have voted in one of the most interesting municipal races, did not. Piwowar said citizens did not participate because they could not understand the instructions on the Spanish-language absentee ballot application.

"A new law this year regarding absentee ballots allowed residents to request absentee ballots without requiring a reason."

Seeing an opportunity to get more citizens involved in the democratic process, volunteers involved in the write-in campaign for incumbent Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams brought the applications to their Spanish-speaking residents. That's where Piwowar got involved. As a volunteer, she worked helping people apply for absentee ballots. She learned from another volunteer that approximately 250 residents did not vote because they could not understand instructions on the application.

Interestingly enough, the original home did not have a kitchen. According to the Summit Historical Society, the kitchen was added to the home later, but still prior to 1800.

Today, the small kitchen serves as a display space for household items of the 18th and 19th century. Utensils and appliances sit alongside spinning wheels and rod candle forms.

"It's not a grand house," Deutch said. "It's a typical New Jersey Dutch farm house."

However, unlike some of the state's other typical dutch farm houses, the Carter House was moved from its original location along River Road, less than half a mile to its current site on Butler Parkway in 1986.

It was moved to make way for the Aircraft Building. Deutch said.

Despite the risky maneuvers required for moving the home, only a few bricks were dislodged during the whole process, which were later restored, Deutch said.

The Carter House is open every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and Wednesday from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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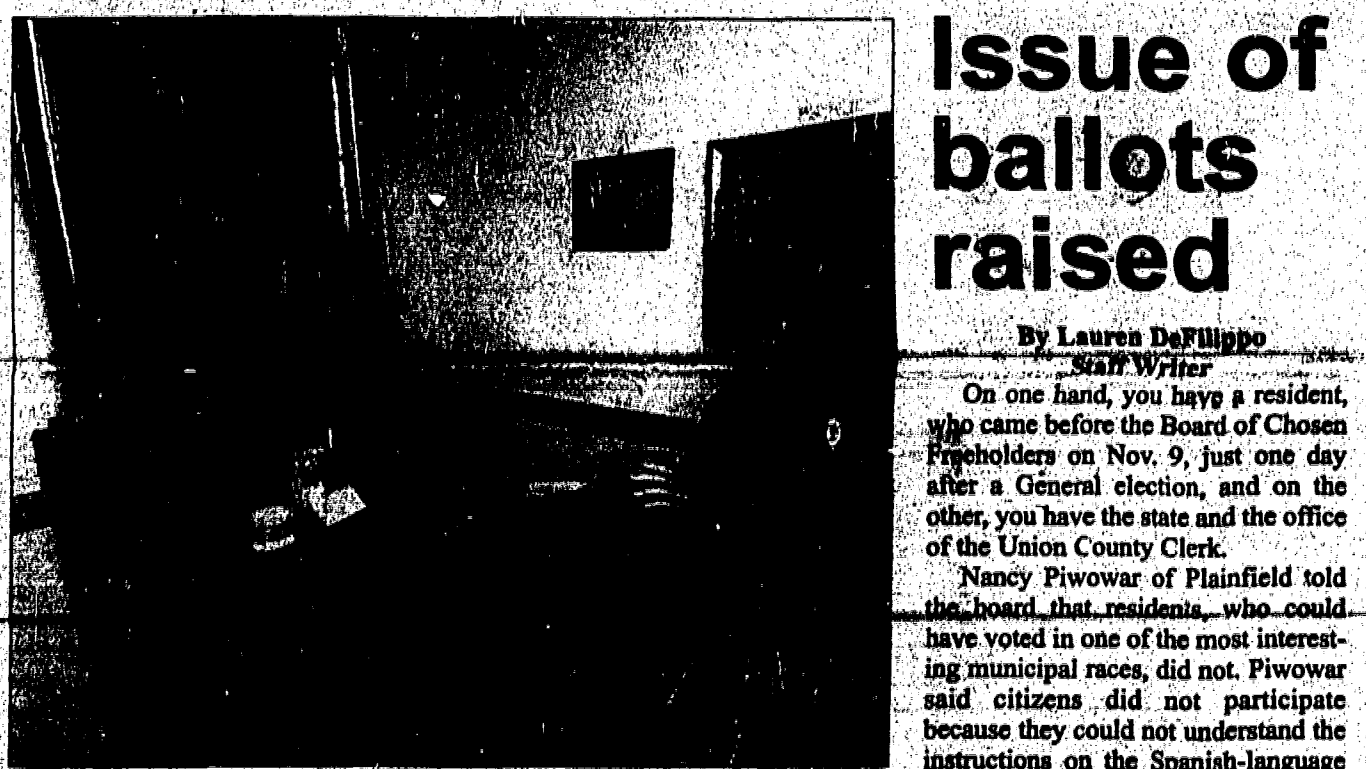
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Roselle Park residents Robert and Marilyn Wojtech will donate their tree for the Union County Courthouse's Christmas tree.



A portrait of the original owner, Benjamin Carter, hangs above a desk at the Carter House in Summit, which was built in 1741.

Changes forthcoming in rules governing petitions

By Lauren DeFilippo Staff Writer

Significant changes in U.S. passport law come into effect on Nov. 23, 2005. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajopji is updating plans with plans to travel to ensure that their documents are up to date.

Effective Dec. 31, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America. As of Dec. 31, 2006, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from Canada and Mexico. As of Dec. 31, 2007, a passport will be required for all air, sea and land border crossings.

Currently, U.S. citizens returning to the country from within the



COUNTY NEWS

'Broom Bowl Challenge'

Warinanco Ice Skating Center in Roselle will present the Thanksgiving Broom Bowl Challenge...

To make a cash donation, mail a check, payable to "NAMI Union County," to NAMI Union County...

Arc awards dinner

Each year the Arc of New Jersey holds an awards program which honors the best in individual, organizational, and corporate support...

For more information call the Skating Center at 908-298-7850 or the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Mothers & More

At its Dec. 7 meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host Jennifer Mooney...

This award is in recognition of an employee of The Arc of New Jersey or one of its local chapters whose service goes one step beyond what is reasonably expected...

The Arc of New Jersey will have an awards dinner and ceremony on Nov. 29 at the Victorian Manor in Edison.

Refreshments will be provided.

ID cards for veterans

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi would like to remind veterans living in Union County that they can receive their free military discharge identification cards...

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging...

Donations sought

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Union County is asking the public to join them in participating in their annual Holiday Star project.

Interested volunteers can call the Union County Nursing Coordinator, Ella Shaykevich, at 908-518-5620 or e-mail eshaykevich@ucnj.org for more information.

A cash donation is preferred, rather than to purchase clothing directly. Money will be used to buy winter jackets at discounted prices.

Also, anyone wishing to enroll over the Internet can visit http://www.ucnj.org/lincc/volunteer to register as a volunteer.

The ICC considers the facts and makes recommendations to the judge for a resolution that would aid in the juvenile's rehabilitation.

For more information about the ice skating center, call 908-298-7850 for a recorded message or visit www.ucnj.org.

access to their discharge papers is limited and available only to the veteran, his/her mother, father, wife/husband, brother, sister, child, heir or personal representative...

The Union County Clerk's Office is located in the County Court Courthouse at 2 Broad St., Elizabeth. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Senior outreach

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services will bring its Outreach Services Program for Senior Citizens to Plainfield on Monday and to Elizabeth on Dec. 1.

The Outreach Services Program will visit the following locations: Monday, Supreme Supermarket, 249 E. Front St., Plainfield, 10 a.m. to noon; Twin City Supermarket, 600 Park Ave., Plainfield, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Ice skating center open for season

Warinanco Ice Skating Center, a facility of the County of Union, is now open for the 2005-06 ice skating season.

Skating sessions will be as follows: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m., which is a family session during which children ages 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult...

Updated volunteer directory completed

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and United Way of Greater Union County have put the finishing touches on the third edition of the County of Union Volunteer Directory.

who plan to skate on a regular basis. There will be open hockey on Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for a fee of \$7 for participants ages 18 and older with proper identification and a shielded or caged helmet.

The volunteer directory is also available online at www.ucnj.org. Additional volunteer opportunities can be found at www.uwgc.org.

Medical reserve corps seeks volunteers

The Union County Local Information Network and Communication System has launched a unit of the Medical Reserve Corps and is seeking volunteers.

Registration for the first session of hockey clinics and ice skating lessons will begin tonight at 7 p.m. at the Warinanco Ice Skating Center and will run through Sunday, or until classes fill.

Both entertaining and educational, this engrossing book is a passport back to when courageous young men and women risked all for the glory of flight.

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For more information, contact the Juvenile Conference Committee, Office of the Court Administrator, Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Young Republicans

The Union County Young Republicans is a social and civic organization for young professionals in Union County, who are between the ages of 18 and 40 and registered Republicans.

'From Balloon to the Moon' author to speak

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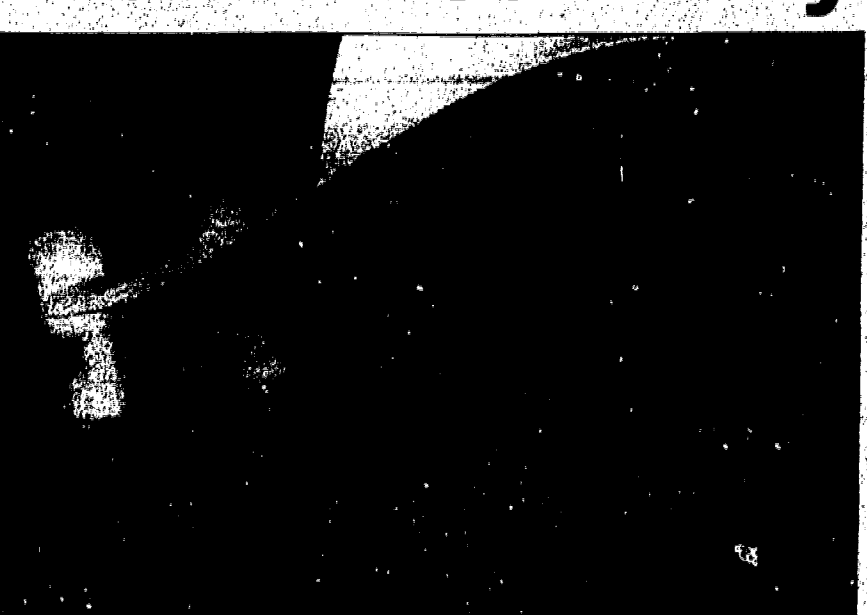
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT Charlie Daniels Band rocks the Ritz Theatre on Saturday

The signs posted all over the Ritz Theatre said, "No Smoking." However, Charlie Daniels must not have seen them, because his music was on fire.

With a new Christmas album out just in time for the holidays, "A Carolina Christmas," Marshall Tucker is still making the music their fans love to hear, even if Gray's voice has dropped an octave or two.

Perhaps what struck one most about Charlie Daniels was his genuine nature. His songs lend voice to thoughts and feelings of the average working man.

Throughout Saturday night at the Ritz, I heard more than one person say that if they were half as "cool" as Charlie Daniels is in his age, they'd be happy. Truth be told, most performers would be lucky to be half as "hot" as Charlie Daniels at any age.



The Charlie Daniels Band performed an excellent show on Saturday night at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth that featured many of his original compositions and many of the songs he has made popular over the many years of his long career.

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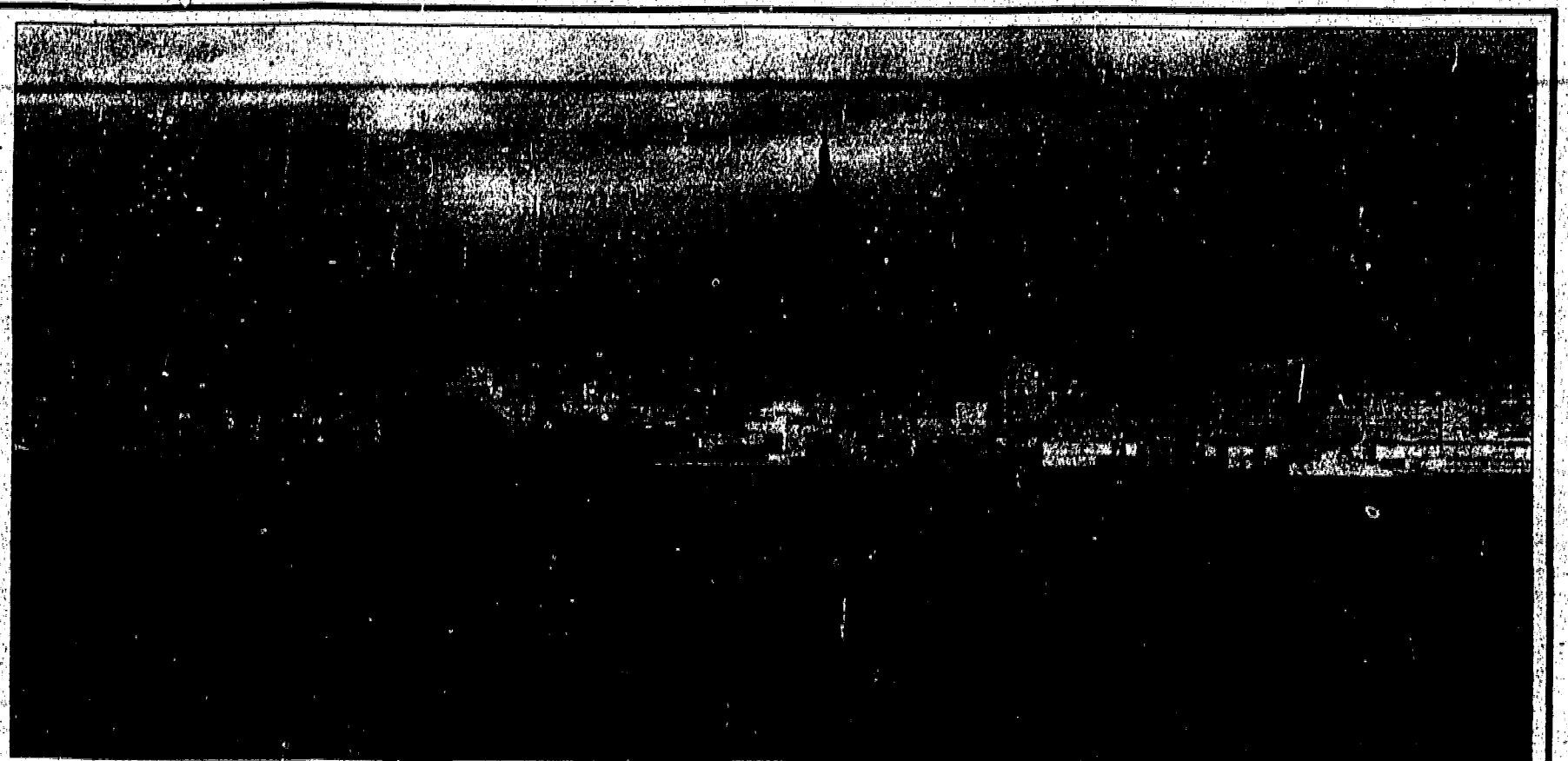
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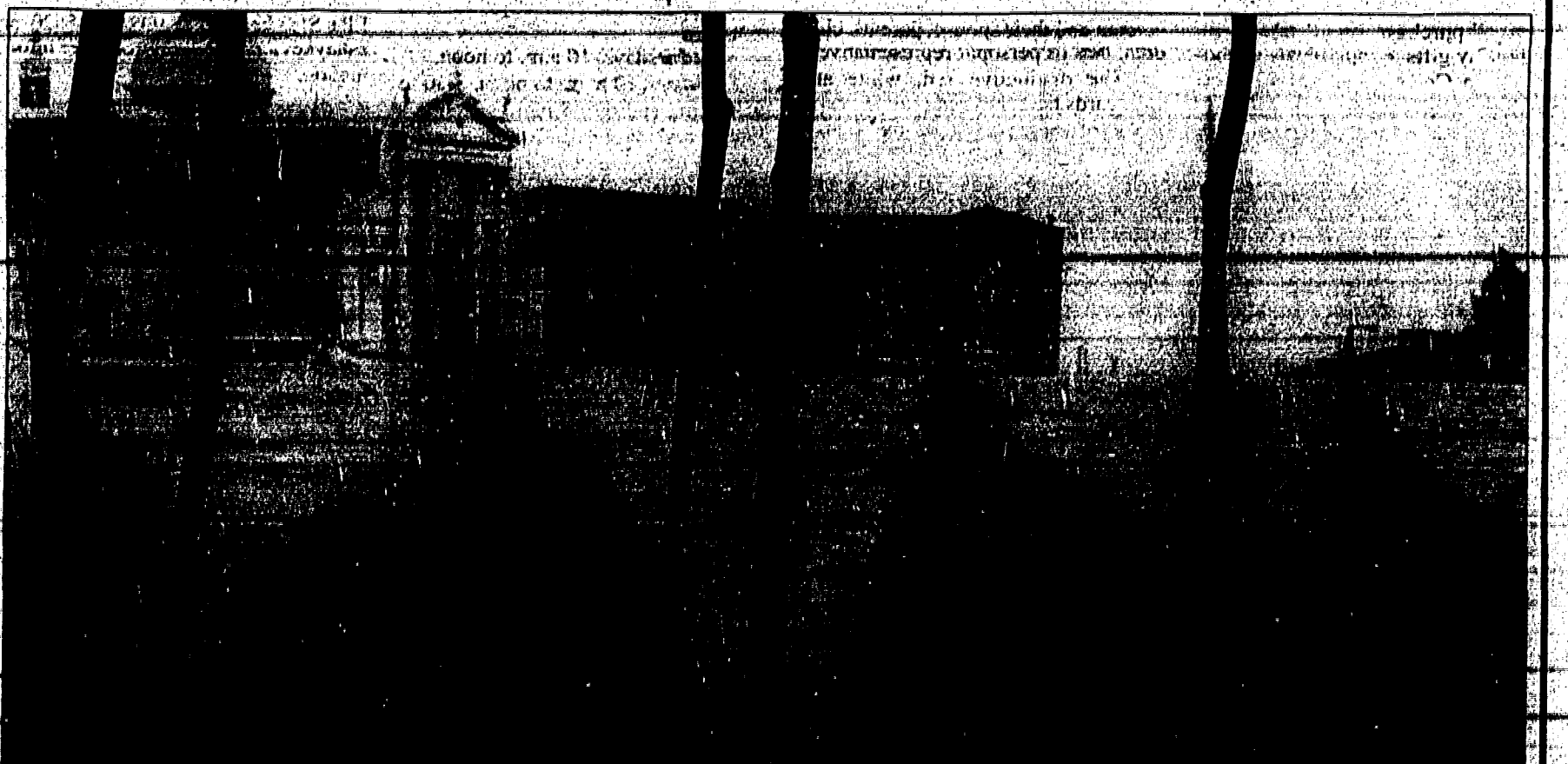
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BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC—Empire State from Jersey City, above, and St. Mark's Square, in Venice, Italy, below, are two of the photographs of John Di Biase, whose work will be on display at the Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through the month of November.



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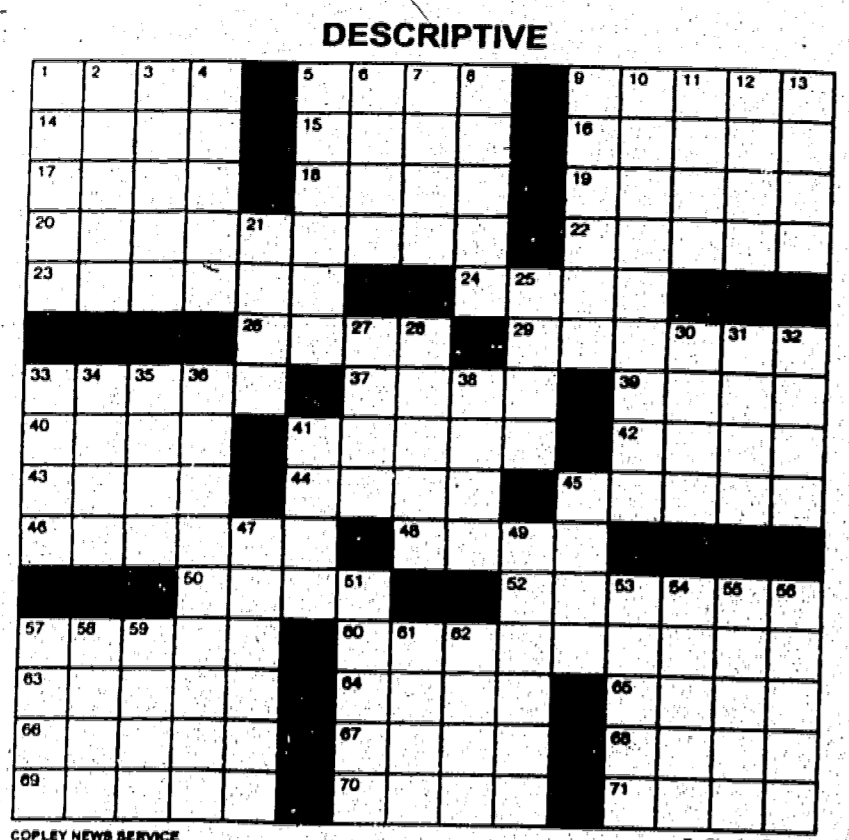
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What's Going On

FAIR

SATURDAY
September 3rd, 2005
EVENT: 'Peppermint Boutique' Craft Fair
PLACE: Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, Clark, NJ

FLEA MARKET

THURSDAY, Nov. 24 & THURSDAY, Dec. 1, 2005
EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle

SUNDAY

November 27th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Exhibition of Roselle Visual Arts Center, 1111 Raritan Road, Roselle

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FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
September 3rd & 4th, 2005
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Rahway High School, 1012 Madison Ave., (off Westfield Ave.), Rahway

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
December 3rd, 2005
EVENT: Holiday Boutique
PLACE: Battle Hill Moravian Church, 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, N.J.

OTHER

SATURDAY
December 3rd, 2005
EVENT: Holiday Jewelry and Giftware Sale
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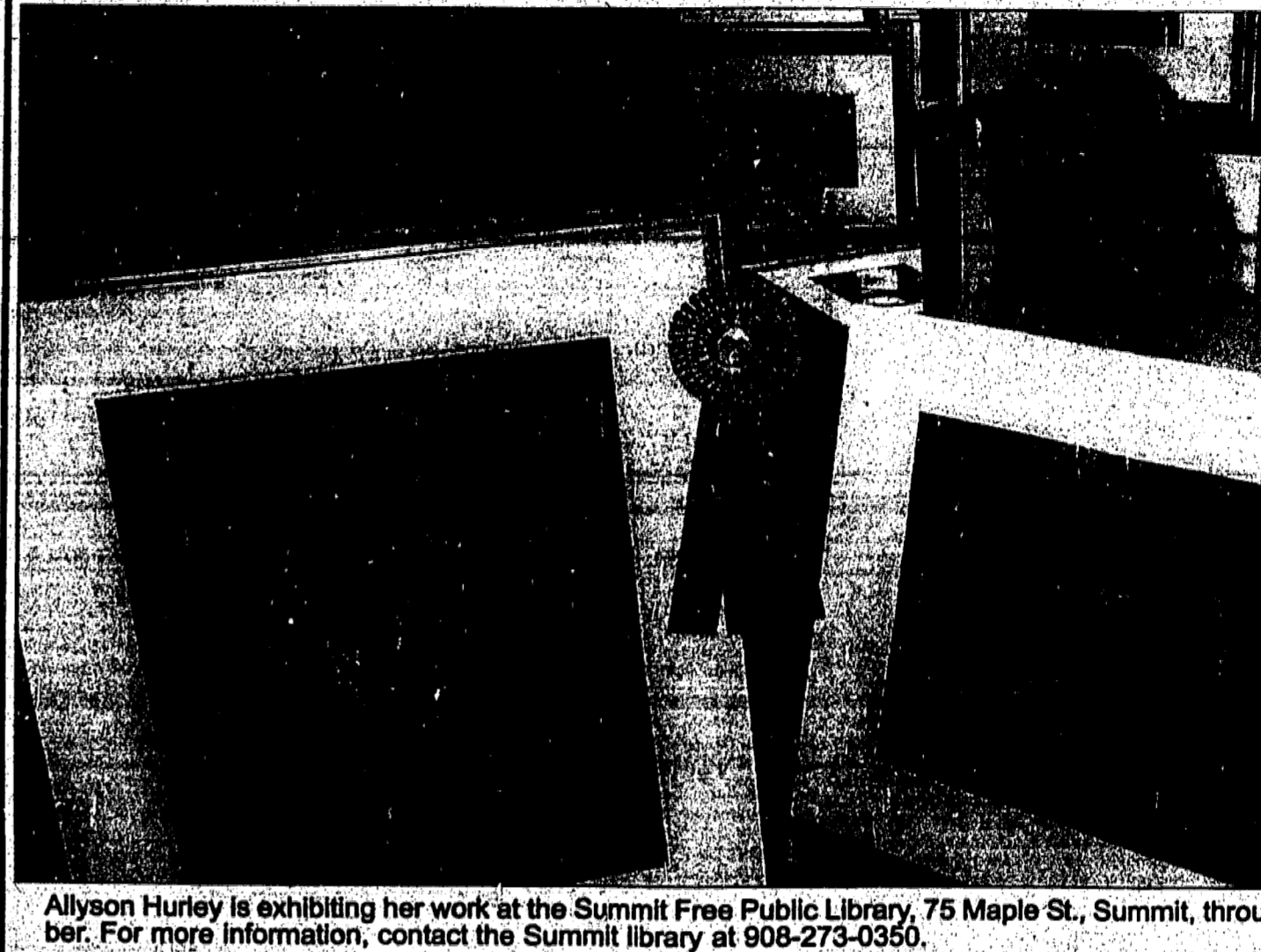
UNION COUNTY

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area.

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For information, call 908-233-3535. ED LEIBOWITZ of Westfield will appear at The Town Book Store, 255 E. Broad St., Westfield, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book, 'It Takes More Than a Whistle To Coach Basketball: A Simple and Complete Guide to Becoming a Real Basketball Coach.'

Artist's work at Summit library



Allyson Hurley is exhibiting her work at the Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., Summit, through the end of November. For more information, contact the Summit library at 908-273-0350.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 4

ARIES, March 21 to April 19: Look forward to a liberating intellectual experience this week.

HOROSCOPES

Figure out the quickest and the most efficient way to make your effort pay off.

REUNIONS

The following schools are planning reunions:
Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.

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The following schools are planning reunions:
Rahway High School Class of 1980 is organizing its 25th reunion.

REUNIONS

The following schools are planning reunions:
Hillside High School Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.

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The following schools are planning reunions:
Hillside High School Class of 1975, will have its 30th reunion at Costa's Restaurant, Roselle Park, on Saturday.

Say hello to Cinderella

Advertisement for 'Say hello to Cinderella' featuring a photo of a young girl and text about the play production at Millburn.

Send us information on reunions

Advertisement for Hospice of New Jersey, providing information on services and contact details.

Evaluate new and existing products

Advertisement for Spectrum Discovery Center, offering product evaluations and contact information.

Why Pay More Than You Have To?

Advertisement for CompareTerm.com, a website for comparing term life insurance rates.

ART SHOWS

'CONSUMED: PAINTINGS BY VALERI LAROK' will be on exhibit through Dec. 18 at the Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1870 Irving St., Rahway.

ART SHOWS

THE WORK OF MARION HOWARD will be on display at the Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, through Nov. 30.

ART SHOWS

DIVERSITY ARTS GALLERY will host its 15th exhibition in Clark, titled 'Just Pastels.' The 60-piece pastel exhibition will be open to the public through Jan. 8, every Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

ART SHOWS

THE ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY, located at 1870 Irving St., Rahway, presents 'A Separate Reality: An Exhibition of Roselle Visual Arts Center's 11th Annual Visual Arts Show.'

ART SHOWS

LANDSCAPES will be the focus of 'Landscapes: Recent Landscapes Imagery' at the Arts Guild of Rahway, 1870 Irving St., Rahway, from Feb. 19 to March 17 with an opening reception on Feb. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m.

ART SHOWS

Star-Ledger have partnered to publish a new book titled 'World of Wonder: Exploring the Realm of Fantasy, Science, Nature and Technology.'

ART SHOWS

LOCAL ARTISTS are invited to join the artists showcase to be sponsored by the Friends of the Mountaintop Public Library, in February.

ART SHOWS

WEEKLY STORY TIMES are presented every Monday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Springfield Barnes & Noble, located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

ART SHOWS

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN Plans for the December meeting will be announced and available at Customer Service. The December book is 'Bread Alone' by Judith Ryan Hendricks.

ART SHOWS

THE DONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM at the Springfield Public Library, 86 Mountain Ave., Springfield, plans the following exhibits:

CLASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield.

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LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM on Morris Avenue in Union has scheduled its popular Lunch and Learn series, which is free to members of the public.

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GRANTS

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREENOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART - History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands - grant program.

GRANTS

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East.

GRANTS

THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations, quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

GRANTS

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, and live bands perform on Friday and Saturday nights.

GRANTS

MOULLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Scotch Plains will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Molly Maguire's is located at 1065 Central Ave., Clark.

JAZZ IS BACK AT THE B5!

'Wednesday's Jazz Cocktails' will feature the house band, Tempo, playing at Dusty's Place on Monday, formerly known as The Cove, 112 Chestnut St., Roselle.

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

SCRIPTS

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival.

THEATER

YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS will compete for the 2006 fourth annual Young Playwrights Competition for New Jersey High School Students, sponsored by The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company.

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Featured will be an 'open mic' forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

VARIETY

LANA'S RESTAURANT in Clark will offer dinner and jazz with Warren Conrad's band beginning at 7 p.m. Call 732-669-9024.

VARIETY

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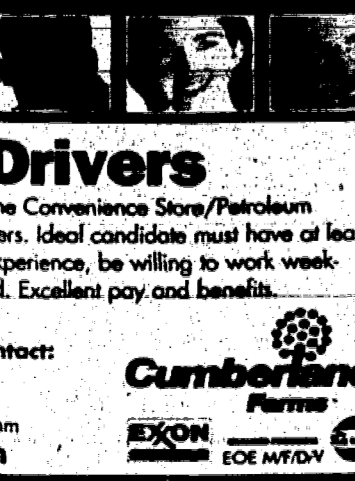
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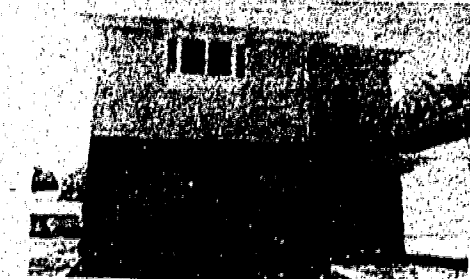
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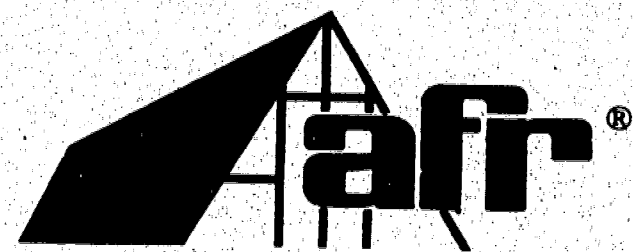


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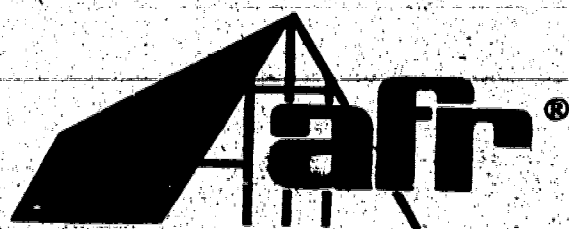
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## ATVs can be the perfect gift for outdoor loving kids

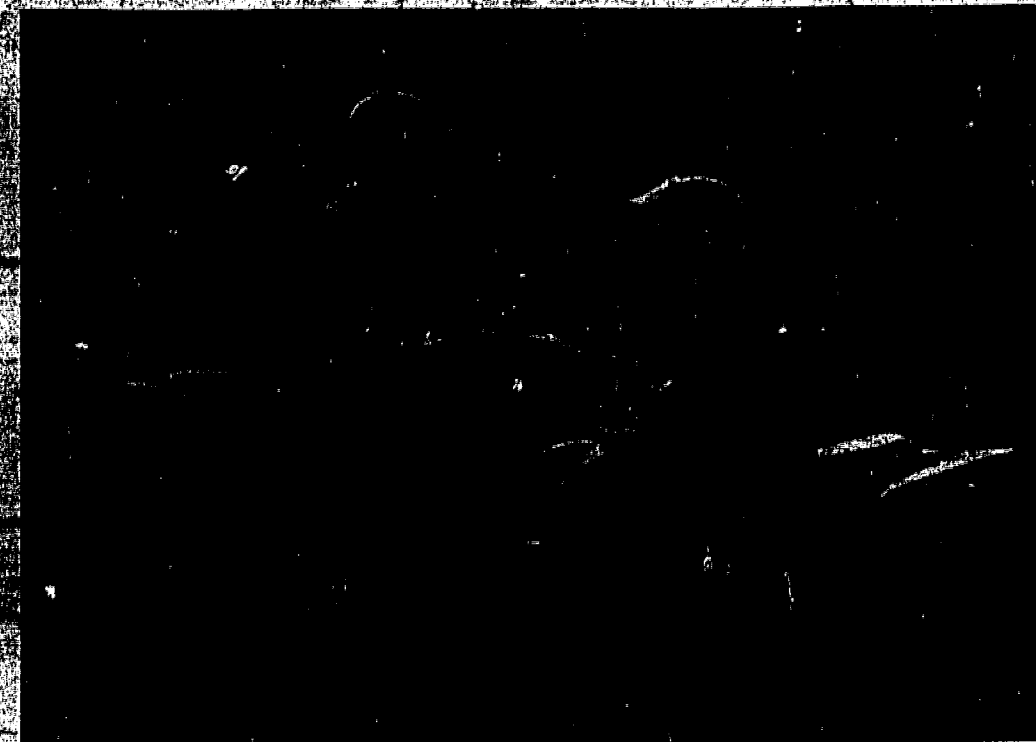
There is nothing that can compare to the joy of watching your children's faces light up on Christmas morning when they open their presents. The laughter and smiles are priceless, especially if you guess right and pick out a gift your kids really want.

So what's the key to getting it right? The experts say when shopping for a young child, you should think of the same things that you would for an adult. The child is likely to be something Harry Potter did this year — the young hero or heroine comes out looking like a hero or heroine. For a younger child who is starting to show an interest in more adult things, boys about 8 and girls about 10, you can put a bow around an ATV built just for children.

In recent years, ATV riding has become one of this country's most popular pastimes, so it should come as no surprise that the youth market for ATVs is growing by leaps and bounds. According to the latest estimates, more than 800,000 new ATVs were purchased in 2004.

Just a few years ago, the best option for kids who wanted to ride was to sit on their parents' ATV as a passenger, or parents might opt for a toy that was too big for them. Now that has all changed, says Kale Wainer of Arctic Cat. "There are models designed specifically for youth ages 6 and up with safety in mind."

Colton Cusforth, 9, of Grand Rapids, Minn., got his first ATV for Christmas when he was just 6 years old. "I got my key, says Wainer, "was a gift his son had been dreaming about practically since he could walk. "We have about 40 acres behind the house and our land owns thousands of acres owned by the family. We're always out in the woods riding as a family. We've been taking



Colton riding since he was big enough to hold on, but when he started to get too big to sit on the back of our machines, he got frustrated. We knew it was time to do something, he says.

Colton's first ATV was a cheap knock-off model that was easy for him to handle, but it broke down often. When they started looking around for a replacement, his parents fell in love with the Arctic Cat DVX50, a sporty machine modeled after the ATV his dad rides, the Arctic Cat DVX400.

It has a 4-stroke, 50cc engine with auto-

matic transmission and hydraulic disc brakes, along with fully integrated floorboards for solid rider footing, stability and control. Bright orange whip flags are included for visibility and added safety. The machine also has a parent controlled throttle/speed limiter. "I really like that feature," says Cusforth. "Because parents can govern the speed of the ATV, I can slowly increase

the speed output as his riding skills increase." Arctic Cat also offers a DVX90, which is similar in appearance but as the name indicates has more horsepower. With a 90cc motor rather than a 50cc one, it is recommended for children ages 12 and older. "If you prefer more of a utility vehicle-look to a sporty one, you may want to go with the 50 2x4 or 90 2x4 models," says Wainer.

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In addition to purchasing a vehicle that's appropriate for use by a child, here are some other measures you should take to keep your child safe on the trail:

- Enroll your child in a training course before he or she gets behind the wheel of an ATV alone. When a first-time purchaser without previous ATV experience completes the SVIA/ASI training, the individual will receive a check for \$100 from Arctic Cat. Visit your local dealer for more information.
- Be sure your child always wear a helmet, eye protection, and protective clothing — long-sleeves shirts and pants and closed-toe boots.
- Supervise your youth. Never operate ATVs on paved surfaces or public roads.
- Urge your youth to avoid excessive speeds on varied terrain.

For Colton, half the fun of the riding experience is putting on all the protective gear," says Cusforth. "Then, when we hit the trail, I don't have to worry about him getting hurt. We can just have fun."

To learn more about Arctic Cat ATVs or to find the dealer nearest you, log on to [www.arcticcat.com](http://www.arcticcat.com).

## CDG to celebrate anniversary

Classic Design Framing, owner Krista Kelly, is excited to announce a reception to introduce her new collection of work.

The event will be held on December 10th at the CDF Gallery. The gallery is considered by many to be a "community meeting place" where local residents can share and appreciate the fine work produced by area artists. Classic Design Framing & Gallery is located at 164 Wood Ave. in Maplewood Village. Artists interested in exhibiting at CDF Gallery can call owner Krista Kelly at 973-762-5588.

with a reception, says Kelly, "and her latest collection is highly anticipated and is going to give the anniversary event a strong focus."

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# Gift-giving at the office may be just the right move

Choosing the right holiday gift for your colleagues, your boss or your clients can be one more overwhelming task to add to your plate during the holiday season.

That's because gift-giving in the business environment has its own set of rules and guidelines.

Jacqueline Whitmore, Office Depot's world-renowned etiquette expert, has the "etiquette essentials" that every businessperson should keep in mind this holiday season.

- Set a spending limit for gift-giving exchanges. Once a price limit is set among co-workers or for your office's Secret Santa exchange, make sure you stick to it. Limits help participants select an appropriate gift at an affordable price. Whenever you overspend, you run the risk of looking like a show-off. On the other hand, spending considerably below the norm might come off looking stingy.

- Give thoughtful and useful gifts. Gifts that lend both organization and style to an office environment are always appreciated. To enhance a drab cubicle, give a colorful desk accessory like a photo frame, pencil cup or a flashy business card holder. Gift cards are a fantastic option because they allow your recipient to choose his or her own gift. Office Depot provides a little warmth to your gift card by accompanying it with the "Teddy B Caring" Gift Card Holder; proceeds from the teddy bear purchase go to Toys for Tots.

- Tailor your gift to the taste and personality of the receiver. Keeping track of your clients' and colleagues' likes, dislikes, interests, and hobbies is always helpful at gift-

giving time. For clients who constantly travel, try one of Franklin Covey's Leather Business Card Holders or Planners. For the coworker who never has time to relax, the Office Depot Stress Relief Set includes a massaging back pillow to soothe the stress.

- Consider corporate culture. Before sending any gifts to clients or vendors, it is best to check the receiver's corporate policy guidelines on gift giving. Otherwise, a well-intended gift may be returned to you.

- Bring co-workers together to get your boss a gift. Brainstorm gift ideas with your colleagues and have everyone chip in on one group gift for the boss. For the tech savvy boss, the Logitech mm22 Portable Speakers look great and travel well on business trips. Another impressive gift option under \$100 is the Leather Executive Shiatsu Chair. If you work in a small office or know your boss well, it's acceptable to give a smaller but personal gift, like a gift card, book or compact disc.

- Personalize but don't get too personal. Personalizing your gift shows your creative side while letting your recipient know that you're an attentive listener. Just be careful to stay away from items that are too personal in nature, such as perfume, clothing, red roses, alcohol or tobacco products. The Photo Organizer Gift Pack, which includes a photo frame, album, and photo box, is a clever and inexpensive gift you can personalize by inserting group photos of the team.

- Beware of humorous or gag gifts. Avoid giving a humorous gift if you don't know a person well. What you might think is cute or



Office Depot has a wide assortment of holiday cards to say just the right thing. Appropriate wrapping paper and presentation are also very important, and whenever possible, try to give the gift in person.

funny may be offensive or insulting to someone else and could quickly damage or even sabotage a business relationship.

- Always remember a personal note. The hand-written note adds a nice touch to any gift. Those deserving a note of thanks include anyone who's given you advice, their time, or a helping hand this year. Office

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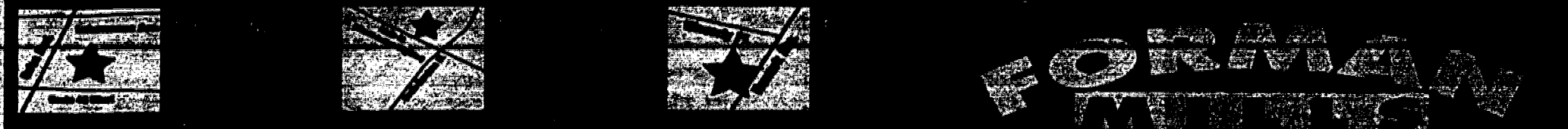
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# Personalized gifts can make the holidays special

Just the right gift, just the right feeling, just in time for the holidays! You can make just about any gift special by personalizing it with the recipient's name, monogram or embroidering a phrase or sentiment that has special meaning. It's an easy way to give any gift that personal touch.

Personalized gifts don't have to be made from scratch. You can take something generic and add a special touch to customize it.

Using a sewing machine to do the embellishing makes it even quicker and easier.

Here are some ideas from the experts at Bernina to get you started. Use them for inspiration and as a starting point to get your own creative juices flowing.

- You can "thread paint" or use embroidery to personalize a pair of jeans for your daughter or some other lucky girl on your list.

Use metallic thread and Glitz crystals to make it really sparkle. Or if she loves dogs or horses, you can embroider that on the back of a jacket.

Bernina's aurora 440 makes thread painting easy. It features the Bernina Stitch Regulator, with a sensor that "reads" the fabric. When the fabric moves, the foot sensor is activated and the stitches are regular and consistent. This allows the sewer to draw, "thread paint" or just write their name across a piece of fabric with ease.

This embroidery machine comes with Editor Lite software, which allows you to create and edit designs on your own PC screen; the software includes five alphabets and 65 designs.

- Buy a set of cloth napkins, kitchen towels or handkerchiefs and monogram them. For cocktail napkins, add a martini glass. Fruits and vegetables are perfect for the kitchen.

- Buy a canvas tote and embroider it to reflect the hobby of the recipient. For example, if your sister loves to garden, embellish the tote with herbs or flowers and her name and fill it with seeds, gardening gloves, a gardener's diary and other thoughtful and useful goodies.

You can do similar totes for people who knit, sew, cook - the possibilities are endless.

- You can personalize all fabric gift bags, including those meant for wine bottles. This makes a great addition to any host or hostess gift.

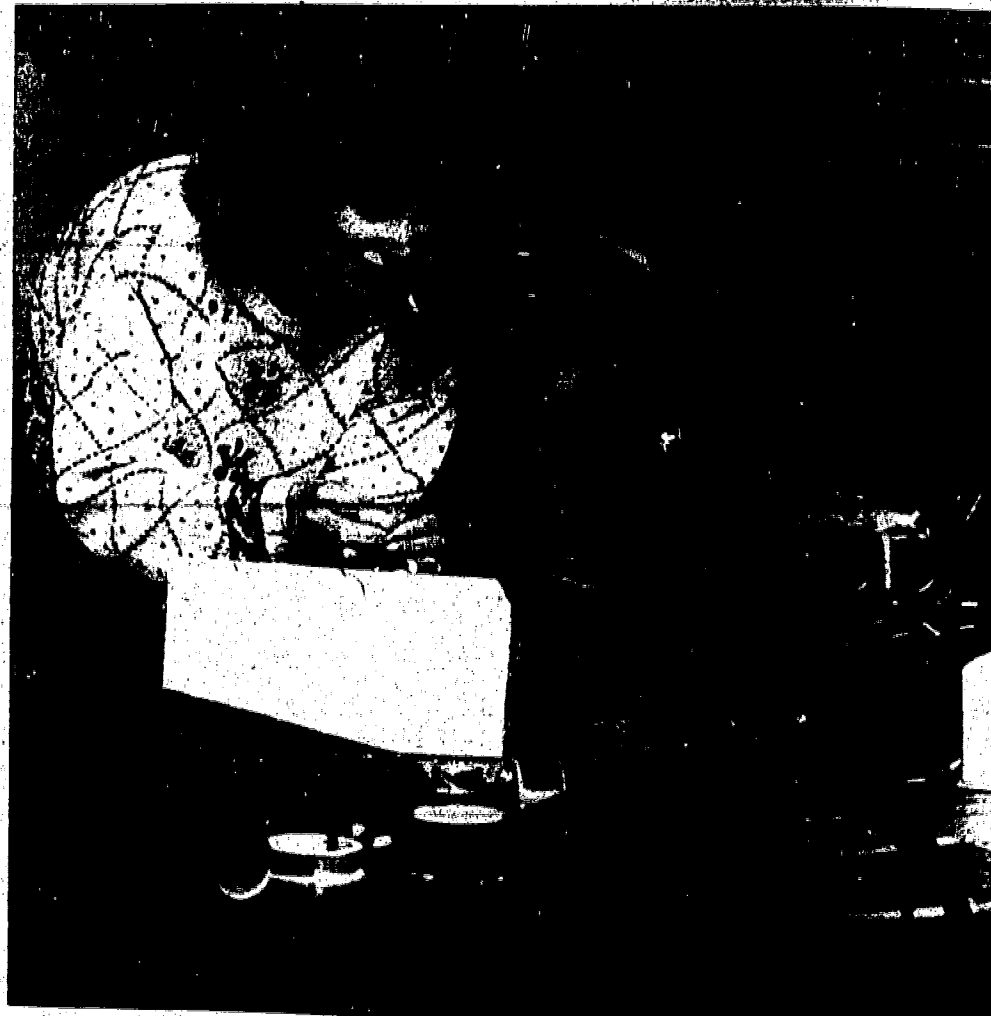
If you are willing to invest a little sewing time, here are a few simple gifts to make from scratch.

- A table runner is an easy project that you can add holiday glamour and sparkle to.

Drop the feed dogs on your machine and show off your specialty threads with free-motion stitching. Stitch out names on matching place cards or napkin holders for a lovely gift set.

- Make a pillow, a throw or, if you're really ambitious, a small quilt or wall hanging, using colors that you know they will love, or better yet, using fabrics that have sentimental value.

- Sew a special ornament for everyone on your list: a football embroidered with his name for your nephew or a soccer ball for



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# During the holidays, jeans are the gift that fits

Everything from the latest gadget to a celebrity's new perfume gets attention during the holiday season, but there always seems to be one consistent gift no matter the trend - clothing.

According to a recent national survey conducted by InsightExpress, jeans clothing is the most popular item women purchase for men, family members and friends. In fact, jeans are the most popular gift for men, the survey found.

Retailers across the board are well aware of this trend as well. In fact, the National Retail Federation's 2004 Holiday Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey found that consumers were most likely to purchase jeans during the holiday season, with nearly half of consumers having bought clothing and clothing accessories as gifts.

As shoppers look for the perfect apparel purchase this holiday season, they must not overlook jeans, the ultimate wardrobe solution.

However, finding the perfect pair of jeans for everyone in the family can be a bit of a challenge. The last thing you want a gift to bring is long, cumbersome return lines. So when shopping for others, it is best to think ahead of time about the person you are buying for and the styles of jeans you want to purchase.

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As shoppers look for the perfect apparel purchase this holiday season, they must not overlook jeans, the ultimate wardrobe solution.

when shopping for others, it is best to think ahead of time about the person you are buying for and the styles of jeans you want to purchase.

"A pair of jeans exists for everyone, no matter who you are buying for," said Leah Feldon, author of "Does This Make Me Look Fat?" It's about finding a style that is not only fashionable, but also looks great on the individual's body type.

Fortunately for holiday shoppers, brands such as Levi Strauss Signature are available at retailers such as Wal-Mart, Target and Kmart, and offer a variety of fits to meet the fashion needs of every member of the family.

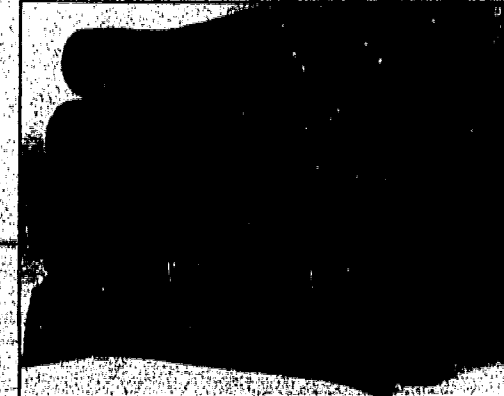
With a few handy tips and a wide range of styles, there is certain to be something for the entire family to enjoy.

Here are a few simple things Feldon recommends you keep in mind when buying jeans as a holiday gift:

**Women:**  
 • **Petite figure** - If a person has a petite or shorter frame, look for a straight leg style to help elongate their body.

• **If the figure changes** - If a person's figure changes, look for a straight leg style to help elongate their body.

• **Pear-shaped/Full-figured** - If a person is pear-shaped or full-figured, look for finishing variations. When it is lighter in the center of the leg and darker on the outside parts of the leg, it creates the illusion that the leg is longer and therefore creates a slimming effect.



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rise jean that will give the lengthening effect of the low rise look with the comfort of a little more coverage.

• **Hourglass** - If a person has wider hips or thighs, a bootcut style will help balance their body. Slightly flared through the hip and thigh and then opening at the leg, the bootcut is the most universally flattering fit.

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In addition, choose pockets wisely; size is key. The best tip is that the pockets should correspond to the size of the jeans. Small pockets on large jeans accentuate the figure.

**Men:**  
 • **Laid-back look** - The low loose style is for guys who prefer a laid-back look. The loose jeans provide extra room through the seat and thigh and are straight through the knees.

• **Relaxed fit** - The straight relaxed jeans looks great on guys with a slimmer build, as the jean is straight through the seat and thigh. The jean still has plenty of room, but is not as loose on the thigh as the loose fit.

This season, shoppers can find a gift that everyone will want to keep - and wear. With these simple tips in mind, every gift will fit and bring holiday cheer.

For more information on a range of fits and more ideas, visit [www.levistrauss.com](http://www.levistrauss.com).

# Gifts that you make with your own hands are truly keepsakes

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 your needs. Another nice idea is to make a photo frame ornament and include a photo. For example, you could embroider a picture frame ornament with "baby's first Christmas" and add the baby's photo.

Make a pillow unique by turning it into a photo album. Sew a pocket for inserting a special family photo from summer vacation or the last family reunion. Better yet, transfer your photos on to special fabric and sew your friends and family into your gifts.

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## 2005 Cranford Chamber of Commerce Holiday Events Calendar

**FRIDAY, NOV. 25**

Santa's mailbox will be at the Post Office

**Tree Lighting - Mayor's Park (Gazebo)**

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Daisies Decorate Tree
10:10 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Brownies Decorate Tree
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Jr. & Sr. Cadets Decorate Tree
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Petting Zoo, Moon Walk, Disney Characters, Face Painting
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Concert by Madrigals & Brass Ensemble
6:00 p.m.	Santa arrives on fire truck & tree lighting
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Photos with Santa (\$3.00 each) Music and hot chocolate

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10**

**Eastman Plaza - Santa on sled**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Photos with Santa on Sled (\$3.00 each)
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon	Free movie at Cranford Theater. Children under 8 only - (Parents must sign in children at the door). Parents shop downtown. Live music. Hot chocolate and goodies during the day
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.	Photos with Santa on Sled (\$3.00 each)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

**Gazebo (N. Union & Springfield Ave.) Trolley rides with Santa**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Photos with Santa (\$3.00 each)
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Photos with Santa (\$3.00 each)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Trolley ride through town with Santa Popcorn and hot chocolate

\* Santa Letters must have been placed in Santa mailbox will be located at Post Office inside door, from November 23rd to December 10th. Rain date for Tree lighting will be Saturday, December 26th. In case of inclement weather, please contact the Chamber office 272-611-1111 for updates.

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# Children of all faiths enjoy messages of 'Holy Baby'

If retail stores seem more religious this holiday season, here's why: religion is hot, and merchants are catching on. "We're racing to meet holiday demand, which came on strong when retailers began stocking up in October," says Dede Laugesen, president of HolyBaby.com, which sells the new hit video, "Holy Baby! 2."

Catholic book and gift storeowners say success of the multilingual, Catholic Holy Baby! series has inspired an array of media companies to produce religious programming for babies and children of all faiths. "It doesn't matter whether they're Catholic, Protestant or Jewish," said Nathalie Mabe, vice president of KinderKlassics.com, which sells Jewish children's goods. "Parents want to move away from the secular stuff and they're adding in religious-themed gifts and media programming in droves." George Harden, a professor of education at Washburn University, studies holiday buying trends of families and says the children's See RELIGION, Page 11

still grab their attention. The unique Mark-My-Time digital bookmark is the perfect fit for a stocking stuffer — colorful, slim and reasonably priced at under \$10. You'll be amazed at how excited your kids will be about reading when they can electronically record their daily reading times. A countdown timer and alarm tells them when they're done or they can set a cumulative time and watch the minutes add up throughout the day. It's a great feeling when they can see how much progress they've made. They will actually look forward to picking up a book and reading again. In addition to serving as a useful tool during reading sessions, the Mark-My-Time digital bookmark is also ideal for timing music practice sessions, timed math fact activities, meetings and homework study sessions.

Start a tradition with ornaments. Many families enjoy giving each member a special ornament as a stocking stuffer to open and then hang on the tree. When kids grow up and move out, their own ornament collection begins with the set of 18 or so ornaments they've received throughout childhood. Finding ornaments that commemorate a special memory for that year adds a special touch.

Arts and crafts. What child wouldn't love a box of his or her very own brand-new markers or crayons? Kids love to create and draw, so, like the school supplies, these are probably gifts you will end up buying at some point anyway. Coloring books, colored Post-its, gel pens, colored pencils and paints are not only a popular choice, they can also be used for other activities well after the holiday season has passed. Wrap it. If you can find the time, wrapping each stocking stuffer makes the opening even more fun. It's the perfect way to use up all those leftover scraps of paper from wrapping your larger Christmas gifts. You can also leave one or two items unwrapped and sticking out of the top of the stocking. Whether it's with an ornament, school supply or arts and crafts item, take the extra time this holiday season to match your child's unique personality and interests with just the right stocking stuffer. The smiles on your children's faces when they peek inside their stocking will be worth the effort.

To order the unique Mark-My-Time digital bookmark or to locate a retailer, visit [www.mark-my-time.com](http://www.mark-my-time.com).

# Stocking stuffers are a great place to be creative

Bored with buying the same old stocking stuffers every year? Looking for new and imaginative gift ideas sure to please your children? In order to be successful in your stocking stuffer venture, you'll have to get creative... very creative. Here are some helpful hints that will guide you along on your stocking stuffer shopping endeavor:

Think of favorites. What are your child's favorite animals, sports, characters, colors, candies or foods? Include favorites as stocking stuffers and you're guaranteed a smiling child this holiday season. If they collect something — action figures, baseball cards, Beanie Babies — throw one in as a stocking stuffer for a guaranteed hit.

Mini-games or card games. Travel-size editions of your child's favorite games or card games that can be played in the car are good examples. They have the added benefit that they can be used to occupy the children on any future long car rides or visits to grandma's house.

Educate them. School supplies are often overlooked as stocking-stuffer items, but shouldn't be! These gifts can be used throughout the year and will probably need to be purchased regardless. Think your child



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won't like gifts related to school? Try something new that can enhance their learning and

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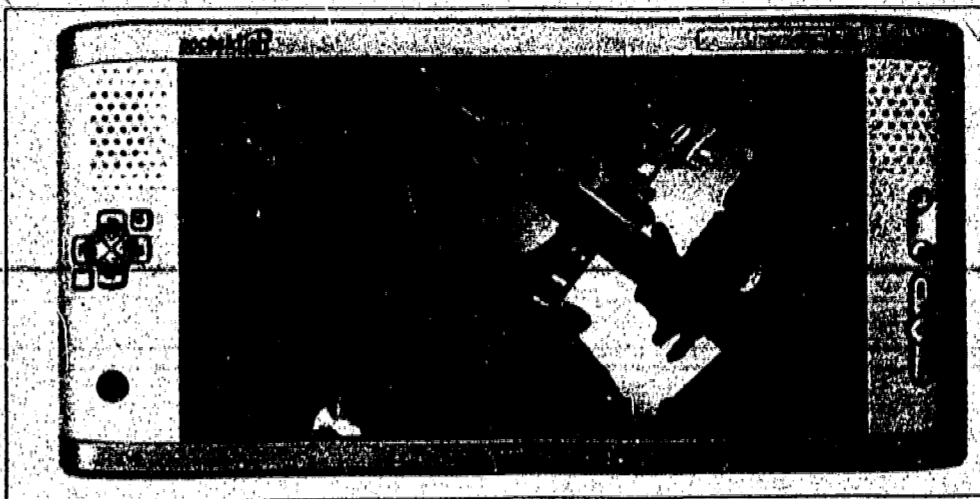
# Personal electronic devices on everyone's gift list

Dasher, Dancer and the gang will have to wait themselves this holiday season. Santa isn't gained weight — but the sleigh has, as personal electronic devices claim a spot alongside all the traditional toys.

The Consumer Electronics Association says that portable computer products such as MP3 players, portable DVD players and personal planners can be found in roughly 15 percent of homes, and that approximately 4 million households plan to purchase a portable media device within the next year.

It seems people can't board a bus, take a walk or even do their homework without an MP3 player dangling around their necks. And that parent hasn't given thanks for the portable DVD player that keeps the kids entertained in the back seat during family trips?

This holiday's hottest gift for technology lovers is the PocketDISH from DISH Network. It's a single device that replaces your MP3 player, photo storage equipment and even portable DVD player. By connecting the PocketDISH to a DISH Network digital video recorder, users can load and watch hours of their favorite television or movies. With the unit, users can also store portable music libraries, store thousands of photos and play games, eliminating the need for multiple



The most compact model features a 2.2-inch LCD screen. With a 20-gigabyte hard drive for storage of up to 20 hours of DISH Network programming or 10,000 songs, the player can also store up to 200,000 photos.

devices. Imagine being able to take your favorite sit-coms, reality shows or last night's game with you anywhere and watch them anytime. PocketDISH comes in three models with a 2-inch, 4-inch or 7-inch screen. One of the most advanced portable media devices on the market, PocketDISH uses USB 2.0 technology

for ultra-fast transfer speeds from select DISH Network DVRs. A full-length movie can be sent to the hard drive in less than 10 minutes. Also compatible with other devices such as VCRs, camcorders, DVRs or PCs, the 4-inch and 7-inch PocketDISH units can record video from other sources.

The PocketDISH with the 7-inch wide-screen LCD display is equipped with a 40-gigabyte hard drive that can store as much as 40 hours of DISH Network programming and can even record video from other sources. It can also store as much as 20,000 songs or 400,000 photos. The long-life, rechargeable lithium-ion battery provides approximately four hours of video or 12 hours of music.

With a 4-inch LCD screen, the second PocketDISH model offers a 30-gigabyte hard drive for storage of up to 30 hours of DISH Network programming or can record video from another source. In addition to holding up to 15,000 MP3, WMA and WAV music files, the AV500E can store up to 300,000 photos.

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# Religion is a popular item for gift-giving this holiday season

(Continued from Page 10) Religious goods market is on the verge of a tipping point," Harden says the appeal of religious gifts for children indicates a back-

lash against materialism and media violence. "There's a huge movement across the country to imbue children with solid religious teachings," Harden said. "That trend

explains why something like 'Holy Baby!' — with a seemingly small, alternative niche — hits the market and becomes a national phenomenon."

Mabe said the burgeoning Catholic, Jewish and Protestant gift-goods markets comprise a "parallel universe" for consumers. In See 'HOLY,' Page 14

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# Give your child a gift to grow and develop with

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This holiday season, give your child a gift which will help him or her develop a love of learning — a room with a purpose. When your child is ready to trade the baby animals and ABCs on the walls for a new look, take your design inspiration from a typical elementary school classroom. Go with a theme that is both imaginative and educational.

Geography is a great school subject to use as a decorating theme. Whether your child is already an accomplished world traveler or has only made it as far as the next state, putting up a world map will allow your child to travel the world anytime. Think bigger than just a world map out of the back of a National Geographic Magazine. Why not a world map that takes up the whole wall? A fun and colorful wall-sized world map wall mural is offered through the Pottery Barn Kids catalog, [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com). You can also find a variety of accessories and bedding to compliment this decorating theme.

The Pottery Barn Kids bedroom features an 8 foot 8 inch high by 13 foot wide world map mural that covers one standard wall. The mural shows, in detail, up-to-date country boundaries, capitals, major cities, oceans, time zones, latitude/longitude, topography, elevations, ocean depths, shipping lanes and even nautical miles. It is simple to hang in just part of a Saturday afternoon. The wall mural

kit includes eight easy-to-handle panels, paste and step-by-step hanging instructions.

"The cool thing about this map is that since it's printed on a heavy coated paper, kids can write on it with a dry-erase marker," according to Susan Kelley of Environmental Graphics, the wall mural's manufacturer. "One great idea for kids is to use our world map wall mural as a way to plan for and remember a family trip. Kids can outline the travel route and mark points of interest they will be visiting. After the trip, it can be used to display photos and other souvenirs from their trip. Because of the sheer size of this wall mural, it is easy to see the details of a given area that would be altogether lost on a smaller map."

Once the mural is up, there will be no need to change it in just a couple of years. This décor will grow with your child. A younger child will enjoy the world map's beautiful colors. Also, you can begin teaching your toddler or young child where different oceans, cities, countries and continents are located. As your child gets older, the map can be used as a reference for family trips, current events, geography lessons and school reports.

To complete your child's "world traveler" room will not take much more work. Just paint the other bedroom walls in an earth-tone pallet — perhaps a shade of blue or green — to match the wall mural and then add matching bedding and pillows.

Now you are done and have given your child the best bedroom in the world! Log on to [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com) for more decorating ideas for kids' rooms.



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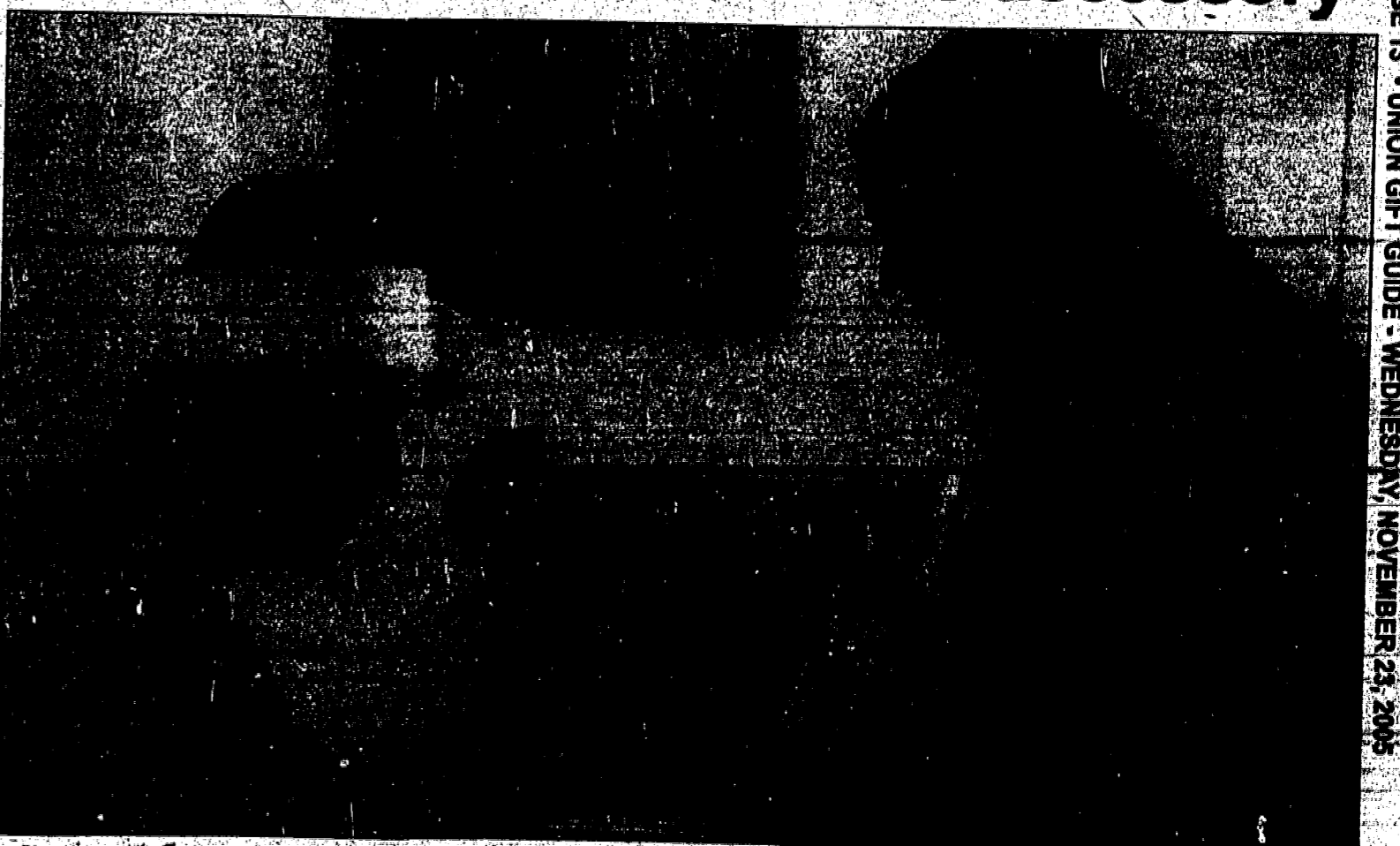
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This portable gadget allows you to transfer large amounts of data quickly and easily from one computer to another. USB flash drives connect to almost any desktop, notebook or mobile PC/MAC, making it easy to copy files, music and images/photographs onto a USB Flash drive and take it wherever you need to go.

About the size of a pack of gum, the popularity of the USB flash drive continues to flourish as storage sizes increase and price ranges decrease. Place it in your briefcase, wear it on your keychain or toss it in your backpack for ultimate mobility.

Here are a few examples of how USB flash drives are designed for every member of your family:

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## 'Holy' merchandise have appeal

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the parallel universe, she explains, one can find a religious version of nearly anything in the secular realm.

"Name the board game, and there's likely a religious version," Mabe said. "There's just so much outside influence affecting children — the TV, the Internet, video games — that parents want to get control of the content."

Ian Rutherford, owner of AquinasAndMore.com religious store, says he's finding the more boldly spiritual a children's item appears the better it sells. He said the first 'Holy Baby!' — featuring prayers of the rosary — took off when parents discovered the positive effects it had calming fussy babies and teaching toddlers to pray. Rutherford said the first "Holy Baby!" outsells "Veggie Tales" and his other children's

media two-to-one, and he expects "Holy Baby! 2" — featuring songs and prayers of the Eucharist — will do even better.

"We have five children, and all have watched the wonderful 'Baby Einstein' shows and others like them," said Laugesen, creator of "Holy Baby!" and "Holy Baby! 2." "We also wanted something that would fill them with the sights and sounds of our faith, so we created 'Holy Baby!' to instill what we call 'The Language of Prayer.' Apparently, we weren't alone in wanting it."

Neil McCaffrey, president of Book Center of the Rockies — a fulfillment house for religious books and gifts — says HolyBaby.com is only one of several new success stories in the religious goods segment. Some of his publishers, he said, have seen increased sales of 50 to 100 percent in the past two years.

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November 26th - December 2nd  
December 2nd - 16th & 23rd  
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North on 523 to Oldwick. Continue North  
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