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Board to introduce \$6.8 million budget

By EARL MOORE

The Springfield Board of Education is expected to introduce its tentative budget of \$6,818,140 at its next regular meeting on Jan. 23. The proposal was discussed Monday at the board's conference meeting at the Florence M. Gaudner Middle School. The proposed budget would cost the average homeowner approximately \$98 more in taxes this year compared to last year. Following its introduction and approval on first reading Jan. 23, the board will hold a public hearing on the measure on March 13.

The 1989-90 budget reflects the district's strong commitment to delivering a program which demands more of its students and

sets higher expectations for performance, according to Dr. Gary Friedland, superintendent of schools.

"The district school staff, Board of Education and administration have been preparing this budget for five months," said Ned Sambur, president of the board, "and have spent untold hours working toward the best possible plan given the limited state funds allocated to the Springfield district."

"Because of the township's wealth in terms of real estate, Springfield is viewed by the state as a minimum aid district and receives only 7 to 8 percent of its budget in state aid — this year, \$633,951.

The planned 1989-90 budget represents an increase of approximately

9 percent over last year's budget, which means an additional \$600,000 must be raised by taxes. Salary accounts and health benefit accounts will represent about \$100,000 of that figure.

"The board was faced with a 26 percent increase in its employee Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medical Insurance," said Friedland. "This accounts for the greatest increase, approximately 16.7 percent of the total budget increase."

Friedland presented the central administration budgets which outlined salaries for all departments and upkeep of facilities. The superintendent indicated that projected budget allocations amounted to a 5 percent to 8 percent increase for the instructional resources presented

by the building principals and central office staff.

Curriculum Director Albert LaMorge stressed the importance of next year's planned curricular activities for state certification of the Springfield school district and the continued increase in achievement of students. The curriculum budget accounts for about 2 percent of the tentative budget and includes funding for teacher training, school libraries, Gifted and Talented education and all research, testing and curriculum writing projects in the district.

Next year's projects focus on mathematics, writing, library and geography skills in grades K-8.

"To help increase the performance of students in the district,"

Friedland said, "this year's tentative budget also includes required readings of 10 classic literature books at each grade level through grades 2-8, mastery of geography skills, and improved performance in mathematics and writing."

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would probably cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per child.

In other business, at Monday's session, the board heard from several parents unhappy over the conflict in the area's two school calendars and displeasure at what some members of the community believe to be a poorly conceived district-wide goal-setting survey.

Several parents attended the school board meeting to express their discontent over conflicting school calendars for the Union County Regional High School District and the Springfield School District. Although the calendars for this year had already been set, the board was urged to invite more public awareness and influence upon future calendar issues.

DPW, field projects OK'd

By DOMINICK CRINCOLI JR.

The Department of Public Works Building will get some additional work space and Ruby Field will have safety fences and a backstop thanks to two projects approved by the Springfield Township Committee.

The Public Works extension, which will add 400 square feet to the building, will be constructed by Acropol Contractors Inc. at a cost of \$58,000 and the Ruby Field improvement will cost \$5,645, Township Engineer Leo J. Eckmann announced at Tuesday's meeting of the Township Committee.

The addition will open up some inside storage space for equipment and will also serve as an indoor work area for the township mechanic," said Eckmann.

The Public Works Department parking lot will be enlarged and the driveway extended to reach North Trivet Avenue to allow better access to the recycling bin located behind the Public Works Building.

"And this should help with recycling drop-offs significantly," Eckmann said. "It will give residents drive-through convenience, whereas now they must turn around and go out the way they came in when dropping off recyclables."

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township before and has proven that they are reliable," said Eckmann.

The Township Committee also approved a request by the state Division of Taxation to set up their Taxmobile in Municipal Parking Lot 1 next to the Springfield Public Library.

The vehicle will be set up on March 26 and 27 to solicit advice about filling out tax forms or related matters.

Any further inquiries can be directed to Springfield Library Director Nancy Byouk during business hours.

The week of Jan. 15 was designated "Time of Remembrance" for the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The proclamation, handed down from the Executive Department of the State of New Jersey, lauded King for his work, "which transcended racial issues, calling attention to the need for social and economic reform potentially beneficial to the entire nation."

4 BOE terms up for grabs

The Springfield Board of Education is accepting applications for the terms that will expire in April, school officials reported this week.

The three-year terms of Jeff Gauchbach, Gary Ties and Piero Petino and the one-year term of Arthur Weinberg expire this year.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gary Friedland said residents wishing to fill the positions must complete a nominating petition which can be obtained at the board office, 376-0060, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the days when school is in session.

Completed petitions must be filed with the board secretary on or before 4 p.m. Feb. 9, the 54th day preceding the school board elections.

Anyone planning to submit a petition must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, must be able to read or write, must have been a resident of the municipality from which he is to be elected for at least one year preceding the date of the election, must not have an interest in any contract with or claim against the board, must possess the qualifications of membership prescribed by law, including a specific declaration that he is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19-23.1. Must be a qualified voter of the school district which the candidate shall represent on the Board of Education.

The board office is located at the Florence M. Gaudner School, 376-0060, Springfield Avenue, in the rear of the building.



NO ORDINARY DAY — Mayor Jeff Katz presents a proclamation declaring 'Helen Solla Day' to the longtime Springfield resident. The day was observed on Dec. 16.

Helen Solla honored

Helen Solla Day was observed in Springfield Dec. 16 in honor of a woman called "outstanding" by Springfield Mayor Jeffrey H. Katz.

Katz encouraged all citizens to join in recognizing Solla "for her extensive accomplishments and wishing her good health and continued happiness and attainment."

Solla became a businesswoman in Newark before reaching the age of 18 by owning two lunchettes. She was forced to abandon her high school education due to an accident suffered by her father.

During her 16-year association with AMICO, Solla has served as its hospitality chairman, corresponding secretary, vice president and president. She is coordinator of the organization's annual Columbus Day Dinner and other fund-raising activities, efforts for which she was honored in 1984 as AMICO's Citizen of the Year.



JOGGING PAYS OFF — Mayor Jeffrey Katz, who says a five-mile fitness run is part of his daily routine, was recognized by the New Jersey Senate for nabbing an escaped felon on foot. With Katz, center, are Senator C. Louis Bassano, R-Union; Jo Ann Pieper, the mayor; Committee member Marc Marshall and Deputy Mayor Phil Kurnos. See the story on Page 3.

Smoking ban arguments presented before PERC

By DOMINICK CRINCOLI JR.

Oral arguments were heard by six of the seven-member Public Employees Relations Commission on Jan. 9 in Trenton to determine whether an injunction filed against the Union County Regional Board of Education's smoking ban should be granted.

The injunction, filed by the local teachers union, so far has caused a delay in the implementation of a district-wide smoking ban, which was to have taken effect Jan. 1.

The smoking ban was approved earlier this month by the school board. The ban if upheld, calls for a no-smoking policy by teachers as well as all district employees, students and visitors at the district's four high schools, which includes David Brantley in Kenilworth and Jonathan Dayton in Springfield. The ban includes all district property, athletic fields and district vehicles.

At a Dec. 21 hearing before Charles Tadduni, a PERC hearing officer, it was agreed that the smoking ban should be put on hold until after the teachers' unfair labor practice case can be heard before the entire PERC board.

Irwin Weinberg was the attorney for the regional board. Paul Burns presented the case of the Union County Federation of Teachers and Stephen Klausner maintained the position of support staff such as the district secretaries, custodians and bus drivers.

A final decision on the matter by PERC should be rendered around the middle of February.

"The regional BOE is hopeful that PERC will rule for the implementation of a smoking ban," said spokesman Tom Long.

"The board strongly believes that the health of students and staff members is a very important issue and that the implementation of a smoking ban in the regional district will help provide a healthier environment for students and teachers."

Burns, arguing for the teachers, applauded the BOE's efforts, but said they were overstepping their bounds.

"The BOE does not have the statutory authority to implement a smoking ban without consulting the unions ahead of time," he said.

"Smoking is a term and condition of employment, and without clear statutory mandate indicating otherwise, our position is that it must be negotiated first."

Klausner, echoing Burns, went on to say that all statutory proceedings to negotiate must be exhausted before such a ban could be implemented.

"There must be negotiating meetings between the parties first of all, then a professional mediator must act as a go-between, a formal process of fact-finding must be undertaken, the fact-finding must then be used to get a settlement," Klausner said. In the event of an impasse, "the final stage of the process is reached, after which time the board may implement a smoking ban despite what we say," he said.

Klausner also maintained that the board was attempting to legislate morality and that the "public-safety-for-kids argument was seriously undercut by the ban on smoking outdoors for someone cutting the grass, for example, when no kids are around."

Long summed up the board's position: "We do not believe that it is fair or proper to teach students about the evils of tobacco use in order to allow someone to smoke in our schools or on the school grounds at the same time."

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SHOWCASE OF HOMES

Home construction techniques fight radon

"Today, in the face of heightened concerns regarding radon, home buyers should be aware of design and construction techniques utilized in new home construction to make new housing radon resistant," stated Anthony Ziccardi, president of the New Jersey Builders Association, NIBA.

New Jersey is well ahead of other states in responding to the radon threat, according to Ziccardi. As early as April 1986, NIBA instituted a Radon Task Force, chaired by former NIBA President David Jackson, to devise specific and practical guidelines for radon risk reduction. On the national level, Bar-

ry Rosengarten, also a former NIBA president, is serving on a second task force formed by the National Association of Home Builders, NAHB. The information, guidelines and procedures generated by the combined builder task forces, were instrumental in the "Radon Reduction in New Construction" Interim Guide published in 1987 by United States Environmental Protection Agency, EPA.

Currently, NIBA and the National Housing Research Center, together with the EPA, are conducting a field test in a representative sample of homes now in various stages of construction to demonstrate cost-

effective methods of radon risk reduction. The final report from their study, expected by late 1989, will be available to all NIBA builders and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, which has partially funded the program. Among the others contributing financial support to the study is the Jersey Central Power and Light Company. Already NJBA is encouraging establishment of statewide standards to minimize radon entry and to facilitate remediation when necessary.

Discussions of potential code changes with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey

Legislature have been under way for some time now.

Many New Jersey builders have already taken the initiative in developing techniques to reduce radon risks in new homes. The basic principles incorporated include designing and constructing homes to minimize pathways for soil gas to enter, maintain a neutral pressure differential between indoors and outdoors, and incorporate features facilitating radon removal after completion of the home if prevention techniques prove to be inadequate.

"Since NIBA was founded in 1949, our goal has been to

promote efforts to provide safe places to live and work. Our commitment to this goal is the motivation behind our continued research and ongoing efforts to educate our membership regarding the most recent findings," noted Ziccardi.

A reading list of key documents and additional informative material on radon was compiled by the NIBA Task Force and is available on request. For this reading list, or for more information on NIBA's efforts to reduce the risk of radon, one can contact Michael McGuinness, director of Environmental Studies, at the NIBA headquarters in Plainsboro.

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New national policy is issue addressed by builders

The pressing need for a new national policy was the issue addressed by Dale Stuard, president of the National Association of Home Builders, in his keynote speech to the Builders Association of Somerset and

Morris. In addition to Somerset/Morris President David Bossart, several officers of the New Jersey Builders Association, including President Anthony Ziccardi, were on hand to greet the builders national leader.

Stuard also met separately with leaders of the local and state building industry at a leadership conference, also sponsored by the Builders Association of Somerset and Morris.

"The housing crisis which

we, in New Jersey, have recognized for some time now is a national priority. In his comprehensive assessment of an urgent national need, Mr. Stuard challenges our elected representatives to push an effective

housing policy to the forefront of this fall's campaign issues," explained Ziccardi.

"Dale Stuard has made efforts to stem the destructive tide of non-growth initiatives."

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Schaible Oil problem highlight of news

July
Lt. James Hietala is promoted to the position of Springfield police captain... in Municipal Court, Schaible Oil Company is the target of several unrelated vehicle violation charges that cost the owner \$1,425 in fines and court costs... Springfield, surrounding municipalities and county authorities show solidarity when a thunderstorm rips through town leaving widespread devastation in its wake. Emergency management teams are alerted, investigators and the emergency is managed smoothly.

September
Teachers, secretaries, and custodians start the school year off with-out a contract... The first in a series of articles is submitted to the Springfield Leader from the four candidates running for the two seats available on the Township Committee: Republicans Jeffrey Katz and Marc Marshall will oppose Democrats Dave Stein and Bob DiCarlo on Nov. 8.

October
Youngsters at Gaudinier Middle School reach out to the hungry and homeless, as the third annual student council-sponsored food drive collection gets under way... First during election time last year. Cleri claims that he lost his bid for the township committee because of test statements made with "wicked and malicious intent to harm his reputation one day before the 1987 election." Gerard Richelo is appointed new chief of the Fire Department after serving as deputy chief since 1983... The fired co-ordinator, Schaible Oil Company files a trespassing complaint in Union County Superior Court against Francis Crosset, and Crosset must answer to multiple charges. "We

November
A former music teacher at Florence Gaudinier School is acquitted of charges involving the sexual assault of one of his students... Katz and Marshall sweep committee race. Springfield voters indicate their satisfaction with a 3-2 Republican-controlled township committee... Town Clerk Helen McGillicuddy announces that 7,312 or 70 percent of the 9,056 registered voters cast ballots... Katz and Marshall plan to "operate the municipal government like the \$40-million business it is". The Board of Education wraps up contract negotiations with its staff by finalizing a three-year agreement with the Springfield Education Association.

December
It is learned that the New Jersey State Division of Motor Vehicles is negotiating with county authorities and the Department of Transportation over the possibility of locating an inspection center in the former Bondville Quarry. Marilyn Schneider and the Springfield/Summit Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment sound the alarm and gear up for battle.

Consumer action line
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Police nab three in drug bust at motel

Seven adults and one juvenile will answer to criminal charges of narcotics possession following a motel room raid carried out by the Narcotics Unit of the Springfield police, authorities said this week.

Pursuant to a search warrant that was the result of a weeklong investigation, police used 70 meters to enter one of the three rooms rented by the suspects during the week of Dec. 30 at the Colonial Motel on Route 22, said Police Chief William E. Chisholm.

The five Newark men arrested on Dec. 30 were: Eric Hardaway, 23; James Gregory Jones, 33; Eric Blackmon, 29; Floyd Walker, 30; and Keith Bryan Hardaway. The two women arrested along with the juvenile were: Susan Henderson, 25, of Newark and Darnell Hardaway, 20, of Irvington.

Police seized 500 empty glass vials commonly used to package cocaine, a quantity of marijuana, a 1985 Mazda luxury sedan police believe to be stolen, and \$3,151 that is the suspected proceeds from drug sales.

No weapons were recovered and the suspects did not resist arrest, Chisholm said.

A Newark man was served with criminal complaints after verbally and physically assaulting a Springfield police officer on Dec. 27.

The officer was punched in the face and his glasses were strewn into the street, said Chisholm.

Reville William Fitzgerald, 21, was subdued and placed under arrest by Patrolmen Peter Davis and Paul Caron after the Route 22 altercation.

Police blotter

James A. McNair, 21, of Irvington and Sharon D. Vanovero, 23, of Newark, were in possession of a stolen motor vehicle when they were stopped by the Union County Police on Route 22, the chief said.

The case was assigned to the Union County Auto Theft Task Force.

Michael Leslie Gibbs, 21, of Newark was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft on Dec. 29.

Orzo Thaddeus Wells, 23, of Teaneck was arrested because of a Bloomfield warrant on Dec. 29 by Detective Judd Levenson.

Jack Dossantos, 23, of Union was arrested and charged with driving while revoked by Patrolman John Rowley on Dec. 30.

Robert Miller, 40, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while suspended and outstanding warrants.

Simpson heads squad

Helen Simpson was installed as First Aid Department president last Saturday night.

As administrative head of the 40-member health emergency group, Simpson will conduct the once-monthly meetings, oversee clerical and other administrative details, and serve as the squad public relations liaison.

Simpson was recently recognized by the Township Committee for more than 25 years of faithful service to the community as an employee of the Police Department, and as a First Aid Squad member.

Year in review

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UCUA recycling schedule

The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) has released the schedule for curbside pickups of recyclables during January for the 11 municipalities participating in the Union County Regional Recycling Program.

Newspaper, glass and aluminum will be collected in Mountainside on Jan. 16 and 30 and in Springfield on Jan. 6 and 20.

UCUA officials remind residents to set out their recyclables by 7:30 a.m. the day they are scheduled for collection.

Residents should prepare their materials according to the following guidelines:

- Newspapers — must be clean, dry and tied in bundles that are no more than 8 inches thick. The bundles should not include magazines, telephone books, junk mail or glossy paper.
- Aluminum beverage containers must be well-rinsed and placed in sturdy, reusable containers. Tin and bimetal cans will not be collected. Note: A magnet will not attract the side or bottom of a recyclable all-aluminum beverage can.
- Glass bottles and jars — must be well-rinsed with all caps and lids removed — labels, Styrofoam, metal rings and plastic wrappings do not have to be removed. Glass containers should be placed at the curb in sturdy, reusable containers.

Katz, Marshall honored as heroes by N.J. Senate

Springfield Mayor Jeffrey H. Katz and Committeeman Marc Marshall were honored recently for heroism by the New Jersey state Senate. In a resolution introduced by Senator C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, the Senate commended Katz and Marshall for their role in apprehending an auto theft suspect on Nov. 6, 1988.

Katz, the incumbent mayor, and Marshall, his running mate, were returning to their campaign headquarters when they noticed a man hiding from police cars in the area. When the man bolted, toward the street, Marshall positioned his car to block the man's path. Katz pursued the man on foot behind neighborhood homes and tackled him as Springfield police officers arrived.

Neither Katz nor Marshall knew at the time that the suspect had escaped from Mountainside police about 20 minutes earlier.

Dubbed the "dynamic duo" by the press wire services, Katz and Marshall garnered national attention after neighborhood residents notified newspapers, radio and television stations. In the election two days later, they defeated their opponents by a wide margin.

Katz has been an active member of Springfield's Police Reserve for 20 years and holds the rank of lieutenant. Marshall is a member of Springfield's First Aid Squad and held the rank of first lieutenant at the time.

"Even though Marc and Jeff are trained emergency services personnel," remarked Bassano, "it's rather unusual for an elected official to chase down a suspect, tackle him, and then arrest him. It's even more unusual for his running mate to be doing the expert pursuit driving. Their state is proud of them and the Senate resolution provides the formal recognition they deserve."

Bassano presented the original resolution to Katz and Marshall during ceremonies held at the senator's office.

When they are not chasing suspects, Marshall is an international exporter and importer of foods and commodities trader. Katz is the manager of Telecommunications Services for Public Service Electric and Gas Company in Newark.



VOICES — The members of the Chorale at David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth enjoyed a busy holiday season, entertaining large audiences both in school and at various places throughout the area. The students, under the direction of Angelo Corbo, are shown here singing for shoppers at the Pathmark in Union as part of the Pepsi-Cola Corporation's "Voices of a New Generation" program.

Becky Seal lunch menu

The Becky Seal Nutrition Program for the elderly will be held at the Chisholm School in Springfield Monday through Friday. Reservations may be made by calling 912-2233. Transportation is now available for those who would like to attend. Anyone who needs transportation can call 912-2226.

The lunch menu for the week of Jan. 9 through Jan. 13 is as follows:

- Monday — Boneless barbecued pork rib, cauliflower, baked potato halves, applesauce, vegetable soup, bread, margarine, and milk.
- Tuesday — Chicken a la king, peas and mushrooms, rice, sliced peaches, chicken noodle soup, croissant, margarine, and milk.
- Wednesday — Stuffed cabbage, mixed vegetables, pierogie, fresh fruit, beef noodle soup, bread, margarine, and milk.
- Thursday — Meatloaf with gravy, sliced carrots, mashed potatoes, pound cake, grapefruit juice, bread, margarine, and milk.
- Friday — Fish fillet with cheese, broccoli stalks, scalloped potatoes, pear halves, clam chowder soup, hamburger bun, and milk.

Teacher recognition program

The Union County Regional High School District No. 1 has announced that for the fourth consecutive year it will participate in Governor Keane's Teacher Recognition Program.

One "Outstanding Teacher" from each of the four Regional High Schools — David Brearley in Springfield, Jonathan Dayton in Kenilworth, Jonathan Johnson in Clark and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights — will be selected by a special panel comprised of teachers, administrators, and Regional Board of Education members. Nominations for the designation of "Outstanding Teacher" may be received from parents, students, faculty members and residents of the Regional District.

Residents wishing to nominate a teacher for this prestigious award may obtain a form in the main office of each of the four Regional High Schools or in the town halls and public libraries, or any of the six Regional District communities. All residents are invited and urged to seriously consider nominating teachers for this honor. The deadline to submit nominations is 3 p.m. Jan. 20.

Those selected as "Outstanding Teachers" through this program will be honored with a Certificate of Commendation by Governor Keane at a special Convocation on Education to be held in the spring. In addition, a \$3,000 grant will be awarded to the school district.

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Editorial

Give it a chance

New Jersey's 567 municipalities have a unique opportunity during the next six months to help determine the direction of growth in the state. It is an opportunity which should not be overlooked.

On Friday, the state Planning Commission released the final volume of the state Development and Redevelopment Plan, and while some critics view it as a threat to home rule, local and county officials, as well as the public, will have the opportunity to review the plan under a unique process called cross acceptance.

Beginning this week, planners from each county will sit down with municipal officials to compare strategies, policies and standards of the state plan with local planning documents. During the next six months, local and county planners may negotiate compromises with the state so their own plans for future development can mesh with the state's.

This unusual procedure of cross acceptance is an attempt to fashion a consensus about New Jersey's future.

The state wants to target areas for regionalized growth, funneling the majority of new construction into cities and developed suburbs where adequate roads and sewers have been built. The plan also tries to cluster development in certain areas to preserve open space.

A brief glance at conditions in New Jersey should convince anyone that proper long range planning on a statewide basis might have prevented many of our woes: gridlock on state highways, polluted beaches, closed landfills, sewage being dumped into our coastal waters, unhealthy air quality in industrialized areas, "unaffordable" housing, urban "sprawl" and the ever-increasing exodus of young families from the crowded, polluted and crime-filled cities to western and southern suburbs, where our farmland is being quickly sold off at high prices so developers can build houses for the city folks.

Many of these problems are the result of poor, or in some cases, no planning. Much of the blame must be placed on local and county officials grabbing industrial and commercial tracts, regardless of the effect they have on residents.

This poor planning cannot be erased; we cannot "start from scratch" in developing the state of New Jersey.

What each municipality can do, however, is to review the state plan as it affects them.

By implementing the cross acceptance procedure, the Planning Commission is making it possible for each municipality to have its say, positive or negative; offer alternatives and become involved in the future development of the entire state.

To this end, the help and assistance of state offices and planners has been offered to local officials as they attempt to review and perhaps modify their own master plans.

New Jersey's development plan has been called the most ambitious land use initiative in the nation.

It is a huge attempt at long range planning to improve the quality of life in New Jersey, and officials at all levels of government have a responsibility to review it with an open mind.

Instead of screaming about home rule, they should take advantage of the help the state is promising and spend the next six months revising their master plans and negotiating compromises where necessary.

Maybe then, future generations will not be saddled with the problems of the past.

Freedom fighter

On Monday, we will celebrate a rather new holiday: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Why is this occasion worthy of being called a holiday throughout this country?

Think about what it would be like without the efforts and hard work of the slain civil rights leader and his supporters. Racial inequality, religious intolerance and other crimes against humanity would be taken for granted, as they were before Dr. King took to the streets throughout this country fighting back against a government and a people that had become complacent about human rights.

Dr. King rose above vested interests and complicity to ensure freedom for all of us. He brought discrimination and inequality to the attention of all Americans.

For this, and for his willingness to pay the ultimate price of freedom, he should be remembered.

Deadlines

The following deadlines will be strictly enforced:

- Letters to the editor - noon Monday.
- Social items - noon Friday.
- Religious events - noon Friday.
- Focus and entertainment news - noon Friday.
- All other publicity releases - 4 p.m. Friday.

Handwritten press releases will no longer be accepted. All releases must be typed, double-spaced. We reserve the right to edit all copy. No press releases will be accepted over the telephone; however, news tips may be called in at any time.

Requests for a photograph should be made 10 days prior to the day of the event. We cannot honor all requests for a photograph, however, we will accept good quality black and white photographs when appropriate.

Pictures submitted to this newspaper will no longer be returned. Anyone who wishes to have a photograph returned may pick it up at our Union Office, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, after it is published. Please call 686-7700 and ask if the pictures are available. Some may not be available immediately after publication. We will keep the pictures for three months. After that, they will be destroyed.

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While we strive to be as accurate as possible, mistakes do occur. Corrections brought to our attention by 4 p.m. Friday will be printed in the next week's paper.

Editors are available between 2 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays at 686-7700 to answer questions or deal with general problems.

Commentary



THE PARTY'S OVER — This party machine obviously had a little too much high test for New Year's and couldn't make it home by the night's end. Some of us don't know when to say when or how to just say no.

Letters to the Editor

Helen Solla should be recognized

Several weeks ago I attended a Township Committee meeting in Springfield. As part of that meeting, one of our local committee members, Sy Mullman, generously contributed 33 basketball tickets to the kids involved in one of our local sports programs. His actions were commended and noted with ample front page coverage in the Springfield Leader. There was also another notable event which took place at that same meeting which to my surprise was never mentioned. It has to do with Helen Solla.

By unanimous decision of the Township Committee of Springfield, Dec. 16 was proclaimed "Helen Solla Day." Helen has resided in and served the town of Springfield for most of her life. The list of contributions she has made, and the list of her community affiliations is endless. Despite personal hardship and setbacks, Helen never once said no to Springfield, and to this day she continues to be involved in our town's growth and welfare.

I hope you can find the time and space for this letter so that others may be aware of Helen's accomplishments and her example, and most importantly, so that she receives the recognition she so much deserves.

DAVID GERBER
Rose Avenue

Two Springfield servicemen died in Vietnam

While in Springfield over the holidays, I read in your paper that a group of students from F.M. Gaudinier School recently visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Springfield Leader erroneously reported that only one local serviceman died in that war. My brother, Army Spec. 4 Dennis J. Coll, was killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam on March 3, 1969, while serving with the Fourth Infantry Division between Kontum and Pleiku, R.V.N. This was reported in your paper almost 20 years ago.

JOSEPH J. COLL JR.
Wendell, Mass.

Human Services Department issues thanks

The Township of Springfield Human Services Department wishes to thank the many organizations who have donated time, energy and finances to the needy of the community during this holiday season.

The donors were Springfield American Legion Post #228, Springfield Kiwanis Club, Springfield Women's Club, Church of the Nazarene, AT&T Company, Springfield, Springfield Rotary Club, American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit #228, Springfield Columbianes, and Springfield Senior Citizens Groups 1 and 3.

Your thoughtfulness has helped brighten and lighten lives, even if only for a short time. Also thanks to the Springfield Road Department for their continual help in many ways throughout the year.

MAUREN MEIXNER
Director of Human Services

Help available to those with eating disorders

Sunday night I saw a movie about Karen Carpenter, the pop singer who died of anorexia nervosa. This movie touched me because I have a daughter who overcame anorexia nervosa after two life-threatening episodes during her adolescence. She had anorexia from 1977 to 1984. Little was known about eating disorders then, and little help was available.

Fortunately, both information and treatment are available today for people with eating disorders and their families. As a parent who has experienced the devastating effects of anorexia nervosa, I urge people with eating disorders and their families to seek out information and help from healthcare professionals such as those at The New Jersey Eating Disorders Hotline 1-800-624-2268.

ELEANOR KEMPER
Gillette

Realtor thanks toy drive contributors

As we come to the end of the holiday season I wish to thank all of you who contributed so generously to our Ninth Annual Toys For Tots Drive.

Area residents of all ages began bringing toys to our offices in late November, and by mid-December our toy boxes were filled to overflowing. Many of our offices also received food and clothing for those less fortunate. During the course of the drive our sales representatives had the opportunity to meet and work with many caring people.

We are confident that the gifts that were donated were most appreciated. Our reward is the knowledge that our company had the chance to help brighten the holidays for so many needy children. At Schlott Realtors we know that we must give back to our communities some of the support and concern that they have shown to us.

Again, I extend my deepest thanks and wish all of our friends and neighbors a happy and healthy New Year!

RICHARD L. SCHLOTT
President, Schlott Realtors

Washington report

Cleaner energy sources needed

By MATTHEW RINALDO
Congressman, 7th District

The abundance of oil in the last few years has lulled our country into a false sense of security where energy is concerned. You only need to remember the fuel shortages of the 1970s to realize the supply of oil is not guaranteed.

A few years ago, we resolved to reduce our dependence on oil, and we have failed to keep that promise to ourselves.

Today we continue to pay a price for fossil fuel beyond the bill at the gas station. Oil and coal are sources of air pollution.

As a sponsor of legislation to clean the air by regulating the burning of oil in automobiles and coal in industrial plants, I believe that Congress also must encourage research into cleaner energy sources.

I therefore have urged Secretary of Energy John Herrington to begin an assessment of ways to reduce this country's dependence on oil and coal. We need a new initiative

in this country with the goal of finding new sources of energy for our factories, homes and vehicles.

In practical terms, this country needs to look to a day when vehicles will be powered by electricity or by clean-burning, plentiful hydrogen gas.

There are other energy technologies that will produce power and help clean the air, and we must examine all the alternatives. For instance, we can build hydroelectric plants and tap geothermal heat. Electricity also can be generated from the sun and wind.

The fossil fuels — oil and coal — are a false economy. As oil becomes scarcer in the world, the cost of using it can only increase. We delay the inevitable when we delay planning for other energy sources. Meanwhile, we endure the environmental hazards of the most dirtiest air caused by the burning of oil and coal.

The pollutants from fossil fuels are the cause of acid rain. In the Northeast, the area hardest hit by

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Freeholders must point out county priorities

By BRIAN W. FAHEY
Editor's Note: The following is the text of the address given by Freeholder Chairman Brian Fahey at the Jan. 2 reorganization meeting of the county board.

The year 2000 now has become a target date for growth around the county. It is the promise in our future when all responsible legislators need to have their respective responsibilities in order. The focus of that date has therefore been the county point for those "bold decisions" which legislators need often defer until after elections and seldom ever address.

In simple terms it is our burden, and mine as chairman of the Board of Freeholders this year, to point out the priorities and, with the support of my colleagues, point the direction we see in order to protect the Union County portion of the Good Earth.

Just over 60 years ago, Pearl Buck began writing her most famous novel "The Good Earth." She set it in China, but she wrote it while America was in deep economic depression and Americans were beginning their long fight back to stability. Wang Lung is the book's principal character. A poor farmer who works very hard to acquire some land almost loses everything, but his commitment to his values allows him to prevail.

This type of commitment for what he believed to be right is not characteristic of the high-minded approach to life Jimmy Stewart has been reminding us about every day during this holiday season as he plays the role of George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life."

Despite good intentions and tremendous good achieved through hard work, George Bailey also almost fails in his business of small-town banking but survives to see his neighbors and friends save his bank and be reminded by Clarence the Angel that "No man is a failure who has friends."

Wang Lung in "The Good Earth" and George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life" are not inappropriate people to think about. They are not naive characters but rather, for our real consideration, they share victory and pain, as do all of us in our everyday actions, because they were determined and they were good. While the George Bailey story finished during a 20-year holiday season, the Wang Lung character, created by Pearl Buck, finished his life fearfully hoping that his sons would

accept the values of hard work and not all of his "Good Earth" for profit.

In Union County, Good Government requires commitment, courage, good decisions, and good friends! And while it is sometimes said you can appreciate the strength of an individual man by the number of his enemies or the stars that he bears, today, in Union County, we need good government — not stars.

With the support of you, the residents and taxpayers of Union County, and with the support and friendship of my friends and colleagues on the Board of Freeholders, we have the support and basis to begin again. Not all decisions will be perfect; we know that. We know that the political life span of a freeholder chairman is only one year long before another is granted his day of leadership but we must stay together or leadership will go naked and progress will not come.

I am fortunate; I have been here for five consecutive years. I have taken positions which were not initially popular but have been proven to be good ones. I say that because I am confident of my direction whether or not you may be confident as the motion I speak. I will not see a position designed to provide you only with instant gratification or satisfaction; I will fight for what I think is right and good and hope that you will respect me for that part of my character.

When I first arrived on this freeholder board I insisted that we find a western county name for the Center for Hope, Hospice, and we did. That commitment did not move forward without criticism, but as Father Charles Hudson and Peggy Calney, from the Center for Hope, began their mission of fund raising to rehabilitate the old Grassman Land in the Scotch Plains portion of the County Park, we understood that a jewel was being created for our citizens and today the Center for Hope is the project and program of which I am the president for Union County. That was good government.

Shortly after I came to this freeholder board, I decided to turn off the John Runnells nursing home grounds and build a new and larger nursing home. We were criticized by some, but we did it and next year, a new facility will open. That was good government. Make no mistake; I did not do this alone. Former Freeholder Charlotte DeFilippo and Freeholders Bob

light, O'Keefe, and Lapolla were also on the board and we five did it and we all are very proud.

In 1987 I criticized the political influence of decision making in our county insurance purchasing process, and the Prosecutor's Office and a special grand jury responded in late 1988 with positive findings and suggestions. That was good government.

In 1988, I proposed for the second time that we switch our health benefits provider and was painfully criticized as the political misinformation process occurred, but in 1988 I had the support of my colleagues. We took the criticism; no unions used us and, in fact, several have conceded that our new health coverage with Blue Cross is broader than our previous coverage. In the process we saved the taxpayers \$2,700,000 in costs differential. That was good government.

In 1988, I also proposed and succeeded in convincing a majority of my friends on the Board of Freeholders that we had to fight to abolish the autonomous Board of Social Services and merge it into the county of Union. Again the misinformation campaign was begun, but we held our ground and I am very proud that the savings to Union County from this effort, while initially projected at \$700,000, now has been documented at \$2,800,000 for 1988. That was good government.

Leaves and Open Space Plans is next in the fall of 1988, I bought Freeholder Salts up to the Springfield quarry site and showed him the land where I and our Public Works director, Patrick White, wanted to install a county leaf-composting center to aid our municipalities.

We expanded this pilot program and when the leaves fell this year, 11 of our towns delivered them to Springfield and we saved those towns over \$500,000 in disposal costs as a result. That was good government. In 1989, I will urge my fellow freeholders to maintain this program, purchase the heavy equipment we need in order to further streamline and expand our services to save local and government taxes. That will be good government.

In 1989, it will also be good government to block the state of New Jersey's plan to install both a motor vehicle inspection and a driver's licensing facility in its portion of the old Springfield quarry and instead have Union County acquire

that land as a passive park, a nature land where deer and fox still run; an open area now in which we should place our county landscape nursery and grow a forest to help clean the air in Union County. That will be good government because cleaning our Union County — air — with new green growth will make your life and mine a little better. I will ask this board to direct our administrators to test "impose the state's initiative; but rather to fight it and to request that our state legislators, and our federal legislators force their governments to assist us in acquiring this land for passive park purposes at the lowest possible price.

In 1989 it will also be good government to plan for the arrival of the year 2000 with our best foot forward. The vision we need for that responsibility may well be beyond my own. I see Morris Avenue, North Avenue and South Avenue, on either side of the railroad tracks, Broad Street in Elizabeth and St. George Avenue all necessarily linked. I believe a regional "life plan" and transportation plan with good function and aesthetics must be developed and coordinated. I see trees, more trees, and shrubs and I need to see better housing which private industry will find worthwhile to build and our county will be able to afford. I see a micro-rail from Plainfield into the Newark Airport for convenient traveling and shopping. It is not pie in the sky; it is what we must find and look for in someone's imagination — which gave us airplanes, rockets, Disneyland, and realized cities such as Pittsburgh, Pa. We need a Union County Vision 2000 Board and that is what we shall have. The plan must be in place. We will create that committee under the imprimatur of Union County and invite the chairman of Merck Corporation.

Finally, our Union County Police Academy is moving along. John H. Stamler, our Union County prosecutor, is now beginning his third five-year term and is responsible, along with his first assistant,

Edmund Tucker. They must be recognized. They are the role models for law enforcement officers all over Union County and certainly for all prosecutors in New Jersey. I will ask our Freeholder Board to commit today and show our respect and admiration for these gentlemen. The building must be dedicated in recognition of their outstanding efforts and further, it must be named the John Stamler Police Academy of Union County. During our lifetimes, we try to do what is right and what is good. Let's hope that the 183,500 recognized, but the safety of John Stamler's contributions to the county and well-being of Union County mandates our showing this recognition and admiration. For Prosecutor John H. Stamler.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be received no later than noon on the Monday preceding the date of the issue in which they are to appear. They should be typed, with double spacing between lines (not in all capital letters, please).

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MATCH THE MILES — Getty Petroleum Corp. presented a \$100,000 grand prize award to Marc Ellis of Bloomfield. The awards ceremony took place at the Getty Service Station in Mountainside where Ellis picked up the "Match the Miles" game cards. Ellis won the game by providing correct answers to multiple questions on the cards relating to miles and mileage. Getty also donated 400 Getty Teddy Bears to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. From left are Herbert Wechsler, Getty's vice president of marketing; Ellis; Robert Vigilanti, mayor of Mountainside; John J. Crocco, mayor of Bloomfield; State Senator Donald DiFranco; and Leo Liebowitz, Getty's president and chief executive officer. In front are, from left, Lisa, Donna and Megan Ellis.



WINTER CONCERT — Deerfield School in Mountainside recently held its annual Winter Concert. Students in grades kindergarten through eighth performed for parents, teachers, and guests. From left Beth Stolling, seventh grade; Kathleen Girtirich, sixth grade; and Adena Misiewicz, fifth grade, perform at a rehearsal for the concert.



MUSICAL ASSEMBLY — A recent assembly at the James Caldwell School in Springfield featured Jonathan Sprout. His concert included a medley of carefully chosen original pop songs about experiences particular to children which encourage positive thinking and self-confidence. From left are Jennifer Robertello, Matthew Caputo, Sprout, Vicky Bruno, and Joshua Franke.

Overlook offers free program

Overlook Hospital offers a free maternity orientation program each month. Expectant parents meet in the hospital auditorium, where a registered nurse from the maternity unit shows a slide of the maternity area, a film of labor and delivery and answers questions. Family-centered maternity care, plus other services offered by Overlook will be explained.

Overlook's Parentcraft Program satisfies all childbirth and parenting educational needs, offering a comprehensive series of classes which are taught by qualified health educators.

Classes include Childbirth Preparation, Lameza Review, and a tour of the maternity unit. Other classes available are Cesarean Birth, Breastfeeding, and Infant Care. Parents expecting an additional child can select a Sibling Preparation class appropriate to their child's age. All classes include a maternity unit tour.

Another class offered by Overlook helps before and after the baby arrives. This newly updated, two-night Infant-Care class meets to discuss adjustments to parenthood, baby-care demonstrations, feedings, diapering and many other practical matters of infant care.

After the baby's birth, the Mothers' Exchange program gives mothers and babies an opportunity to get together and learn infant CPR, nutrition, growth and development, and share ideas on many other topics.

Those who would like information on starting dates, fees and registration may call Overlook's Department of Health Education at 522-2963.

Overlook Hospital will offer an "Eater's Choice" Cholesterol Treatment Program beginning Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. The classes help individuals control their own diets, develop a personalized limit for saturated fat, test low fat snacks in class, order from restaurants, and much more.

Interested persons may call Overlook's Department of Health Education at 522-2963 for more information.

YWCA to hold health lectures

The Summit YWCA, the place for women and their families, is sponsoring two health lectures in January. **Colon Cancer: Prevention and Detection** and **"Hunger Pangs and Hunger: Strikes Women, Society and Food in the '80s."**

Dr. William C. Sloan of Affiliates in Gastroenterology, West Orange, will present an in-depth program on the prevention and detection of colon cancer at 7:45 tonight.

Beginning at 7:45, her talk will deal with women, societal pressures and food, and how they all interconnect in our times. "There is a cultural myth that women will be happier if they are thinner," said Dougherty. "Therefore, there are many women who are constantly starving themselves and, in the process, 'depriving' themselves. Eating disorders are not new, but in the '80s when 'thinner is better' is the norm — they are more prevalent.



School lunches

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS
FRIDAY, pizza parlor, plain, sausage, pepperoni, peppers and onions, hot meat sandwich with gravy, turkey salad sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter with bread and butter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; MONDAY, no school; TUESDAY, veal parmesan on bun, minute steak on roll, tuna salad sandwich, potatoes, vegetable, fruit, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; WEDNESDAY, hamburger on bun, potatoes, vegetable, juice, egg mac luncheon, egg, cheese, ham on bun, cold submarine sandwich with lettuce, fruit, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk; THURSDAY, baked macaroni and cheese, bread and butter, vegetable, fruit, frankfurter on roll, egg salad sandwich, large salad platter, homemade soup, desserts, milk.

YMCA DANCERS — Tiny Terpsichores at the YMCA — The winter term of the Children's Dance Program at the Summit YWCA begins in January at 79 Maple St. The 12-week program, under the guidance of dance teachers Pat Burns, Cindy Lou Milesky and Laurie Bohon, offers classes for children ages 3-8 years.

Mayors featured on TV-3

Three Union County mayors will be featured on the live call-in talk show, "DownTown," Jan. 18.

Host Bob Zeglarski will meet with Springfield Mayor Jeffrey Katz at 6:30 p.m., and with Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti and Linden Mayor Paul Werzmeister at 8 p.m. The show will be broadcast on Suburban Cablevision's TV-3.

Viewers will be given the opportunity to call in with their questions, air their views, and discuss issues concerning their community. The phone number to call is 626-5333.

The show featuring Katz will be repeated Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m., and the one with Vigilanti and Werzmeister will be at 7:30 p.m.



PREPARING — Students in the Contemporary Living classes at David Brearley Regional High School recently played host to the Kenilworth Rotary Club when the service organization held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the school. Shown here preparing food and drink for the Rotary luncheon meeting are David Brearley students Kristine Cwiak, left, and Rosanna Petracca.

Cultural roots at hospital

The Overlook Hospital health care family has become truly global in scope — with cultural roots stretching from the British Isles to Guyana, from the Philippines to New Zealand.

But the members of this family all speak the same language, the language of caring.

Overlook's cultural diversities were celebrated at the hospital's first Transcultural Day on Dec. 6. Nearly 100 American and foreign staff members learned about the differences in nursing here and abroad from a panel of foreign nurses and keynote speaker, Nancy Engel, R.N., assistant professor at Villanova College of Nursing.

Engel, who has worked as a nurse in Japan and Bangladesh, pointed out some of the marked distinctions between American and foreign health care.

"Our health care system places an extraordinary value on life for life's sake," she said. "Other countries might not introduce the extraordinary life-saving measures we do."

Another big difference, she said, is the American "self-care" model of nursing.

"We expect the patient to be very independent here," she said. "But in Japan, patients are more passive, and are expected to 'put down their burden' and completely place themselves in the care-giver's hands."

The panelists — Sandra Reyes, of the Philippines; Annie O'Toole, of Ireland; Linda Clew, of England; and Ann Cherry, of Scotland — schooled these sentiments and added their unique perspectives.

"In British hospitals, there's a hierarchy in shift. Here, it doesn't exist," said Ann Cherry. "I was amazed at the long visiting hours here, with families asking lots of questions," said Linda Clew. "In England, visiting tends to be one hour in the evenings."

Though foreign nurses have long been an integral part of the hospital staff, Overlook has been actively recruiting in other countries for three years.

Poisoned yogurt found in Camden County store

Consumers are being advised that the presence of cyanide was confirmed in an 8-ounce container of Breyer's Yogurt-eaten-by-a-Head-donkey resident in Camden County who became seriously ill on Jan. 3. The container was purchased at West Mont Acme in Camden County Jan. 1.

The product, Breyer's Black Cherry Yogurt, carried a FEB 1989 date indicating its expiration date next month. In Union, Health Officer Dennis San Filippo said his staff has been contacting stores that might be selling the yogurt advising them to pull all yogurt containers carrying that code.

Consumers were also advised to examine containers they have already purchased. If deemed safe, they may be returned to Kraft-Heinz Dairy Group, Consumer Affairs Dept., 1880 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Questions may be addressed to Consumer Health Service at 1-609-984-3400.

Bill is passed by a landslide

A bill sponsored by Assemblyman Peter J. Genova, R-21, which would give local emergency planning committees immunity, was approved by a 72-1 vote in the Assembly on Dec. 15.

"This legislation would encourage people who have expertise in planning for responses to emergency releases of hazardous chemicals to volunteer that expertise for the public safety," the assemblyman said.

The bill, A-2800, classifies local emergency planning committees as public entities and their members as public employees for the purpose of immunity from tort claims.

The bill was amended in committee to provide immunity to persons who serve on these local emergency planning committees for any damages resulting from the exercise of their judgment in carrying out their official duties. Immunity would not extend to actions which evidence a reckless disregard for the duties imposed by the position, Genova noted.

In October 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Part of this legislation directs the states to establish state emergency response commissions, emergency planning districts, and local emergency planning committees to deal with emergency releases of hazardous chemicals.

The local emergency planning committees must include elected state and local officials as well as representatives of a variety of government agencies, industry, community groups and the news media.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Discussion on "NJ. and You," with Assemblywoman Mireen Ogden. Recently, area towns such as Fanwood and Maplewood have found themselves defending zoning requirements against developers who have purchased existing single family homes for the purpose of demolishing them and building high density housing in their place. The inclusion of a low/moderate income component in this housing has forced these communities to take the issue to either the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) or the courts.

Ogden's guests for this show are Carol Rufener of COAH; Linda Stender, Fanwood Borough Council member; and Robert Gramere, mayor of Maplewood Township. The program will be broadcast on Sundays, Jan. 1 and 8, at 7 p.m. on Suburban Cablevision's TV-3.

Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick recently helped unveil two measures aimed to stop a proposed development that would encroach upon the Rutgers Ecological Preserve.

Hardwick, appearing at the preserve, said the two bills, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter J. Kavangagh, R-Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, were latest parts of an Assembly effort to save New Jersey's open spaces.

"It is this act of high population density and traffic congestion, the preserve provides a much needed oasis," Hardwick said. "The preserve contains one of the finest old-growth forests of oak, ash, maple and beech in central New Jersey."

The speaker also noted that the 370-acre tract was home to many animal and bird species and about 250 varieties of flora and vegetation.

Rutgers currently plans to lease the 60-acre buffer zone and 20 adjacent acres to contractors in order to build faculty housing.

The plan also calls for a road connecting the development to run through the preserve itself.

The first bill would prohibit Rutgers from developing any state-owned land located in the preserve. Currently, 53 percent of the preserve, land purchased after the university became a state institution, is considered state owned.

Hardwick said aside from halting construction of the access road, the bill would also ensure there are no future development proposals for the site.

The second bill is a resolution urging the university not to develop the buffer zone or any other land associated with the preserve.

The Senate has given final legislative approval to a bill that would cut some of the red tape of the adoption/foster care process, making it easier for displaced children to find homes.

The bill, sponsored by Senate Minority Whip C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, would permit the Department of Human Services to grant provisional approval to prospective foster or adoptive parents upon completion of a comprehensive state criminal history probe.



READING CLUB — The James Caldwell PTA Reading Club recently began its third year with Seth Eisen said, they are interested in studying outer space and he went to a space camp in Alabama this past summer. The reading club is under the direction of PTA Chairwoman Sheryl Behar. From left are Katerina Moulinois, Eisen, and Robert Deane.

Senior TV season begins

In January, "Senior Scene," a half-hour television program produced with the senior citizen audience in mind, begins a new season on Communities on Cable's Channel 26. Viewable in Summit, Berkeley Heights, Springfield, New Providence and Millburn/Short Hills, the year's inaugural presentation spotlights the LIFE Learning Center, an educational opportunity for seniors in the Union county area. A part of Union County College, the Learning Center offers its students, at numerous locations throughout the county, a wide selection of college-level courses which, if taken for credit, may lead to a degree.

The show is produced by New Providence resident Ann Crane with special guest Dr. Oscar Fischtein, the founder of the LIFE Learning Center. The center is now in its 10th year of activity.

"Senior Scene" may be seen on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at noon and 8:30 p.m. and Friday at noon.

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Bill proposes aid to municipalities

All state municipalities would receive additional money in state aid to help lower property taxes under a bill introduced by Assembly Speaker Chuck Hardwick last week.

The bill, which Hardwick sponsored along with Majority Leader Garabed "Chuck" Haytaian, would reform the current \$864-million municipal aid program by dedicating to the program all of the gross receipts and franchise tax revenue paid by utilities.

"Every municipality in the state would receive a larger share of the tax paid by utilities, helping to offset the local tax burden," Hardwick said.

The program calls for a fairer municipal aid program to maximize property tax relief. The new system would use the \$149-million from gross receipts and franchise taxes currently kept by the state.

"Very importantly, the state would be prohibited from ever keeping any of the proceeds for any other purpose other than municipal aid," Hardwick said.

Hardwick said the additional money under his bill would ease the burden of spiraling municipal costs.

For years, municipal officials have come to Trenton with hat in hand seeking relief from local budget pressures," Hardwick said. "It's time we brought an end to this demeaning procession and gave them a reliable source of funds."

The program also would create the "Property Tax Aid Fund for Distressed Communities" which would, on average, provide \$120 million each year for municipalities with the most acute property tax problems.

Communities qualifying for the additional aid would be required to submit to a municipal management and fiscal accountability program.

"This new program along with other Assembly proposals such as state mandate state pay and the state assumption of county court costs, would have a significant effect on local property taxes," Hardwick said.

Under the bill, Union would receive an additional \$1,022,636; Springfield, \$322,423; Mountaintop, \$172,834; Kenilworth, \$188,543; Linden, \$1,512,171; Roselle, \$285,614; and Roselle Park, \$150,570.

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Motherhood talk

A discussion of "Motherhood: What's It All About?" on Jan. 17 at 8 p.m. will inaugurate a network for mothers with young children, at the Resource Center for Women, in Summit. The program will be facilitated by Suzanne Hays of Green Village, and will be followed by a brief discussion of possibilities and plans for the network. There is no charge and all area women are welcome.

On Jan. 18, the Center's Wednesday Evening Program will focus on de-mystifying the subject of investments and financial growth for women, clarifying confusing financial terms, and making the evening financial news more comprehensible.

Programs are held at Calvary Episcopal Church, corner of Woodland and DeForest avenues in Summit. Further information can be obtained by calling 273-7253.

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Surmay on senior show

In January, "Vintage Views," Union County's cable television program for senior citizens, produced by the Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, will focus on the needs of seniors in health, welfare and housing.

Host Lou Coviello, of the Division on Aging, will interview John Surmay, Elizabeth's director of Health, Welfare and Housing.

John will bring his expert knowledge about the services he oversees to our audience," Coviello said. "Though the focus of the discussion is about those programs in Elizabeth, there are similar services available generally in the county."

"Vintage Views" January schedule is Suburban Summit area, Channel 35, Tuesday 7 p.m. and Friday 6 p.m.; and Suburban elsewhere, Channel 32, Thursday 7:05 p.m.

Coviello welcomes comments and suggestions on programming. Callers can contact the Division on Aging at 527-4872.

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Juvenile residential center in the works

By STEVE HIRSCHBERG

The Union County Juvenile Detention Center is currently facing a problem that has plagued the county jail for some time now - overcrowding.

On Jan. 19, officials from the Department of Family Services will present to the Board of Freeholders a proposal to begin construction on a residential center in one of the county's municipalities. It has yet to be determined which municipality will be chosen.

The new center will be used in addition to the one currently in use to help alleviate the overcrowding problem. Officials said that the freeholder's approval is only a formality and that the search for a site is already taking place.

The detention center now has about 60 occupants while the capacity is 36. This maximum number was upgraded from 26 not too long ago, according to Warren Maccarelli, who oversees the detention center.

A recent report to County Manager Joseph Martin said that the center's population was at 70. Much of the population problem stems from a backlog of cases, which forces the juveniles to remain in the center longer than necessary.

According to Martin, the center, located atop the county parking deck in Elizabeth, is one of the last steps in the family court system. He emphasized that it is not a jail, but that it still has to be run in a safe and secure manner.

"The center should be the last choice for dealing with problems that youngsters have and we should divert all of the kids we can from it. There will always be a percentage of kids that must go there. I am somewhat upset that percentage-wise Union County sends more kids to the center than many of the other counties," said Martin.

"He added that the county is working with the state Department of Corrections to develop community-based forms of detention and that the family court system is also helping in finding ways to reduce the center's population."

According to Martin, a typical child is released within two days of entering the center. He said that there are a lot of in-and-out cases, but that there are too many children that stay in the center for long periods, 30 days or more.

Maccarelli said that a backlog occurs because the judges want to see everybody. If a child is caught on Friday night, then he must wait at least until Monday morning to go before the judge. "In addition, many of the juveniles don't have relatives or their relatives can't be found."

Maccarelli added that most of the crimes that the juveniles commit are impulsive in nature and are not thought out.

"They are here because there is no one in the community to keep them out of the center. It is a social type of problem. We must deal with the whole system," said Maccarelli.

Maccarelli said that an example of the impulsive behavior is the escape attempts by five juveniles last year. Because the center is not

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Schools and organizations interested in her lectures and exhibits can call her at 381-1557.

County displaying Dr. King photographs

Two photographic exhibits honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be on display at the Union County Courthouse and Administration Building in Elizabeth through Jan. 20.

"Keepers of the Dream," photos of the King family and from civil rights demonstrations, and "Living the Dream," some favorite photos of Coretta Scott King, are the themes of the two exhibits, according to Lillian Hannibal of Rahway, who is the exhibitor.

"We are extremely grateful that Lillian Hannibal has taken the time and effort to put these exhibits together," Freeholder Neil M. Cohen said. "Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who accomplished a great deal in a short time, and we are proud to be able to display

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UCC campuses closed Monday

All campuses and centers of Union County College will be closed Jan. 16 in commemoration of Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday.

The closing affects the college's campuses in Cranford and Scotch Plains, the Elizabeth City Center, the Plainfield Center, and the Institute for Intensive English, and the Employment Skills, both conducted at the Elizabeth Campus.

However, the college's affiliated schools of nursing and radiography at both Elizabeth General Medical Center and Mulenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield, will remain open for the holiday.

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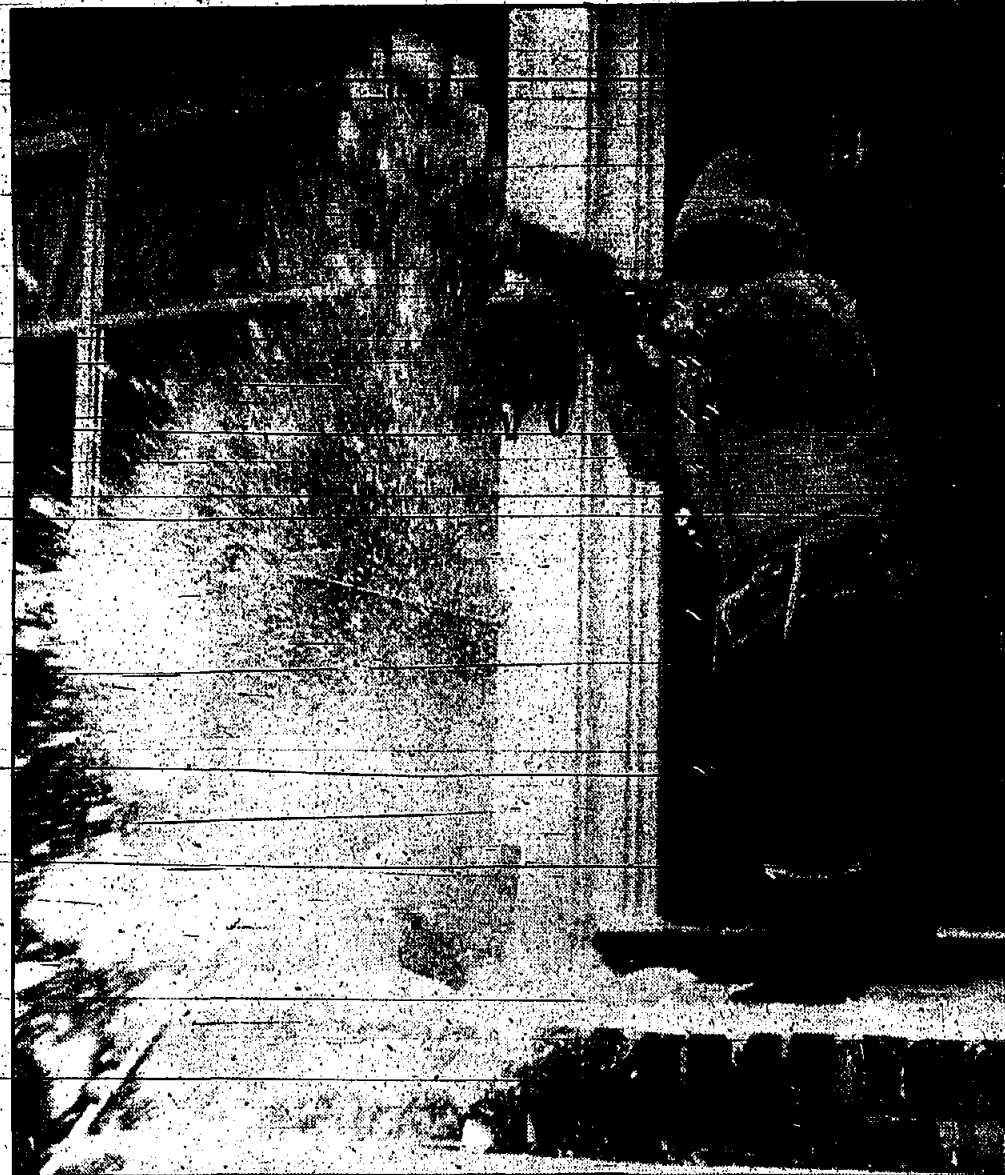
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SWEEPING UP — Amber Yi, 2 1/2, sweeps up after last Friday's storm.



SNOW SHOWERS — Gioia Werrell, 10, showers the front step of her home with some freshly shoveled snow.



HOCKEY WEATHER — Stanley Madurski, 17, a senior at Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, gets his hockey stick ready for cooler temperatures.

Snow movers and shakers



HOMEWARD BOUND — Andy Werrell of Linden inches his way home Friday night after stocking up on supplies at a local supermarket.



FINISHING TOUCH — Justin Bean, 6, his sister Danielle, 9, and Jalme Mondragon, 7, put the finishing touches on a snowman made after Friday's storm dumped about 6 inches on the area.



SAND TOYS were quickly turned into snow toys as many area children took advantage of a day off from school to frolic in the snow.



CLEAN SWEEP — Debra Lint cleans off her car windows before attempting to drive on the snow-covered roads Friday.



SKATING PLACE — Chris Pavlock, 14, and Paul Malicosz, 13, clear off the brook between Southwood Avenue and Winans Avenue, Linden, in search of a place to skate.

This Week in Business

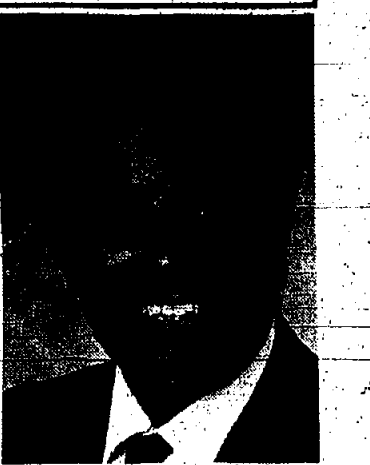
SLA president retires

William Biunno has announced his retirement as president of Colonial Savings Bank SLA. He will be retained as a full-time consultant to the board of directors.

Colonial announced that William J. H. Foster has been appointed as president. William Foster started his banking career in 1958 after graduating from Arizona State University and the American Institute for Foreign Trade. Upon earning his degrees he began with Citibank in New York, holding various management positions for 12 years culminating with posts in Tokyo, Manila, Hong Kong and New York City.

With his international banking experience, Foster went on to become vice president and manager of the National Bank of Commerce of Seattle where he managed their New York international office. From there he moved on to become the senior vice president and head of the International Division of the Union Trust Company of Stamford, Conn., for 14 years.

Foster currently serves on the board of directors for Codelco, the parent company of Colonial Savings Bank, and New Jersey Realty Title Insurance Company. He currently resides in Bernardsville with his family where he is active in community affairs as treasurer of Somerset Hills Hot Line and as a member of the Bernardsville Playground Committee. Colonial Savings Bank, headquartered in Roselle Park, has branch offices in Union, Elizabeth, Colonia and Bannock.



TEFFERI: MELAKU has been promoted to vice president, auditing, of the latter Community Bank. Springfield. Before joining Inter Community eight years ago, Melaku was employed by the Valley National Bank, Passaic. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Montclair State College and a diploma in commercial lending from New York University. He is assigned to the Mountainside office.

PR firm wins awards

Coleman & Pellet Inc., a public relations firm located in Union, is the recipient of two Mercury gold medals for outstanding achievement in public relations.

The awards were presented by the National Media Conference and Public Relations Forum in their second annual Mercury Awards Competition held recently at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Coleman & Pellet received first place in two of the 21 categories, the first in campaign work and the second in writing.

The first gold medal was awarded to the firm for "Bands to Beat AIDS," a radio public service campaign created for the New Jersey Health Products Council (NJHPC) in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Health. The program consists of a series of 30-second public service radio messages delivered by well-known rock and pop musicians. The PSA's are supported by dramatic black and white posters featuring each artist, a brief educational message about AIDS and the toll-free N.J. AIDS Hotline number. The campaign is privately funded by the 15 member companies of the NJHPC, a statewide trade organization composed of New Jersey's major research-based health care companies.

Coleman & Pellet also won first place in writing for "Health Care Innovation: The Case for a Favorable Public Policy." The 72-page book, which summarizes the key national policy issues that impact innovation in this country, was produced for Merck & Co. Inc., a research-intensive pharmaceutical firm headquartered in Rahway.

'Legal' dinner planned

The Union County Bar Association and the Union County Legal Secretaries Association announce that on Jan. 18 a joint meeting will be held at the Clinton Manor, Route 22, West, Union, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Judges, attorneys, secretaries, friends and anyone interested in the subject may attend. Reservations can be made by calling Grace Najl, Union County Bar Association, at 353-4715 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Managing money

The facts about medicare tax

By JAMES KALLAS CPA

Q. I have recently been informed that generally every taxpayer 65 or over must start paying a new additional tax called medicare tax. Is this true? If so, how much is this tax and when must I start paying it?

A. You have been informed correctly, as there is a new medicare tax that will virtually apply to all individuals who are eligible for Part A Medicare and who have an income tax liability of at least \$150.

This summer, President Reagan signed into law the Medicare Catastrophic Protection Act. The objective of the law is to ensure that a senior citizen's life savings would not be wiped out in the event of a serious and extended hospital stay. The Medicare Catastrophic Protection will be paid for by everyone who is currently eligible for medicare benefits via an additional tax. This new law has been viewed by

many as a major piece of health care legislation.

The new Medicare tax is an addition to the individual's regular income tax liability, and for 1989, must be paid by April 5, 1990 for the extended due date of the individual's income tax return where an extension has been filed.

The amount of Medicare tax to be paid depends on the individual's net federal income tax liability for the year.

Calculating the exact tax requires the use of a somewhat complex formula. The tax starts in 1989 and increases every year until it is fully phased in by 1993.

The first step in computing the tax is to divide your tax liability by \$150. Then, for 1989, you would multiply the result by \$22.50 in arriving at the tax amount. Fortunately, there is a cap on the tax which for 1989 is \$800 for single taxpayers and \$1,600 for married taxpayers. This cap, however, increases to \$1,050 and \$2,100 for

respective single and married taxpayers in 1993.

Using 1989 as an example, a married couple with a federal income tax liability of \$10,000 would have to pay an additional tax of \$1,500 divided by \$150 times \$22.50 = \$1,500.

As you can see, this new Medicare Tax grows up to the applicable cap in line with one's increase in federal income tax liability. To the extent taxpayers can reduce their federal income tax, they will also reduce the medicare tax.

James T. Kallas is a financial consultant who writes this column on a regular basis. Questions may be addressed to "Managing Money," Park 80 Plaza, West One, Saddle Brook, N.J., 07662. Attention: James T. Kallas.

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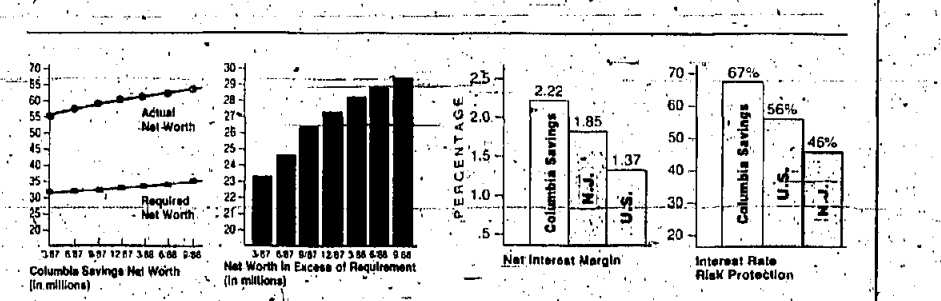
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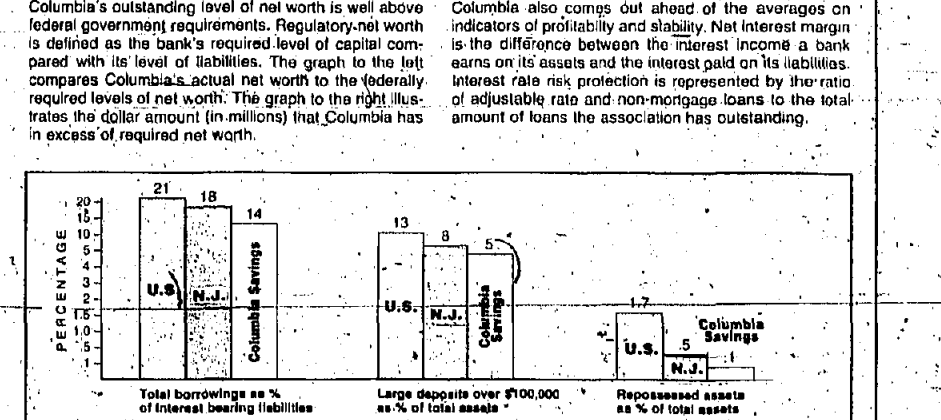
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NJ THRIFTS DOING WELL OVERALL

The impressiveness of this accomplishment is underlined by the fact that Columbia is outstanding in a state where the S&L industry as a whole is much stronger than other states throughout the nation. The media has been full of news of the large losses suffered by the business nationwide. But a very large percentage of the losses — 93% — were concentrated in the economically depressed Southwest. A handful of deeply insolvent thrifts weighed down the large healthy portion of the industry. A mere 50 institutions, constituting about 1.5 percent of the nation's 3,118 savings institutions, had over 97 percent of the total losses of the first quarter. Twenty institutions accounted for over 80 percent of the losses. Of those twenty, all but three were in Texas.



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A versatile musician

By BEA SMITH

When members of the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle relax and sit back during services to listen to the varied sounds produced by their pride and joy, the Gross-Miles organ, they also take a similar pride and joy in their organist.

George R. Lachenauer of Roselle, a modest man of many talents and professions, and organist and choir director at the church for the past 19 years, most emphatically takes pride in the specially renovated Gross-Miles organ that was dedicated at a special ceremony this past autumn.

He played a program featuring such composers as Gigue, Bach, Vienne, Mozart, Clerambault and Durpes and received a standing ovation.

"The great difficulty for an organist is that the organ is an ancient instrument," he says, during a visit to this newspaper office. "Each country in each era has produced its own types of organs and style of music. To bring old European organ music alive on a modern American organ usually requires flexibility to make the music sound meaningful."

According to officials at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle the organ is "an ingenious blending of the old and new. The facade pipes, part of the church's original pipe organ that was installed nearly a century ago, have again been incorporated into the new design, as the lower 17 notes of the Pedal Principal. Also, parts of the organ from the former First Baptist Church, including its nine ranks of pipes, have been used.

"The rest," they say, "is new and the electromechanical action, perfected by G. Edgar Gross, is the latest major development in organ building technology."

Lachenauer, who also serves as director of the choir at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle, is a pianist as well. He says the difference between a piano and an organ is that with a piano, you have a lot more control over the instrument. You don't have the same control with the organ, but the organ also offers a very wide variety of chords, and many different types of sounds. I would fear toward the piano for music, but playing in a church is a different experience than playing in a concert hall.

"The church organ to a great extent," he explains, "is a leader of worship. It seems no other instrument can do what the organ can do. No other instrument has the power to lead hundreds of people in singing, and it's really an experience. I've accompanied 500 singers, and to hear all those voices at one time, why, it's an incredible experience."

The versatile Lachenauer says that "I've composed music on and off — to fill a specific need — mostly for the church. The Gross-Miles organ is a very exciting instrument to play. It's very easy to hear what you're playing, and the music is very lively," he smiles. "Also, it's a very flexible instrument. And it plays many styles very well."

In his spare time, the man of many talents also tunes pianos. "I've been doing that for more than 10 years. I'm also a teacher as well, and I was an editor for the Commerce Clearing House of Federal Banking of law reports in Clark from 1969 to 1973. There were only three banks in the country doing this work. I had on-the-job training at that time. Actually," he recalls, "Preniss-Hall in Englewood was our main competition. Another was in Washington called 'Brai'."



GEORGE R. LACHENAUER Photo By Joe Long

Lachenauer, who was born in Irvington, "grew up in Hillside. I was graduated from Hillside High School," he says, "and from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, where I received a bachelor's degree in philosophy. My initial interest was in science; then religion, then came more to music. I was sort of interested in music, too. I gravitated toward the music."

Following his college graduation in 1955, Lachenauer says, "I was in the Army for a couple of years. It was during the Hungarian Revolution. We were deployed defensively. I spent most of my time around Washington, D.C. We were in the anti-aircraft, and I was a radar and computer operator and also did Army administrative work. That was during the very early use of computers. We used them to aim the guns and to get weather information," he muses.

Lachenauer was "about 23 at the time, and after two years in the Army, I went to the Union Theological Seminary in North Carolina. Then I went to the School of Sacred Music and received a master's degree in church music and organ. The person who helped direct me was a minister and a musician, and," he grins, "ironically, his name was Harmony... the Rev. Eugene Harmony. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and he did work in Murray Hill and Summit."

Lachenauer recalls, "I met him at Muhlenberg College. I began to study with Ludwig Lenel, who was a student of Albert Schweitzer.

"Most of the time, I've played for churches. But I often have to find supplemental work in between jobs. For example," he says, "I worked for Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth in patient information. And I've been a teacher on and off. I've taught privately — usually piano, and simple things. I've worked for various studios and recitalists."

Lachenauer leans back in his chair and ponders. "Being a classical musician is very difficult from being a popular musician. The classical musician wants to preserve the past and to make it live for contemporary audiences. In contrast," he says, "there is a great creative impulse to produce a new music which is fresh and direct in its appeal. Whereas the popular musician performs music usually in one style only, the classical performer must be able to interpret many styles."

"But," he adds, "a diet of only contemporary music would be difficult. It would mean giving up many of the great treasures from the past. Unfortunately, many of the 20th century composers are trying so hard to be unique or are so introverted that their music doesn't communicate to anyone."

"Popular music," says Lachenauer, "does communicate, but it does not challenge the per-

former or the listener. It must have immediate appeal and is soon forgotten. Our society is impatient," he grins. "It must digest quickly and then turn to something new. Unfortunately, this produces feelings of impotence and the need to find a new high."

"In an institution where everything is constantly new, there can be no feeling of familiarity, of being at home. When people come to a new church, for example, it takes a long time for them to feel at home. Many people do not have the patience to wait and to acclimate themselves, so they spend their lives searching for, or giving up on finding those things which give their lives meaning."

In addition to his talents and accomplishments, Lachenauer says, "I sing, too."

He tells an amusing story of what happened to him when he was "singing in the opera, 'Tosca,' — which is the most accident-prone of all the operas — at Florham at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison. I had done some work as an accompanist to some of the students. On this occasion," he recalls, "I got down to the end of the opera and Tosca jumped over the wall — she was the only woman in the opera — all the other characters are men — well, she jumped over the wall, and I fell to my knees, and as the orchestra was playing the last chords of the opera, I found I was outside the curtain. You know, curtains move very rapidly. This one moved backward, and as the curtain was about to close on me, the curtain got stuck and I was sitting on the open stage. This was a performance for Alice Tully. I just sat there. And the leading tenor kept saying, 'Close the curtain!' because he wanted to take his bows."

At one time in the 1960s, Lachenauer says, "I was director of music for a Spanish-speaking church in Hoboken called the First Presbyterian Church of Hoboken. I don't know how to speak Spanish. I was trying to pronounce the words. We had to provide our own arrangements. We were supposed to arrange our own music. I had to commit to memory a certain amount of it. I did have to work with an interpreter to help put together the technical aspects. It was really a wonderful experience. I had to work from the perspective of the people rather than impose my own societal background."

On another occasion, Lachenauer says, "I was sent by a church in Ohio to act as sort of administrator of a project with the Choctaw Indians. They have really a hopeless economic situation. They are one of the five civilized tribes. They were placed by the government in an area with no economic activity and land that is not arable. This necessitates for the Indians a totally different economic expectation from ours."

"In order to survive," he says grimly, "they must take pride in whatever they have, no matter how humble. Their only hope for change is to acquire education and then enter an alien society with nothing but their wits. The lesson for us is that we cannot impose our values and standards on people whose very existence is one of dependency and for whom feelings of awe could be devastating. They have a very fragile existence."

During his stint in Ohio, Lachenauer performed with the Symphony Orchestra in Ohio on the piano and organ... "but mostly piano," he says. After six years in Ohio, he moved back to Roselle... "that was in 1966 or 1967."

He says, "during my training at the Presbytery, one of the people with whom I worked talked about piano tuning. That was sometime in the 1970s, and he got me interested in it. Some work with electronic machines, but I work by ear. I had to learn on my own by reading books and practicing. It's hard to find a school for it. It also requires a lot of practice."

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CARNEGIE HALL BOUND — New Jersey Youth Symphony's Young Musicians will appear at the orchestra's festival in Carnegie Hall, New York City, Saturday at 3 p.m. They will be accompanied by the Bergen Youth Orchestra and Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra for a benefit event sponsored by the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation. From left are trumpets, Michael Shapiro of Mountainside, Erin Leigh Crawford and Jenni Dunlap. Other local members include David Hollister of Mountainside, Adina Lubetkin of Springfield and Laurie Cecil of Union.

Calendar

Art
 Union County College, Cranford, art exhibits on Friday of each month through May, 709-7183.
 Blackwell Street Center for the Arts, Inc., 32 Blackwell St., Dover, presenting Antonio Carro exhibition now through January, 328-9678.
 Conant Art Gallery, Rosedale and Carter Roads, Princeton, displaying Print Club winners now through Feb. 1, 609-734-1909.
 The Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, to exhibit "Mother and Child: The Last Portfolios of Henry Moore," now through Feb. 26. Also, New Jersey Artists series, now through Feb. 26, featuring Sally Spofford; 538-0454.

Singles
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 Jewish Singles World Inc., for Jewish singles, ages 23-36, 964-8086.
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Music
 The Minstrel Show Coffeehouse, Friday night concerts, Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Sterling Road, Basking Ridge, 8:30 p.m.; 335-9489.
 Jazz Coffeehouse, sponsored by the Great Falls Development Corp. in cooperation with Paterson Museum; 679-1270.

Bea Smith
Focus Editor

A 'formal' penguin

By JOHN B. WOLF
 Professor, Union County College

New Year's celebrations can be fancy affairs, "top hat and tails."

The rockhopper penguin is always ready to attend a formal affair. It's the familiar penguin of the advertisements and the

Seventeen species of penguins live in the Antarctic. The king penguin is the most striking. It sports a silver back, a light yellow bib and a white chest and stomach. This black-headed bird also has gold patches that encircle its ear cavities. It lives on a beach that is backed by a cliff or a glacier.

For the birds

zoos. A small bird, it would rather hop than walk. It enters the water in an interesting way also. It just jumps in. You will never see it diving in head first from one of the cliffs or slopes that are near its rookery. New Island in the Falklands harbors about 100,000 of these birds.

In the Southern Hemisphere, most of the penguins prefer to live close to the sea, many of them on ice floes. The cold waters teem with fish, squid and krill, a small shrimplike crustacean that penguins relish.

The macaroni penguin has a tuft of golden feathers on its forehead, thus its name. Its cousin, the chinstrap penguin, has a narrow strip of black feathers that crosses its throat.

Most penguins lay two eggs. But usually only one of them hatches. The predators that stalk through the penguin rookeries usually manage to snare the other one. The skua, a large gull-like bird, is the most formidable of these brigands. Life on an ice floe is truly "For The Birds."

Poignant play on Simon life

By BEA SMITH

In "Broadway Bound," the third in Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy, which opened last week at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, the emphasis is on the sensitivity of human emotions rather than on the effects of its comedic values.

This is not to say that there aren't enough funny lines in the play for enough laughter in the

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audience. In the poignancy of the retelling of his life and of his family, Simon, because he is a naturally funny man, can still find funny moments in near-tragic situations.

Through Simon's alter ego, Eugene Morris Jerome, the playwright unravels his youthful years, his ups and downs with his family and his ultimate maturity. In the first of the trilogy, "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Simon is a wisecracking kid who finds funny in everything and everyone...his parents, his brother, his aunt, his cousins. He pokes fun lovingly at all of them, takes notes and aspires to become a writer. In the second of the trilogy, "Biloxy Blues," Simon finds humor in the Army when he is inducted into service during World War II. At that point in his life, maturity is reachable, and every situation to him is still hilarious.

Now, finally, in "Broadway Bound," several years after the war, he is back at home in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, with his family...a family that is about to fall apart. Yet, the writer in Simon finds a story in every episode in the drama that is his life in the bitter cold of winter, and with the wind blowing in from the ocean and the house never warm enough, he seeks and finds laughter in nearly every word or phrase uttered by members of his family. It's a bittersweet situation and occasionally brings a mixture of tears and a different kind of laughter to the audience...perhaps because it hits close to home for some folks.

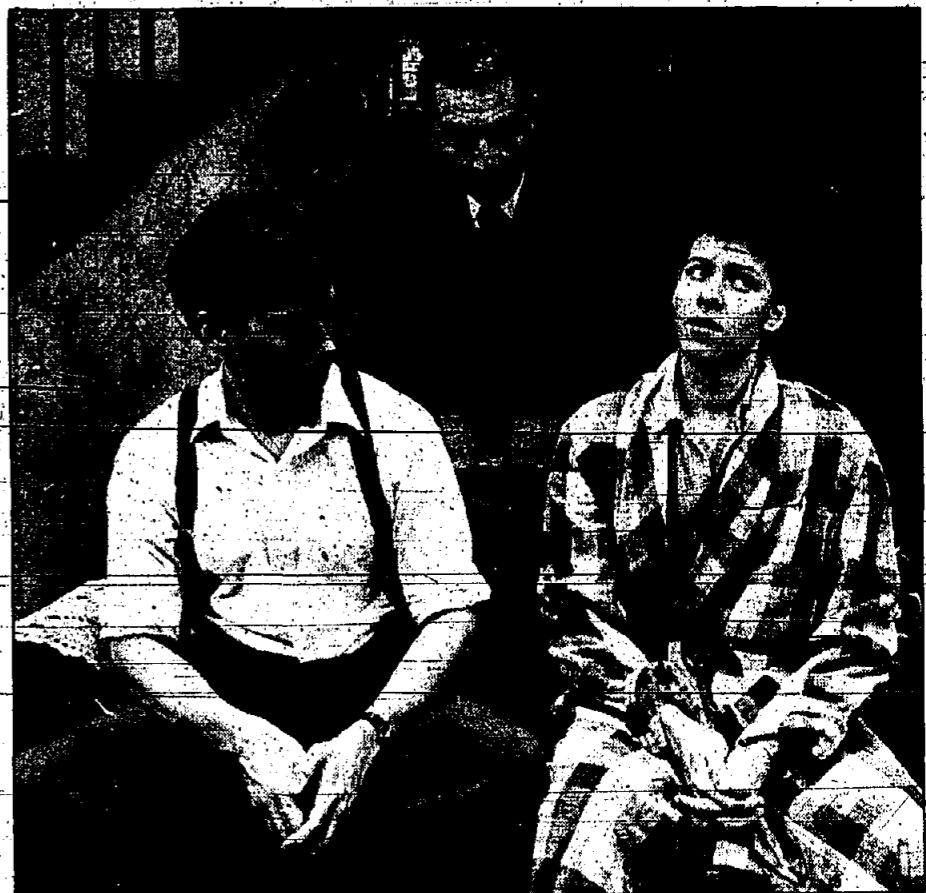
The Paper Mill Playhouse, which staged both "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxy Blues," has now faithfully come forth with the last in the trilogy, as promised by its executive producer.

It saddens one to bid farewell to Eugene Morris Jerome, his family, his humor and his youth. The play will end its run on Feb. 5. But, according to Simon, a new life awaits him, and it certainly would be a treat to Simon audiences if he would write a sequel to his trilogy and tell us, in Simon's own words, whatever happened to Eugene Morris Jerome.

Classic prints

The exhibition "Black and White Classics" at the St. Lifer Art Exchange, 48 Maple St., Summit, is featuring original prints by Baskin, Frank, Kelly, Newelson, Oldenberg, Rosati and Tamayo.

More information can be obtained by calling 273-7654.



A FAMILY CRISIS — From left, Rudy Goldschmidt, who plays Stanley Jerome; Alan Mixon, who plays Jack Jerome, a troubled father; and Marc Rifkin, who plays Eugene Morris Jerome, Neil Simon's alter ego, discuss a serious family problem in the third in Simon's trilogy, "Broadway Bound," at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through Feb. 5.

Tony A. Awards are listed

By TONY AUGUST

The Tony A. Awards — It's that time of year again, the second anniversary of this column's inception and with that comes the second annual Tony A. Awards. After another year of looking, listening and performing at the Atlantic City scene, I have singled out individuals and hotel-casinos I believe merit special consideration. The following represent the very best in their categories for 1988.

Donald Trump — a hands-down winner as the most valuable person on the Atlantic City scene. The personal publicity he generates with the network of projects and events he's associated with benefits every other hotel-casino. In 1988 alone, he dominated the pages and airways of the print and broadcast media.

He managed to release a best seller, "The Art of Making the Deal," promoted Mike Tyson and developed heavyweight championship bouts for Atlantic City. He purchased the magnificent Plaza Hotel in New York, and took over the local shuttle division from Eastern Airlines, which will eventually make a stop in Atlantic City.

This award was no contest. Without Donald Trump the financial pie for the rest of his competitors in Atlantic City would leave

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many of them suffering from malnutrition.

David Scanlon — the chief executive officer is the guy who takes the rap for failure in his organization and gets the credit for success. Dave Scanlon gets a Tony A.

Philip Minor directs the play with a naturalness that complements the actors. The simple setting of the well-lived, well-worn home of the Jeromes, is the same setting the Paper Mill used in the first of the trilogy, "Brighton Beach Memoirs." It remains effective and homey, and seems to have a personality of its own as the audience is offered an opportunity to view it for the first time, just as the two Jerome boys do at the climax of the play as they are Broadway bound.

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He's a man of all trades

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Through word of mouth, I was able to get enough work. In fact, recently, I passed some of the work on to a lot of other people. It's a very interesting job.

That same year, I became a member of the Roselle School Board. And let me tell you, he smiles, "that's a time-consuming job. A group of citizens in town were looking for people to serve as members. All along, I've been an accompanist for the high school chorus. In fact, I'd been doing that before I became a member of the Roselle Board of Education. It isn't a regular job. I work for the chorus just when they're doing concerts. Really, I'm only there a few weeks out of the year."

Lachnauer says he's content with all that he does artistically. And, he states proudly, his whole family is artistically-inclined. He is married to the former Kathy Kusalba. "She's from Roselle," he says, "and she does art work. She's an artist and she has a display at the Roselle Library. She's also done greeting cards which she sold. And with our daughter, Jennifer, 15, a student at Abraham Clark High School, the talent is there. She's also artistic. She likes to draw, and she's sort of creative with her drawing."

"But what she really wants right now is a career in acting. If the talent is there," he says with pride, "why not?"

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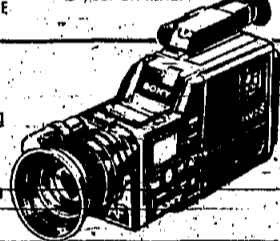
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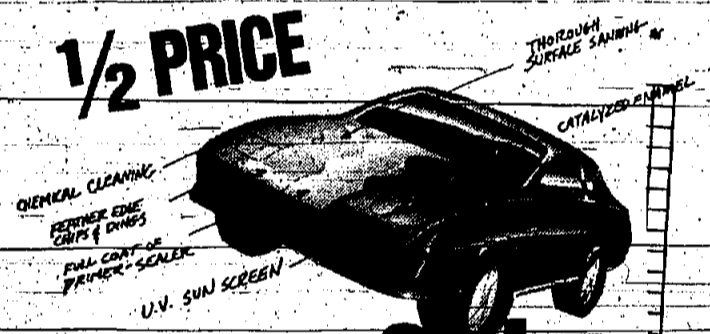
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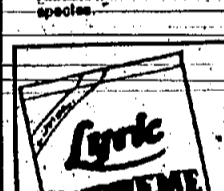


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Trimmer-Pappas

Laura Trimmer, daughter of Mrs. Johanna Trimmer of Hemlock Road, Union, and the late Mr. Irving W. Trimmer, was married Nov. 12 to Dr. Christopher Pappas Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pappas of Long Island, N.Y.

The Rev. Christie S. Paulus officiated at the ceremony in The Presbyterian Church at Pluckemin. A reception followed at September's on the Hill, Watchung.

The bride was escorted by Dr. John Walsh of Bedminster, Virginia Smith of Springboro, Ohio, served as matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaid was Lorraine Mitchell of Columbia, Md., sister of the groom.

Dr. Edgar Union of the Philippines served as best man. Ushers were Dr. Brian Lendenberger of Orlando, Fla., Jay Robinson-Duff III of San Diego, Calif., and Howard Coleman of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Pappas, who was graduated from Union High School, is a senior representative with the Fowler Agency in Florham Park.

Her husband, who was graduated from North Shore High School, Glen Head, the University of Minnesota and the University of the Philippines, is a veterinarian on the staff of Lamington Equine Practice in Bedminster.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon trip cruise to the Caribbean, reside in Bedminster.



MR. AND MRS. JEFF COLANDREA

Verducci-Colandrea

Carrie Verducci, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Verducci of Tooker Avenue, Springfield, was married Oct. 30 to Jeff Colandrea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Colandrea of Lyons Place, Springfield.

The ceremony was held in Our Lady of Peace Church, New Providence. A reception followed at the Chanticleer Chateau, Warren.

The bride was escorted by her father, Tom Basell of Mountaintide, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Renee Verducci of Springfield, sister of the bride, and Claire Cowan of Staten Island, N.Y., cousin of the bride. Marianna Spagnola of Mountaintide, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Bernie Shalkowski of Motuchen served as best man. Ushers were Bruce Colandrea of Springfield, brother of the groom, and Randy Hinton of Bethlehem, Pa. Church ushers were Jerry and Tom Verducci, both of Springfield, brothers of the bride.

Mrs. Colandrea, who was graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, is employed by Dun & Bradstreet Corp., Murray Hill.

Her husband, who was graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, is employed by Rose City Electric Co., Madison.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon trip to the Hawaiian Islands, reside in New Providence.

Serchuk-Weiner

Mrs. Miriam Serchuk of Union has announced the engagement of her daughter, Iris, to Lenard Weiner of Edison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weiner of Cranford. Miss Serchuk also is the daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Serchuk.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School and Kean College of New Jersey, Union, where she received a bachelor of science degree in management science, is employed as a payroll supervisor for Breeze-Eastern, Union.

Her fiance, who was graduated from Cranford High School, is employed as an auto mechanic by Bernie's Auto Service.

A July wedding is planned at the Clinton Manor, Union.



IRIS SERCHUK
LENARD WEINER

Poluhovich-Almeida

Mrs. Stephanie Poluhovich of Union has announced the engagement of her daughter, Donna, to Nelson Almeida, son of Mr. Nelson Almeida Sr. of Irvington and Mrs. Herminia Almeida of Belleville. Miss Poluhovich also is the daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Poluhovich.

The bride-elect, who was graduated from Union High School, is employed by Chestnut Cleaners, Union, and plans to attend Kean College of New Jersey, Union, in the fall.

Her fiance, who was graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory High School, attended Seton Hall University and Kean College of New Jersey. He is employed by Bristol-Myers in Edison.



DONNA POLUHOVICH
NELSON ALMEIDA

Stork club

A 7-pound, 9-ounce son, Kyle Allan Von Linden, was born Dec. 21 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Von Linden of Middlesex County, formerly of Union. He joins a brother, Jessie Mac, 2.

Mrs. Von Linden, the former Bridget Severini, is the daughter of Mr. Paul Severini of Monmouth Junction, and Mrs. Patricia Wolf of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Von Linden of Summit, formerly of Union.

A 9-pound, 3½-ounce son, Michael John Conrad, was born Oct. 24 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad Jr. of Garwood.

Mrs. Conrad, the former Laurie Sorce of Union, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sal Sorce. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Mary Con-

rad of Linden and Mr. John Conrad Sr. of Garwood.

A 7-pound, 14-ounce daughter, Whitley Latrice Littlejohn, was born Oct. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Wildon Littlejohn of Newark. She joins a brother, Christopher, who was 2 on Jan. 2 and was the first baby born in Linden in 1987.

Mrs. Littlejohn, the former Crystal Williams, is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Linden.

A 7-pound, 1-ounce daughter, Kristie Claire Wilt, was born Oct. 30 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Wilt of Union. She joins a brother, Kyle, 5.

Mrs. Wilt, the former Gayle Roessle, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Roessle of Union. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert F. Wilt of Bedminster.

A 6-pound, 14-ounce daughter, Shannon Kimberly Dilginis, was born Sept. 23 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dilginis of Union.

Mrs. Dilginis, the former Karen Roessle, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Roessle of Union. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Catherine Dilginis of Union and the late Mr. Joseph Dilginis.

Lottery

Following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the weeks of Dec. 12, 19, 26 and Jan. 2.

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Dec. 14—765, 3654
Dec. 15—854, 4944
Dec. 16—928, 0534
Dec. 17—603, 1830
Dec. 19—682, 2442
Dec. 20—184, 5375
Dec. 21—777, 6349
Dec. 22—574, 0581
Dec. 23—821, 6495
Dec. 24—883, 1823
Dec. 26—589, 7877
Dec. 27—546, 5333
Dec. 28—738, 7864
Dec. 29—470, 2549
Dec. 30—950, 8765
Dec. 31—131, 2055
Jan. 2—398, 8473
Jan. 3—336, 9110
Jan. 4—292, 2363
Jan. 5—437, 3300
Jan. 6—209, 6826
Jan. 7—907, 5703

PICK-6
Dec. 12—4, 18, 22, 26, 27, 41; bonus—30952
Dec. 15—4, 5, 25, 27, 33, 39; bonus—78059
Dec. 19—1, 7, 18, 21, 25, 35; bonus—83980
Dec. 22—16, 29, 31, 34, 36, 39; bonus—48423
Dec. 26—10, 11, 20, 24, 31, 39; bonus—31987
Dec. 29—2, 3, 9, 20, 22, 34; bonus—55208
Jan. 2—2, 11, 14, 17, 25, 36; bonus—12437
Jan. 5—1, 5, 13, 30, 34, 42; bonus—05451

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The New Jersey State Federation's Women's Club of Mountaintide, member of the General Federation of Women's Club, will meet Wednesday at noon at L'Affaire, Mountaintide.

Following a business meeting and luncheon, two professional dancers and singers, Linda Kay and Christine Semler, will specialize in Hawaiian dancing. Kay is a professional singer and dancer and has had leading roles in such musicals as "On Can," and "Anything Goes." They both come from the European School of Dance, under the direction of Pauline Goddard.

It was announced that anyone wishing to join the club should get in touch with the membership chairman, Ethel Baer, at 376-2577. Reservations must be made by

tomorrow by calling Feitz Walcher at 233-9396.

THE MA'AYAN GILA Chapter of Springfield Hadasah will present a "50s Sock Hop" Feb. 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Thelma L. Sandmeier School, 666 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

The evening will feature "WNBC's D.J. Chuck Leonard" games, prizes and refreshments.

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THE SHARON CHAPTER 249, Order of the Eastern Star, will sponsor a "casino theme," night as a charity fund raising event at the Masonic Temple, 1912 Morris

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Clubs in the news

Club will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the First National Bank of Central Jersey, 105 East Fourth Ave., Roselle.

Ursula Hartwig-Flint, executive director of the YMCA of Eastern Union County, will be guest speaker. She will discuss "Battered Women."

Feifer-Greenwald wedding

Esther Deborah Feifer of Atlanta, Ga., was married Dec. 17 to Daniel Howard Greenwald, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Greenwald of Springfield.

Rabbi Krantz performed the ceremony in Temple Sinai in Atlanta, and a reception followed at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlanta.

Jo Ann Feifer served as maid of honor for her sister.

Robert E. Greenwald served as best man for his brother.

Mrs. Greenwald, who was graduated from Riverwood High School, Atlanta, attended Stephen's College in Missouri and the University of Miami in Florida. She is employed as an art broker for Fine Arts Concepts, a

division of Patricia Art Gallery of Marietta, Ga.

Her husband, who was graduated from Emory University School of Business in Atlanta, where he received a BBA degree and where he was a brother in Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and a member of Beta Alpha Psi honorary accounting society. He received a certified public accountant certificate in 1985 and is employed at Ackerman & Co., Atlanta, a real estate development and brokerage company, as controller.

The newlyweds, who took a honeymoon cruise to Jamaica, reside in Atlanta.

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First-time homebuyers are losing ground in their battle to overcome growing affordability problems, according to the National Association of Realtors' latest First-Time Homebuyer Affordability Index report which was recently released. Housing affordability conditions for first-time buyers, compared to those for the overall homebuying public, have deteriorated to the worst point in 13 years, and we don't think the situation will remedy itself, said Nestor R. Weigand Jr., 1988 president of the association. The association released the affordability report during its

81st annual Convention and Trade Exposition, which 20,000 Realtors from all over the country attended. The convention featured more than 150 real estate education sessions and 600 exhibit booths. At 77.3, the third-quarter index means the typical first-time homebuyer had less than 78 percent of the income needed to qualify for a mortgage on a typically priced starter home. This is down from 78.2 in the second quarter. By comparison, the association's composite affordability index, which measures the purchasing power for all buyers of existing homes, was 112.0 in

the third quarter and 112.4 in the second quarter. The First-Time Homebuyer index is calculated based on a family making a downpayment of 10 percent of the purchase price and obtaining a loan at the prevailing interest rate. It measures the ability of renters who are prime potential first-time buyers to qualify for a mortgage on a "starter" home. Dr. John A. Tuccillo, the association's chief economist, explained that affordability conditions for first-time buyers

SHOWCASE OF HOMES

Homebuyers losing battle for affordable homes

(Continued from Page 20) have worsened in comparison to repeat buyers since 1975, the point at which index calculations begin.

At the beginning of the index calculations, that is, the first quarter of 1975, the first-time buyer index was 93.0. This was 23.5 percent below the composite index of 121.6. "In general, although the index for first-time buyers has increased steadily since 1987, the gap between the two indices has gradually widened over the last 13 years to the biggest gap in the history of the series," Tuccillo said.

The First-Time Homebuyer Index for this year's third quarter was calculated using a starter-home price of \$76,670, which is 85 percent of the national median existing single-family home price for that time

period. A 10 percent downpayment of \$7,667 was assumed with a loan amount of \$69,003. The interest rate used to compute the index was 9.56 percent, which is derived from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board's average effective interest rate for loans closed on existing homes by federally insured savings and loans. The interest rate reported by the Bank Board for the third quarter averaged 9.31 percent, NAR analysts added to that interest rate the cost of private mortgage insurance, which would be required on a loan with a downpayment of less than 20 percent. This brought the effective interest rate with homes by federally insured savings and loans. The interest rate reported by the Bank Board for the third quarter, compared with 9.48 percent in the second quarter. The resulting monthly payment on the first-time buyer's loan would be \$583 and would require a qualifying income of \$27,995 — \$6,342 more than the first-time buyer's median income of \$21,653. Thus, because of the discrepancy between median income and

qualifying income, the index for first-time buyers was below 100. The "prime first-time median income" used to compute the First-Time Homebuyer Index represents the typical income of a renter family headed by someone between the ages of 25 and 44.

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The Quarry: A great void of speculation

By DOMINICK CRINCOLI JR.

While state and county officials have vowed to preserve open space in this, the most densely populated state in the nation, members of the Springfield Township Committee do not see eye to eye about the future of a large piece of state-owned open space — the former Houdaille Quarry.

At present, 77 acres of the quarry are owned by the county; this fall its portion of the land was the site of a leaf-composting facility that served 11 of Union County's 21 municipalities.

The remaining 100 acres are owned by the state Department of Transportation, which most recently planned to install a motor vehicle inspection and driver's licensing facility on the land.

Union County Freeholder Chairman Brian Fahey, however, in his Jan. 2 reorganization speech, said he will try to block the state's plans and instead have Union County acquire the state-owned land "as a passive park, a nature land where deer and fox still run; an open area now in which we should place our county landscape nursery and grow a forest to help clean the air in Union County."

Gov. Tom Kean, in his recent state-of-the-state speech, argued in favor of a \$350 million open space bond issue: \$175 million would be used by Jersey municipalities to purchase permanent open space; another \$100 million to add to existing state parks in order to satisfy the recommendations of the Governor's Commission on New Jersey Outdoors' made two years

ago. That panel's verdict was that the state needs 350,000 more open-space acres and an \$800 million bond issue to finance their purchase.

All five Springfield committeemen back Fahey's plan to acquire the state-owned portion of the quarry from the state for recreational or environmental purposes. The 177-acre parcel in question retails for \$8 million, the price the DOT paid the original quarry owner, Houdaille Construction Materials Inc., shortly before the final 5.5-mile stretch of I-78 was built back in 1982.

However, at a Nov. 11 DOT meeting where purchase of the old Houdaille Quarry was discussed, Lester Finch, the manager of the DOT Bureau of Property and Reclamation Right of Way Division, said that "a relatively new federal requirement requires that the lands be conveyed at their current, fair market value unless the proposed conveyance generates positive social, economic or environmental activities — in which case the Federal Highway Authority can grant a waiver of the fair market value requirements."

"The proposed use of the parcel for park lands and park-related use would certainly appear to meet the FHWA requirements for the granting of the exception," Finch said. Republican Deputy Mayor Phil Kurmos and Democratic Committee member Sy Mullman, like Fahey, take a no-compromise position in favor of using the quarry for environmental or recreational purposes. Asked whether they would be

tempted to change their position in the event a developer offered to purchase the quarry land from the state — thus bringing a good deal of tax revenue into the township — both stated they would not be tempted by money when an environmentally enhancing use of the quarry is so sorely needed.

Ignoring the environment, marked in the process of burying themselves. If we do not stop looking at the immediate buck and start considering the long-term effects of ignoring the environmental issues, we are going to destroy ourselves," said Kurmos.

"I would not change my position under any circumstances," Mullman affirmed.

Republicans Jeffrey Katz and Marc Marshall, along with Democrat William Welsch, however, indicated they would soften their environmental positions if speculation concerning development in the quarry became a reality. As in the past, Katz voiced his support for county acquisition of the county-owned property for recreational or environmental use. "Preservation of open space is very important," he added.

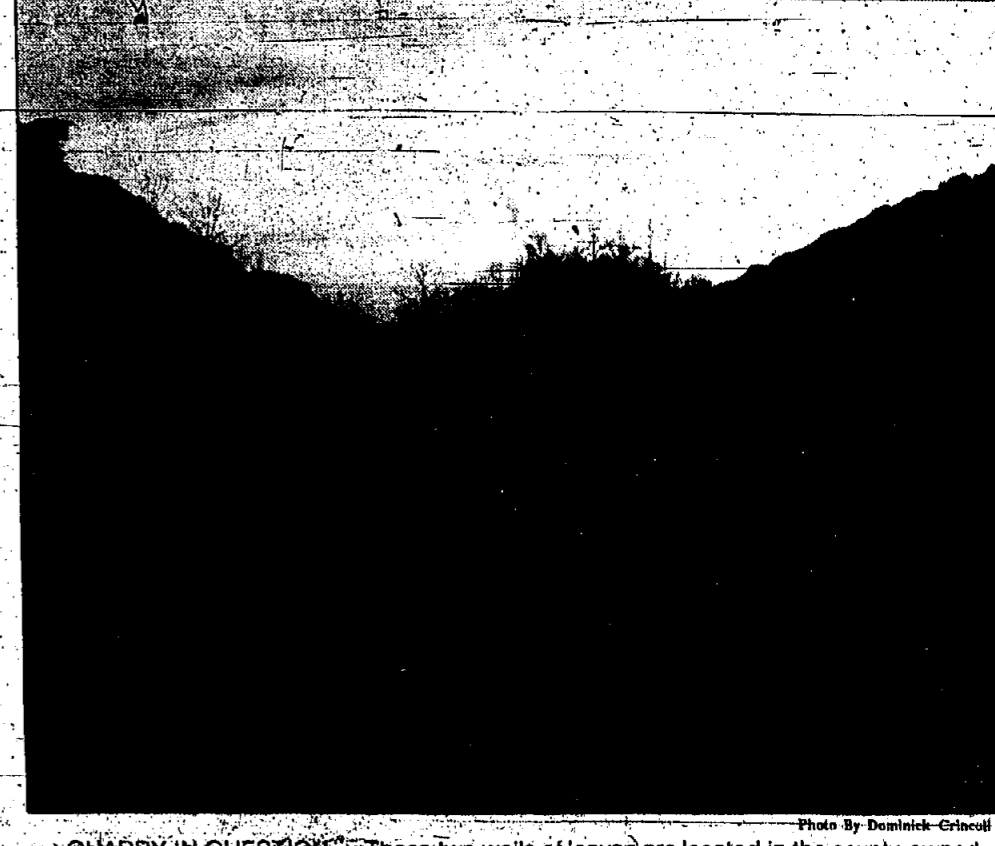
Concerning the state-owned portion, however, the mayor was less explicit. "Pointing out that the tract is currently zoned single-family residential, he said, 'I am not concerned about whether the state-owned portion becomes parkland or residential, but the land must be developed in accordance with the town master plan.'"

Speaking from a practical standpoint, Katz said, "It would be cost-prohibitive for a developer to come in and build, given the high cost of acquiring the land coupled with the quarry topography — 70 percent of which is rocky and cannot be built upon without pilings. It would take infinite bucks and a developer

could not be sure about his return on the venture." "I have no objections to reasonable development — in other words, not mansions and not low-income housing," said Welsch. "Barring recreational use, we must look for tax revenues for the

town in the state-owned portion of the quarry," was Marshall's comment concerning development speculation.

Despite a lot of speculation, the fate of the quarry still hangs in limbo.



QUARRY IN QUESTION — These two walls of leaves are located in the county-owned portion of the Houdaille Quarry. This fall the leaf-composting facility accommodated 11 Union County municipalities. What will be done with the remaining 100 acres of state-owned property at the quarry remains to be seen.

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False arrest count considered

By EARL MOORE

A 27-year-old Willingboro man is considering legal action against the Springfield Police Department in connection with his arrest earlier this month in what may have been a case of mistaken identity.

Martin Freeman, an employee of the New Jersey American Water Company, was arrested Jan. 3 and held on \$75,000 bail on charges of aggravated assault and burglary, but was released after laboratory tests eliminated him as a suspect.

Freeman, who has been employed by the water company for almost six years, was arrested by Springfield police at his workplace in Short Hills on the afternoon of Jan. 3. He was released from the Union County Jail after three nights in custody.

Springfield Police believe the assault and burglary incident, which occurred in the township on Oct. 14, 1988, may be related to several other crimes committed earlier in the fall, according to Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Richard Rodbart.

Although Freeman's employer and Springfield police would not comment on the matter, Detective Lt. Robert Mason said the investigation will continue.

Rodbart said it is not unheard-of for police to

make an arrest based upon a description of a suspect.

"People can make mistakes," Rodbart said. "But after an extensive evaluation, Springfield police and other investigative agencies who conducted a very thorough investigation, were clearly justified in considering him a suspect and detaining him."

Rodbart also said "an identification" was made which contributed to Freeman's arrest.

"There were several indications, including appearance and other factors, which led police to justifiably consider Freeman as a suspect," Rodbart said.

Freeman, however, is seeking legal recourse for the actions of the officials responsible for his arrest, which becomes part of his permanent record.

Freeman is on sick leave from his place of employment and is not sure when or if he will return.

"I was very upset to find out that five police officers showed up at my mother's house in Vauxhall to arrest me," Freeman said. "My mother is old and not in very good health, and doesn't need this added aggravation."

Freeman is seeking legal help from a law firm in New York.

Regional school tax rising

By DOMINICK CRINCOLI JR.

Taxes will rise slightly to compensate for a shortfall in state funding for the Union County Regional Board of Education's tentative 1989-90 budget.

"The proposed 6.49 percent budget increase will be reduced to a 6.43 percent increase, but a tax levy increase of \$240,150 is necessary to make up for the funding we thought we were receiving," said Board Secretary Harold R. Burdge Jr. at Tuesday's meeting of the board.

Burdge reported that Governor Kean's recommended state school aid figures for 1989-90 had just been released and that they fell short of the state's modest full funding formulas.

Changes had to be made in the 1989-90 budget statement originally adopted Dec. 20 or the county superintendent's office would not

authorize legal advertisement of the budget, he said.

The current expense tax levy will be voted on by all six district communities in the April school elections. The six regional high school district communities, which include Springfield, Mountainside and Kenilworth, will spread the additional \$240,000 tax burden among their approximately 61,000 residents.

The largest cut in funding announced Tuesday by Burdge was a \$110,367 decrease in state equalization aid. State categorical aid was slashed by \$84,549 and state transportation aid was cut by \$68,178.

Some of the state's appropriations to special projects, like compensatory education, were also cut. State funding for the salaries of employees in the Accredited Evening/Adult High School was cut by \$15,840, for example. Compensatory education salaries were reduced by \$5,000 along with a \$674 cut in other expenses related to compensatory education. Salaries for the bilingual education program were also cut by \$1,430.

These last minute shortfalls in state funding have occurred every year with the exception of one in

the district, according to Burdge. Last year the district lost \$100,000, the board secretary said.

"It is the responsibility of the state to fully fund education to the level required. To us less is irresponsible," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Merachnik.

In other business: Bill Jones, the district math department supervisor, gave the board an update on the High School Proficiency Test Evening Tutorial Program.

"A practice test is given to freshman students and judging by their scores we may be in danger of failing the basic skills test when it is given officially," said Jones, also the math department supervisor at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Sophomores and juniors who failed the HSPT may also attend the five-week session which meets two nights during the week.

"A total of 94.7 percent of the students who attended seven sessions or more passed the HSPT," Jones reported.

School news 'Outstanding' teacher nominees sought

The Springfield Board of Education has announced it will participate in the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program.

The program calls for the selection of one teacher from each school to represent all outstanding teachers in the school district,

explained Dr. Gary Friedland, superintendent of schools.

According to the guidelines set by the state Department of Education, the Teacher Recognition Program is an opportunity to recognize one outstanding teacher from each school with a certificate of merit and \$3,000 for a special program in each school in the district.

Springfield teachers who are selected from each of the four elementary schools — James Caldwell, Florence M. Gaudinier, Thelma L. Sandmeier and Edward V. Walton — will be selected from nominations submitted to a committee of teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members.

Residents of Springfield wishing to nominate a teacher for the award may obtain a nomination form in the main office of each of the four schools or in the municipal building or library.

Friedland invites all parents and community residents to seriously consider nominating teachers for

this honor. The deadline to submit nominations is Jan. 31, at 3 p.m.

HSPT results

Dr. Friedland also reported this week that Springfield students at Jonathan Dayton scored well in all three sections of the High School Proficiency Test administered last spring.

Of the 67 students who took the test, 98.5 percent passed with a mean score of 92.6 percent. In mathematics, 94 percent of the students passed with a mean score of 83.2 percent. The final section of the test is writing and 64 students, 95.5 percent, passed with a mean score of 86.8 percent.

The High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) is state-mandated and a requirement for graduation. The three sections of the test include reading, mathematics and writing. The writing test is divided into two parts: a multiple choice section and an actual writing sample.

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KEEPING FIT — The Springfield First Aid Squad recently visited the James Caldwell School. Pictured here is squad member Jerry Gebauer taking a blood pressure. Gloria Simpson is president of the First Aid Squad.

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