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## Local board to consider deregionalization

Springfield to discuss feasibility study with other boards Dec. 9

By Dennis Schaal  
Staff Writer

Springfield Board of Education President Gary Tiss disclosed Tuesday that he thinks the board will likely join at least three other local school boards among the six towns that comprise the regional high school district in commissioning a joint feasibility study into dissolving the region.



Gary Tiss Loves the idea

Tiss emphasized that the board must discuss the issue at its Monday night meeting. But he said it's his "personal feeling" that board members will back the combined study.

"I love the idea of it," Tiss said, in reference to the possibility of a K-12 district in Springfield. "But there are so many hurdles in getting to a successful deregionalization."

"I feel our school is as vulnerable as Kenilworth's was," Tiss added. The Berkeley Heights Board of Education issued an invitation to the local school boards in the six towns and conducted a committee meeting in that town attended by some 28 representatives Nov. 18. Due to the complications of closing down the region, Berkeley Heights representatives sought the support of the other boards in commissioning a study to investigate the matter from a regional vantage.

In addition to Springfield, school officials from Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights, and Mountainside indicated Tuesday that their local boards are likely to back the study. School representatives from Clark and Garwood — two municipalities which form some of the lowest per pupil costs in the region — stated they will attend the Dec. 9 meeting, but have not decided whether to OK the study.

The proposed feasibility study would likely probe what options the municipalities could select in running K-12 districts.

Berkeley Heights school board President Helen Kirsch said this week that her board issued a similar invitation to the school boards in the other five towns a year or two ago and none of the other boards attended.

The situation apparently changed Nov. 18, however, when the regional high school board voted 7-2 to cease operating David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth next September.

Kirsch stated that all the constituent districts feel "vulnerable" in the wake of that decision since even in the three remaining high schools the use of the buildings' functional capacity will not be very high. She said if enrollment projections are valid, then the regional

district would likely restudy the school-closing issue "in the not too distant future."

Kirsch argued that the closing of Brearley has spurred student reassignments to different schools "that have impacted every town."

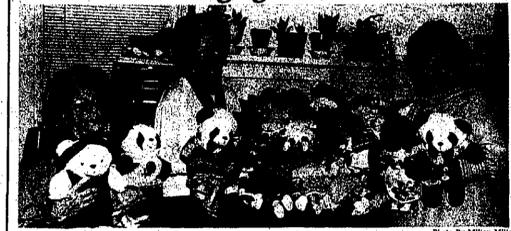
Kirsch said that Berkeley Heights, which pays some 27 percent of the regional high school tax, would clearly be "a winner" if it withdrew from the region. But, she noted that the other towns might be reluctant to permit Berkeley Heights' exodus unless they saw advantages in deregionalization too.

"Whether we would go it alone or not, I can't say," Kirsch said.

The Berkeley Heights school board president offered that perhaps Clark and Garwood might not have the same financial incentive as some of the other towns in seeking to disband the region. She said she thought Kenilworth residents were likely to support such a move even if it meant paying higher school taxes.

Kirsch conceded that a deregionalization effort — either by Berkeley Heights or the six municipalities as a whole — would be an incredibly complex process that, if successful, might take two or three years.

## Seniors 'bearing' gifts



Springfield seniors have been dressing up teddy bears at the Sarah Bailey Center to be distributed this holiday season to the needy. From left are Marie Nunn, Anita Franzese and Emma Lamariello.

## Board OKs special ed lease

By Dennis Schaal  
Staff Writer

The Regional Board of Education voted 6-2 Tuesday to approve a controversial lease for three classrooms in David Brearley Regional High School to a special education agency.

The raucous board session at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield had to be recessed for several minutes following the vote due to caucuses from some of the approximately 150 residents in attendance. Most were from Kenilworth.

Kenilworth students and parents picketed the meeting before the 8 p.m. session began. They chanted "Save our Bears" and carried numerous signs including, "Board! See You in Court!" and "Keep Brearley Open — Close Down Merachnik."

"They'll be seeing a lot more of us," said Kenilworth resident JoAnne Chang as she picketed in front of the school.

The board voted 6-2 — Kenilworth and Garwood representatives Frederick Stoe and Joan Toth respectively opposed the resolution — to lease three classrooms to the Union County Educational Services Commission for a vocational assessment and supermarket careers program. Board member Jonathan Miller from Berkeley Heights was not present for the vote, but attended the latter portions of the meeting.

The lease, effective Nov. 11, 1992, for the assessment program and Jan. 1, 1993, for the supermarket lab, will cost the UCESCC \$2,736 monthly.

Superintendent of Schools Donald Merachnik said both programs are expected to become operational around Jan. 1. He said the programs will serve orthopedically impaired, neurologically impaired and emotionally disturbed students aged 13-17.

The UCESCC may have to obtain certain permits and a certificate of occupancy from building and zoning officials in Kenilworth. The UCESCC, based in Westfield, plans to make what it describes as minor structural alterations to the classrooms.

During the public commentary portion of the meeting, Kenilworth residents chided the board for approving the lease and argued that the UCESCC presence in David Brearley would constitute a hazard to Kenilworth and Garwood students.

Merachnik responded that the UCESCC students would not interact on a regular basis with Brearley students. He said, for instance, that they would not eat lunch together or have other facilities.

In other business, the board authorized the transfer of \$2.95 million from its current expense surplus into the 1992-93 current expense account. The money would be allocated for bringing the schools into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, removing underground oil tanks, paying legal fees and funding an early retirement incentive program for teachers.

Board Secretary Harold Burdge explained after the meeting that only the early retirement program was related to the board's decision to

cease operating David Brearley in September 1993. He said the \$70,000 in legal fees, for instance, were related to litigation that has no connection to the school closing.

The board also heard a proposal by David Napier of Learning Methods International Inc. to install a no-charge a voice-mail teacher information line for students, a homework hotline and a videoconferencing program to be used for SAT reviews. The program proposal, designed to improve student test scores and to improve communication between parents and teachers, was referred to a board committee for investigation.

## Holiday jubilee tonight

The township will hold its annual holiday celebration tonight at the Municipal Building on Mountain Avenue at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the gala, which will include the lighting of the township's holiday decorations and caroling by local choir groups. Light refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the Springfield Township and Recreation committees.

## Police: menorah vandals beware

By David Brown  
Managing Editor

While most Springfield residents are shopping and setting up decorations for the approaching holiday season, police and members of the Jewish community in Springfield are making preparations to put a stop to what has unfortunately become an annual event — the vandalism of the township's menorah.

Set out annually with other holiday decorations at the Municipal Building, the township's menorah has been vandalized the last three years.

The Springfield B'nai B'rith has offered to safeguard the Jewish symbol — seven candles representing the days of Hanukkah — by providing "watchers" to deter vandals from damaging it.

According to B'nai B'rith co-president Herbert Rees, the lodge has also offered to pay for the installation of a hidden camera with a telephone lens to monitor the decorations, as well as rigging the menorah to set off an alarm if it is moved.

Police Chief William Chisholm

said this week that the Police Department has a plan in place to monitor the menorah and decorations during the holiday season.

He declined to comment on the details of the surveillance arrangements, and said he had not been informed of the offer by the B'nai B'rith.

The township will hold its annual holiday celebration tonight at the Municipal Building at 7 p.m. where the Christmas tree and menorah will be lit.

The Jewish War Veterans in Springfield offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who vandalized the menorah some time Christmas Eve or Christmas Day last year. The vandals have not been caught.

The incident, treated as a bias crime by local and county law enforcement officials last year, attracted national attention when the story went out over the news wire and was used in a segment of a broadcast on one of the major networks reporting about bias crimes.

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## Cops step up patrols to fight recent increase in carjackings

By David Brown  
Managing Editor

Increased mobile and stationary patrols by local law enforcement have been instituted to deter and combat the recent surge in so-called carjackings, the newest hazard to confront holiday shoppers.

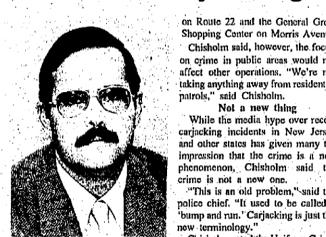
According to Police Chief William Chisholm, who heads the Union County Police Chiefs Association, local, county and state law enforcement efforts have been coordinated to form a master plan to counter the sporadic, often violent crime.

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presence, stepping its auxiliary police force for stationary patrols around shopping areas. Detectives and the department's Crime Prevention Bureau have also hit the streets to deter holiday crime. Overruns in the department has also been expanded to accommodate the needs of the action plan.

Patrols have been stepped up in various Springfield locations, including the Echo Plaza Shopping Center

on Route 22 and the General Green Shopping Center on Morris Avenue. Chisholm said, however, the focus on crime in public areas would not affect other operations. "We're not taking anything away from residential patrols," said Chisholm.

Not a new thing

While the media hype over recent carjacking incidents in New Jersey and other states has given many the impression that the crime is a new phenomenon, Chisholm said the crime is not a new one.

"This is an old problem," said the police chief. "It used to be called a 'bump and run.' Carjacking is just the new terminology."

Chisholm noted the Uniform Crime Code, which defines criminal actions, included no category for carjacking.

"Whether it's because of our presence or something else, we've been lucky here," said Chisholm. "Knock on wood."

Citizens have also rallied to the aid of their innocent comrades. The B'nai B'rith has initiated the recruitment of volunteers from local organizations to act as the eyes and ears of the police. The corps of volunteers is expected to be stationed at various public places, armed with walkie-talkies to alert police to trouble.

## Police officer faces penalty in fatal Springfield accident

By Mark Faris  
Staff Writer

State appeals court judges on Nov. 19 affirmed the conviction of an Irvington police officer for leaving the scene of a fatal automobile accident that occurred in Springfield in 1989.

As a result, Police Officer Edward Pasterczyk faces a six-month suspension of his driver's license and a fine of \$500 plus court costs. He was initially convicted on charges of leaving the scene of an automobile accident by the Springfield Municipal Court and by the state Superior Court in Elizabeth.

Irvington Police Chief Bernard DeLuca said the officer's case must be "thoroughly reviewed" before any decision could be made as to what action the township might take as a result of the ruling.

Pasterczyk, a 40-year-old resident of Mountainside, has been a township police officer for 20 years. Nicknamed the "Jukebox," he moonlighted as a singer and has appeared on the Jerry-Lewis-24-hour-television, which is said to benefit those afflicted with muscular dystrophy.

The officer's conviction came about following the death of 36-year-old Eugene Lazare of Newark, N.J., who was struck by several cars and dragged along Route 22 in Springfield on Sept. 28, 1989.

According to court papers, Lazare was first struck by a Ford Mustang, whose driver immediately pulled the vehicle over to the side of the road. As the first driver was pulling over, the policeman was struck by a Ford Bronco, which dragged the man's body down the highway. That driver also pulled over.

The documents stated that Lazare was then hit by Pasterczyk's car and dragged further down Route 22. Rather than remaining at the scene, court documents stated that the township officer pulled over, exited his car, gave instructions to light flares, returned to his car, and drove off. Witnesses were able to identify the officer's car due to its "distinctive" personalized license plate.

Once located following the accident, Pasterczyk consented to a search of his vehicle. Police found blood, hair and tissue "adhering to various parts of the vehicle," the report stated.

In their decision, the judges found that there was "sufficient credible evidence presented in the record, giving due regard to the trial judge's ability to judge the credibility of the sometimes-conflicting witnesses, to uphold the verdict."

news notes

MAR to get overview of Overlook Hospital

"What's Happening at Overlook" is the topic of a program to be presented to the Mountaineers Active Retirees at Tuesday's meeting at 10 a.m. in Mountaineers Borough Hall.

Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm Springfield will hold its annual paid-up membership dinner Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the temple.

The theme for the evening, a little bit of "Israel in Springfield," will feature the introduction and induction of new members - whom a gift will be presented as part of the welcome to Women's League.

All female members of Temple Beth Ahm are eligible for membership in Women's League. Anyone who has not rejoined for this year may pay her dues during the dinner. Advance reservations are required.

Historical Society sets open house, boutique A holiday open house and gift boutique will be held by the Springfield Historical Society today from 3 to 5 p.m. at its headquarters, known as the historic Cannon Ball House located at 126 Morris Ave., Springfield.

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Civic Calendar
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- Monday
The Springfield Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at P.M. Auditorium School on S. Springfield Ave.
Tuesday
The Mountaineers Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall on Route 22 East.
The Springfield Township Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the municipal building on Mountain Avenue.
Recycling schedule
The Union County Utilities Authority will pick up recyclables on the following dates: Springfield, Dec. 4 and 18; Mountaineers, Dec. 14 and 28.

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people in the news



De Rose takes second place in model search Gina De Rose of Springfield was selected by a distinguished panel of judges made up of makeup artists, photographers, stylists and others associated with fashion and beauty as a second place winner in Mary Kay's Face to Face Model Search.

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The Millburn-Springfield Kiwanis Club recently held an Interclub event, featuring a visit from Kiwanis New Jersey District Governor Manny Alvarez, who addressed the group on "Young Children, Priority One."

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### Survey hits county land

More than 2,500 acres of abandoned, vacant and underutilized industrial and commercial land could be reclaimed for redevelopment in urban Union County, according to a land inventory released by Regional Plan Association/New Jersey.

Research done for this inventory revealed two other significant findings: first, contrary to common belief, a large amount of this land is not contaminated; and second, many of the parcels are large enough to accommodate significant redevelopment.

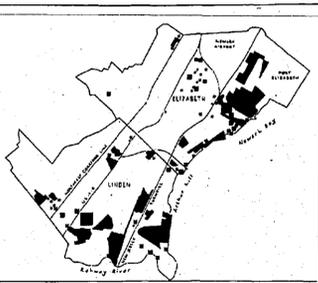
Co-sponsored by the Union County Economic Development Corp., the study is part of RPA's Union County Land Recycling Project, which is developing models for the redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized commercial and industrial sites. One aim of the land recycling project is to help localities plan for new urban growth that will be encouraged by New Jersey's State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Neil DeFrance, director of the Department of Community Development for the City of Elizabeth, said of the study, "The results of this project present us with a real challenge — to take advantage of this new direction in state policy and make it work at the local level."

The inventory lists 2,515 acres of reclaimable land, 30 percent of which have never been contaminated or have already been cleaned up. An additional 25 percent of the sites are in the stage of the cleanup process and are likely to be remediated within the next two years. "Our work indicates that the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act is not the single, overwhelming obstacle to urban redevelopment that the rhetoric would lead one to believe," said Joseph J. Maraziti Jr., an environmental lawyer and member of RPA's New Jersey Committee.

"Based on our research, it appears that with additional public financial support for investigation and remediation, as well as administrative streamlining measures, a reformed ECRA will serve to benefit urban communities," Maraziti chaired RPA's subcommittee on ECRA reform.

However, the report recognizes that there remain environmental regulations and other factors that present serious obstacles to redevelopment. Phase II of the study will investigate



Reclaimable sites make up nearly one-eighth of land area in Elizabeth and Linden. This map shows that many of these sites encompass large tracts of land. They also cover a significant portion of the Arthur Kill waterfront.

these obstacles and recommend policy solutions. RPA research findings also contradict the notion that all urban sites are in tiny parcels that would take years to assemble. More than half the land area listed in the inventory is comprised of sites, 10 acres or larger; nearly 15 percent of the area consists of sites over 40 acres.

"We're always interested in redevelopment opportunities in urban areas," said Conrad Gack, president of K. Hovnanian Companies of North Jersey and a member of RPA's Union County Land Recycling Advisory Group. "This study clearly shows that there are many more viable possibilities both for residential and commercial development in these urban areas than were previously available for consideration."

The study also reveals the hidden costs of neglecting this land. Most of the sites are privately owned and are earning the municipality only a fraction of the potential tax revenue because they are not in productive use. The loss is most apparent in Elizabeth and Linden, where more than 10 percent of the municipal land is made up of those underutilized sites.

"Redevelopment of these sites could help improve New Jersey's fringe and preserve natural resources at the same time," said Janet Lussendorf, director of the project and of RPA's New Jersey office.

The Union County Land Recycling inventory was developed as part of RPA's new regional planning effort, The Region Tomorrow. This plan will develop a vision and program for improving the economic competitiveness and quality of life of the Tri-State Region.

Phase II of the Union County project includes an inventory of reclaimable land in urban Union County. It was funded by Merck & Co. Inc. and the Fund for New Jersey. Phase II of the project, now under way, includes an investigation of the obstacles to urban redevelopment through model redevelopment plans and recommendations for policy changes to encourage urban industrial and commercial redevelopment.

Regional Plan Association is a private, non-profit research and planning organization working in the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut metropolitan region. For copies of the land recycling inventory report, call Regional Plan Association/New Jersey at (201) 623-1133.

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### Franks joins 14 freshmen to back reforms

Congressman-Elect Bob Franks, along with 14 other incoming freshmen members of Congress, this week joined forces to back a number of reforms aimed at making Congress more responsive to the concerns of the American people.

Franks, representing the 7th Congressional District, and his Republican colleagues from throughout the country met in Omaha, Neb., last week for a one-day summit on congressional reform. The group called for four fundamental changes in the way Congress operates, including:

- a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- line-item veto power for the president.
- the appointment of two freshmen members — one Democrat and one Republican — to the new Joint Committee of the Organization of Congress, a committee that will be recommending ways to make the institution more effective.

Franks said, "This is the first time in history that a group of newly elected members of Congress have met prior to freshman orientation to establish priorities. This group was elected to reform Congress and we want to move forward

quickly on our commitment to the voters to make fundamental changes in the way Congress is run."

Franks said the Omaha group will present its reform agenda to other members of the freshman class during freshman orientation, which started Dec. 2 in Washington, D.C. The group also plans to continue meeting to develop a consensus on other Congressional reforms to streamline the committee process, revamp the seniority system, eliminate parks and change the campaign financing system.

"With the largest freshman class since 1948, we have a tremendous opportunity to exert our influence and build a new Congress that is responsive to the everyday concerns of the American people," Franks said. "The Omaha Summit was a good start and demonstrates our resolve to end the gridlock on Capitol Hill."

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### education

#### Szeles makes honor roll

Stephen Szeles of Mountainside, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laszlo Szeles, was among the full-time undergraduate students at Quinnipiac College who have been named to the dean's honor roll for the spring semester. He is a business administration major.

Quinnipiac, a private college with schools of allied health and natural sciences, business, law, liberal arts and graduate and continuing education, offers more than 40 programs of study and enrolls almost 4,400 graduate and undergraduate students.

#### Pre-K begins 9th year

The Springfield Pre-Kindergarten Orientation program sponsored by the PTA is beginning its ninth year. The program has been successful in acquainting children with the school they will be entering in September 1993. Eligible children must be Springfield residents and be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1992.

The program will consist of approximately five monthly meetings beginning in January and ending with kindergarten round-up in May. Each session will last an hour and will be held at Thelma Sandmeier and James Caldwell schools. The curriculum will include tours of the building, meeting the school staff, story time, art, music and crafts.

Forms have been made available to the nursery schools in the area and



Six students from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School were named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars by the New Jersey State Department of Higher Education. They are, in front from left, Laura Leyer, Neel Singh and Gina Sarracino; back row from left Jason Parle, Andrew Samo and Michael Handor. The students are eligible to receive a \$1,000 annual scholarship award for up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university. The award is named for the late Edward J. Bloustein, who served with distinction for many years as the president of Rutgers University.

#### Springfield student cited

The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison announced the names of students who have achieved the Upper School Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 1992-1993 school year.

honors is Springfield resident Kacy Lissenden of the 10th grade. The Wardlaw-Hartridge School is an independent, coeducational institution with campuses in Edison and Plainfield.



Deerfield prepares for its holiday concert, from left, Amelia Brown, Dayne Volpe, Chrissy Souder, Ariel Wagner, Jason Guldicpietro and director Diana Bensoul.

#### Deerfield set to stage annual holiday concert

Deerfield Elementary School will hold its annual holiday concert in the school gym Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature an array of holiday music performed by the Deerfield Chorus, the Beginner Band, Flute Trio and Concert Band. The concert will be directed by Diana Bensoul and Jenny Lucas.

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### Florio targets health care during address to legislative panel

By Chris Gatto  
Staff Writer

Saying that no one else has provided a better alternative, Gov. Jim Florio last week defended the state's diverting of \$1.6 billion from the unemployment fund. The bill was signed into law Monday.

Florio's words were delivered before the Employer Legislative Committee Nov. 25 prior to the governor's signing of the bill on Tuesday. The measure, which will be used to provide health insurance funds for the uninsured, was part of the message delivered by Florio during the ELC session at L'Affaire in Mountainide.

The governor also conveyed his enthusiasm about the election of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton to the presidency, lauded New Jersey's job training program as a model for the nation, and conveyed his delight about the selection of Robert Huges as the state's economic czar.

Following his speech, Florio opened up the floor for questions from attendees, while predicting what would be the topic of the day. "As I walked around, it seemed like every table had about two or three people associated with the health care industry, so I suspect we'll probably have a few questions about that particular topic."

"Health care costs are our single most growing cost and unless something enables us to get control over these costs we're going to have difficult times going forward," he said. "And as you probably will not be surprised to hear, that is not the first time I've heard that."

About 20 percent of the state budget is associated with health care expenditures, he said, noting that it was also a national problem. "As is the case in so many instances, New Jersey is ahead" in dealing with the problem, Florio said. "We don't have



Gov. Jim Florio makes a point during his address to the Union County branch of the Employer Legislative Committee.

the luxury of being able to deal with it next year or the year after; we're dealing with it in the next couple of days."

Due to lawsuits and "idiosyncrasies" in the system, Florio said the date had to be pushed up to Nov. 30 for a new funding system to be enacted to pay for indigent health care. The state had been operating under a 19.1 percent surcharge on medical costs for the insured.

The new system created under the bill, which was sponsored by Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, replaces the 11-year-old Uncompensated Care Trust Fund, Florio said.

"It's a system that is designed to deal with the health care needs of about 800,000 people in New Jersey. These are folks who have no health care whatsoever, they're not poor enough to be on Medicaid, they're not old enough to be on Medicare, they don't happen to work for someone who provides health insurance. These are folks that fall through the cracks of the health care system."

"When they get sick they go to the emergency rooms and they get care. You know, you live five hours to get some kind of care, it's not the best care for them and it's extremely expensive," Florio said. "The state reimburses the emergency rooms and the hospitals for this care at the cost of three-quarters of a billion dollars, \$750 million."

Florio said that system has been declared illegal and the state has been forced to come up with an alternative. "I said that I will sign anything that there isn't even any legislative proposals to fund these other funding systems, payroll taxes, sales taxes, air taxes," he said. "I said that I will sign anything that is reasonable in the way of a funding mechanism," the governor told the crowd. The alternative is to have a hospital meltdown in New Jersey, one which Florio said the state cannot afford. He asked anyone with an alternative to consult with legislators.

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Americans who "fall between the cracks" — almost 1 million in New Jersey.

The Legislature and Florio have been meeting to discuss issues of concern, and one of those has been health care. In a statement on behalf of the new plan, Florio said the state cannot afford a "deficit financing" approach to health care. It is interesting that there isn't even any legislative proposals to fund these other funding systems, payroll taxes, sales taxes, air taxes," he said. "I said that I will sign anything that is reasonable in the way of a funding mechanism," the governor told the crowd. The alternative is to have a hospital meltdown in New Jersey, one which Florio said the state cannot afford. He asked anyone with an alternative to consult with legislators.

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### Bassano health care bill gets signature by Florio

By Chris Gatto  
Staff Writer

Gov. Jim Florio signed a health care bill Monday sponsored by state Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, which will provide coverage for the indigent and put New Jersey in compliance with a court mandate.

A series of three bills that open the door for health care reform, aid small businesses, and provide funding for individuals who cannot afford insurance, the new laws had to be enacted by Nov. 30 because of a court ruling that made the prior funding system illegal.

The state had previously utilized a 19.1 percent "sick tax" on the insured to pay for those without care. The surcharge has been eliminated under the new plan, which was signed by Florio on Monday night.

"We've traveled a long road to get to where we are today," Bassano told his peers during a statement issued on the Senate floor in Trenton Monday. "There have been onerous reports regarding this plan that, frankly, make great headlines, but do nothing to address the health care crisis facing this state as of midnight tonight."

Under the bill labeled S10A-2100, \$600 million in funds are to be diverted from the state Unemployment Insurance Fund next year and \$500 million in the next two years for

indigent care. A "safeguard" is built into the plan so that a six-tenths of 1 percent payroll tax on employer contributions is assessed if the unemployment fund balance should drop below \$1.5 billion. It currently stands at \$2.3 billion.

While Democrats, none of whom voted for the measure, charged that the bill imposes a "backdoor payroll" tax, Bassano said "if unemployment goes down, and everyone — on both sides of the aisle is working hard for that to happen — the trigger will never be activated. Last month's figures showed that the state unemployment rate had dropped by about 1 percent from September.

Under the previous Uncompensated Care Trust Fund, \$750 million was raised annually through the "sick tax" and reimbursed hospitals for providing care for the indigent. The new plan will distribute \$500 million in charity care payments to 68 hospitals and \$100 million in subsidies will be provided annually over three years before being phased out.

One of the other two bills passed, S-1023, requires insurance companies to sell affordable policies to individuals or pay subsidies. S-371 allows small businesses with between two and 49 employees to provide health insurance to their workers.

### Drunk driving awareness targeted

Union County has joined the national effort and proclaimed the week of Dec. 6-12 as "Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week."

"Driving under the influence continues to be a critical issue, especially during the holidays," said Mario Paparozzi, freholder liaison to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., of Union County. "Last year almost 150 people died on New Jersey's roads and highways in alcohol-related car accidents."

The risks of heavy drinking go beyond the death and destruction associated with automobiles. Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of all falls, 48 percent of hypothermia and frostbite cases, and up to 64 percent of fires and burns.

"Besides the pain involved, injuries incurred as a result of alcohol abuse often result in time lost from work, lost income, increased health care

costs, permanent disability, or even death," said Freholder Chairman Louis Santagata. "So we want to remind people that having a designated driver should be used as a means to avoid drinking to excess. Gladys Kearns, executive director of NCADD of Union County, said there have been a number of deaths in New Jersey due to alcohol poisoning."

Kearns said that certain people should not drink alcohol at all, such as a woman who is pregnant or trying to become pregnant, someone taking prescription or over-the-counter medications, or a young adult under 21 years old.

"A person planning to drive should stay with soft drinks. For those who choose to drink, there are recommended guidelines for safe drinking," Kearns said.

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### Thorn in the side

Family members of local elected officials should be restricted from employment by the township. While a relative — by blood or marriage — may be duly qualified for a position in one or more of the township's departments, their familial relation to a member of the governing body creates a conflict of interest.

The Township Committee last week defeated a measure that would have eliminated the hiring of relatives to salaried positions with the municipality as well as their appointment to volunteer posts.

Volunteer positions should not be restricted. Indeed, volunteerism is the backbone of a community, and while politics comes into play with many of these appointments, every member of the community should have equal access to the opportunity of serving their township pro bono.

Placing relatives in paid positions, however, smacks of impropriety. It is a conflict of interest that is completely unnecessary, particularly in this economic climate. In terms of hiring, it is an employer's market.

While the motivation of those sponsoring and supporting this measure — Jeffrey Katz and Harry Pappas — was admittedly to counter what they termed haphazard legislation introduced by their political opponents during the campaign season, this bill had value.

Both sides of this debate must admit that volunteers — family members or not — are valuable assets to the community. They must also admit, however, that restricting the eligibility of their relatives for paid positions will have little impact on the efficient operation of local government. It will, however, have a very positive impact on the integrity of the Township Committee.

Mayor Philip Kurnos and Democrats Marcia Forman and Lee Eisen were wrong to defeat the measure, and the issue will remain a thorn in their side as long as the practice is allowed to continue.

### Fight against AIDS

World AIDS Day/A Day Without Art, observed globally and locally on Tuesday, was a day of mourning for many people who remembered the thousands of lives lost and the talents cut short, especially in the arts, due to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

We are into the second decade of the AIDS epidemic, and despite some progress in the area of safe sex education, it is clear that many people have not gotten the message about AIDS and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus that causes the incurable disease.

In a damning statement issued recently, the World Health Organization said not enough is being done to educate the public about AIDS and not enough money is focused on fighting the disease. The WHO estimates that as many as 40 million people will be infected with HIV by the turn of the century.

More than 500,000 cases of AIDS were reported as of July 1, but WHO estimates put that number closer to 2 million. Estimates for HIV infection suggest that between 10 and 12 million people are carrying the virus that causes AIDS.

The AIDS epidemic has followed a different course in New Jersey than in the nation at large. Women make up 21 percent of New Jersey's 13,949 AIDS cases, whereas women constitute just 10 percent of AIDS cases nationwide, according to state Department of Health figures. A total of 1,014 AIDS cases had been reported in Union County as of Sept. 30, while 58 cases have been documented in Union, 66 cases in Rahway and 61 cases in Linden.

AIDS is a powerful and mysterious illness that continues to frustrate medical researchers. We could be decades away from a cure. But we do know that HIV is carried and communicated in bodily fluids such as semen and blood. We know how to prevent its further progress.

Protected sex must become the rule, especially among our "invincible" young people. One of every five people with AIDS was infected as a teen-ager and the number of infected adolescents doubles every 14 months, according to the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control.

- Don't let fear, ignorance, prejudice, shyness, puritanism or anything else stop you from learning what you need to know to protect yourself, your friends, your loved ones, your children, your neighbors and your family members from HIV and AIDS. Knowledge is the only way we know to fight the spread of the virus.
- If you have any questions about AIDS, safe sex, HIV transmission, the blood supply, or if you just want to talk to someone about AIDS, feel free to call one of the agencies listed below. They are there to help.
- Union County AIDS Coordinator: (908) 352-2115.
- The Hyacinth Foundation AIDS Helpline: 1-800-433-0254.
- AIDS New Jersey Helpline: 1-800-624-2377.
- AIDS Interfaith Network: (201) 676-2208.

# OPINION PAGE

## Hughey up to tall order of economic czar

When I first heard that the Florio administration was appointing a "czar" by executive order, to promote the creation of new jobs I thought, "Great, just what we need. Another czar in the government, another cynical public relations move to make it look as if state government is actually doing something to help thousands of people who find themselves out of work. Another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy."

"A cruel hoax," I concluded. But now I learn that Bob Hughey would be this newest czar, or officially "Chief of Economic Recovery." I was thrown off. A successful entrepreneur and former head of the Department of Environmental Protection under Tom Keane, Hughey was one of the sharpest, most efficient players Trenton has ever seen.

I know Bob Hughey. I worked with, and at times fought with, him during my brief legislative career in the mid-1980s. This guy was as tough as nails, but a guy you could negotiate with, a good talker, but an even better listener. No one is more candidly, directly serious about his work while not taking himself too seriously; dockside and jeans in a world of stuffy blue and gray suits.

Most of all, remember Bob Hughey as a guy who actually got things done in a world often dominated by the illusion of action.

Now, after being out of state government for several years and making big bucks in private industry, Hughey is back with the oddest of job titles and the most powerful of mandates. Says the governor, "Bob Hughey's job will be to marshal the money and muscle of this great state to create jobs and put people back to work."

One Florio insider told *The Record*, "This guy will speak with the authority of the governor to make things happen."

To quote George Bush, "It's weird." A registered Republican — in his heart he's an independent — appointed by a Democratic governor, who's not known for giving up authority, with the full support of the GOP legislative leadership — true bipartisan cooperation in Trenton? What's really going on here? I called Bob Hughey at home on Veterans Day to find out.

"I've got no staff, but I can draw on any department or agency in the effort to create jobs. I've got a year to do

know these are more than just hopeful words. Frankly, he doesn't need the job or the aggravation. One hour after what I promised would be a 10-minute conversation, the governor and the GOP have freed me up to do what I have to do — no politics. If anyone can do it, I can."

Then, a few minutes later, the supremely confident Hughey said, "A year from now, I hope I don't have to apologize. A lot of people are hurting out there."

Bob Hughey can't create miracles. Neither can he single-handedly create thousands of jobs. No one person in government can. But with this new post, he is once again a man with a mission. He will make what good things happen. A lot of unemployed people could benefit from his efforts. And, if anyone goes in his way, he'll let them know. He can be very persuasive. He doesn't have the patience for people who play petty political turf games at the public's expense.

Finally, a czar you can believe in. Steve Adubato Jr. is a political analyst for WWOV-TV, a former state legislator from Essex County, and an instructor of public administration and mass media at Rutgers University.

### Screening New Jersey

By Steve Adubato Jr.

### Know the facts

Although the ancient Greek physician Hippocrates dubbed epilepsy a "sacred disease," a visitation of the gods, as early as 400 B.C., the episodic disorder has been a difficult curse to bear for epilepsy sufferers, who through the centuries have faced age-old superstitions and a misinformed prejudice that continues to this day.

To raise awareness and fight that prejudice, the Essex County Epilepsy Support Group joined organizations around the state to encourage observation of Epilepsy Awareness Month in November, and more than 100 New Jersey towns approved resolutions marking the occasion.

Public fear and misunderstanding have created obstacles for epileptics, particularly in the area of employment, that are more of a burden than the epilepsy disorder itself. Of all disabilities, epilepsy poses the greatest barrier to employment, with unemployment rates estimated between 20 percent and 25 percent for epileptics, according to the Epilepsy Support Group.

The Americans With Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination in hiring or in the workplace against the disabled, including epileptics.

More than 2 million Americans, or one of every 100 persons, are affected by epilepsy. There are an estimated 80,000 adult epileptics in New Jersey, 125,000 including youths. That's a sizable number who deserve a chance to earn a living in our society. On the heels of Epilepsy Awareness Month, we urge our readers to know the facts and stop the perpetuation of misinformed prejudice.

### Letters to the editor

Letter shows a lack of information

To the Editor: I wish to enlighten regional board member Carmine Venes on some points he addressed in his letter to the editor last week concerning his decision to vote to close Brearley High School in Kenilworth.

First, with regard to insufficient curriculum being offered at the four regional schools, our regional district offers more than 180 courses, which is a far greater number than that of the top 10 high schools in New Jersey, which only offer 100 courses. How can we be suffering curriculum-wise?

Second, as far as traveling teachers are concerned: Why hasn't the board considered closed-circuit TV courses, which could benefit all four regional school students?

Third, Mr. Venes spoke of suffering sports programs. When speaking of suffering sports, we are considering all four schools, or just Dayton in Springfield? The sports programs in Kenilworth, which has the smallest population, are the best of the four schools, including numerous divisional and state championships in football, soccer and baseball. Brearley was also recognized by Redbook magazine as one of the top six schools nationally for athletic excellence. Brearley's sports record proves it's not the number of students, but the quality of the program and coaching staff that matters for excellence. These facts were not presented in Dr. Merchanik's recommendation. Don't you wonder why?

And, finally, how can you justify closing the newest school, the only handicapped-accessible school, the only air-conditioned school, and the school needing the least repairs due to its age? Why give away your assets instead of your liabilities? Why not keep the best for our students? Don't they deserve it? Your letter itself shows how little information you do have on the important issues involving this decision. If you were truly concerned with the communities of Kenilworth and Clarendon, you would have listened and learned from facts presented on Nov. 17. You would not have had a prepared statement to read as to your prepared vote. You would have voted to wait and consider all the facts and figures longer than 29 days.

Mr. Venes, there is no real justification for your decision. If your decision was one for the good of the entire regional system, if you were truly interested in fairness to all, you would have carefully considered all the facts presented, not just the opinions of the superintendent.

Karen Stallings  
Kenilworth

### Setting the record straight

To the Editor: I am writing to set the record straight about my departure from being head coach of the Girls Basketball Team at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. I was asked to step down from this position because someone teaching in the school wanted the job.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the girls involved in my program. Thank you for making those years a truly enjoyable experience for me.

Best of luck and success for the upcoming season.  
Coach Kathy Drummond-Hodde  
Springfield

### Shocked, but not surprised

To the Editor:

Please allow me to preface this letter with the following remark: I am not surprised, but I am shocked.

### Letter writers

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"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."

—Abraham Lincoln

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## Study of tax law is helpful to parents

### Money Management

Many tax-saving opportunities are available to parents. According to the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, it's important to consider your child's age and earnings, as well as the amount of your own income, when developing a tax strategy and determining your eligibility for certain tax deductions and credits.

You can directly reduce your taxable income by claiming a personal exemption of \$2,300 for each child who is under age 19 or who is a full-time student under age 24, regardless of the amount of the child's income. You may also claim exemptions for children who do not meet these age requirements but whose annual adjusted gross incomes are less than \$2,300.

The amount of the personal exemption is gradually phased out if adjusted gross income exceeds \$157,900 for married persons filing jointly, \$131,550 for heads of household, \$105,250 for single taxpayers, or \$78,950 for married persons filing separately.

When tallying up your medical expenses for the year, be sure to include amounts paid for your children's doctor and dentist bills and other qualified medical expenses. These expenses may help minimize the child's tax bills on the investment income at the same time. If your child is age 14 or older, his or her investment

### Legislative oversight of DEPE bad news

The good news from the recent election was approval for the conservation bond issue, including more Green Acres money.

The bad news was voter approval of a constitutional amendment giving the Legislature veto power on local oversight — over mismanagement by the Department of Environmental Protection and Energy and other agencies of state government.

A court suit may result because it appears to be a violation of equal powers of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government as set forth by the U.S. Constitution. The current cost-conscious Legislature, in order to do a thorough job of reviewing legislation, will need to use a duplicate bureaucracy unless it lets lobbyists do it. Citizens wishing

### State We're In

By David F. Moore  
to participate may find the going murky for the legislative process is incredibly time consuming. With no rules for this new world-of-legislative process, I suspect only a few well-heeled and privileged lobbyists will have their ear.

Since the sponsors of the legislation putting the question on the ballot, Senators John Doney of Morris County and Raymond Zane of Salem County, are favorites of the development community, I expect the rules governing pollution cleanup, wetlands and similar subjects will be on the top of the rule makers' agenda.

Maybe I'm overly cynical. Perhaps the Legislature will come up with some good rules to govern the process, providing detailed statements of legislative intent to go with the laws they pass, plus public hearing records and response documents so that administrative rulemakers won't need a crystal ball to do an effective job.

Finishing on a brighter note, we can now look for bonding in an amount up to \$200 million to acquire open space at all levels of government, and assist non-profit land conservancy groups in their own efforts to protect lands.

David F. Moore is executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

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### Schwartzberg-Singer betrothal announced

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schwartzberg of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie L. Schwartzberg, to Marc C. Singer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oary Singer of Warren, formerly of Springfield. The bride-to-be, who was graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, attends Seton Hall University School of Law. Her fiance, who was graduated from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, also attends Seton Hall University School of Law. A December 1993 wedding is planned in the Livingston County Club.

### obituaries

#### John J. Napoli

John J. Napoli, 73, of Springfield died Nov. 30 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Antoinette; a daughter, Mary Ann Doyle; two sons, Carmine and Nicholas; a brother, Anthony; a sister, Pauline; and six grandchildren.

#### Russell Scutari

Russell Scutari, 61, of Springfield died Sunday in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Orange, Mr. Scutari lived in East Orange before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. He owned the Springfield Maintenance Co. Surviving are his wife, Joan; a son, Gene; his mother, Mary Scutari; a sister, Adole Saucelli; and two grandchildren.

#### John S. Redale

John S. Redale, 91, of Mountaintop died Friday in the Manor Care Center, Mountaintop.

Born in New York City, Mr. Redale moved to Mountaintop 33 years ago. He had been a factory mechanic for the Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Harrison, for 40 years before retiring in 1965. He also had been a special policeman in Mountaintop for many years.

#### Marie B. Vogel

Marie B. Vogel, 88, of Berkeley Township, formerly of Mountaintop, died Friday in her home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Vogel lived in Mountaintop for 27 years before moving to Berkeley Township eight years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Continental Electric, Newark, for 35 years before retiring in 1971.

#### Thomas McDonnell

Thomas W. McDonnell Jr., 76, of Roselle Park died Nov. 23 in Elizabeth General Medical Center West.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. McDonnell lived in Bayonno before moving to Roselle Park in 1952. He had been a sheet metal worker for Cranford Local 22 of the Sheet Metal Workers Union for 46 years before retiring in 1981. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion Post 60 of Roselle Park.

#### C.M. Russomanno

Carmon A. Russomanno, 79, of Roselle, formerly of Kenilworth and Roselle Park, a college student, who had been a newspaper writer, died Nov. 26 in John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Naples, Italy, Mr. Russomanno lived in Brooklyn and Kenilworth before moving to Roselle Park and Roselle 48 years ago. She had been a writer for El Progresso, an Italian newspaper in New York City for three years. Mrs. Russomanno was

#### death notices

**CHURCH** On Nov. 24, 1992, Laura (Belen) SCHWARTZBERG of Union, N.J., wife of the late Arthur Church, died in Union, N.J. She was 91. Burial in the Mountaintop Memorial Home. The funeral will be held on Monday, Nov. 26, 1992, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mountaintop Memorial Home. Interment in the Mountaintop Memorial Home. The Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Friends are invited to call at the Mountaintop Memorial Home, 1500 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07086, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26, 1992.

**DAMATO** On Nov. 23, 1992, Patricia M. (Luciano) Damato, 84, of Union, N.J., died in Union, N.J. She was 84. Burial in the Mountaintop Memorial Home. The funeral will be held on Monday, Nov. 26, 1992, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mountaintop Memorial Home. Interment in the Mountaintop Memorial Home. The Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Friends are invited to call at the Mountaintop Memorial Home, 1500 Morris Ave., Union, N.J. 07086, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26, 1992.

### lifestyle



Dr. and Mrs. Brian Canavan



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### Kirchberger-Canavan wed

Lori Kirchberger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kirchberger of Cranford, was married Nov. 14 to Dr. Brian Canavan of Roselle Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Canavan of Verona.

Born in Roselle Park, he lived in Roselle Park until moving to Lehigh Acres 15 years ago. Mr. Canavan is a supervisor for Karphothian Rugh, Roselle Park, for 30 years. Then there was a machine operator for the Union Instrument Co., Plainfield, for seven years. He retired 12 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Frank Jr., a daughter, Margaret Ramsey; two brothers, Andrew and Joseph; two sisters, Rose Coocoo and Julia Siper; seven grandchildren; and his great-grandchildren.

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## SPORTS

### Time for Panthers to make history

**By J.R. Paracchini Sports Editor**

**BUTLER**—The run-and-shoot has worked well enough for the Butler High School football team to win six games this year but it is a good enough offense to help the Bulldogs win a sectional title?

Roselle Park has a pretty good offense of its own and a much-improved defense — two reasons why the Panthers are undefeated at the moment. We'll find out beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday which team will be able to stop the other when Roselle Park (10-0) pays a visit to Butler (6-3-1) with the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship on the line. The Panthers won the crown in 1979 and the Bulldogs claimed championships in 1983 and 1990.

"We're going to have to be patient with them," Roselle Park head coach John Wagner said. "When they complete a pass in the flat it's almost like a running play for them. We have to be mentally patient and not allow them to just move the ball down field with short passes."

"At the controls of the Butler offense is senior quarterback Nick Speidel. Prior to the Verano contest he had completed 72 of 139 passes.

"This was the first full season he's put in at quarterback," Butler head coach Bob Jones said. "He's developed along with the offense and he's gained confidence in himself as we've come along."

### Roselle Park goes for title against Butler on Saturday

His major target is Matt Hamilton. The senior wide receiver, prior to the Verano contest, had caught 32 passes for 300 yards and hauled in eight passes for 181 yards in a win against Pequanook.

Another dangerous receiver coming out of the backfield is junior fullback Maurizio Gadeleta. He's gained over 200 yards in pass receptions and is the team's leading rusher with 1,050 yards and leading score with 19 touchdowns.

"Not only do they have the run-and-shoot, but they have a fullback who can get the job done, which presents a compound problem," Wagner said. Roselle Park has three quality backs: all juniors, in Nick Fowler, Kevin Kirby and Mark Carlson. Fowler leads the team in rushing with 1,139 yards and Kirby in scoring with 17 touchdowns and 105 points.

Junior signal-caller John Schinestuhl has done an excellent job in his first year at quarterback for the Panthers. Prior to the Roselle game, Schinestuhl had completed 48 of 83 passes (58 percent) for 728 yards and thrown 12 touchdowns passes and just one interception.

The defense, which has yielded less than 10 points a game, is sparked by

### Brearley, Park win holiday contests

Three area high school football teams were in action Saturday with two of them closing out their seasons.

Unbeaten Roselle Park, set a school record with its 10th win of the year by stopping archival Roselle 28-8 in Roselle Park. The Panthers will play at Butler in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 title game on Saturday.

Brearley Regional edged Johnson Regional 15-13 in Clark to finish its season at 3-1. The Bears won their final three games of the season on the road and finished 4-1 away from home this year.

We played a lot of people and plugged some gaps and moved some players around," Brearley head coach Bob Taylor said. "It was a very physical game and we executed better than we could have expected."

Dayton Regional was blanked for the fifth time this year, losing in Springfield to North Plainfield 24-0. The Bulldogs finished 0-9.

Nick Fowler, Kevin Kirby, Mark Carlson and Mike DeBello scored touchdowns on runs for Roselle Park. Steven Miceli scored on a run for Brearley and teammate Bill Pisoni threw a touchdown pass to Vinny Volpe.

Fowler scored first for Roselle Park on a 32-yard scamper. Carlson broke loose for an 81-yard touchdown run and Kirby scored on a three-yard burst. DeBello scored on a 22-yard run.

Fowler led all rushers with 164 yards on seven carries. Keith Wintermute blocked a punt for Roselle Park that led to Kirby's touchdowns.

Although Roselle Park turned the ball over twice, the Panthers have still committed just four turnovers this year.

Roselle still leads the holiday series, the longest-running in Union County, by a 42-36-8 margin. Roselle Park, however, has won two of the last three.

Miceli scored on a one-yard run and ran in the two-point conversion to give Brearley an 8-0 first-quarter lead. Pisoni hit Volpe on a 15-yard pass in the second quarter for the game-winning points.

Miceli rushed for 68 yards on 22 carries and Pisoni completed four-of-seven passes for 54 yards and one touchdown.

"Miceli ran well on a wet field and we held strong when we had to," Taylor said. "George Oyure had a good day kicking the ball for us and we had clutch performances from many of our linemen."

Taylor cited the play of linemen Mike Wright, Matt Gzovitch, Brian Harris, Mark Wells and David Fazio; Fowler, listed at 182, had to get the job done against opposing lineman heavier than he the past three games.

Pisoni, our star in the second game of the season, was a "late addition that janned out very well," according to Taylor.

Keatham Cortez played well at linebacker and he played came up with key interceptions.

"It's been a roller coaster ride," Taylor said of the 1992 campaign. "The bad news about the school closure impacted pressure on the situation, but our kids were able to focus what was necessary to complete a successful season."

Taylor, at the helm since 1974, saw his record with the Bears improve to 123-54-7.



Roselle Park High School junior running back Kevin Kirby, with ball, has scored a team-high 17 touchdowns for the Panthers this year.

### Kirby, Fowler have shot at leading county in scoring

**By J.R. Paracchini Sports Editor**

Three area high school football players have a shot at winning this year's Union County scoring crown.

Brian Sheridan of Union is the leading scorer in the county at the moment with 108 points. Sheridan's two-yard touchdown run last Saturday that gave Union a 20-13 win over Scotch Plains was the senior fullback's 18th of the season and 14th rushing. He has also caught three touchdowns passes and ran an interception back for a score.

Kevin Kirby of Roselle Park is second with 105 points. Darryl Thomas of Cranford is third with 102 and Nick Fowler of Roselle Park fourth with 100.

Thomas' season is over as Cranford beat Elizabethtown 13-12 last Thursday to finish 7-2. Thomas did not score in that game.

Kirby and Fowler scored one touchdown each in Roselle Park's 29-6 win over Roselle last Thursday. Sheridan, Kirby and Fowler will all be in action this Saturday in sectional title games. Sheridan, a captain for Roselle Park, leads the Panthers into the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 final against Butler.

Kirby has scored 17 touchdowns and kicked a field goal and Thomas has scored 17 touchdowns. Fowler

has scored 16 touchdowns, recorded a safety and scored on a two-point conversion.

Saturday's 1 p.m. H.S. Football Sectional Finals North 2, Group 1 R. Park (10-0) at Butler (6-3-1) North 2, Group 4 Randolph (9-1) at Union (10-0)

### Thanksgiving Results

Last Thursday Roselle Park 28, Roselle 6 Brearley 15, Johnson 13 North Plainfield 24, Dayton 0 Last Saturday Union 20, Scotch Plains 13

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### Here's how Roselle Park fans can get to Butler High School for Saturday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game.

Take Route 80 West to Route 287 North to Bloomton Main Street exit. Take Main Street to Broomer Avenue and make right turn onto Broomer Avenue and Route 511 North to intersection at Route 23.

Go straight and make first right onto Lafayette Street. Go up hill and make left onto Washington Street. The football field is located on Washington Street.

Directions to Butler Here's how Roselle Park fans can get to Butler High School for Saturday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game.

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### ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

**OFFENSE:**  
LT 78 Rob Praeger, senior, 6-3, 250  
C 62 Ryan Vanderkooy, junior, 5-11, 190  
C 62 Shuan Bradley, senior, 5-7, 210  
RG 33 Anthony Barr, junior, 5-8, 175  
RT 63 Mike Papanoz, senior, 5-8, 210  
TE 40 Tim Burbage, senior, 6-0, 195  
SE 80 Marco Leonardis, junior, 6-2, 200  
QB 1 John Schinestuhl, junior, 5-8, 160  
FB 23 Nick Fowler, junior, 6-0, 210  
RH 20 Mark Carlson, junior, 5-8, 165  
LH 21 Kevin Kirby, junior, 6-0, 180  
PE 29 Jon Nichols, senior, 5-6, 170

**DEFENSE:**  
LE 23 Nick Fowler, junior, 6-0, 210  
LT 77 Remo Antonaccio, junior, 5-8, 210  
NG 53 Anthony Barr, junior, 5-8, 175  
RE 40 Tim Burbage, senior, 6-0, 195  
OLB 28 Jon Nichols, senior, 5-6, 170  
MLB 32 Chad Hunsicker, junior, 5-8, 175  
OLB 56 Jeff Freyre, junior, 5-7, 165  
CB 20 Mark Carlson, junior, 5-8, 165  
CB 21 Kevin Kirby, junior, 6-0, 180  
S 1 John Schinestuhl, junior, 5-8, 160  
P 73 Tim Baylock, junior, 5-8, 190

**Leading rusher:** Nick Fowler — 1,139 yards  
**Leading scorer:** Kevin Kirby — 183 points  
**Leading tackler:** Chad Hunsicker, Jon Nichols

**1992 RESULTS:**  
(H) Roselle Park 34, Johnson 0  
(H) Roselle Park 45, Scotch Plains 20  
(A) Roselle Park 45, Middlesex 0  
(H) Roselle Park 41, Scotch Plains 7  
(A) Roselle Park 41, Manville 12  
(A) Roselle Park 51, Brearley 22  
(H) Roselle Park 24, New Providence 0  
(A) Roselle Park 42, Dayton 0  
(A) Roselle Park 30, Cedar Grove 29  
(H) Roselle Park 28, Roselle 6  
Overall Record: 10-0  
MVC-Valley: 6-0, champs  
Home: 5-0  
Road: 5-0

**Points for 383**  
**Points against 96**  
**Shutouts: 4**  
Head coach John Wagner's record: 76-38-1, 661 (1981-1992)

### BUTLER BULLDOGS

**OFFENSE:**  
LT 63 Chris Malone, senior, 6-0, 195  
LG 73 Brent Rozova, senior, 5-8, 160  
C 67 Rob Schaeffer, junior, 6-2, 180  
RG 38 Brandon Florence, senior, 6-2, 180  
RT 64 Glenn Roggenbuck, senior, 6-2, 200  
WR 52 Dave Conklin, sophomore, 5-10, 140  
WR 89 Matt Hamilton, senior, 5-11, 160  
WR 25 Matt Sanders, junior, 5-10, 160  
WR 84 Steve Scandinavian, junior, 6-0, 160  
QB 15 Nick Speidel, senior, 6-0, 165  
RB 32 Maurizio Gadeleta, junior, 5-7, 175  
PE 11 Kevin Maxwell, junior, 5-10, 155

**DEFENSE:**  
DE 74 Glenn Borgmann, senior, 6-2, 200  
DT 64 Pete DeLuca, senior, 5-10, 190  
NT 25 Dave Duzdek, junior, 5-10, 160  
DT 89 Pete Cooper, senior, 6-1, 200  
CB 41 Dan Douma, senior, 6-0, 165  
LB 44 Chris Kogel, junior, 5-10, 165  
LB 57 Ed Eaton, senior, 6-1, 185  
CB 89 Matt Hamilton, senior, 5-11, 160  
CB 41 Dan Douma, senior, 6-0, 165  
SS 25 Matt Sanders, junior, 5-10, 160  
FS 11 Rob Conklin, senior, 5-10, 170  
P 39 Anthony Donahoe, sophomore, 6-2, 230

**Leading rusher:** Maurizio Gadeleta  
**Leading scorer:** Maurizio Gadeleta  
**Leading tackler:** Chris Kogel

**1992 RESULTS:**  
(A) Butler 0, Orange 0 (tie)  
(H) Butler 45, Essex Catholic 16  
(A) Madison 18, Butler 6  
(H) Butler 23, DePaul 0  
(A) Morris Catholic 25, Butler 13  
(A) Butler 21, Debaron 20  
(H) Butler 38, Millburn 13  
(A) Butler 47, Pequanook 6  
(H) Butler 54, Verona 0  
(H) Butler 12, Butler 7  
Overall Record: 6-3-1  
MVC-Suburban: 4-3-1  
Home: 4-1  
Road: 2-2-0

**Points for: 254**  
**Points against: 120**  
**Shutouts: 3**  
Head coach Bob Jones' record: 36-44-4, 429 (1983-1992)

### stork club

#### Nicholas Robert Bongiovanni

A son, Nicholas Robert, was born Nov. 17 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bongiovanni of Springfield.

Mrs. Bongiovanni, the former Janet A. Armani, is the daughter of

## Brearley places three on All-MVC Valley first-team

The Brearley Regional High School boys' soccer team, which won the Mountain Valley Conference Valley Division title this year, placed four players on the division's first-team.

The Bears, who finished 16-3-1 overall and reached the North Jersey Section 2 Group 1 final for the fifth consecutive season, won the Valley Division for the second straight year with an 11-1 mark. Representing Brearley on the first-team are senior back Mike Micicich, junior back Ralph Jacobbe, junior midfielder Matt Layden and junior forward Nick Chonko.

### H.S. Boys' Soccer

- First Team**  
 Rick Pirez, St. Patrick's, sophomore  
 Anthony Spagnuolo, Johnson, freshman  
 Rob Gordon, New Providence, junior  
 John Sachs, New Providence, junior  
 Joe Scourzo, Brearley, senior  
 Jerry Russo, Roselle Park, senior  
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- HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Umberto Garcia, Bound Brook  
 Joe Sipiras, Bound Brook  
 Joe Russo, Bound Brook  
 Frank Perry, Middletown  
 Jason Winger, Middletown  
 Dave Garcia, Middletown  
 John Walters, Middletown  
 John Ciavolo, Brearley  
 Adam Szolig, Johnson  
 George Costello, Roselle Park  
 Mike Ohlson, New Providence
- Dayton represented on Mountain team**  
 Dayton, which finished 7-9-1 overall, placed three players on the MVC-Mountain Division first-team. Representing Dayton on the first-team are senior back Nick Bove, senior midfielder Matt Iles and sophomore forward Emari Nepomuceno.
- SECOND-TEAM**  
 Goalkeepers  
 Scott Jankunas, Brearley, sophomore

## Locals help Tidal Wave to victory

The Tidal Wave swim team, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Union, improved to 2-0 with a 323-170 win over the Boys and Girls Club of Newark last week.

The Union-based team previously beat the Orange YMCA 348-209 in its season-opener.

The Tidal Wave swimmers are children who belong to the Boys and Girls Club of Union. They reside in area towns such as Union, Springfield, Mountaintide, Kenilworth and Roselle Park and are coached by Colin Dowds and Jocelyn Granberg.

Here are some of the results from the win over Newark:

**100-METER IM**  
 8-and-under: Boys: 1. Billy Hillman, Union, Girls: 1. Tracy Cwikata, Union, 2. Colleen Shanahan, Union, 2. Colleen Shanahan, Union.

**25-METER BUTTERFLY**  
 8-and-under: Boys: 1. Dan Plosky, Union, 2. Justin Espron, Union, 3. Alan Grunberg, Mountaintide, Girls: 1. Megan Shanahan, Union, 2. Kristin Bianchini, Maplewood, 3. Tracy Farrell, Union.

### Youth Swimming

**13-18: Boys:** 2. Adam Reinhardt, Cranford, Girls: 1. Anna Pizza, Union, 2. Cheryl Jacobs, Union.

**25-METER BREASTSTROKE**  
 8-and-under: Boys: 1. Drew DeCagna, Springfield, 2. Patrick Hearne, Union, 3. Steven Pizza, Union, Girls: 1. Tracy Cwikata, Union, 2. Laura Palko, Union.

**50-METER BREASTSTROKE**  
 9 and 10: Boys: 1. Jonathan Hamill, Mountaintide, 2. Justin Espron, Union, 3. Alan Grunberg, Mountaintide, Girls: 1. Megan Shanahan, Union, 2. Kristin Bianchini, Maplewood, 3. Tracy Farrell, Union.

**11 and 12: Boys:** 2. Vadim Shoykhet, Newark, 3. Kevin Fay, Kenilworth, Girls: 1. Denise Rosenblatt, Union, 2. Kristin Swetley, Union.

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 13-18: Boys: 1. Dan Plosky, Union, 2. Brian Shanahan, Union, Girls: 1. Megan Madara, Newark, 2. Kelly Ford, Union.

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The Kenilworth Youth Soccer League will be holding an indoor Soccer Tournament tomorrow and Saturday at the Harding School gym. The tourney will take place tomorrow from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teams from Kenilworth and Roselle Park will be playing and trophies will be awarded for first-place finishers. Refreshments will be sold such as hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, nachos, chili and beverages.

All proceeds will go to the "Save our School" fund.

**LaBarca College Day**  
 More than 500 New Jersey high school football players are expected to take advantage of the free First Fidelity/Frank LaBarca College Day on Sunday, Dec. 13 at Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth.

And more than 40 colleges, junior colleges and prep schools are expected to send representatives to interview the players and provide them with information about football and academic programs.

### Ender returns for Moravian

Roselle Park's Amy Ender returns as part of a potent basketball trio for the Moravian College women's basketball team.

Ender, a four-year starter for the Bethlehem, Pa. school, averaged 13.8 points last season and was selected to the All-ECAC South second-team. Moravian went 31-2 last year and was the NCAA's Division 3 national runner-up.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## A Yule trot brings happiness

By Bea Smith, Lifestyle Editor

Along with the colorful, festive Yuletide lights and decorations and people hurrying in and out of stores, Union Center would not be the same without the familiar kippity-klop sounds of a horse-drawn carriage. In fact, even people from surrounding towns look forward to handsome Ken Warren, in his bright and shiny carriage, loosely holding the reins of a prancing horse, as he takes folks on a tour of Union Center.

Actually, beginning tomorrow at 6 p.m., Warren will be walking with his horse and carriage in front of the Courthouse Hotel, located at the bus stop in front of the library.

"It's an exciting time for the shoppers and their children and a romantic moment for two couples as they climb aboard my carriage," said Warren during a recent visit to his home in Union. "And," he added, "it's an exciting time for me, too."

"The ride," Warren explains, "usually takes about 10 minutes or so. We go past the Municipal Building, which always is so nicely decorated, and it adds a lot of Christmas spirit to everything. We ride around the center, with bells on the horse ringing, and the folks, wrapped in blankets which I provide, singing carols as we go along. We go around Foberger Park and it becomes a very unique experience for people every time it moves. They feel as if they're riding in Central Park. We go through back streets then come back out to Stuyvesant Avenue, around the town, and then the ride is over."

Warren smiled. "People have never missed a year. There are nights when the carriage never stands idle an hour, until 9 p.m.," he said. "We generally get a family of four, or a romantic couple. In fact, I've already

heard from a young man who plans to take the ride with his girlfriend this Saturday and use the setting to propose marriage.

"I've taken my parents on the ride, and sometimes fathers and children take the ride so that the mothers can do their shopping. When people see the carriage in Union Center, they will go home and tell everybody about it. That's the best — word of mouth. We've ridden in bitter cold rain and in snow. In fact, when it snows, I have special shoes designed for the horse. I will bathe on the shoes before I put them on the horse. It's a metal that wears like iron, and it has little cleats on the shoes. It gives the horse traction. You can put the horse on a frozen lake and he won't slip. It also gives the horse the stability it needs for balance."

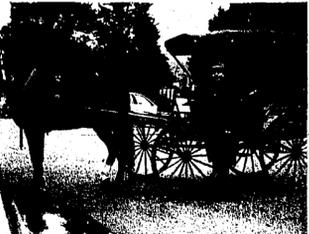
Warren, who has been around horses all of his life, said he never has any problem with his annual Christmas horse and carriage. "A horse senses love," he explained. "And I've also taken about 10 minutes or so. We go past the Municipal Building, which always is so nicely decorated, and it adds a lot of Christmas spirit to everything. We ride around the center, with bells on the horse ringing, and the folks, wrapped in blankets which I provide, singing carols as we go along. We go around Foberger Park and it becomes a very unique experience for people every time it moves. They feel as if they're riding in Central Park. We go through back streets then come back out to Stuyvesant Avenue, around the town, and then the ride is over."

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graduated from Union High School. And ever since I can remember, I've loved horses. When I was 8 and 9 years old, my dream consisted of putting my foot in the stirrups. And at 10, my dream came true. I started riding horses. My mother used to bring me to wherever there were horses."

Warren explained that "I started buying and selling horses in my late teens. I had met people in the horse business, and I had two or three horses at a time...secretly, for my own pleasure," he confessed. "I couldn't get enough of them! And every horse I got is my favorite horse. I've had a favorite horse for the past seven years named Promise. This horse is almost human. Actually, I started professional, ally about 22 years ago. I must have bought in my lifetime a few thousand horses."

"I've been all over the country, from Canada to Florida; I've been in See YULE TROT Page B5



They're ready and waiting. Ken Warren stands with his horse and carriage waiting for the holiday season to begin so that he can take people on a tour of Union Center. The season begins tomorrow.

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## DINING REVIEW

### THE MIDAS TOUCH

All-American food you'll love, served by a friendly, caring staff

By David Brown

Our relatively young country has few traditions left that are its own: football, jazz, bluejays. Without a doubt, though, another standard that belongs on that list is the all-American diner.

The Midas Touch Diner and Restaurant on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park is a classic example of this unique institution, serving some of the finest meals in the state at very reasonable prices.

But what singles out the Midas Touch from other diners is its menu. Co-owner Manny Niotis explained that his establishment has ventured beyond the fast-paced American staples of bacon and eggs, burgers and club sandwiches — all constants at this pleasant and well-run restaurant — to an even wider range of delicious fare.

"Anybody can make a sauce," said Niotis, who with nearly 30 years of experience in the restaurant business operated the Midas Touch on Westfield Avenue in 1979 with his brother and a cousin. "But few people can make the right sauce."

"The right" sauce, created by his brother George, the head chef, is rich, indeed, and perfectly adorns many of the seafood, pasta and vegetable dishes offered on the voluminous menu.

Fresh salads, appetizers, soups — homemade daily — are enjoyable prefaces to entrees like Chicken Bleu or Alfredo, delectable seafood dishes and the restaurant's piece de resistance — leg of lamb, which is sought out by faithful patrons from as far away as New York.

"Nothing is precooked," said Niotis, reiterating the importance of freshness to the proprietors, "nothing. We cook everything to order."

The Midas Touch staff has obviously



Owner Manny Niotis, front right, is proud of his friendly and efficient staff at the Midas Touch restaurant in Roselle Park. From left, front row, Mary Minissakhi, Barbara Nolan, Louise Hernandez and Niotis; back row, Niky Aspromatis, Jim Kallinos, Joyce Bell and Penny Krasowski.

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  3. Chart
  5. Rise
  7. Give in
  9. With
  11. I.O.U.
  13. Recurring period
  14. This candle
  15. Also ran
  17. Account
  18. Spines
  19. Sweet
  20. Nearby
  23. "I'm"
  25. Aid
  27. Abducted
  28. Repeat
  30. Rinkled
  30. Downpour
- #### CLUES DOWN
1. Shine
  2. Adjoin
  3. Clergy
  4. Jury
  5. Hoe
  6. Injure
  7. Hysterous comedy
  8. Removed doubts
  11. Slither
  12. Connected links
  13. Dirge
  14. Male cat
  15. Grove
  21. Counsel
  22. Station
  23. Disable
  24. Stay
  25. Inferior
  26. Scheme

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  9. Dip
  11. Diver
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  16. Appeal
  19. Accept
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  26. Usher
  28. Ret
  29. Truce
  30. Irish
  31. Who
  32. Dipped
  33. Naked
- #### DOWN
2. Agree
  3. Clotted
  4. Temple
  5. Patin
  6. Duvon
  7. Nifty
  9. Lilla
  14. Soc
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## horoscope

**ARIES (March 21 to April 20)** You may be feeling a bit run-down this week, so it would be wise to get as much rest as possible. Try not to let unexpected situations at work disturb your health, especially around the 11th or 12th. If there has been some tension in a close relationship, now would be a good time to communicate your feelings.

**TAURUS (April 21 to May 21)** Taurus people are famous for working themselves to the point of exhaustion. And when they finally reach that point, they rest with just as much passion. Some may even accuse you of being lazy. You know that's not true. You just enjoy resting more than people born under most other signs of the Zodiac. So, don't feel guilty and get the rest you need this week.

**GEMINI (May 22 to June 21)** Successful trends are developing in your life now. Money matters become brighter, but be extremely wary of ventures offering high interest returns for financial investment. Some overpricing looks inevitable. A lively and joyful time is to be expected at home.

**CANCER (June 22 to July 23)** This will be a very busy week for you. But avoid the trap you seem to fall into every holiday season: the holiday blues. Savings was probably a C-major, but he did have a good side, and so do you. So let your fun-loving side shine through, and you'll realize that the holidays aren't so bad after all.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23)** A 1992 draws to a close; you will realize that it has not been an easy year for you. But despite all this, optimistic Leo will find something to be thankful for every holiday season—and you'll be able to have fun in the process, too. Look forward to another route ahead.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23)** Recent tensions in a romantic relationship may cause you to reevaluate the whole situation. You will need some time to think things over by yourself. Make sure you don't say hurtful words that you'll later regret; you may not get a second chance.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23)** Long-term plans seem to be materializing at last. This week will mark the conclusion of some important matters. You will now begin a new phase and will feel happy and excited. Don't have recent attempts with those who are jealous. Unexpended money comes as an ideal time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23)** Scorpions are set in their ways; they're stubborn, hard-headed and opinionated. And although they may have many good qualities, they do make it extremely difficult for the people around them. If this applies to you, do your loved ones a favor: Try to be more understanding and open-minded. A little effort will go a long way.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21)** This could be a week of many changes and surprising developments, especially when your emotional life is concerned. But at work you must guard against giving the impression that you are unwilling to negotiate and compromise. Take care of minor health problems. Resist the temptation to spend on frivolous items.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** As one of the most ambitious signs of the Zodiac, Capricorn will find, once again, that hard work does pay off. But with all your efforts being poured into financial success, you have no energy left for some other matters. Remember romance, family and the simpler things in life! It's time to get back to basics.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Try to take your mind off work and any problems you may have recently experienced. There are no reasons to focus on recent disappointments; it's not as bad as it seems. Make the weekend a time for family, friends and fun. An older family member gives you some very valuable advice. A creative hobby will provide a soothing outlet.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** You have a very generous nature, and empathic to the behavior of the year's heavy. People love to share in your wealth, but how many actually share theirs with you? Next week is a great time and kind as you. Know who your friends are. You will receive an out-of-the-ordinary invitation for this weekend. Don't miss out!

Your birthday this week if financial matters have been bothering you for some time, take heart. The picture will get brighter. This year will bring increased income, renewed friendships and a better sense of well-being. You just need to believe in yourself and keep your thoughts optimistic; the rest will fall into place. Now is the time to start planning that trip you've been wanting to take. Make sure you thank those who've stood by you.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1992  
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ORGANIZATION: Arts Council of the Essex Area.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1992  
EVENT: Holly Bazaar  
PLACE: Patton Memorial Presbyterian Church, 80 Washington St., West Orange.  
TIME: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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**Keen holiday concert set**  
The Keen College Holiday and Jazz Bands will present a free holiday concert Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Williams Theatre on the Keen campus in Union. A variety of musical styles will be presented by both bands. Among the artists with both bands will be Keen saxophone professor Andy Fusco, who is a regular with the Village Vanguard Orchestra in New York, and Phil Ruckenstein, professor of trumpet at Keen and currently principal trumpet with the New York City Opera.

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## Yule trot and happiness

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the saddle horse business, the racehorse business and the carriage business. I'm still in the racehorse business. I buy and sell them and go to the racetrack three or four times a week," he said. "I'm a licensed vendor in Yonkers, the Meadowlands, Philadelphia Park—just about all the racetracks around."

"Of course," Warren admitted, "I've had my ups and downs. But would you believe I sold 10 horses this week? I've been sort of like a dealer's dealer, wholesale, actually. People come from a three or four-hundred-mile radius to buy my horses. I give them a guarantee that they're going to get good horses. People call to me to sell me horses, and to buy horses. There are racehorses, show horses, pleasure horses, sports horses and training horses. The key is knowing what type of horse to sell to what type of person, and that's what keeps them coming back."

Warren, who also has lived in Springfield for 10 years, and when he was married in 1959, lived in Rahway, has two daughters, Kimberly and Heather, one in college and the other ready to go to college. "They also like to ride," he grinned.  
How did the annual Christmas horse and carriage service come about?  
"Well," he said, "I used to watch Mickey Bono and Nicky Marchione play baseball. I was the bat boy for Mickey. He got into a business with me, and he had an idea in 1982. He asked me if I would bring my carriage to Union Center to give rides to people. For the first few years, I was paid by the Township. But during the last few years, I charged for the ride, \$5 a person. We're going to have a great season this year in Union right through Dec. 24," Warren declared. The weather will be no factor. In fact," he said with anticipation, "Union Center will be even more beautiful in the snow. And people will come from miles around to take a wonderful horse and carriage ride around the park. It'll be just like being a part of the beautiful pictures on the Christmas cards you receive this year."

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#4 (12/23/92) #8 (1/21/93)

## Season's 'Songs' set

The South Orange-Maplewood Women's Glee Club, under the direction of Julie Wong, will present a program of "Songs of the Season" Sunday at 4 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 1340 Bunnet Ave., Union.

The concert, featuring Hanukkah, advent and Christmas music, is open to the community. It was announced by the Rev. Nancy E. Forsberg, pastor of the church.

It will be preceded and followed by the traditional "Scandinavian Coffee Hour," with the pastor as hostess. Each year during December, "Rev. Nancy" brings to the church many artifacts and handmade centerpieces brought to this country years ago by her Swedish and Norwegian parents. John Albert and Sofie Forsberg. The guests gather around the colorfully decorated tables and partake of Swedish, Norwegian and Danish coffee breads, accompanied by hot coffee, tea and cocoa.

There is no charge for the "Coffee Hour." A free will offering will be received during the concert.

Further information can be obtained by calling the church office at 688-4333.



**IMAGE MAKER**—Susan Follino of Union poses with her photographer, Joe Gallo, of The Image Maker of Berkeley Heights, and her blue ribbon photo, "Red Baroque Mama." This photo was taken at the Convention Center in Orlando, Fla., during the Professional Photographers Association of America's annual conference. The photo won a blue ribbon for its illustrative content among pictures sent into the convention worldwide. The photo also won a red ribbon in the Professional Photographers Association of New Jersey's convention in Atlantic City.

## Professor-author set to speak on 'Africa'

Molefi Asante, professor and chairman of the department of African studies in the world and the founder of the Afrocentric philosophical movement in Philadelphia, will speak at Keen College of New Jersey, Union, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Williams Theater.

The presentation, "Afrocentric Multiculturalism — An American Education," will be the third of the Multicultural Colloquium series sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs at the college.

Asante is the author of 32 books, and his latest is "Thunder and Silence: The Mass Media in Africa." He has reportedly published more scholarly books than any contemporary African American in addition to more than 100 scholarly articles. In addition, Asante is the creator of the first doc-

## Madrigal Dinner planned

Keen College of New Jersey, Union, will present its annual Madrigal Dinner Dec. 10 to usher in the holiday season.

An annual tradition at Keen College, it will be sponsored by the college's music department under the direction of Stephen Allcock. Musicians and dancers in period costumes provide entertainment before, during and after a "sumptuous dinner feast." The dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Downs Hall. Tickets are \$20 each.

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## Mill benefit is set; Hearn to be guest

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The celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon party, compliments of The Manor in West Orange, where the children and their families will be treated to a special buffet lunch.

There will be entertainment by the Paper Mill Junior Players, a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Angelo Del Rossi, Paper Mill's executive producer, and a visit from Santa, who will distribute gifts.

After lunch, Airside Limousine Service will transport the children to the Playhouse, where they will be the guests of the New Jersey Ballet Co. for an "invitation only" performance of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker."

The Paper Mill Playhouse has announced that Tony Award-winner George Hearn, who plays the title role in "Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," will be the featured guest speaker at a meeting of the Paper Mill Playhouse Guild Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Monteil, director of the musical, and other members of the cast, will discuss the play at the free Quid symposium in the auditorium. The public is invited to attend. "Sweeney Todd" will end its run on Dec. 13.

## Pre-Yule choral concert planned

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 119 Main St., Millburn, will sponsor a pre-Christmas choral concert Sunday at 8 p.m. by the Rutgers University Chorus, with a professional chamber orchestra, conducted by Dr. John Eric Floreen.

The chorus, comprised of 50 undergraduate students at the Rutgers campus in Newark, was established in 1946 by Alfred Mann and has been directed by Professor Floreen since 1979. Currently chairman of the music department, Floreen also has served as organist and music director at St. Stephen's Church since 1984.

In its first appearance at the Millburn Church, the chorus will sing Bach Cantata No. 61, "Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland" — "Come now, Savior of the Nations" — the "Christmas Cantata" of the 17th century music theorist Andreas Werkenmeister and festive settings of several seasonal carols and spirituals. The guest soloists will be mezzo-soprano Susan McAloose and tenor Charles Walker, both from the voice faculty at Rutgers-Newark.

The highlights of the concert will be the first American performance of two 18th century motets by Jan Dismas Zelenka. The highly virtuosic "Lauda, Jerusalem," Psalm 147, scored for soprano, chorus and orchestra, was researched and edited by Floreen during a recent visit to Dresden, Germany. "Hodie Christus Natus Est" — "Today Christ is Born" — is a solo work for soprano and orchestra and will be performed using an edition prepared by McAloose. Zelenka, a contemporary of Bach, was a Bohemian double-bass player who became church composer to the Dresden Court, with a prolific output including 21 masses and three requiems and chamber music.

Floreen is a recipient of fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright for research in Austria next semester. His edition of Hummel's "Missa in B-flat," published by Oxford University Press, received the 1990 Don Malin Award for Excellence in Research and Editing, given by the American Choral Directors Association. Conducting the Oratorio Choir of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, Floreen has recorded Hummel's "Missa in B-flat" and an all-Zelenka CD for the Koch-Schwann International label.



GROUP WILL PERFORM IN CHURCH — The National Touring Company of the Greatest Gift of All will perform "Whatever Happened to Christmas?" at the Ukrainian Evangelical Assemblies of God, 2208 Stanley Terrace, Union, Wednesday at 7 p.m. Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken. Additional information can be obtained by calling the church office at 688-61271.

## Yule 'musical' to be presented

The Cranford Dramatic Club will present "Twas the Night Before Christmas," an original script written for children's theater, incorporating the Fred Waring musical version of the poem with nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters added. The children's play is directed by Madge Witel, assisted by Doris Polito, and the musical director is Betty Sanders. Performances will be on Fridays, Dec. 4 and 11 at 8 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 5, 6, 12 and 13. Saturday and Sunday performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling the theater at 78 Wins Ave., Cranford, at 276-7611.

## Celebration planned

Throughout the world people are gathering this week to celebrate a long-standing tradition begun in Dublin, Ireland, in 1742, when Handel first presented his "Messiah."

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, under the direction of Evelyn Bleeke, for the past 30 years, with organist Annette White, will begin its own celebration by inviting the public to join in song in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets at \$5 can be purchased from Helen Organ, one of the soloists, by calling her at 322-7240, and at the door.

Selections will include the Christmas portion and excerpts from Parts II and III. The audience will have an opportunity to sing with the Choral Art Society. Susan Moorehead will sing "Rejoice Greatly." A coloratura soprano whose teachers include Daniel Ferro and Suzanne Ferris-Hammer, Moorehead has appeared with the Garden State Chorale, Plainfield Symphony, Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra. She also writes children's lyrics and teaches privately in Plainfield.

Marlene Lippman is a scholarship winner and graduate of City College of New York, who has performed operas from Bach's "Magnificat" to Vivaldi's "Gloria" to Verdi's "Four Sacred Pieces" with the New York Choral Art Society; her operatic roles include Norma in Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" and Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" in the role of Patti King. She will sing "O God Be For Us, Who Will Be Against Us." Other soloists, all members of Bleeke's Choral Art Society, include Rodney Clark, soloist from the First Presbyterian Church, Cranford; Dolores Stockbins, soloist from the Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford; Suzanne Beatty, soloist with the Musical Club of Westfield and member of the First United Methodist Church, Westfield; and Choir, Mary Dolbig, soloist with the Musical Club of Westfield; Mario Cistretti, cantor at St. John's Cathedral, Newark, and Organ, who also is in charge of tickets.

**Musicales back**  
The First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St., Westfield, has announced the resumption of its Half-Day Musicales series for Advent.

The Advent concerts will be on Wednesday, Jesus Zayas, piano, and Dec. 16, Scott Mendelker, tuba, and Laura Bell, piano.

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