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Borough Highlights

Bid on shirts

Springfield's Junior Baseball League is looking for bids on youth league baseball shirts. Interested vendors may contact the league at P.O. Box 232, Springfield, 07081, or call Joe Canello at (201) 376-5754. The deadline is Feb. 3.

Planners meet

The Springfield Planning Board will meet Monday at 7 p.m. for a public discussion of the township's affordable housing options. The public may attend, but will not be invited to speak.

Middlemarch in Feb.

George Eliot's novel "Middlemarch" will be the subject of the next book discussion at the Springfield Public Library on Feb. 7 at 7:30.

Subtitled "A Study of Provincial Life," the book tells the story of a small English town in the 1830s and features many characters in interlocking plots.

Living with deer

Are deer driving you crazy? If so, come hear Holly Hoffman, director of the Truitts Mountain, speak on living with deer. The speech will be delivered at the Springfield Garden Club's meeting on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The club meets at the Presbyterian Parish House at 37 Church Hill. A \$2 donation will be requested.

Stars come out

Each Sunday of January and February, the Union County Department of Operational Services will host planetarium shows. A stellar journey into the winter skies will take viewers past the Pegasus, Pisces, Perseus, Cassiopeia and Orion constellations, as well as Saturn and Mars. All participants will receive a star chart to take home.

Belgian poet to read

Cottie Inez will read her poetry at the Palmer Museum in the library on Feb. 16. Inez is nationally published and teaches Columbia University.

Preceding the reading, which begins at 7:30, the library will host a writing workshop, to begin at 4 p.m. Seating is limited to 20 for the workshop, so registration is required. Call (201) 376-4930 for information.

Open houses

St. James School will hold open houses during Catholic Schools Week. The event allows the public to tour the facilities and to register their children for the pre-K through eighth grade classes for the 1995-96 academic year.

The events are scheduled for Jan. 29, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; and Feb. 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The school has also planned its pre-K class schedule. Parents may choose a two, three or five day morning or afternoon session for their three or four year olds. Call the office at (201) 376-5194 for details.



New Jersey Connect Executive Director Elisha Sanaman asks the Planning Board on Monday night to reserve a 0.8-acre tract of land on Hillside Avenue for use by her nonprofit group. During his Tuesday night, the Township Committee will draft a contract that would allow Springfield to lease the land to the group, if it meets a certain deadline for raising the funds they need to develop the land.

Township planners near affordable housing rules

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

During one of its final meetings to discuss Springfield's obligation to meet state-mandated affordable housing requirements, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to let a developer contract 81 townhouses on the Park Place site.

The developer, Frank Racicropi, will pay the township \$340,000 up front for the right to develop that land, and to have the money eliminated from the township's housing plans, according to his attorney, John Johnson.

"That's what we're in this business for: to build," he added. "There is no hidden agenda. It's a win-win situation."

The money would in turn be used to pay the city of Linden to assume responsibility for 17 housing units at \$20,000 each.

Another major point of discussion among the Planning Board members centered on a proposal to build 14 units of affordable housing reserved for physically disabled people on Hillside Avenue.

consider donating a 0.8-acre parcel of land behind the Barnes & Noble bookstore on Route 22 to the group.

The board agreed to include New Jersey Connect in the list of alternatives, but not among the points now considered in the township's plan.

The land, assessed at \$185,000, has been used by the Springfield Garden Club; it has not generated any tax revenue for the township since the club began using it during the 1970s.

Some on the Planning Board were reluctant to commit to giving the land to the group before their funding was secured. New Jersey Connect Executive Director Elisha Sanaman, while addressing the board, said her fundraising abilities would be greatly augmented if the township would agree to deed the land first.

On Tuesday night, the Township Committee voted to draft a contract to reserve the land for the group and give them the deed free of charge, if they can raise the money to build the housing units by a deadline to be announced.

"It's a chicken and the egg" situation, said Township Committee member Gregory Clarke during the committee meeting Tuesday.

The court-appointed master of Springfield's affordable housing efforts has approved the use of the site.

If the township group does develop the land, the township will be awarded bonus credits—possibly 1.3 for each unit—by the state Council on Affordable Housing for using the land for a not-for-profit group.

By reserving the land for one specific group, and not the general public, Springfield will not likely receive double bonus credits.

According to the group's plan for the site, the building would consist of seven efficiency apartments and seven one-bedroom apartments on nearly 12,000 square feet. It would be constructed of "durable and maintenance free materials" and the building would "blend harmoniously and attractively with the community."

Because the residents of the building would be at least 21 years old and self-sufficient, Sanaman told the board members that the impact on social services would be minimal.

The group helps adult victims of physical injuries who are unable to care for themselves and live independently to access support services.

Attorney wins judgment and sets legal precedent

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

During its meeting Tuesday night, the Township Committee dismissed the legal counsel it had hired to defend Springfield in the lawsuit filed by the local Democratic Party.

The suit, filed on Dec. 30 in Superior Court by Democratic Party Vice Chairman Gertrude Spigola and one anonymous individual, seeks to strike down the ordinance that requires financial disclosure of campaign contributions.

The two attorneys of the Roseland-based firm Lam, Danzic, Dracoz, Postan & Kleinberg, were fired, according to Deputy Mayor Herbert Slove, because "the area they were

living behind in another car. At a point where two lanes merge, Manthey's car was cut off and struck by a dump-truck. Manthey tried to regain control of his car, but it spun out and ended up in the southbound lane facing oncoming traffic, where it was struck by a tractor-trailer.

Wurgalt contended both truck drivers were responsible for the accident. The jury accepted the argument that the tractor-trailer driver did not have time to avoid colliding with the car, because he was suffering from accumulated fatigue due to driving too many hours in the weeks preceding the accident.

Using federal law and recent statutes dealing with the problem of driving in excess of allowable hours, Wurgalt demonstrated that fatigue, however little, severely affects the reactions of a driver.

The jury found the dump truck driver to be 60 percent at fault, while the tractor-trailer driver was found to be 13 percent responsible. The company that owned the tractor-trailer was found to be 27 percent responsible.

Defense counsel dismissed

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

Who was one we could not ethically go into. "I ask you to believe we are acting carefully and ethically with all of the legalities and pressures around us," he added. "We're doing our best."

One of the lawyers, Thomas Terzowski, would not comment on the matter; the other attorney, John Fernandez, did not attend the meeting.

Mayor Michael Ferman said the suit was filed Tuesday morning. Interviewing replacement counsel, they settled on Sheldon Schiffman of the Schiffman & Kletke firm located at 656 Morris Turnpike in Short Hills. He will be paid \$90 per hour.

She said he had been referred to Schiffman by a friend.

Township Committee member Jo

Ann Holmes cast the lone vote in favor of keeping the attorneys from Lam, Danzic. "I was pleased with them," she said, adding that she also approved of the options counsel had given the township to handle the litigation.

In other legal personnel matters, the committee voted to reappointly restore Rebecca Derington to the Planning Board. Derington, who has served the board for several years in its efforts to meet the Council on Affordable Housing requirements, was counted from the board's reorganization roster earlier this month.

Derington will be paid \$85 per hour to handle the COAH task; her work does not coincide with Planning Board attorney Gary Neenan's.

Schools' budget increases 3%

By Jay Hochberg
Managing Editor

The Springfield Board of Education, during its meeting Monday night, completed discussion on the development of the 1995-96 district budget.

The \$11 million budget represents a 3 percent increase in spending over the prior year.

Finance Chairman Robert Fish explained the approach requested of the administration in the development of the budget, indicating the administration was directed to develop a budget that controls costs despite an increased student population and the anticipated opening of Walton School.

Fish explained that his committee had studied the principals' presentations of their site budgets, as well as the work of various committees of the board in constructing the budget.

The net result of the 3 percent increase in budget provides for the servicing of 5 percent more students, the opening of Walton, and adjustments in staff salaries. All of these items fall within the parameters set by Superintendent Gary Friedland.

The proposed budget, which will be forwarded to the County Superintendent for State Department of Education review and approval, will be discussed during a public hearing April 3.

Friedland said the budget is a "conservative one, which allows the district to maintain the quality of its educational programs and teaching staff."

In other business of the Board of Education, major discussions focused on analysis and comparison of the consultant reports on dissolution of the Regional High School District, feasibility of an extended day program supported by tuition fees and Department of Human Services Grant, and the board visitation to Jonathan Dayton High School. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Feb. 6.

New uniforms



Springfield Firefighter James Sanford, left, displays one of the state-of-the-art protective uniforms recently purchased by the township. Firefighter Frank Floroll wears the old gear. See story on Page 3.



Jack Wurgalt of Javerbaum, Wurgalt & Hicks

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Chief Chisholm releases January crime data

On New Year's Day, a 35-year-old Newark man was arrested on Route 22 East after his involvement in a traffic accident. Following a routine check of the New Jersey Automated Traffic System, the suspect, identified as Randy Wilson, was found to have had a \$500 warrant out for his arrest by the Washington Township Police Department. He was turned over to Washington police later that evening.

Also on Jan. 1, the proprietors of the Spring Garden Motel on Route 22 East reported the theft of some furniture and damage to a door and their frame.

Also on Jan. 1, the owner of a car parked in the Holiday Inn lot reported the theft of a \$600 diamond-studded ring after seeing his window held being smashed.

Also on New Year's Day, a Trudy Drive resident reported the theft of \$800 cash. The complainant told police that a relative was suspected of the crime.

On Jan. 2, a Morrisville resident reported the theft of his 1994 Toyota Land Cruiser from the parking lot at Bed & Bath on Morris Turnpike.

On Jan. 4, a 31-year-old woman reported the theft of her pocketbook, containing \$241. The bag was found by the driver of the New Jersey Transit, a 70-year-old man.

On Jan. 5, a Dayton man was arrested for writing a bad check of more than \$500. The suspect, identified as Alfred Ryzak, 21, allegedly wrote the check to American Express.

Also on Jan. 5, a Huntington, N.J. woman was arrested for writing a bad check to American Express. She was identified as April Floyd, 25, allegedly wrote the check on April 5.

On Jan. 6, a Fair Murray resident reported the theft from her car of a cellular phone valued at \$8,500, and a radar detector. The car was parked at 25 Route 22 East.

Also on Jan. 6, employees of the Staples store on Route 22 East reported the theft of a Sharp fax machine, valued at \$2,999.

On Jan. 7, a Plainfield man was arrested after being stopped by police on Route 22 West. The suspect, identified as P.O. Miller, aka Tracey Miller, was arrested for driving with a revoked license and was held when police learned he was a fugitive wanted in Texas for aggravated assault.

On Jan. 9, a Livingston resident reported the attempted theft of his 1992 Acura from the Channel Lumber parking lot. One window was reported smashed, as well as the ignition lock damaged.

police blotter

A 48-year-old Elizabeth woman was arrested on Jan. 10 and charged with tampering with public records. The suspect was identified as Maria Alvarado, aka Gloria Sabaroga.

Also on Jan. 10, a 21-year-old Plainfield resident was arrested after being stopped by police on Route 22 East. Identified as John F. Godley, aka Poole, the suspect was charged with driving an unregistered vehicle and for driving with a revoked license.

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Training finished

Marine Pvt. Ronald Jones, son of Sherry and Ronald Jones Sr. of Springfield, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

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Fire Department receives new, upgraded equipment

The new gear is made of a tougher, more flame and tear-resistant fabric called PBI, which replaced the widely recognized black outfits made of Nomex.

The material includes kevlar and is designed to withstand flashovers — explosion-like bursts of fire that tend to engulf firefighters. The gear is also considered by the firefighters to be a more flexible and lighter fabric.

Additional safety features include a tear-away zipper that will allow a firefighter to slip out of the uniform in an emergency. These new uniforms also have padding on the elbows and knees, and have additional pockets.

Among the other features are straps to hold a flashlight and a radio microphone, still in use to accommodate large boots and Velcro strips, that no longer hold in the suit's removable liner, but also show when a firefighter's liner is not in place.

Due to some innovative financing and the rewording of an ordinance by the Township Committee, funds raised by an old bond issue were diverted to the Fire Department. At a cost of more than \$1,000 each, the total cost of the uniforms exceeded \$31,000.

The township purchased enough of the suits to uniform most of its 40 firefighters, excluding several members of the department who handle the dispatching and logistics.

Fire Chief William Gross became aware of the uniforms following a federal government study titled Project Fire Stripping. The gear, made by Morning Pride, was also recently purchased by the New York Fire Department.

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District accepts petitions

The Board of Education of the Union County Regional High School District reminds residents that the deadline for filing a nominating petition to run for a seat on the Regional Board of Education is Feb. 23.

Three seats on the nine-member board, one each from the communities of Berkeley Heights, Clark and Springfield, will be contested on school election day, April 18. Candidates elected on that date will be chosen for three-year terms. These seats on the regional board are held by Bruce Zimone of Berkeley Heights, Donald Paris of Clark and Luigi Monson of Springfield.

To be eligible to run for the Regional Board of Education, interested individuals must obtain a nominating petition from the office of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

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Lustbader backing bill to increase PAAD funds

The legislation, introduced Jan. 10, is expected to be released by Assembly Speaker Garabed "Chick" Haytian. The measure was scheduled to be passed for a vote before the full Assembly on Monday.

Currently, the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" Program is limited to single senior citizens with incomes less than \$16,171 and married seniors with a combined income of \$19,828. The Assembly measure would increase the eligibility requirement by 2.8 percent, the same as the Social Security cost-of-living increase.

The Assembly's legislation, A-95, would prevent these residents from being disqualified from the program. The measure would also be retroactive to Jan. 1.

"These senior citizens are being unfairly punished," said Lustbader. "It is wrong to punish them for simply receiving a cost-of-living increase. They need this increase to keep up with the normal increases of rent, heat, and other bills."

The legislation also provides that income eligibility will be adjusted to coincide with future Social Security cost-of-living increases.

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Weave and fiber art displayed at museum



Chatham weave and fiber artist Leah Bloch will be displaying her work "painting with weaving" at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Library through Feb. 8. Bloch's unique style of weaving focuses on image rather than design, drawing inspiration from master painters such as Miro, Magritte and Seurat. She incorporates that variety and employs the technique called double-weave pickup to "draw with the loom."

Officers to be installed

In a joint session, both the Rabbinical Assembly and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will install new officers on Feb. 2. The event, which will be open to the public, will start with the Ma'ariv evening service at 7:45 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. The Rabbinical Assembly, composed of conservative rabbis, and the USJC, a coalition of conservative synagogues, will install the following officers for their New Jersey regions: The RA will install Rabbi Perry Rank, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Ahm, as president of its New Jersey Region. The installing officer for the RA

will be Rabbi Alan Silverman, spiritual leader of Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell and international president of the RA. Robert Rubin of Temple Meor Chayim in Linden will be named vice president. Rabbi Kenneth M. Tarlow, executive director of USJC's New Jersey Region in Linden, will be the installing officer for the USJC. Among those installed as USJC vice presidents will be Schelby Harster of Temple Beth Or in Clark and Robert Steinhart of Temple Beth Ahm.

Pam Schlossberg of the Jewish Community Center in Summit will be named secretary.

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OPINION PAGE

To your health

As democracy breaks out everywhere from former Soviet republics to the U.S. Congress, it looks like Springfield is getting into the act as well.

Thanks to Mayor Marcia Forman and the Township Committee, Springfield has taken a first step toward liberating itself from the Summit Regional Health Department.

Thus far, the committee has established the Special Advisory Committee on Establishing a Local Department of Health. Wisely, the committee ensured the advisory group's longevity by creating it via the passage of an ordinance.

The establishment of such a department would translate into local control of the resources Springfield presently allocates for the regional department.

While those who favor safety in numbers would argue that better services can be had when small towns unite, we would like to point out that there is little accountability for the money Springfield sends into the regional department, and when the funds are tracked, inefficiency is revealed to be the norm.

Like big government anywhere, the Summit Regional Health Department has proven to be sluggish in its response to the township's needs.

During its first meeting two weeks ago, the new advisory committee discussed problems created when Summit exerts its dominance over the regional board.

For instance, Summit wants to merge its welfare department with its health department.

For the sake of shrinking the size of its government, that is a good move for Summit, but it also means Springfield money likely will be diverted to fund our neighbor's bureaucracy.

When following the trail of other dollars, more potential abuses become apparent.

According to the current regional board configuration, Springfield pays Summit to keep a sanitarian on the payroll. Fair enough, but Springfield already pays the capable Cynthia Weaver to discharge those duties locally.

The township of Springfield has its own worthy agenda relating to the functions of a board of health.

The advisory committee will address the need for educating our teen-agers about AIDS, counseling senior citizens on avoiding depression, and the safe administration of prescription drugs to avoid dangerous interactions.

Under the leadership and guidance of Chairman Cherie Jacobs, Vice Chairman Alan Talarski, Township Committee representative Jo Ann Holmes, and Sanitarian Cynthia Weaver, among others, this advisory committee will do Springfield proud.

Special consideration goes to Mayor Forman, Deputy Mayor Herbert Stone and the other Township Committee members for having the insight to recognize the need for localizing health care services.

Legal redundancies

The guidelines concerning "hate crimes and bias incidents" that were recently adopted by the Mountaintide Board of Education are not only unnecessary, but also are ripe for abuse.

The rules, called the Elizabeth Agreement, are a mirror image of the guidelines used by the Elizabeth School District.

They create a partnership between school officials and local law enforcement officers designed to further punish students who are suspected of criminal activity by accusing them of racism, sexism, etc.

Under the Elizabeth Agreement, perpetrators of acts of assault, vandalism and criminal mischief take a back seat to those who commit similar crimes, but are suspected of being motivated by prejudice.

The hate crime part of the rules calls for special consideration of offenses or unlawful acts suspected of being directed at people, private property and public property on the basis of "race, color, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity."

The agreement defines a bias incident as a similar act, but one that does not violate the law.

When one student assaults another, the attacker already would be subject to suspension or expulsion from the school system. Depending on the gravity of the attack, the police may be notified, an arrest made, and the matter taken before family court.

Similar responses to vandals have been in existence for years, and if those who enforce these laws did so in an effective manner, Mountaintide would not need to divide its students' attention among socially engineered barriers.

Effective responses to physical assaults and defacements of property should include convicting the guilty party according to existing laws, punishing the criminal to work as a community servant and sending the child's parents all of the medical and repair bills.

What is even worse is the potential for abuse. If a victim seizes the opportunity to inflict stiffer penalties on his attacker by claiming to be the victim of a crime motivated by prejudice, an already disruptive situation will be aggravated to the point of being likened to an act of terrorism.

When a white child, who punches a student of Asian descent, for example, is punished more than he would if he assaulted another white student, the school system has sacrificed fairness for trendy political correctness.

Mountaintide residents are all in this together, let's not stand idle while the Board of Education and the police decide which of us is more equal than others.

Derogionalization will mean higher taxes

I am responding to your Page One article published on Jan. 12 regarding the legislative statement regarding cost savings allegedly to be realized by dissolution of the Regional High School District.

In reality, if the high school was awarded to the local public schools, there would be increased taxes for Springfield residents. Our management study group, Towers Perrin, indicated that taxes would increase by 1.8 percent.

The Finance and Taxation study used cost figures from the 1992-93 school year. Since that time the Regional District has closed a high school and saved \$1.8 million and reduced its administrative costs by more than \$400,000. Hence, the Deloitte and Touche study failed to account for cost savings already initiated and, thereby, did not reduce the base costs by these savings.

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School prayer is unnecessary and wrong

A major debate is rocking our country, something that threatens to divide families and friends, and cause loud rumblings on Capitol Hill.

What is this controversial issue? Is it abortion? No. Guns? No. Welfare reform? No. It's prayer in public schools.

Prayer in public schools is an issue which I don't believe people are actually getting concerned about.

There are three groups of thought on the issue: people who do not want it, people who want a moment of silence and people who want teacher-led prayer.

The elections took place a few weeks ago and I find it bizarre that with all the problems in the country, this is one of the first things the incoming Speaker of the House plans to tackle.

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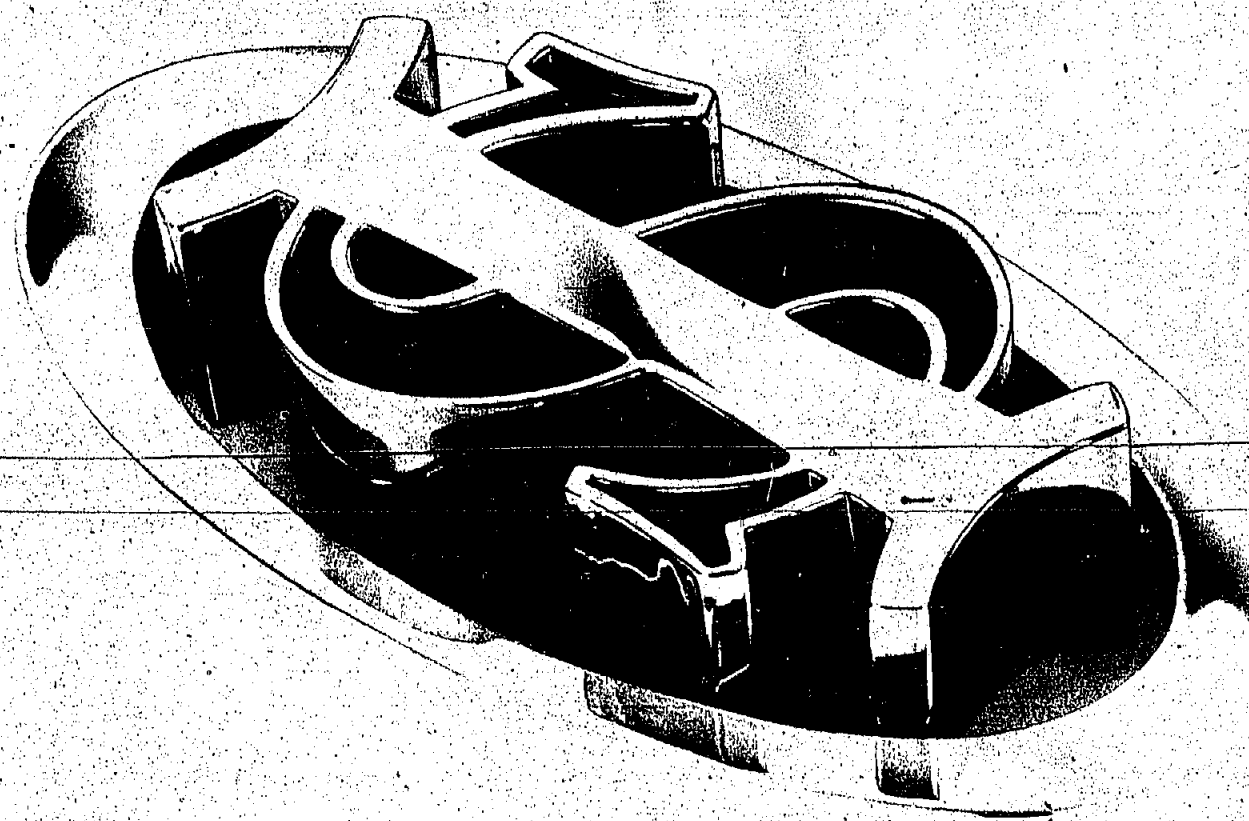
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ASSETS				
CASH	\$ 24,385,677	\$ 23,577,327		
U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS	64,667,107	65,110,437		
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	1,583,188,583	1,336,247,288		
OTHER INVESTMENTS	18,328,500	41,868,952		
MORTGAGE LOANS	590,797,422	528,886,442		
OTHER LOANS	32,316,497	30,562,783		
ASSOCIATION PREMISES & EQUIPMENT-NET	5,941,182	5,860,550		
ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	13,692,137	12,329,414		
OTHER ASSETS	4,735,763	4,782,613		
	\$2,338,054,868	\$2,049,252,786		
LIABILITIES-RESERVES AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS				
SAVINGS	\$1,538,513,409	\$1,487,511,303		
REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	612,348,000	390,912,000		
ADVANCE PAYMENTS BY MORTGAGORS FOR TAXES AND INSURANCE	2,200,522	1,975,473		
OTHER LIABILITIES	10,292,763	13,065,091		
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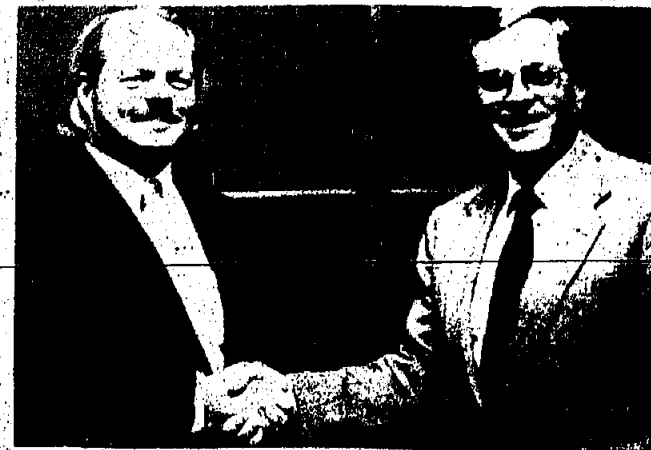
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Capron comes to Summit

Richard Capron recently has been added to the staff of the Pastoral Counseling Service of Northern New Jersey. He joins the Rev. Kenneth Austenberg, who has provided counseling for area residents for many years in the service's office at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit. Capron is a United Methodist clergyman who has served parishes in several communities in northern New Jersey, most recently in Ramsey. During this period, he has provided help to numerous people through Clergy Consultants, an interdenominational program of supervised pastoral care. Now in his capacity as a member of the Pastoral Counseling Service, he is offering counseling to individuals, couples and families who are troubled with emotional, psychological and spiritual problems. In addition to his years of practical experience, Capron has a distinguished academic background. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Washington and Lee University, a master's degree in administration from Fordham University, and a master's of divinity and doctorate degrees from Drew University. This past summer, he completed a Clinical Pastoral Education program at the Medical University of South Carolina. For information about how the Pastoral Counseling Service can be of help to an individual, a family member, or a friend, call either Capron at (201) 983-1149 or Austenberg at (201) 927-0604.



Rev. Kenneth Austenberg, right, welcomes Richard Capron to the Pastoral Counseling Service at Central Presbyterian Church, Summit.

Kuck named top student at Oratory Catholic Prep

Rev. Paul R. Manning, headmaster of Oratory Catholic Prep School in Summit, announced that senior Justin Kuck was selected as the most recent Student of the Month. In addition to his school activities, Justin holds the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 12 in Montclair. The Oratory senior has received early acceptance from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, where he will major in engineering in the fall. According to Manning, the Student of the Month is selected from among those who have shown exceptional given service to the school, and have exemplified the ideals of Oratory Prep.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 29th - FEBRUARY 4th

Oak Knoll sponsors winter open house

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, 44 Blackburn Road in Summit, will hold its annual winter open house on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. Oak Knoll offers boys and girls in grades kindergarten to six and girls only in grades seven to 12. Oak Knoll is celebrating its 70th anniversary of offering Holy Child education in New Jersey. Parents and prospective students from the area are invited to attend open house to learn more about the academic and religious programs, sports and extracurricular activities. Guests will meet the faculty and tour the campus. Oak Knoll School, an independent, Catholic day school, enjoys a record enrollment of 400 students from Unish, Essex, Morris and Somerset counties. Operated by the Sisters of the Holy Child, Oak Knoll School is a network of 25 Holy Child schools in the United States, Ireland, England and Africa. The school offers scholarships, tuition grants and financial aid to many of its students. Marilyn J. O'Shea, director of Admissions, said, "We hope that interested parents and their children will take this opportunity to learn more about the school at our open house planned for them. We will answer their questions as they explore our programs with our outstanding faculty who are committed to providing Christ-centered education dedicated to the whole child." For more information on Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, call the Admissions Office at (908) 522-8109.

Matrael awarded

Saint Michael School in Union announced that the National Catholic Educational Association has named Philip Matrael a 1995 NCEA Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate. Matrael graduated in 1974 and is the youth minister of St. Michael Parish. He also graduated from Union High School. Sponsored by the NCEA Department of Elementary Schools in cooperation with St. Michael School, the award goes to him for outstanding personal and professional achievements. Throughout his career Matrael consistently has upheld the highest possible professional and personal standards. He is an example of how Catholic schools educate people to take leadership roles in their community and beyond. "It is with great pleasure that we recognize distinguished graduates from our Catholic elementary schools," said Robert Kealey, executive director of the NCEA Department of Elementary Schools, the award's sponsor.

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Student Writes

Family matters

Our class made family trees. We found out that the children in our class had relatives who came from many different countries in the world. Many of the children's relatives came to Ellis Island. They came to America for a better way of life.

My relatives came from Korea, Taiwan and China. They too came for a better way of life. They did not come to Ellis Island. They came to the airport in California. Eventually, my mother and father moved to Springfield where my brother and I have grown up. We are very proud of our family heritage and we are also proud to be Americans.

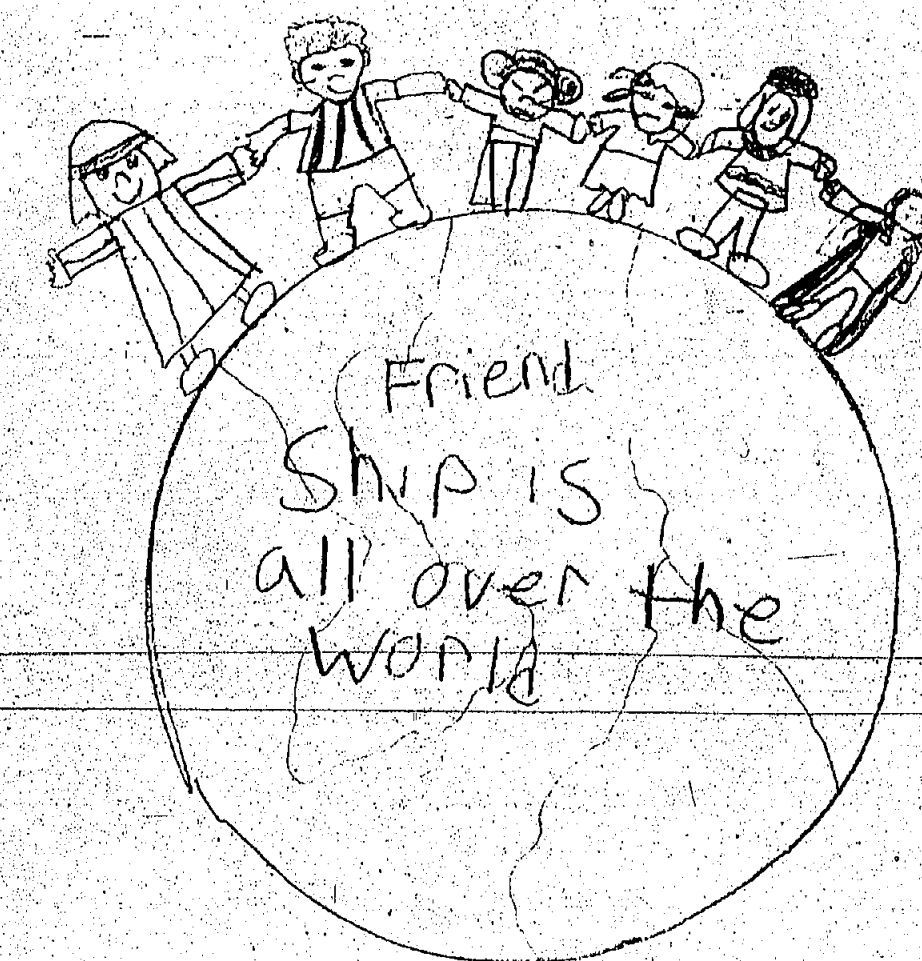
Stephanie Hising,
Grade 3
Sandmeier School

Our class learned about immigration. We learned that people came to America from other countries. We made family trees, so we could learn about our own ancestors. I really enjoyed doing the project, because I learned more about my own family. I also learned about the families of my classmates.

Michael Luciano
Grade 3
Sandmeier School



POTATO HEADS—Enjoying the tasty side of cultural studies, Mrs. Treloar's first-graders make potato falakes.



What is respect?

Respect is to treat people fairly. We should not call people names and say bad things about people who are different. People should share what they have, especially during the holidays. People should understand differences in gender, looks, religion and culture. You should not judge people because they are not like you. Please respect everyone you meet. It will really make a difference.

Ryan Yospitt
Gardner School

What is peace?

Peace is when no one is fighting or arguing. There are no wars going on and no one is getting hurt. During peaceful times, all people can get along and work together without going after each other. People are kind and try to make things better for themselves and other people. People need to learn to understand and talk so we can have peace. We have to teach each other to talk, care to one another. We have to be good to each other and treat people with respect.

Patrick Bellina
Gardner School



Mrs. Anderson's second grade class in Sandmeier School celebrate Kwanzaa. Jamie Pulikowski, Sidney Fonseca and Michael Tise enjoy the decorations made by their classmates.

Us kids can make a difference, too

My Dream of Peace with the World
In Bosnia there are no respect I would not
I don't want people to help each other and then
adults should take care of the pets. But should
stop fighting. My dream of peace in the world is
people to be nice to each other.

Muhammad Mohr
Grade 2
Sandmeier School

Children can make a big difference in our world. They can help by cleaning up the environment and making this world a better place to live in. If children in every country work together to clean up this world, it would be a much cleaner, healthier place.

Adults can learn a lot from kids. They can learn to respect each other's ideas and opinions. They can learn to talk out any problems and not fight it out. Adults and children can and should learn to live with all people of different nationalities, whether they are Russian, African, American, Indian or Spanish.

No matter what, we should learn to like everyone.

Donna Mujahangry
Gardner School



Simon Plotnikov shows Mrs. Treloar's first grade class in James Caldwell School where his native land Russia is.

If I was the boss

If I were the ruler of the world, I would teach people not to pick on each other. I would ask them to care about and help each other. I would teach them by explaining that people have differences and feelings. I would tell them how to behave appropriately. Most important of all, I would show them how to treat people nicely.

Cassandra Smith
Gardner School

Smiles say a lot

We all smile in the same language, and smiles are the same. People don't have to speak the same language in order to smile and be friendly. Not just kids, but parents too can smile to make friends. A smile lets you know that a person is nice and kind. A person that smiles at you wants to be your friend. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone around the world were friendly? Maybe all you would have to do is smile.

Jennifer Jayne
Gardner School

My Dream
My dream is not to judge people by the color of their skin. Black people should not have to sit in the back of the bus or drink from different water fountains. They should not go to different schools or use different bathrooms. My dream is to live in a happy world.

Erin O'Conner
Grade 2
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Awards presented

Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, presented with Norman Glickin Synagogues of Excellence Awards for its Adult Education and Family Education programs...

Rank to be installed

The Rabbinical Assembly will install Rabbi Perry Rank, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, as president of the New Jersey Region on Feb. 2...

Accepting for Temple Beth Ahm were Jack Goldman, president of the congregation, Lenore Halper, co-chairperson of Adult Education...



Temple Beth Ahm winners of the Norman Glickin Synagogues of Excellence Awards were presented by awards chairman Jack Goldmann...

Schools to help handicapped

The Mountaineer School District is involved in a statewide program to identify handicapped preschool-aged children in need of special education services...

clubs in the news

The Elin-Unger Post 273 Jewish War Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly breakfast meeting Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Hall, Church Hill, Springfield.

Dinner dance is set at temple

Congregation Israel of Springfield will hold its 20th annual dinner dance on the evening of Feb. 11 at the Shiloh Hills Center.

stork club

Andrew Paul Kontra, an 8-year-old, 15-year-old boy, was born Nov. 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kontra of Pawnee...

obituaries

Helen Parkhurst, 97, of Mountainview died Jan. 4 in the Cranford Hill Nursing Home. She was a teacher at the Grant School, West Orange...

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Felix N. Gold

Felix N. Gold, 73, of Jackson, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 18 in the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

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death notices

CHERPAK, Margaret, age 83, of Union, on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1995, following a long illness...

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SPORTS

Dayton boys' snap skein with win over Roselle C.

The Dayton Regional High School boys' basketball team snapped a three-game losing streak by defeating Roselle Catholic 44-37 in Roselle last Friday in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action.

Dayton, which improved to 3-8 overall and 3-5 in the MVC Mountain, opened the season with a 65-64 win over Roselle Catholic in Springfield.

Roberto Taranino and Kevin Murray both scored in double figures for the Bulldogs in their second win over Roselle Catholic. Taranino had 13 points and Murray 10.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Dayton's girls' team improved to 7-4 overall and 5-3 in the MVC Mountain with a 54-35 win over Roselle Catholic last Friday in Springfield. Dayton swept the season series, having beaten Roselle Catholic 56-29 in Roselle in the season opener.

Senior point guard Michelle Saun-

ders, Dayton's all-time leading scorer, finished with 18 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds against Roselle Catholic.

WRESTLING
Dayton dropped both of its matches last week, falling at New Providence 45-16 Jan. 16 and at Roselle Park 39-50 Saturday.

H.S. Roundup

The match against Roselle Park went down to the last bout as sophomore heavyweight Steve Karlik pinned Dayton's Scott Reino in 1:30.

Winning by pin for the Bulldogs were Ed Rukler at 174, Joe Rizzo at 187 and Chris Reino at 217.

Rukler, a senior, stopped Rick Carlson in just 29 seconds. Rizzo, a freshman, halted Albert Munoz in 1:52. Reino, a senior, pinned Pat Appello in just 29 seconds.

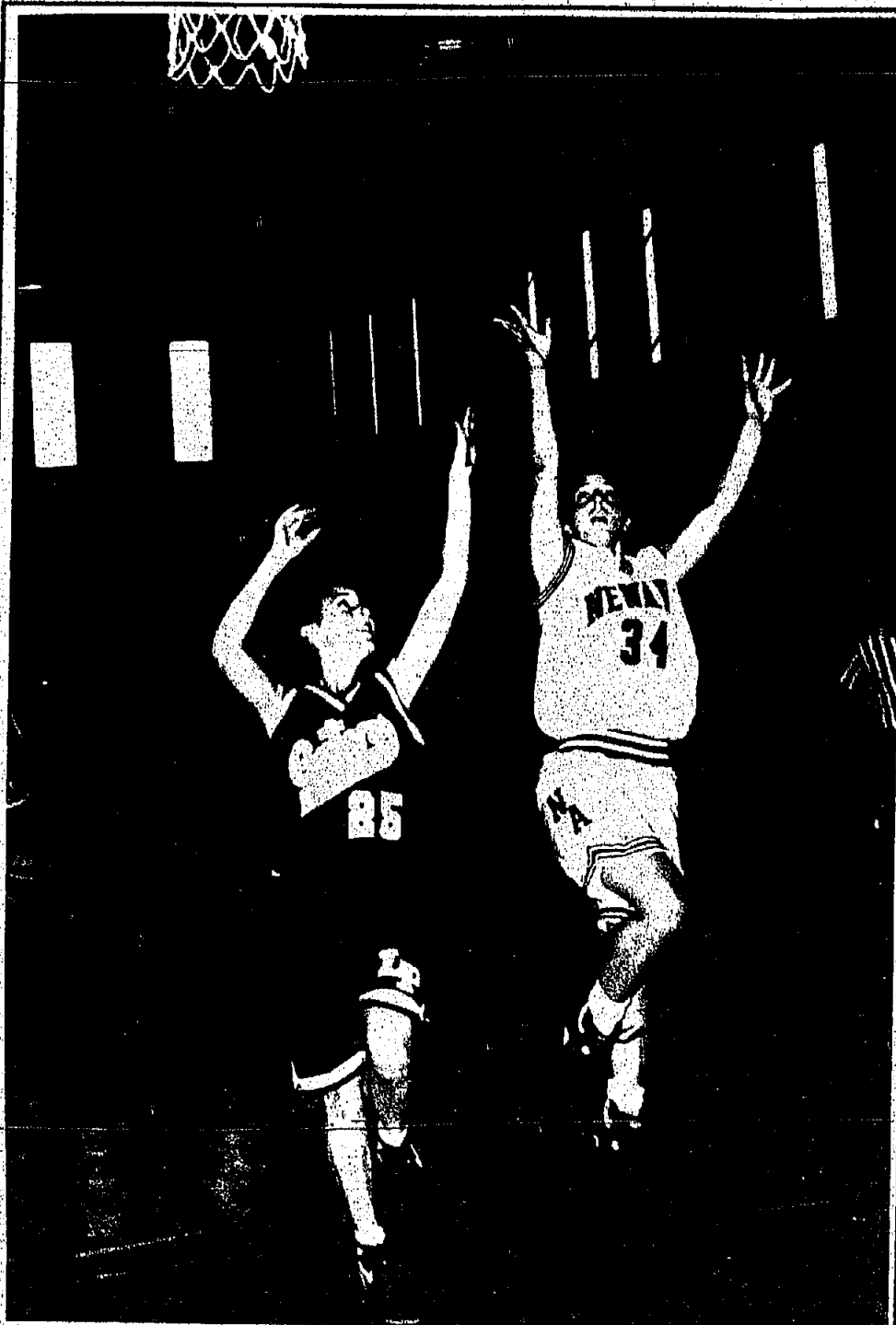
Roselle Park managed to win the match based on its success in the lower weights. The Panthers won the first five bouts before Dayton senior Pat Mock pinned Vin Kovacs in 3:32 of their 136-pound match.

Brian Harris pinned Brian Belfiore in 1:47 for Dayton's other win at 153.

The cutoff date to qualify with a 500 record or better for the NISIAA boys' and girls' basketball tournaments is this Tuesday (Jan. 31). The state tournaments should commence on Monday, Feb. 27.

The Union County Tournament seedings, setting for next month's boys' and girls' UCTs should take place Wednesday, Feb. 8. Preliminary-round games should commence Saturday, Feb. 11.

The 20th Union County Wrestling Tournament will take place Friday night, Feb. 10 and Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11 at the Dunn Center in Elizabeth.



SHE SHOOTS AND SCORES — Newark Academy High School junior point guard Mari-sa Conte of Springfield, right, goes up for two points to help her team defeat Lakewood Preparatory 21-15 earlier this year.

Bulldog swim team pushes mark to 5-1 with two wins

The Dayton Regional High School swimming team improved its record to 5-1 by defeating Linden and Old Bridge. Dayton defeated Linden 128-46 Jan. 17 after beating Old Bridge 105-65 Jan. 13.

Dayton swimmers include Steven Greenwood, Chris Behar, Betsy Mihic, Herb Twombly, Katerina Molinas, Vic Scrofio, Jason McCarrick, Tom Stracey, Christine Stracey, Christine Johansen, Samantha Atasco, Johnny Osnowsky, Gina Danielson, Leah Demberger, Adam DeBauer, Brian Fanki, Heather Garza, Barbara Fowler, Liz Barford, Lynn Wolfers, Jennifer Burns, Carolyn Gallette, Pete Smith, Adam Steele, Mike Rierwith, Jels Kellar and David Latschauer.

Against Linden, Dayton won the 200 freestyle relay behind Johnsen, Barford, Greenwood and Demberger. Smith won the 200 freestyle.

Johansen won the 100 butterfly and Stracey won the 400 freestyle. Tom Stracey captured the 100 butterfly and Smith the 100 freestyle.

Johansen won the 500 freestyle and the team of Smith, Barford, Scrofio and Tom Stracey captured the 200 freestyle relay.

Dember won the 100 backstroke and Greenwood the 100 breaststroke. The team of Scrofio, Barford, Garza and McCarrick won the 400 freestyle relay.

Against Old Bridge, Tom Stracey won the 200 freestyle relay and Johansen was first in the 100 M. Chris Stracey won the 100 butterfly and Tom Stracey the 100 freestyle.

Demberger captured the 400 freestyle and the team of Chris Stracey, Smith, Scrofio and Tom Stracey won the 200 freestyle relay. Twombly captured the 100 breaststroke.

Dayton's team of Tom and Chris Stracey and Smith and Johansen won the 400 freestyle relay.

Jewish baseball players wanted
Jewish baseball players, ages 15-16, are invited to participate in the Maccabi Youth Games regional competition in Los Angeles this August.

A team from New Jersey is being organized by Herb Waldman of West Orange and Rich Riley of Randolph.

Those interested in learning more about the team or attending tryouts may call Waldman at 201-731-9953 or Riley at 201-895-8062.

Basketball tutoring at Kean
Mike Galley, head men's basketball coach at Kean College and director of Sharp Shooters Basketball Camps and Clinics, will offer private tutoring for boys and girls in the fundamentals of shooting, ball-handling and dribbling, defense and rebound and passing.

The tutoring will be held on specific Sundays throughout the remainder of the winter. Groups will be no larger than five participants and each individual will receive a computerized workout plan and an Adidas basketball shirt.

More information may be obtained by calling Galley at 609-445-6128.

Dayton track standout Jones captures county high jump

A number of the top area high school athletes participated in the annual Union County Boys' Indoor Track and Field Championships at Elizabeth's Dunn Sports Center.

Westfield won the team title with 54 points and Elizabeth was second with 51½.

New Providence was third (32), Union (31), Cranford (18), Dayton sixth (13), Scotch Plains seventh (14), Linden eighth (13), Hillside ninth (12), Roselle Catholic 10th (10) and Plainfield 11th (4).

Eric Graves of Hillside finished second in the 60-yard dash in 6.6, just off the mark of winner Michael Elizabeth was third at 6.6, Dan Co-

stant put with a throw of 49.15. Carlos Rindolo of Union was second at 47.95. Quran Rodgers of Elizabeth was third at 45.59, and Mike Kelleher of Dayton fourth at 44.0. Bill Dillon of Elizabeth tied with David Davis of Roselle for fifth at 5.10.

Daryl Spruiell of Linden won the mile relay in 3:41.5. Westfield was second in 3:49.2. Joseph field was second in 3:49.2. Hillside and Union

fourth at 3:51.2 and New Providence sixth in 3:54.1.

The girls' championships were scheduled for last night at Dunn.

Wallyball Marathon
Community Access is recruiting teams to participate in its 10th annual Wallyball Marathon and Racquetball Tournament. The tourney is scheduled to take place March 25 at the Club in Wynchbridge.

Teams of 6-9 players are asked to get sponsors for the marathon. Teams of doubles are asked to collect sponsors for the racquetball tournament.

Prizes are given to individuals and teams raising the most money. The proceeds raised from the marathon and tournament will go to benefit teens and adults with disabilities throughout New Jersey.

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More information may be obtained by calling "Tara" Shepherd at 908-354-3040.



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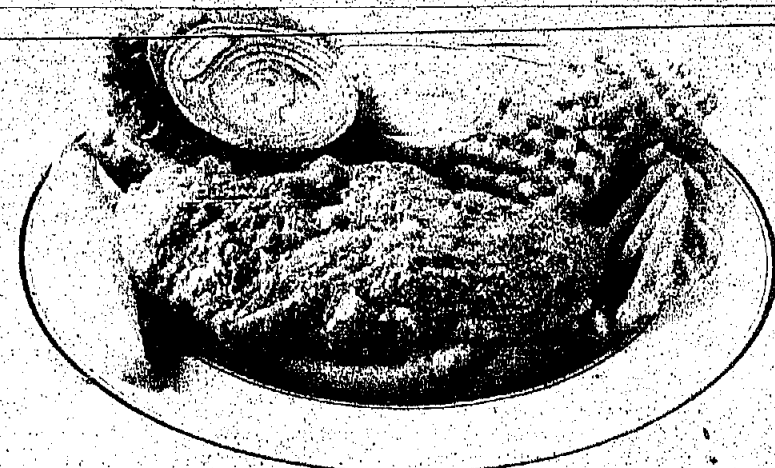
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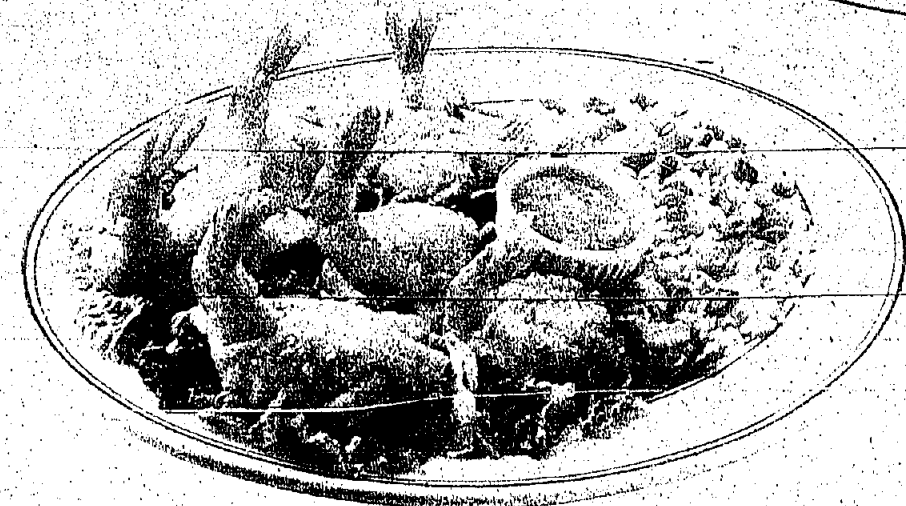
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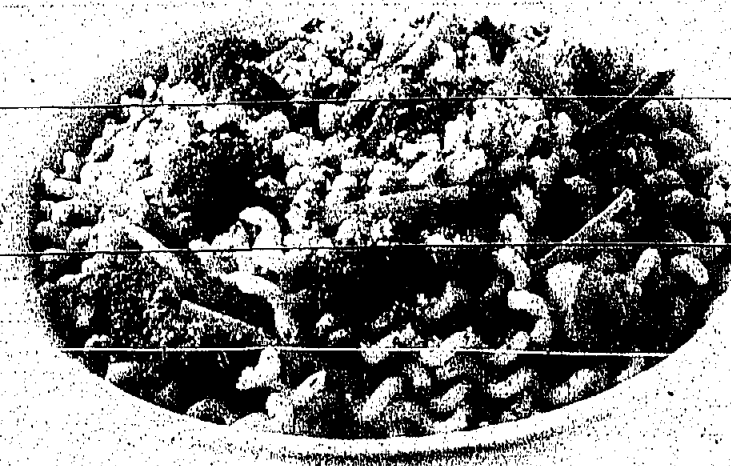
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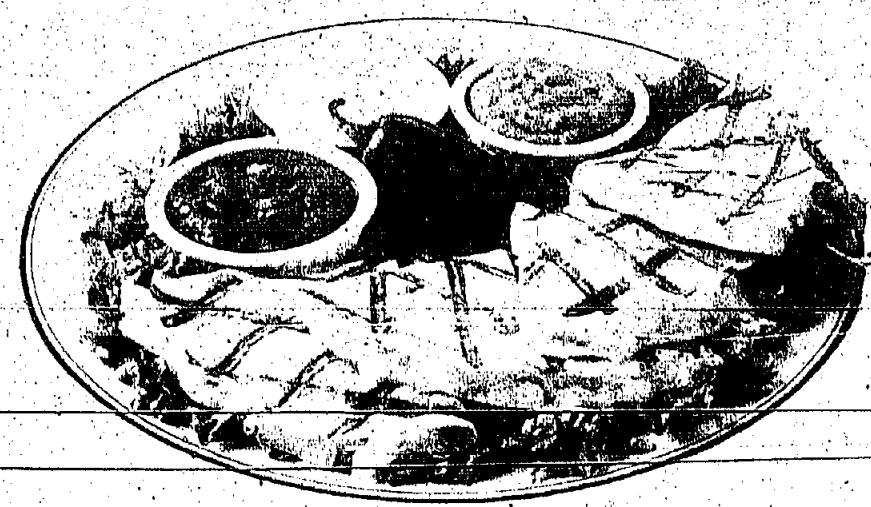
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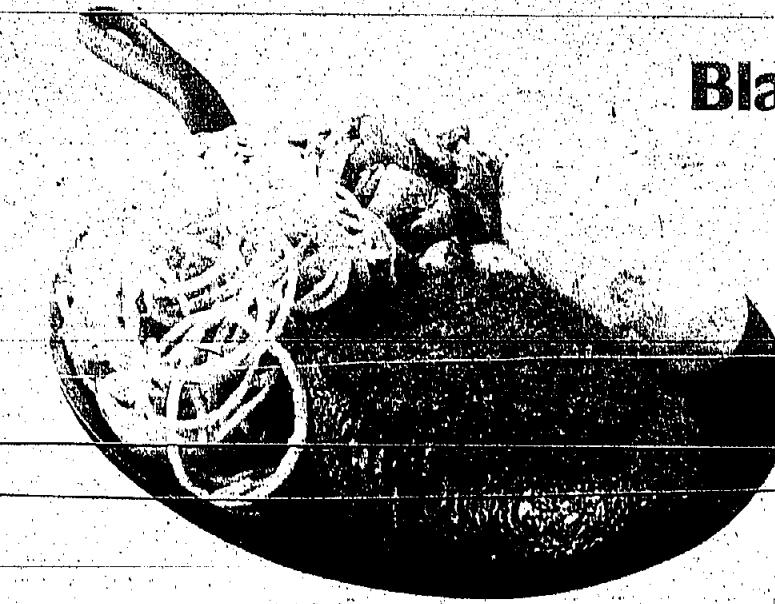
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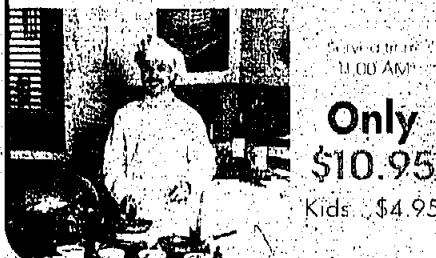


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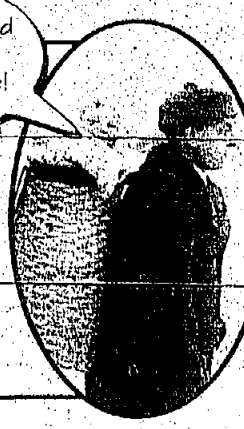
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UNION COUNTY

County to market its assets for strength

By Chris Gatta
Regional Editor

Union County is in the marketing business, and the current freholder board plans to use some of those marketing skills to make the county a viable force in the state. In 1993 came the announcement that the Union County Alliance was forming to do together business, education, industry and government leaders to boost their resources and strengthen the infrastructure of the county. Efforts would target housing, unemployment and industry.

In 1994 came the announcement that the Alliance had developed an agenda that would move these areas forward and begin to plan for a better, more unified Union County.

One of those plans, which will be a focal point in 1995, will be the formulation of a master plan for Union County — an agenda to do business, education, industry and government to make the county profitable and one that is recognized by its peers throughout the state and nation.

The Board of Freholders' New Year's resolution of sorts is to begin successfully marketing Union County as a prime location for doing business.

This marketing effort, which marks the second phase of the county's revival, is not only designed to have high-tech manufac-

"We have all the elements we need to make Union County a major player in the world trade and commerce."

— Freholder Henry Kurz

and retailers, but also to serve as a means of informing residents about services the county already has to offer.

"Freholders are hoping the marketing plan will lead to more global agreements," which Freholder Chairwoman Linda Di Giovanni says will be possible because the county has a major seaport and an airport within its boundaries.

The county's accessibility by land, sea and through the air have much to do with what freholders hope will be what fuels progress of the Orion Project, a proposed super mall planned for a 1.5-million-square-foot site in Elizabeth, just south of IKEA.

"One of the most important redevelopment projects in our county in many, many years, this project will create thousands of dollars and generate hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Freholder Frank Lehr, who codified the Union County Alliance, with coming up with a "road map" for the county's future economic development.

In Union Township, freholders are coordinating their efforts with officials at the local, state and federal levels in an effort to make a proposal to build a train station in that municipality's Township section a reality.

"A private/public partnership is now being organized in the underwriting of this station, and in the coming months, we will participate in the development of this vital plan," said Di Giovanni in remarks she made during the freholder board's Jan. 2 reorganization.

Corporations such as Schering-Plough and Elizabethtown Gas, along with Kean College of New Jersey — all of which are in proximity to the proposed station — are being asked to help fund a feasibility study of the Green Lane site to determine if the station is needed.

Freholder Henry Kurz, a Republican, agrees with his colleagues, Di Giovanni and Lehr, that a marketing plan is necessary.

Kurz said "a three-pronged approach" is required to accomplish what the board is seeking. The county must first get the word out that it is "open for business," then launch a comprehensive public relations effort, which integrates advertising and promotion, he said.

"Union County is geographically and strategically located to be the linchpin for commerce in this state region," said Kurz during a reorganization day speech. "We have access to every major transportation outlet in the county. We have one of the world's major seaports. We have one of the most modern international airports, and we are criss-crossed by the New Jersey Turnpike and the Garden State Parkway, as well as by almost every other major highway in the state. In short, we have all the elements we need to make Union County a major player in the world trade and commerce."

As Di Giovanni said in her closing remarks on Jan. 2, "1995 is a year charged with excitement and expectation" and if the projects the board divisions as goals for this year can take another step forward, then her expectations may become contagious.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UNION COUNTY - 1994

	COMPLETED	IN PROGRESS	PROPOSED
PUBLIC PROJECTS	236,000 sf (2 projects)	234,000 sf (6 projects)	1,000 sf (1 project)
New Construction	236,000 sf (2 projects)	234,000 sf (6 projects)	N/A (0 projects)
State	100,000 sf (1 project)	100,000 sf (1 project)	N/A (0 projects)
County	14,000 sf (1 project)	14,000 sf (1 project)	N/A (0 projects)
Municipality	122,000 sf (1 project)	120,000 sf (4 projects)	N/A (0 projects)
Other	0	0	0
Renovation	0	0	0
COMMERCIAL PROJECTS	1,365,228 sf (13 projects)	1,529,728 sf (17 projects)	8,187,000 sf (9 projects)
New Construction	1,365,228 sf (13 projects)	1,529,728 sf (17 projects)	8,187,000 sf (9 projects)
Industrial	40,000 sf (1 project)	40,000 sf (1 project)	2,000 sf (0 projects)
Office	100,000 sf (1 project)	100,000 sf (1 project)	1,000,000 sf (1 project)
Hotel	265,000 sf (2 projects)	265,000 sf (2 projects)	3,000,000 sf (3 projects)
Other	260,228 sf (10 projects)	260,228 sf (10 projects)	0
Renovation	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0
Office	0	0	0
Hotel	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL NEW CONSTRUCTION	1,601,228 sf (13 projects)	1,793,728 sf (18 projects)	9,187,000 sf (10 projects)
TOTAL NEW RENOVATION	75,000 sf (1 project)	260,728 sf (17 projects)	1,000 sf (1 project)
TOTAL SQ. FT.	1,676,228 sf (14 projects)	2,054,456 sf (35 projects)	9,188,000 sf (11 projects)

N/A indicates no projects in this category.
However, there are no available numbers to tabulate.
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Development is key to Elizabeth's growth

By Jake Hink Staff Writer

Take a photo now, because from the way some people tell it, Elizabeth soon will be beyond recognition.

While that may be an exaggeration, 1995 does hold a slew of development possibilities that could change the look of the city, many of them backed by big names like Sea Crest, IKEA and Wakefern Corp.

"Elizabeth is really on the threshold of some great things. I think the future of Elizabeth looks pretty bright," said Chuck Sales, executive director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has its office in Elizabeth.

Foremost on Sales' list of reasons for optimism is Sea Crest Construction Corp.'s pledge to build a \$100 million Midtown Elizabeth Redevelopment Project. The redevelopment contract, approved by the City Council last week, calls for a mix of 240 units of residential housing and a minimum of 150,000 square feet of commercial office space to be built near the train station.

David Biagini, executive director of the Elizabeth Midtown Elizabeth Special Improvement District, said, "There are two major improvement projects under way in Elizabeth." The first, he said, is the Sea Crest project. The second, he said, is a \$4.5 million project to be undertaken in the SID he manages, located in the Broad Street/Elizabeth Avenue area.

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Management corporation forms to lure shoppers back to Linden

By Lisa Ann Hutton Staff Writer

Linden wants its residents to shop at home.

In an effort to convince people to frequent local businesses rather than shopping malls, an independent body called the District Management Corporation has been formed. The corporation was funded at the suggestion of Mayor John Gregorio with the support of the Linden City Council.

The corporation governs and administers the city's Special Improvement District project. It is funded by a special tax that is paid by the professionals and business owners within the SID. In addition to luring new businesses to the area, the corporation will also work to make the existing businesses more attractive.

The area that comprises the SID begins at St. Georges Avenue and ends at Mumcell Avenue. It is overseen by a board of directors which represents a cross section of users, the church, business people and residents. The director of the corporation is Michael Bono, a former mayor of Union and senior vice president of a commercial bank.

Bono said other towns have been successful with corporations such as this, and they were the catalyst for Linden putting one into place.

"Charles Mancuso, director of the Linden Economic Development Corporation, looked at ways to form a corporation and it took between 12 and 18 months before it became a reality. We are close to making a presentation on how to improve the district," Bono said.

"The district has been mapped out and an architecture firm has been hired to do the design work. We are looking at different types of signs and we haven't decided on what we want to do but we will have a beautiful, revitalized downtown," he said.


In his State of the City address, Gregorio was optimistic about what the corporation could accomplish for Linden.

"As our director, Mr. Bono brings to our city a diversified knowledge of government and the business sector. He understands the parameters of what needs to be done and he also understands that the resolution of this problem cannot be put on the backs of our taxpayers, so the plan that is devised must be creative and financially prudent. This plan is forthcoming and I know that the board of trustees, who have been assisted by the director of our economic development corporation, Charles Mancuso, have worked diligently and the presentation to our governing body will occur during the first quarter of 1995. I'm hopefully optimistic that we will be able to uplift that whole area. It's about the propitious time for this revitalization because the development of the airport property will begin in 1995," Gregorio said in his address.

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Train station, Center upgrade promising for Union

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor

Union Township officials are developing the business-unfriendly stigma which has plagued the municipality in recent years will in 1995 become a thing of the past.

The municipality's Township Committee and Chamber of Commerce are united in their belief that action must be taken to sway popular perceptions that moving into, or having an existing business in Union is really not so bad.

Union is known for having strict land use regulations, often making it difficult for businesses looking to relocate. But, the township's establishment of a Technical Review Committee to speed the planning and zoning approval process last year, combined with changes in its land use ordinance, are part of what the governing body will be looking on as fare businesses during the coming year.

"I intend to make economic development the theme for the year," said Deputy Mayor John Paragon, who serves as chairman of the township's Economic Development Commission. "I think we can begin to move forward in a positive way toward bringing Union up to speed in terms of surrounding towns and state standards."

The committee, along with Mayor Greg Muller, need four issues which will take top priority. The rehabilitation of the Union Center shopping district—improving cooperation among Route 22 businesses, filling vacant industrial sites and moving

ahead on a proposal to construct a train station in the township's Towlely section.

"We realize the committee can't do too much about the train station right at the moment. We're willing for some things to happen legislatively," said Muller, who noted that will place the other matters at the forefront.

Chamber of Commerce President James Schaefer, who was instrumental in the start-up of the Union Center Special Improvement District, suggested the township employ someone to represent its interests in an effort to fill vacant industrial properties.

Although the Union County Economic Development Corporation is attempting to address the matter on a countywide basis, Schaefer said their work offers some potential business toward the path of least resistance — that being communities with less retail type than Union. A "Mr. Union" of sorts should be brought in to solely promote Union Township, he said.

"A button factory. You know a button factory needs a certain type of machinery and so on and so forth. You look in the zoning laws and the ordinances — is it a permissible use within that? If it is, here are the hurdles you have to jump over as they know them," Schaefer said of the potential duties of such a person.

The township has about 1.5 million square feet of industrial space available, but the sales has been dropping as a result of property tax appeals made by owners. As a result, a greater burden has been shifted to

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— James Schaefer

the residential community, said Schaefer.

Paragon agreed this is a concern and noted that an ordinance introduced Tuesday is designed to address the matter. The deputy mayor said the ordinance, which has been reworked from one made last year, will be reintroduced.

That proposal would allow industrial businesses to utilize 2,500 square feet for retail purposes, but only for the purpose of selling what they actually handle in their warehouse. Also, there would be no increase in existing parking requirements for these retail businesses.

As for the SID, Executive Director Michael Minelli said the 1995 budget, paid through a tax assessment levied against property owners in Union Center, remains at \$125,000. But, leadership has changed: Jafu's Restaurant owner Alex Tsoukas replaces Alan Rubin as its president.

"We've accomplished an awful lot in one year, I'm amazed how much we have accomplished compared to other SIDs," said Minelli.

In 1994, physical upgrades were begun in the Center, and the coming year will see the completion of those projects which are being funded through a combination of surplus funds from the township and Community Development Block Grants from the federal government. Another \$250,000 in CDBG money will be sought in 1995.

The first two phases of the upgrades are expected to be completed by Sept. 1, Minelli said.

Trains will continue to be supplied for existing and potential new owners in the Center, said Minelli, who noted that programs such as this, which allows for local improvements, are what has caught the attention of regional and national retail outlets considering moving into Union.

Minelli said he envisions the former McGree's retail store on Stuyvesant Avenue being filled by one of those chain stores in the near future.

The SID, in cooperation with the Chamber, will hold the annual Union Center Street Fair and sidewalk sales. It also intends to



Union Township Mayor Greg Muller and Committeemen John Paragon and Jerome Pell stand outside the Union Center shopping district.

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ward — one of the sites considered to locate a train station.

The former's market program began last summer. A Youth Week and Fall Festival may also be on the Center's agenda in 1995.

Although six months away, Paragon said the township is moving ahead on the proposed Towlely train station.

"Seed money" is being sought through various sources, including Kean College, Schering-Plough, Elizabethtown Gas and Union County "to prepare engineering studies to do the preliminary analysis necessary to establish a train station," he said. The next to meet requirements of the federal Clean Air Act is continuing to private corporations, the committee said.

The old Elizabeth Iron Works, former Metals and Rollen-Lambert properties are being considered as sites for the station.

Rep. Bob Franks, R-7, has committed to make the project one of the "pioneer projects" he advocates for transportation funds, said Paragon.

Committeemen say they believe the train station will have a positive financial impact on area business because of the increased commuter traffic, while lessening vehicular congestion in the township.

Keary Connection and SID growing concerns in Summit

By Mark Devaney Staff Writer

Keary Connection parking deck and SID. These controversial issues in Summit have a direct impact on the city's economic future, according to William Stampes, president of the Chamber of Commerce with called Summit a "wonderful town with a terrible parking problem."

New Jersey Transit has proposed to build a 600-car parking garage in Summit in anticipation of increased ridership as a result of the Keary Connection, which becomes effective in 1996. As a result of the Keary Connection, trains on the Morris and Essex lines will no longer have to go through Hoboken into Manhattan, and just about everyone inside and outside of the city believes the 20 minutes shaved off the commute will in fact draw commuters to Summit.

Then again, a growing contingent of residents thinks the parking deck itself will act as a magnet pulling cars into the city. Thus, a relaxation of zoning has emerged, and in an effort to make some progress in the conflict, the Common Council has re-named the Keary Connection Task Force to decide whether or not Summit will need a 24-foot-high and approximately 200,000 sq ft parking garage.

Stampes, who also sits on the task force which meets weekly, wholeheartedly believes that the deck is the answer to Summit's parking problem.

One of the factors that relates to anyone's decision to come to Summit is the availability of parking. The guts of the matter is that everything can be boiled down to parking," insisted Stampes.

Generally speaking, Stampes is uncomfortable with the current economic climate, he has a watchful eye on FDI Chairman Alan Greenbaum's "continued attack on inflation" and its effect on the interest rate. But locally, the parking deck issue and the conflict regarding Summit's SID have been weighing foremost on his mind.

"In an overall sense, the economic indicators have been good... Predictions about Christmas were quite spotted. Locally, business was not absolutely wonderful. I'm hopeful that was an anomaly, but after the election, interest rates will go down, but that

is a win. We're not that way up in the air," said Stampes.

Meanwhile, back in Summit, Stampes is worried about more than a monstrous parking deck. A group of landlords and merchants in the central retail business district have filed a lawsuit against the city for passing an ordinance which allowed the creation of Summit's Special Improvement District.

"That group claims that the majority of downtown landlords and tenants were not in favor of a SID for Summit and that Summit Downtown Inc., the organization that serves as the managerial structure for the SID, misled the 'Citizens Council' with false information.

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"I'm hesitant to say the outlook is bleak. I don't want to be a doomsday forecaster," stated Stampes.

Another topic troubling Stampes is the change in tenancy in Summit's business district.

"I'm very concerned that the trend in the downtown is continuing to be moving from retail toward businesses and professional occupancies and that trend is pressing forward," Stampes said.

Finally, the ever-expanding Short Hills Mall continues to plague Stampes' thoughts, though he believes Summit has a unique retailing edge over any mall — hands-on service.

"These malls, for as big and exotic as they can be, don't have something that we have — owners in the stores. Summit is really remarkable in that regard, but it doesn't help if nobody can park and find out," reminded Stampes.

"If we don't build additional parking and the Keary Connection is built, the damage to Summit may be irreparable," predicted Stampes, who concluded by discussing how his opinion could swing in the future depending on the turn of events.

"I could go from euphoria if the SID arena was not absolutely wonderful. I'm hopeful that was an anomaly, but after the election, interest rates will go down, but that

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Officials see opportunities in place to improve Roselle

By Michael Ziegler
Staff Writer

As official celebrations of Roselle's 100 years as a borough conclude, the New Year should be just as festive for residents and borough officials. As the new councilmen take their seats, 1995 will welcome many new projects and businesses into the borough, according to Roselle Mayor Joseph Safaryn.

"There are tremendous opportunities and challenges we'll be addressing this year, after years of neglect," Safaryn said. "If the new council continues to move forward as the previous ones, we should make significant progress throughout the borough."

Residents on the east and west sides of town will be in store for extreme savings in flood damage insurance with the completion of the Joint Brook and West Brook Flood Control projects. Ground breaking on the \$5 million Joint Brook project took place in November and the ground breaking for the \$1 million West Brook project is scheduled for June.

"The completion of these projects will improve both sides of town and will be the culmination of a countywide effort among the residents and officials of Roselle, Roselle Park, Linden, Cranford and Kenilworth," Safaryn said.

In addition to the flood control projects, Roselle is diligently trying to revitalize the St. Georges Avenue business area in order to lure new merchants. There have been dis-

"Increasing the parking will be for the betterment and improvement of the shopping and business areas," Safaryn said, "and for when the light rail rapid line hopefully returns to Roselle."

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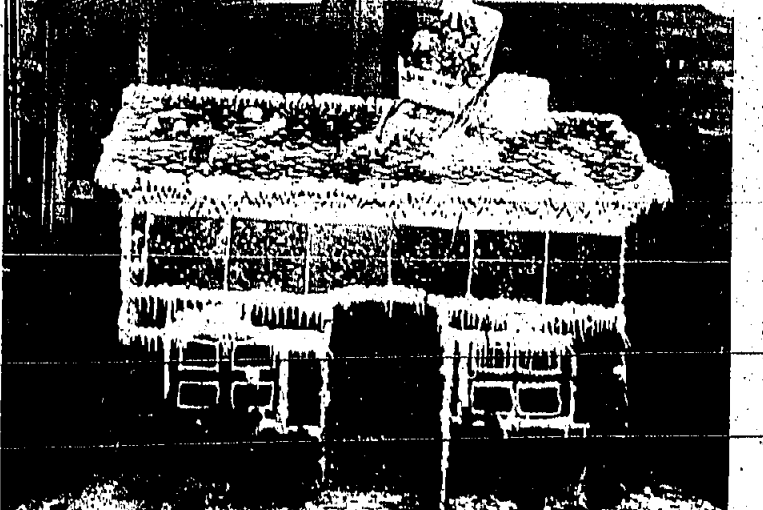
Costa's reflects on 31 years

Costa's Restaurant, located on Chestnut Street in Roselle Park, is a story of progress. More than 31 years ago, Angelo and Anthony Costa and their parents opened a family-style pizzeria after arriving in America in 1952 from Calabria, Italy.

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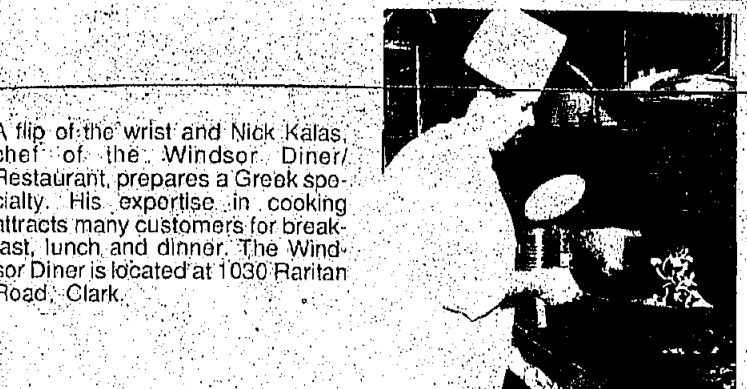
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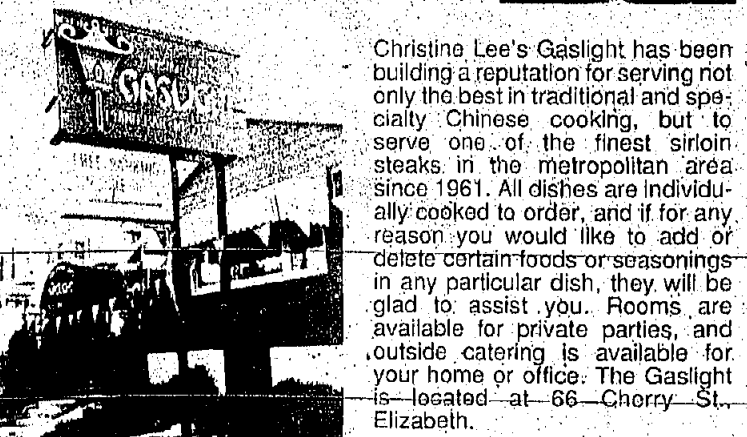
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Restaurants of the 90's

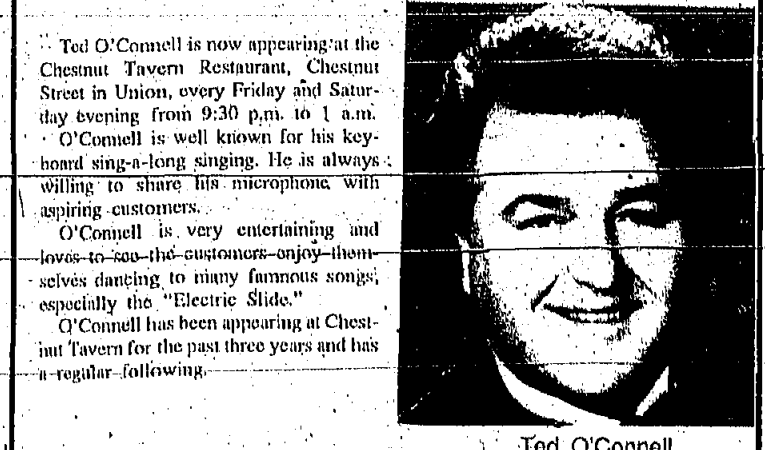


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La Pastaria is Summit's cozy, yet very popular ristorante

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O'Connell appearing at Union's Chestnut Tavern



Ted O'Connell

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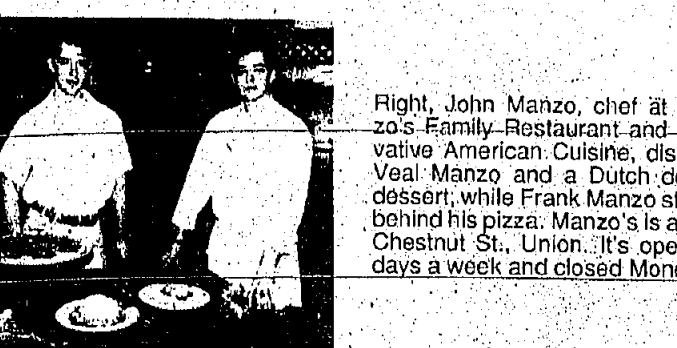
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Super Bowl Specials



The Double Dragon Restaurant staff welcomes customers to a variety of sumptuous, succulent dishes. The restaurant offers pickup and delivery services as well as catering. Double Dragon Restaurant is located at 1230 Morris Ave., Union.



Right, John Manzo, chef at Manzo's Family Restaurant, and innovative American Cuisine, displays Veal Manzo and a Dutch delight dessert, while Frank Manzo stands behind his pizza. Manzo's is at 345 Chestnut St., Union. It's open six days a week and closed Mondays.



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Relocation, expansion projects on Clark's horizon

By John Ultek
Staff Writer

Mayor Robert Ellenport is optimistic about future development in Clark. "As I view it, 1995 will be a year for real economic expansion," he said this week. Heading his list of reasons is December's settlement with the Railway Valley Sewerage Authority.

"It certainly is a shot in the arm," Ellenport said of the settlement that lifts the RVSA's eight-year ban on sewerage hookups, opening the possibility for new construction. "This will attract commercial development and it will allow homeowners to expand their homes. This will add to families. It is the leg to future development in town."

The settlement may already be showing results.

Ellenport said two applications recently were received seeking approval for the construction of two townhouses — one at Featherbed Lane, the other on Raitan Road. This shows that "Clark is still a desirable community for people to live in," Ellenport said.

As further indicators of Clark's growth, the mayor cited the relocation and expansion of ShopRite and the possible construction of a driving range on the GM/Hyatt property.

"If you drive through town, you'll notice almost no 'no vacancy' signs," Ellenport observed.

Ellenport pledged his commitment to maintaining this growth. "It is incumbent on us to be receptive to development. I think things are on the upswing. It has taken a lot of work," said Ellenport, referring to the RVSA settlement in particular. "But we've shown results."

St. Elizabeth Hospital offers comprehensive rehab program

St. Elizabeth Hospital has opened a comprehensive Health and Rehabilitation Center to provide the community with a facility that offers a full range of fitness, therapeutic exercise and wellness programs under the same roof.

Running the gamut from medically supervised fitness training to outpatient physical therapy to cardiac, pulmonary and diabetic rehabilitation, the 4,800 square foot center offers individuals an environment in which to attain their own optimal health regardless of any limiting medical conditions.

The center's state-of-the-art equipment was specifically selected to enable everyone from cardiac patient to athlete to exercise together safely to the limits of their abilities. This equipment includes individual weight stations, treadmills, stationary bicycles, rowing machines, Nordic tracks, Star Macers and Olympic-style free weights. A highly trained staff of fitness professionals

designs individual programs to meet the needs and goals of every client.

St. Elizabeth Hospital developed its fitness program membership specifically for those who have never exercised before, those who want to get back into shape or those who may have a serious weight problem or medical condition that would be best monitored in such a setting.

Membership in the fitness program is available on a six-month basis. Those who join must complete medical history forms. Anyone over the age of 40 or who has a medical condition or disease that might impact on an exercise program must have permission from their personal physician before beginning the program. All members take a supervised exercise tolerance test prior to being allowed to use any equipment, and receive a body fat analysis and a risk factor assessment. Each member also receives a full orientation with an exercise physiologist that includes exercise instruction, and programming, pulse taking, signs and symptoms of over-exercise and contraindications to exercise.

The center also provides the community with aerobic classes and a myriad of wellness and prevention classes and programs designed to promote positive health and fitness practices.

Along with supervised fitness training, St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health and Rehabilitation Center provides specialized cardiac, pulmonary and diabetic rehabilitation services for individuals recovering from illness.

St. Elizabeth Hospital's physical therapy outpatients also receive their therapy in the Health and Rehabilitation Center. The physical therapy portion of the center is in a private, confidential area where a patient may begin therapy. Patients then "graduate" to the main fitness area once they are physically able and feel comfortable enough to make the move to supervised use of the fitness equipment, and eventually to the use of the equipment on their own.

St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health and Rehabilitation Center is open seven days a week. The fitness program operates Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Specialized rehabilitation services including cardiac, pulmonary and diabetic rehabilitation are offered Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Outpatient physical therapy is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute care Catholic facility with 323 beds, 24 well-ventilated intensive and seven intermediate-care bassinets. Sponsored by the Sisters of Clarity of Saint Elizabeth, it is eastern Union County's teaching hospital.

Davis Financial ready to meet those tax needs

By Staff Writer

The economical weather is taking a turn for the better in Hillside, according to township officials and the Hillside Business and Professional Association.

Recently, Hillside has been suffering from the loss of vital business and industry from its tax base. However, according to Building Inspector Frank Volturno, prospect for 1995 "look excellent."

The building inspector said he already has received five permits for new construction and is continuing to talk to some people about locating or relocating in Hillside.

Volturno said he is writing to see if some

Hillside to expand on 'excellent' prospects

By Pia Wilson

The Hillside Business and Professional Association, which represents local business owners, is "looking for a better year."

Seeing a great deal of renewed interest in town, Volturno said the merchants group is trying to "batter the community spirit" and make Hillside a better place in which to work and build a business.

Mayer Ralph Milner said the Township Committee is trying to foster some new growth in local business by working with the

Union County Economic Development Corporation.

Milner said he also thinks the pending re-evaluation will level the taxes paid by residents and industry. The Township Committee has continually been bombarded with tax appeals by businesses which have had their property reassessed at a lower value. The re-evaluation will hopefully put an end to such appeals, he said.

Hillside has been rejected for the Urban Enterprise Zone project. The state committee in charge of funding opted to give the money to towns such as Mt. Holly and Union City. Milner said Hillside will reapply next time.

Rahway Hospital targets prevention programs

Services at Rahway Hospital are no longer designed only for individuals who require in-hospital acute care along with traditional acute care services. Its vision of continuity encompasses prevention, early detection and intervention in disease processes, post acute and chronic care and services for the terminally ill and their families.

Prevention and early intervention are typified by the Chest Pain Emergency Service, which encourages individuals who are experiencing chest pain to be immediately evaluated for heart attacks in readily accessible surroundings. Patients found to be suffering heart attacks may be treated with "catheter" drugs and stabilized preparatory to further diagnosis and treatment.

The hospital's Healthy Heart Center

offers those identified as being "at risk" for cardiovascular disease and heart attacks learn the techniques for improving their lifestyles through exercise, eating healthy diets and reducing stress. Recipients of the center's graduates' pin bear witness to the improvement a program geared to healthy lifestyle can deliver in terms of endurance, improved circulation and a sense of well-being.

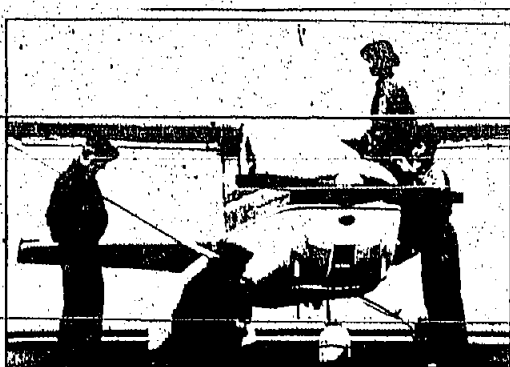
The Neuro Rehabilitation Unit at Rahway Hospital offers stroke patients individualized treatment plans focused on emotional and psychological support, education, specialized nursing care and a comprehensive rehabilitation program which is goal related.

Rahway Hospital views outpatient and inpatient services for cancer patients and their families as critical to its missions as a community hospital. Services included are those related to proper diagnosis, surgical intervention, chemotherapy, radiation therapy in adjacent facilities under separate management, and home care through Rahway Hospital Hospice.

In fall 1994, Rahway Hospital instituted its Community Health Care Transportation Service designed to offer free rides to persons who seek outpatient services including education programs. A handicapped-accessible van driven by security personnel, trained in basic life support can be dispatched at the time outpatient appointments are made.

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Rahway is open for business in '95

By Andrew J. Stewart

Rahway expects to be open for business in 1995, especially in the downtown area, where a series of programs during the last year and one-half has led to the beginning of a resurgence.

During the last year, several new businesses have opened on Main Street, which has been a problem area for business in recent years, said Rahway Center Partnership Chairman Robert Markey.

"We're seeing a rebirth of retail," Markey said. He added he sees that trend continuing in 1995.

"We may see 95 percent occupancy by the end of '95," he said. It is unlikely that any big name retailers will be moving to Main Street, but businesses will be recruited and retained this year, Markey added.

Programs such as Rahway Discovery Day, the commercial block watch and the return of walking police to provide a safer atmosphere have helped reverse the negative image people have had of the central business district, he said. In addition, New Jersey Transit plans to construct a new train station in the spring, and the expected development of 11 acres of land behind City Hall by SDI Technologies are lifting hopes for more business success, he said.

"We're real excited about that," Markey said. "A lot of what's taking place right now is a rising tide lifting all ships."

The central business district may take on a new look in other ways as well, because the

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— Mayor James Kennedy

downtown area may be rezoned as part of a new master plan for the city, Markey said. The new zoning would allow for more mix-use of residential and commercial space, such as artists who live in their first floor studios, he said.

"The impact of it is really far reaching. It will determine how our downtown will look for the next 25 years," Markey said.

The city will take measures to promote economic development in 1995 as well, Mayor James Kennedy said. One particular area outlined in his State of the City address is improved communication between the Economic Development department and the Building department to make it easier for businesses to come to Rahway.

"We're more concerned with economic growth," Kennedy said. "I think we'll see growth in 1995, conservative growth. I don't see any outrageous growth."

Kennedy's own business, Kennedy Jewelers on Main Street, had a decent year

in 1994, he said. "From a personal side of me, December was a full disappointing but the year held its own."

The Rahway Center Partnership has situated the downtown area, and the implementation of plans to revitalize the area should take place this year now that the foundations have been laid, he said.

The city also has applied for grants to space the public areas of its section of St. Georges Avenue, which Kennedy said is the busiest section of that thoroughfare from Elizabeth to Perth Amboy because it is a mixed use area.

"There's still a residential community here," he said. "We could make it a more attractive place to do business," he said, and cited steps such as planting new trees and improving the parks along the highway.

St. Georges Avenue has always been a strong business section, and there is little the city can do except keep the area attractive to have it remain a strong section. The other main area for business in Rahway, Routes 1 and 2, has been growing with larger, out-of-town businesses, he said.

"There's certainly been growth out on Route 1 in the retail area," Kennedy said.

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Union Hospital to have greater thrust in community

To strengthen its position in the ever-changing health care environment, Union Hospital affiliated with the Saint Barnabas Health Care System in 1994, is planning to expand its services and increase its thrust in the community.

New Jersey's largest and most diverse health care systems, caring for more than 52,000 inpatients and same day surgery patients, providing treatment and services for more than 250,000 outpatient visits annually and employing more than 6,000 people.

An overview of Union Hospital's wide array of health care services includes the following:

- A Cancer Treatment Program is a nationally accredited program offering a full range of oncology care including radiation therapy through its Saint Barnabas affiliation. Cancer care at Union is rounded out on a more personal basis with its support groups. The Oncology Benefit Initiative, which raises funds to support the needs of cancer patients, and Happiness Unlimited, an adult with a full-time program that raises funds to grant long-standing wishes of the hospital's cancer patients. Both operate under the auspices of the Union Hospital Foundation and are comprised of volunteers from the community.
- Genesis is a comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment program consisting of outpatient adult and adolescent counseling, inpatient detoxification, special issues support groups, and prevention and education

programs such as ABCD, Addiction: Breaking Children's Dreams, which is specially designed for children aged 4 through 12.

Genesis also is the lead agency of Hands Across Union, the Community Partnership Program of Union Township, a coalition of community and civic organizations devoted to promoting a drug-free environment for all ages.

Mobile Intensive Care Units serves nine communities and parts of the Garden State Parkway. Known to be one of the busiest in the state of New Jersey, Union Hospital's MICU responds to 60,000 emergency situations a year.

American Heart Association-accredited Basic Life Support Training Program includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses to teach adult and child life-saving techniques, on beginning and advanced levels. This program was recently honored by the American Heart Association for the highest percent BLS increase over three years.

This year, Union Hospital has embarked on a \$1 million renovation of its Emergency Services Department. The Emergency Room will be completely reorganized to increase efficiency and to enhance the care provided to emergency patients and their families.

The Emergency Department renovation is designed to increase efficiency for patient treatment, improve patient comfort and privacy when registering for treatment, and add new technologies for better monitoring and diagnostic services. Plans also call for an area to treat pediatric patients, an increase in patient treatment space, new state-of-the-art equipment, and a triage area allowed for better assessment of treatment priorities — all designed for the convenience of the patient. The project also includes a total redesign of the Emergency Department waiting area to modernize its appearance while making it more spacious.

During construction, the Emergency Services Department will continue to operate without an interruption in services. The entire renovation is expected to take approximately nine months to complete.

Another expansion of the institution includes the addition of an ambulatory care facility located at the hospital's main campus on Gallatin Hill Road in Union. Services for this outpatient health center will include oncology renal dialysis, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and other women's health services.

In addition to these programs and services, the hospital also is a member and the lead agency of the Union Township Network, an alliance of about 30 public and private sector agencies in the social service and health care field. In 1994, the network, through the assistance of the Kean College Department of Public Administration,

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REAL ESTATE OWNED	NONE
OFFICE BUILDING - NET	2,647,127
FURNITURE & FIXTURES - NET	300,955
OTHER ASSETS	565,660
INVESTMENT SECURITIES	43,348,636
STOCK-FUND	1,279,700
LIQUID INVESTMENTS & FEDERAL FUNDS	6,002,033
CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS	1,729,345
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 158,917,687

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	
MEMBERS DEPOSITS	\$ 145,931,857
ADVANCED-FEE	NONE
TAXES PAID IN ADVANCE	837,443
OTHER LIABILITIES	679,424
NET WORTH	11,568,963
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Harris nets certification

Drew A. Harris, a doctor of podiatric medicine in the Linden area for more than 10 years, recently received board certification in primary podiatric medicine from the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine after a comprehensive three-day examination in Chicago.

Board certification is the highest level of professional achievement that a podiatrist can obtain. To date, only 17 podiatrists in New Jersey have earned the honor. Applicants must have a diversified podiatric practice, demonstrate extensive knowledge in areas such as internal medicine and foot surgery, and explain how they would treat hypothetical cases.

Harris, who practices at 911 North Wood Ave. in Linden, has a doctor of podiatric medicine degree from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a bachelor of science degree from Wilkes College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

He has developed special expertise in treating foot wounds that resist healing and complications of diabetes extending to the leg and foot.

"Foot pain can be much more than an annoyance," Harris said. "It can indicate the presence of a serious problem or disease throughout the body."

"Getting to know patients personally enables a doctor to provide the best care," believes Harris, who describes his practice



Dr. Drew A. Harris

as holistic. "Patients are people with feelings, not feet with people attached," he said. "And families often play an important part in assisting a patient's therapy."

As chief of the Podiatry Division of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Harris was instrumental in establishing the facility's Diabetes Management Center, which opened this year. Harris serves on the North Central Jersey Council of the American Diabetes Association. He is second vice president of the New Jersey Podiatry Association, a community-advocacy group. Harris also co-hosts "House Calls," a weekly call-in radio talk show on wide-ranging aspects of medicine and health. The program is broadcast live every Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. on WJDM, 1530 AM on the radio dial. Harris lives in Weirfield with his wife, Laura, an attorney, and their 4-year-old daughter, Chaire.

The alternative method to 'painful' electrolysis

With the GHR hair removal process, women and men can enjoy the benefits of permanent hair removal without the use of needles. GHR offers the only permanent, needle-free form of electrolysis," said Ben Roffman, owner of New Jersey Center for Permanent Hair Removal in Union.

"When most people hear the word 'electrolysis,' they think of needles. Permanent hair removal is traditionally done with needle electrolysis, a technique that employs a fine needle inserted into hair follicle," Roffman said.

"Electrical current is passed through the needle and directed toward the hair root, or bulb. The application of current sets off a chemical reaction with the body fluid and forms lys around the needle, which decomposes the tissue it touches. When properly administered, the electrolytic reaction permanently destroys the hair root and prevents regrowth of the hair."

The GHR device also uses electrical current, but no needle. A tweezers is used to grasp the hair that has been softened and conditioned, using GHR treatment procedure to make it less resistant to the flow of current, Roffman said.

"Electrical current is applied through the tweezers," Roffman said. "The current then travels down the interior shaft to the root, which is permanently decomposed while the client rests or naps. In August 1991, the U.S. Food and Drug

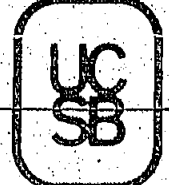
Administration ruled that the GHR device is substantially equivalent to other legally marketed hair removal devices, such as needle electrolysis devices," said Jonathan Kahon, GHR legal counsel.

"What makes this hair removal technique so unusual — and effective — is that the hair itself replaces the needle," Roffman said. "Hair is a semi-conductor. Once hair is made less resistant, it can carry current straight to the target," she said. "Trying to deliver current to the hair bulb with a needle is like blindly aiming for a target. You can't see below the surface of the skin and hair follicles are usually curved, so it's impossible to know which way to aim the needle."

Another plus of the GHR method is that nothing is inserted into the body.

"Clients don't have to worry about scarring, infection, scabs, permanent nerve damage or the transmission of disease, common problems associated with the needle electrolysis," Roffman said. "Compared to other methods of hair removal, GHR's needle-free method can be faster and more effective. The GHR technique works on all types of hair — thick or thin, men, women or adolescents — and it is recommended for the removal of hair from the most sensitive parts of the body."

New Jersey Center for Permanent Hair Removal is located at the Millburn Mall, 2933 Vanhook Road, Suite 10, Union. The telephone number is (908) 688-8224.

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Springfield, Mountainside business owners see rebound

By Jay Hochberg
Staff Writer

While it is generally believed the North-east still follows the foot of the country out of the recession of the early 1990s, many local business owners see a rebound in 1995 and will continue to see it.

"The mean season of 1991-93 was a clearing and educational experience," one retail-chain spokesperson in Springfield said. "It inspired the more aggressive approaches to our business we see in 1995 and will continue to see."

Due to a labor pool swelled with overqualified job-seekers, retailers in Springfield and Mountainside reported a bumper crop of talented, dedicated workers that not only get the job done right, but also inspire customer loyalty.

"Without them, we're out of business," said Barnes & Noble assistant manager Jay McKoon. "Many have returned to school or to the fields they'd been in before the recession, but we've built a solid core of over-skilled workers."

The book retailer isn't content to stick to the print medium, he said, and appears ready to tempt competitors onto the information superhighway.

"In 20 years, books may be online," McKoon said, adding that his company is preparing for the emerging market for multimedia. "We now have software, and audio-and-video recordings."

"We're on the technological forefront,

'We've built a solid core of over-skilled workers.'

— Jay McKoon
Barnes & Noble

and we plan on leading the field," he continued, pointing out that Barnes & Noble also owns the Software Etc. chain. "The company is actively pursuing things that will fulfill our customers' desires."

Other efforts to cultivate business are centered on reaching out to the community. "We have a pretty good relationship with local government," McKoon said. "We also serve as a vehicle and meeting place to get messages out."

Among the civic groups that have been active at the store were a wildlife preservation group that worked in opposition to the deer hunting in the Watchung Reservation, and People for Pets, which collected donations by giftwrapping books during the Christmas season.

By hosting book club meetings, poetry readings and musical performances, the store attracts varied groups of clientele.

Plus, in a move that capitalizes on the trends of both nationally growing coffee-house chains and coffee bars, this Barnes & Noble features a Starbucks, where patrons may find a real or take their drinks anywhere to shop.

"It's a new concept to make people comfortable," McKoon added. "It's a cross between a home and a library."

The Springfield Barnes & Noble, located on Route 22 at Littlefield Avenue, is one of the chain's three outlets between Hightstown and Livingston, McKoon attributed his company's strategy of spacing its stores widely apart as one reason why Barnes & Noble attracts a diversity of customers.

These combined factors have worked, making for a successful venture, according to McKoon. Since opening in May of 1993, the store has experienced "growth-in-size and revenue" and now employs 50 people.

"We had an excellent Christmas," he continued. "If that was a sign of economic recovery, then we all should feel positive."

The unusually warm weather of this winter has also helped circulate dollars among the business community.

"No snow is good, especially on weekends," said baker Carl Lutz of the Mountainside Pastry Shop, commenting on the paralysis the area suffered during the winter of 1993-94.

"Last year we got slow two times a week and it really hurt business," he added, knocking on wood for continued good luck.

"Other area businesses, including Lutz's Mountainside Avenue neighbor Don Maxwell Furniture Repairs, have seen no significant disruption in business."

The repair shop, which along with the borough of Mountainside marks its centennial this year, has established a reputation during its four generations of family ownership that its competitors lack. "That familiarity, according to owner Don Maxwell, is what keeps his shop — and its 15 employees — "always busy."

If there is one perpetual hindrance to generating business that many Mountainside proprietors share in common, it's a lack of accessible parking.

"Parking is a problem for most people not familiar with the area," said one Mountainside Avenue merchant, who said cars appear to slow down in front of the cluster of shops on Mountain Avenue, but drive away.

Mountainside Pastry Shop's Carl Lutz echoed that thought, adding that only his regular customers are aware of his parking lot, and consequently aren't deterred by the lack of curbside parking spaces.

"Parking is never a problem at any of the automobile dealerships along Route 22, but

'All along Route 22, there is enthusiasm about business.'

— Manuel Garcia
Spanish Tavern

according to JMK Auto Sales co-owner Alberto Maier, preserving the profit margin is.

Customers in the '90s are able to shop for the best price, he said, adding that it is a phenomenon unique to car sales.

"Customers already know the base price of a car before speaking to a sales representative," he added. "Nobody knows what a refrigerator or a house costs, but if they know a car costs the dealer \$31,000, they will offer \$31,500."

Because of the proliferation of cost sheets, he continued, cars are the only retail business where the customer clin can end and start bargaining at close to the base price. "I don't know how to overcome that."

Even in the face of such an obstacle, Maier remains optimistic. "I have high hopes for 1995. I want to make it a banner year," he said.

Maier, with partner Albert Kosonoff, has JMK and Saab's affluent customers. "Business varies" from year to year, Maier added. "1993 was a decent year, but '93 was better. 1992 was a very good year for BMWs, but last year Saab was down" because of a shortage of the 900 model.

Despite that disruption, JMK's assertiveness was rewarded with earnings; the dealership ranked fifth in national Saab sales.

With a majority of their customers being professionals, the customer base is a wide range. JMK gains an advantage over some of the neighboring car-dealers.

"With leases comprising nearly 80 percent of their business, JMK collects the money they would earn from selling the big-ticket European cars, plus the revenue generated by selling the car after the lease-holder returns it."

JMK's owners strive for leadership in the automobile market. "We will work very hard to make it a good year for JMK," Maier said. "I think the economy is good."

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Business owners on 22 see economic rebound

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Attributing November elections to potential economic growth spurred by reduction in government red tape, Maier also said a business-friendly environment, with more industry coming into New Jersey will help the government, and people will have more money.

In contrast to the fluctuating car market, the restaurant of Springfield and Mountainside along Route 22 "is flourishing," said Spanish Tavern co-owner Manuel Garcia.

"People come out more now than they used to in the last three years," he added. "They are enjoying the buying power they have. All along Route 22, there is enthusiasm about business."

The Spanish Tavern opened in Mountainside in December 1986, it is an expansion of the famous Newark restaurant that has been

inhabited by its patrons since 1932.

Business for Garcia and his three partners has been so profitable they opened a delicatessen in Bergen County.

"We have been blessed with good business," Garcia said, adding that his kitchen prepares 120-140 dishes during an average weeknight, with "more on weekends."

Garcia said his restaurant's success is due to good luck, but the Spanish Tavern has built a regular clientele — including several civic groups — based on quality. The Newark-based Spanish Tavern established a reputation of excellence in dining that Garcia has fostered in Mountainside.

"We're very glad to be in this community," he said. "We try to be good neighbors, so we will continue to be blessed with the luck we've had."

Other proprietors are also pragmatic.

Buyers can finance through GMAC

Low- and middle-income buyers having difficulty with the down payment can now finance with as little as 3 percent down through GMAC Mortgage. The program was recently offered on a test-basis in nine cities to determine its appeal to first-time homebuyers.

"We've been delighted with the response since the program's introduction in the nine cities," said Mark Koneff, president and chief executive officer of the GMAC Mortgage Group. "We've now decided to commit \$50 million to offer the program nationwide."

The 3 percent program is similar to Fannie Mae's popular Community Home Buyer's Program, in which GMAC Mortgage also participates. Like Community Home Buyer's, the program allows borrowers easier qualifying through flexible debt-to-income standards and lower closing costs. It also shares the home-buyer education requirement that made Community Home Buyer's unique.

But the 3 percent down option is different in that Community Home Buyer's allows down-payments to be set low only if additional down payment money is supplied from a gift or unsecured loan, or if the property is located in one of several targeted urban centers.

'We're doing all right compared to last year; the economy is getting better.'

— Cosmo Rizzo
Mail Boxes Etc.

About "60 percent" of the mail boxes rented in Rizzo's store are used by firms needing a local mailing address.

"We're doing all right compared to last year; the economy is getting better," he said. "But I'm not one who believes in statistics. I think people have a better attitude about the future" although the improvement of the economy "is not necessarily true."

The breakdown of standard operating procedures in any environment signals the emergence of new codes of conduct among those who wish to survive. As a change of diet is required for the recovering carling patient, so must a business pay heed to its customers, who often grow selective when the salad days are interrupted.

Cosmo Rizzo said his store and its half-year of co-owning the Mail Boxes Etc. in Springfield has kept him practical.

One trend signaling the rebounding economy, that Rizzo said he has noticed, is the growth of previously nonexistent businesses operated out of homes.

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Beth Israel dedicates new outpatient building

Described as a "blessing" by community leaders, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center has dedicated its new three-level outpatient building at 156 176 Lyons Ave.

The building was designed by Nalaback and Kaplan of Morristown and constructed by Century 21 Construction in Clinton. It houses a full complement of outpatient services in more than 60,000 square feet.

Some of the services offered include Beth Prime Care, The Valerie Fund Children's Center, the Center for Geriatric Health Care, pediatric clinics, the Women's Health Center, and adult medical and surgical clinics, as well as the medical center's Innovative Learning Center.

"This building is truly a blessing for all the residents of Newark," said Newark City Council President Donald Bradley. "The building symbolizes a unique partnership between the medical center and Newark that we want to continue beyond just bricks and mortar."

The building, which took nearly 11 months to construct, is the second of four new buildings being constructed at the medical center that will add approximately 200,000 square feet to the medical center's campus. The final phases of the project are scheduled for completion by 1996.

Services relocated into the new building include:

- Beth Prime Care, opened in 1984 and staffed by full-time internists, pediatricians and nurses, provides comprehensive care to local neighborhood families. Patients are

seen by appointment or walk-in, six days and two evenings per week.

- The Center for Geriatric Health Care, which offers medical care for the elderly, including 24-hour emergency coverage, coordination of services, transportation and home care, if necessary. The assessment team is available for all aspects of medical care, as well as falls, dementia, loss of mobility, incontinence, constipation, depression, weight loss, and medication problems.
- The Innovative Learning Center, designed to accommodate up to 90 children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years, provides a welcome alternative for medical center employees who are also parents. The center consists of seven classrooms, offices and a kitchen, housed within a 7,500 square-foot portion of the Outpatient Department building. Each room is equipped with appropriate educational enrichment and play materials for specific age groups. It also boasts a large outdoor play area with playground equipment and a picnic area so parents can spend their lunch hours visiting with their children.
- The Valerie Fund Children's Center has provided pediatric oncology/hematology services for children with cancer and blood disorders since 1985. Its multi-disciplinary team of specialists support patients and their families, medically, as well as emotionally, an approach that enhances treatment and the prospect for recovery.

Speaking on behalf of himself and Lester Lieberman, the chairman of the board, who

played a key role in the planned development of our current construction projects, we are pleased that our foresight has brought the medical center to such great heights," said Lester M. Lieberman of West Orange, president of the medical center.

"This new outpatient facility is one of the first steps we have made toward health care reform trends that are pushing for more and more people to use less expensive outpatient services rather than utilizing costly inpatient facilities," he added.

"Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is a beacon of health care in this region," said Howard Ehrlich of South Orange, former executive vice president of the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest in Whippany.

"The ties and partnerships that have existed over the years between the community and the medical center continue to grow, and become stronger with each passing day," said Mayor Joseph D'Antonio, who was elected to the borough's top spot in November and sworn in on Jan. 1.

Ground breaking, according to D'Antonio, is a figurative term for change — change in the appearance of the sidewalk, the installation of gas-type lamps in the business district, and perhaps in the hiring of a person who would be responsible for street cleaning or sweeping the sidewalks. This person would be included in the Special Improvement District, a program on which the borough embarked in 1994 to improve the appearance of the downtown business district and to lure business to a town whose property taxes are a burden to many homeowners simply because there are few businesses to shoulder some of the financial load.

"I will give council members an opportunity to discuss what the business district should look like and how to promote our downtown," D'Antonio said. "It will have a new look and it will encompass a partnership between business and the borough in that the businesses will be assessed a percentage to put toward the renovation of the downtown area."

The special assessment provided by the businesses, D'Antonio said, would then be matched by the borough through the State of Assets Account, which currently holds approximately \$16 million and can only be used for capital projects. "No borough taxpayer will be taxed one cent more under this program," D'Antonio said.

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Roselle Park promises action in downtown area

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

For several years, the borough of Roselle Park has been pushing to revitalize its downtown business district, but during those same years, not much has changed along Chestnut Street and Westfield Avenue.

This year, however, the new mayor and his Republican-controlled Borough Council are promising action.

"It's going to happen. Along Chestnut Street and Westfield Avenue, there will be some kind of ground breaking by spring," said Mayor Joseph D'Antonio, who was elected to the borough's top spot in November and sworn in on Jan. 1.

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Advisory Council takes action to help Kenilworth businesses

By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

1994 was a year of planning for the Kenilworth Economic Advisory Council, and 1995 will be the year that the planning reaches fruition.

According to Borough Councilman Michael Tripodi, who created the council last year to improve the business climate in the borough, 1995 will be the year the committee puts its plans in action.

Kenilworth residents can expect to see a business directory of all local businesses and may even be able to enhance their purchasing power through an affinity credit card, something the borough began considering in late 1994 and will be targeting as a project in 1995.

The borough also will be joining the Business Retention and Expansion Program, a state program operated out of the Department of Commerce in which the state and a corporate sponsor hold forums for the businesses in towns to comment on public-private relationships.

Kenilworth recently established a relationship with the Union County Economic Development Corporation in which the UCEDC acts in an advisory capacity to lure new businesses to Kenilworth or enhance existing businesses in the borough.

"The Union County Economic Development Corporation will help try to fill vacant properties," Tripodi said. "They've offered to work with us in entertaining inquiries on these properties."

One such piece of property is the United Parcel Service facility. "We've had a few calls on that," Tripodi said. "Whenever we have a vacant property, we entertain businesses that are interested in moving into Kenilworth."

The UCEDC's role is to establish loan programs for new businesses that want to relocate in Union County. "They're instrumental in acting as a liaison between governing bodies and business people. They serve in an advisory role to my committee," Tripodi said.

For the Advisory Council to be successful, it had to become established, Tripodi said. That was 1994. In 1995, it is looking to further the planning progress it made during its year of existence. The credit card is one idea that will be pursued by the council. "If we get the credit card program going, we want to use those funds to begin improvements in the downtown district," he said.

Another effort to be pursued by the Borough Council this year, according to Tripodi, is to keep the business vacancy rate down. One of the ways to try to succeed is to present a forum for business owners so they can address their concerns to the governing body.

The Economic Advisory Council also is giving input into the master plan being updated by the borough.

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Tosco's three domestic refineries process an average of 500,000 of oil per day, of approximately 4 percent of daily U.S. oil consumption. A barrel contains 42 gallons. The quality petroleum products made by the refineries are sold to customers throughout the North-east, including the 15 million people living within a 25-mile radius of the refinery. BRC also has an active community outreach program.

The Bayway Refinery operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round, producing and refining oil feedstocks, and then marketing and transporting the finished petroleum products to our customers. This effort requires a dedicated, highly experienced and well-trained workforce.

Oil tankers deliver raw materials to Bayway from overseas and the world. Tankers and ocean-going barges are also loaded with feedstocks or finished products manufactured at the refinery for shipment to other refineries and other bulk customers. In 1994, the company entered into an agreement to charter three modern, double-hulled oil tankers that will be built to Bayway's requirements. The tankers will shuttle between Linden and Port Tupper, Nova Scotia.

The company is providing its employees with skilled manufacturing jobs and good salaries and benefits.

In a where the company stores supplies, the refinery is a complex system of furnaces, tanks, pipes, vessels, instruments, computers and other equipment that heats, cools and catalyzes crude oil and other feedstocks, converting them into gasoline, heating oil, low sulfur and regular diesel fuel, jet fuel, propane, petrochemical feedstocks, and other petroleum products. Process, mechanical and technical employees are responsible for safety and reliably operating, maintaining and upgrading the refinery, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the year.

Bayway is licensed to sell products to wholesalers and distributors in 40 states east of the Rocky Mountains. However, its primary markets are in the Northeast, including New Jersey, New York, Long Island and the Boston area, as well as towns and cities along the Colonial pipeline, which runs from outside Houston, Texas, to Linden.

The employees of Tosco Corporation and its affiliated companies recognize that they must care for one another and for the communities in which they live and work. They do this by operating their refineries and other facilities safely, reliably,

and in an environmentally responsible manner. Furthermore, they recognize that they must contribute to the community as well. "We support these important objectives, each through programs on education and other initiatives and projects, primarily ones that positively impact young people. For example, Tosco Refining Company near San Francisco received the prestigious 'Points of Light' award in 1994 for its 'Education Partnership' that has employees working in schools near BRC's Avon Refinery in Martinez, Calif.

BRC employees are also active in local communities, supporting a number of worthy programs in 1994. One highlight was "adopting" the students of Winfield Scott School 2 in Elizabeth, a project in which 14 Bayway employee volunteers are working with school teachers to present Junior Achievement's "Elementary School Program" during the current school year. Every one of the 407 students attending Winfield Scott will participate in the program, which emphasizes personal and social values by building an awareness in the children of mathematics, science and communication.

In association with the Union County prosecutor, Bayway co-sponsored the "Run for the Children" in Warhance Park, which saw several hundred people come out to walk or jog through the park. Proceeds went to fund a center for abused children that the prosecutor's staff is developing in Elizabeth.

Bayway also sponsors the annual dinner of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, which operates a shelter in Elizabeth. In a separate project, BRC and Exxon Chemical Company employees joined together to sponsor their sixth annual "November for the Needy" drive, in which they distribute new and second-hand clothes, food and toys at the Linden-Roxelle Community Center, St. Joseph's in Elizabeth, and two local day care centers.

In 1994, Bayway completed installing a new air conditioning system for the Linden High School auditorium. In addition, the company purchased 10 new seats for the hall, which was rededicated on Jan. 18, 1995.

Beginning this summer, the auditorium will be used for plays and other cultural events. The company also contributed to other programs in local schools, including drug and alcohol-free graduation parties for

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students attending Linden and Elizabeth high schools.

Through these and other community initiatives, the employees of Tosco's Bayway Refining Company are showing their support for Linden and Union County. Additionally, the company is providing its employees with skilled manufacturing jobs and good salaries and benefits.

Henderson is member of 'Jersey Girls' team

Wendy Henderson, a former student and now teacher at All That Dance in Elizabeth, recently became a member of the 1995 NBA New Jersey Nets "Jersey Girls" dance team.

Henderson, 34, is 5'6" tall and weighs 110 pounds. She is 21 members to be chosen at the Meadowlands. She is a former All That Dance dancer and has performed on the East Coast and in Las Vegas, winning several state and national championships.

"She was asked to perform with the 1994-95 All That Dance dancers in several cities throughout Italy this summer. She is currently in the East Coast and in Las Vegas, winning several state and national championships."

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Bell Atlantic positioned to deliver promise of new technologies

When Bell Atlantic Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Raymond Smith began 1994 by assuring customers that "we'd no longer be just your father's telephone company," he changed the way the nation's telecommunications services are provided.

In 1994, Bell Atlantic customers saw their local telephone company "take" important steps to advance communications technology. Bell Atlantic led the way to ensure that the telephone became more than a "device" for "spit," reliable voice connections.

Millions in the Bell Atlantic region now reach the many thousands of databases and "business" opportunities of the Internet with a simple phone call. For others, the telephone line provides movies and videos on demand right at home. The year 1994 saw the telephone become the local point for the development of new technologies which will allow subscribers to command television to provide interactive entertainment, shopping, and banking, to summon doctors and call a child's teacher.

"Indeed, 1994 was a year of changes and breakthrough challenges and victories that signaled only the beginning of our commitment to bring the information superhighway to homes, businesses and schools in 1995," Smith said.

Key ventures and alliances paved the way for the future. Following the end of merger talks with TCI in February, Smith told the National Association of Broadcasters that "the growth of the information superhighway showed from 150 to 140 miles per hour," but that "no one is going to stop this race." Bell Atlantic pressed on with a flexible, aggressive strategy for entering the video business, both as a distributor and as a program provider.

Bell Atlantic produces programming. In March, the company announced the construction of a multi-million dollar Digital Production Center in Reston, Va., a warehouse for storing and packing movies, television programs, documentaries and other video information. The facility, which opens during the summer, is the hub for the creation of programming that will be assembled and sold by Bell Atlantic Video Services.

Bell Atlantic launched a full service network. As Bell Atlantic laid the foundation for becoming a programmer on the information superhighway, it also announced an ambitious plan to build the very system to deliver programming and on-demand services into the home, office and school. In May, Bell Atlantic unveiled its full service network to be constructed initially in six locations throughout the region: northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Washington D.C., and the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

The announcement detailed a "just in time" deployment strategy which would employ one of three technologies in the most efficient and cost-efficient way possible: Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Lines to deliver video over conventional copper telephone lines in the Washington, D.C. area; Hybrid Fiber Coax to deliver video over a combination of fiber optic and coaxial lines; and Switched-Digital Fiber-in-the-Curb to be used in parts of northern New Jersey. Applications for "residential" permits were filed in June and are under review at the Federal Communications Commission.

Bell Atlantic video first commercial roll-out of video dialtone.

In July, the FCC acted decisively and gave Bell Atlantic the green light to construct a switched digital fiber-to-the-curb video system in Dover Township. This system is the first of its kind to be offered commercially anywhere. It will be open to all programmers who wish to apply for sufficient capacity to carry programming from multiple providers and will accommodate new offerings in the future.

As Bell Atlantic made big gains in its efforts to deploy video dialtone systems, it made significant strides in bringing 21st century wireless technology to its customers. On June 30, Bell Atlantic and NYNEX Corp. combined their cellular services, properties in focus on the deployment of "anytime, anywhere" communications across a broad market area. The alliance extended the companies' reach from Maine to South Carolina and parts of the Southwest. At the time, the new partners announced they would develop an aggressive strategy going into the specimen auctions for Personal

Communications Services. Less than four months later, Bell Atlantic and NYNEX made good on that pledge and signed a definitive agreement with Es West and Airtouch to "roll" licenses in the PCS auctions.

Bell Atlantic argues, equal competition. In 1994, Bell Atlantic President James G. Cullen helped lead the charge on Capitol Hill to open telecommunications markets to competition by stressing that the best solution for customers, for businesses and for the nation is a simple solution: Let all competitors enter each other's markets at the same time, under the same terms and conditions. "To do anything less than opening markets at the same time will virtually preordain the winners and losers in this competitive industry," Cullen told the Senate Commerce Committee in May. "To do anything less will limit choices for customers," he added.

The withdrawal of S-1822, The Communications Act of 1994, in September was a "deep disappointment" to Bell Atlantic, but Cullen noted that "we are dedicated to bringing the information superhighway to our customers in 1995, and will work to ensure that new legislation contains equitable rules of the road."

New competitors are for Bell Atlantic business customers.

MCI Metro — Just four days into the new year, solid new competitors came on strong, swelling aggressive plans aimed at luring Bell Atlantic customers away while thwarting efforts to enter the long distance and cable television businesses. MCI was among the first with its announcement of the creation of MCI Metro, a satellite plan to bring

local telephone service to several major cities. MCI also detailed plans to provide local service in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Competitive Access Providers and Cable — In April, the Maryland Public Service Commission gave MFS InterNet the green light to provide local telephone service to business customers. Later, MCI Metro and Teleport, doing business as TCG America, were granted permission to compete under the same ground rules as MFS. Cable companies continued to position themselves as potential competitors throughout the Bell Atlantic Region.

The continued growth of competition on all fronts prompted Bell Atlantic's announcement of new strategic initiatives in August. These initiatives support the company's plans to bring new technologies to customers where and when they want them, and to reduce costs. In the third quarter of 1994, the company recorded after-tax charges of approximately \$2.3 billion, related to the discontinuance for financial reporting purposes of regulated accounting and the valuation of telephone plant, and a \$100 million charge related to a workforce reduction of 5,600 network employees during a three-year period. Bell Atlantic also recorded a \$35 million to \$45 million charge related to the exiting of certain non-strategic investments. "These initiatives are major steps in an aggressive, multi-year campaign to respond to competition in our traditional markets and to enter new high-growth markets to enhance shareholder value," said Chairman Smith.

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TDI launches new child abuse ad campaign

TDI launched recently a public service poster campaign — "Recognize Child Abuse" — which will appear on the exterior of 3,000 municipal buses in the United States and for the first time in the United Kingdom.

Larry Rivers, renowned for his unconventional, figurative paintings, developed the king size poster which spells out the theme "Recognize Child Abuse." The poster features a panorama of colorful illustrations depicting, among other things, serious faces, children's crayon drawings and the physical relationships between adults and children. This poster is the first that Rivers has created for a social awareness poster campaign.

"Recognize Child Abuse" will run for the next three months in the State of New Jersey and 40 major cities including New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, San Francisco, Chicago, Phoenix, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. This year, as a result of TDI's acquisition of the London Transport Advertising, LTA, the public service campaign will also run on London's double-decker buses. TDI has donated \$3.5 million in advertising space for the campaign and paid all production costs.

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Rivers was born in the Bronx in 1925. He began painting in 1945 and enrolled in Hans Hofmann's school of painting in 1947. In 1949, he held his first solo exhibition at the Jane Street Gallery in New York. Since 1951, when Rivers received a bachelor of arts degree in art education from New York University, he has been awarded honorary degrees from several other institutions.

In October 1992, Harper Collins of New York published Rivers' autobiography "What Did I Do?" He is also the subject of several scholarly monographs and videos, and doctoral dissertations in progress. He is represented in The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Modern Art, The Whitney Museum, all in New York; The Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.; The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; Art Institute in Chicago; Dallas Museum of Fine Arts and The Tate Gallery of London and many other private and public collections.

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Music Preparatory Division. Scholarship winners will be invited to a one-semester enrollment in the Prep Division's Basic Musician Program, which includes theory, ensembles and private lessons.

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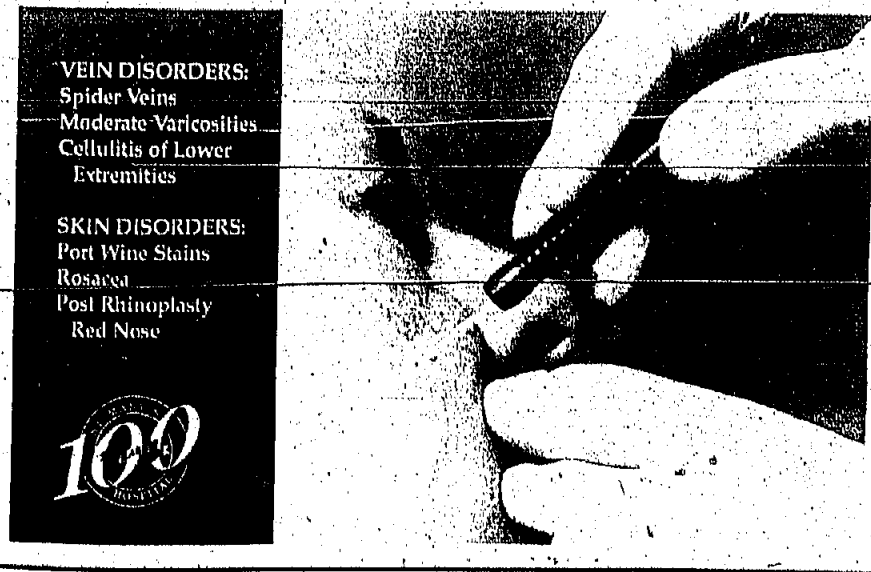
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From The Editor's Notebook
By Tom Canavan
Editor in Chief

Boy, did I learn a lesson in Catholic school.
As a student in the first grade, I was doing something my first grade man obviously thought was foolish and she told me to walk in the girls' line on our way back to the classroom from the bathroom. In the first grade, that's probably the worst thing anyone could ever do to a boy.
Walking single file, I was between someone like Rosemary and Christine, while my friend Ed, walking between Jim and Steve of course, pointed his finger at me while that self-righteous attitude that only 6-year-olds possess.
Mortified, I realized that I was wearing the sixth-grade classroom. In that room was my sister Karen, and I prayed that the classroom door would be closed and she wouldn't see the humiliation on my face. I could see it now: "Mom, Tommy was put in the girls' line today at school."
Thankfully, the door was closed and I only suffered humiliation from my classmates. I remember being told to my chair in greater instances as a first-grader — I guess because I was a little restless — and watched as the rest of the class paraded to the lavatory while I swore I would break out of my bondage. I remember waving a piece of construction paper in the air in kindergarten and having to lay my head on the desk until I was ready to be a part of the class.
In fourth grade, on our way from the Irvington library back to school, again I was doing something which the teacher obviously thought was disruptive and was forced to clean spitballs off the ceiling of her classroom after school. Some years, I thought the classroom was my classroom because of the amount of time I spent there in my post-school days.

I'm reminded of my grammar school days at St. Leo School in Irvington because this week is Catholic Schools Week. Of course I'm going to remember the trauma I suffered, but I wouldn't be remiss in mentioning the fine education I received from the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the order from which the nuns came.
My Catholic school education taught me a great deal. It disciplined me to respect my elders and authority, prepared me well for high school and college, and inspired in me a very important lesson — "I love for a fellow human being. I wouldn't trade those years for anything.
Well, I have to get back to work now. The ceiling needs cleaning. I have to empty the garbage pails and the outdoors in the chest could use some defrosting.

GOP claims savings with merger, Dems cry politics

By Chris Gatto
Regional Editor
Board of Chosen Freeholders last week rejected claims by Democrats that Union County's proposed consolidation of the county clerk and register's offices is for political reasons.
"DiGiovanni on Tuesday accused County Register of Deeds Joseph Rajoppi of 'blowing this up,' and ignoring the fact that such a move has been under consideration by the Republican-controlled freeholder board for two years."
Freeholder Elmer Ertl, a Democrat, was not so easily convinced the proposal is being considered solely to benefit taxpayers. Ertl said he believed the \$120,000 savings projected by DiGiovanni has less to do with the consolidation plan than does politics.
"I think it's strictly a political thing. I would wager that if there was a Republican in that position at this time this wouldn't have even been thought of," said Ertl.
Republicans plans were derailed about the time former GOP Freeholder Paul O'Keefe was appointed to the deputy county clerk's position. Democrats allege the GOP intends to promote O'Keefe to the clerk's post prior to the expiration of County Clerk Walter Halpin's term. There has been increasing speculation that Halpin, a Democrat, will not seek reelection when his term expires.
Rajoppi, who may consider a run for county clerk next year, could be placed in the position of having to run as a challenger while holding no office if the register's post is eliminated. O'Keefe, meanwhile, could be lifted to incumbent status if appointed Halpin's replacement.
"She's the one that's blowing this up and making it into a political game, and it really isn't," said DiGiovanni of Rajoppi's claims. "Right from day one, when the Republicans took over that board, we have implemented many, many changes including combining of offices."
After hearing of Republicans plans, Rajoppi last week announced she would be conducting a feasibility study into the possibility of consolidating her office, which maintains a staff of 26, and the 10-member clerk's office. The number of clerk's office employees was reduced when the state took over the county's court system.
Ertl, who had not heard of Rajoppi's plan for the study, did not wish to comment about it at this time. DiGiovanni, though, is not sure a study is needed.

The freeholder chairwoman said that when Darlene Leary, a Republican, ran against Rajoppi in 1993, her platform was to eliminate the register's office. "It has been on the table for two years. It is not a constitutional office. It's an office that was formulated by referendum, and now that we have the courts being taken over by the state, we're looking to be as fiscally responsible as we can. So that is the reason why that has come up again," she said.
DiGiovanni said the board has set no timeframe for acting to consolidate the two offices, and noted that she has asked county counsel to review the matter. It is possible nothing can be done until Rajoppi's term has expired, according to DiGiovanni.
Ertl said he does not believe Democrats have given the consolidation plan "any real thought" thus far, but he is opposed to the idea because he believes politics are the motivating factor.
Rajoppi had questioned what effect the merger would have upon record-keeping procedures in the register's office. Joining the register in her concern about the efficiency of the office was Ertl.
"I don't think they should do it because of the amount of work and the quantity and the quality of the work that's going out of the register's office now. I think you shouldn't try to combine that with somebody else's position, try to save a few bucks, destroy everything you've had and do it really because of politics."
DiGiovanni said that even with the merger the office will continue to "do what it's doing. The only difference will be, it will run less costly."
Aside from the elimination of the register's and deputy register's posts, DiGiovanni noted that a savings would also result from a reduction in pension costs.
"We're just not talking about \$110,000 here. We're talking about pension. We're talking about everything that goes with it," said the chairwoman in estimating the county's projected annual savings. "I bet you it's probably close to \$200,000 by the time we're done."
Ertl was not convinced of the figures' authenticity. "I don't think the amount can be that high. I think what she's looking at is eliminating the register's job and the deputy register, and adding those two salaries together, and saying, 'I'm coming up with that magic number.' And I don't know that that's all valid," he said.
"While Republicans are talking about a possible savings on one end, Ertl noted that earlier this month the board agreed to pay its newly hired deputy county clerk, Paul O'Keefe, at the middle range of the county's salary guide.
Ertl said he does not even any "conflict" with O'Keefe being selected, with the sole exception being the amount of his salary, \$56,750 a year. "I just think the salary is too high in light of the fact that Walter Halpin will probably be moving out next year because his term will expire," he said. "I'm quite sure that Paul O'Keefe would be presented to that job and he would get a large salary increase next year which we really couldn't control."
The freeholder did not dispute the need for a replacement for John Bitanin, who resigned last year to become deputy clerk to the Superior Court, because the position is required under the county constitution.
DiGiovanni said O'Keefe's salary was determined through negotiations. "There were negotiations and that's what came out of it. We did take into account that he was a previous freeholder, that he was a longtime Union County resident of which was involved in many, many aspects of government and we felt that his experience was not the same as somebody that was coming in green," she said.

Sewerage 'mucky-muck' put on defensive by board

By Michael Ketchum
Staff Writer
Joint Meeting Executive Director Michael Brinker is learning a hard lesson: When you're surrounded by muck, you better watch your step.
Controversy again engulfed Brinker's job status during Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties Jan. 19 board meeting. Members heard a committee report on the "mucky-mucky" sewerage authority's operations, changes concerning Brinker's accessibility and contacts, then Brinker's response to several concerns surrounding Joint Meeting's operation.
The board's Dec. 18 meeting had produced a committee comprised of West Orange, Union, Hillsdale, Newark and Millburn representatives charged to examine Joint Meeting's operations and management. The committee was appointed after Brinker and former board Chairman Robert Granshaw voiced concerns over whether Brinker's post had been targeted for a political purge appointment.
Committee member Joel Weingarten of Millburn told the board a Jan. 11 meeting in West Orange produced several concerns, but said the committee would need more time to determine whether these issues fell under Brinker's purview or the board's. Weingarten said the committee would examine how Brinker followed board recommendations, and added "the committee had sent Brinker a request for more information. Weingarten stressed Brinker will have the opportunity to answer any questions concerning Joint Meeting procedures before that action is taken."
"We want to do this on the basis of merit and of fact rather than speculation," Weingarten said. "Moving today would not be in the best interest of the body."
Weingarten said the committee's concerns which included over-budgeting, projected operating costs, high balance figures in maintenance,

accounts and "unexplained income" and a loan from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.
Maplewood representative Jerry Ryan cited the budget as an example of an issue that falls under the board's purview, since members approve all budgets, Brinker presents.
"These are the board's problem, not the problem of the executive director," he said.
But Newark board member Milbert Crump said she sees all the issues. "Strictly fact, one to the other," Crump charged Brinker fails to "freely share information and be available for discussion." She said when some members pose a question or request to Brinker, "we are made to feel we have no right to ask a certain question."
Union representative Jerome Pettit first successfully criticized Brinker's wisdom and purity to Solomon and Ivory soap, respectively, then said Joint Meeting's operations have been distorted from public scrutiny for too long. Responses to refute Brinker

winners investigations "error or politics," he said.
Joint Meeting Pettit said, "this has been a closed shop in the past — there's no question about that."
Hillsdale representative Ann Lord said the board failed to question Brinker's performance, members would be neglecting their responsibility.
"I would be in default of the confidence I receive from my taxpayers," Lord said.
She labeled the numbers of political municipalities as "amazing" and said, "I have no ulterior motive, no hidden agenda."
The board Lord said, is supposed to serve as a watchdog over Brinker's actions. "In essence, we are his boss," she said. "As a boss you have a right to ask questions."
Summit representative Edward Oblet blasted the stances Crump, Pettit and Lord took as "incomprehensible." He said Brinker's job status has fallen victim to "blatant" political maneuvering.
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Concern over authority's future voiced

By Michael Ketchum
Staff Writer
Essex and Union county residents voiced confusion and anger Jan. 12 over the uncertainty surrounding Joint Meeting's executive director.
West Orange resident Peter Longo said Joint Meeting's operation "reminds me of a beautiful bottle of wine," and told board members that dropping Brinker would be akin to "changing a bottle's midstream." Longo charged the board's true motivation lies behind rumors which dangle former Essex County Executive Donald Diase in Brinker's place, not curiosity over Joint Meeting's management.
"It's not, that's politics," he said.
Two other West Orange residents, Alice and Bill Sylvestri, told board members to look at Joint Meeting's rates and listen to resident wishes if they need directions dispelling Brinker's fate.
Alice Sylvestri scrutinized some comments East Orange representative Dorothy Williams had made earlier in the meeting. Williams said she was "fed up" with pressures exerted by the "other side" to influence her vote, and said the comments she made to the Worrall Newspapers clarified her position. Williams told the newspaper group she is "unofficially happy" with Brinker's performance and stressed she had no desire to make a change.
"I think I've been very clear with this board and this director," Williams said. "I'm intelligent enough to make a decision. Everything can't be political. Sometimes you have to use common sense."
Alice Sylvestri said she hoped Williams held her stance and followed resident bidding instead of politicians' overtures.
"It's the people's money we're talking about, not a certain way, that is, 'what the people's process is about,'" she said. Alice Sylvestri then asked one of Brinker's main antagonists, Union representative Jerome Pettit, "What do you know about sewers, Mr. Pettit?"
Ertl failed to offer any knowledge on how to run a sewerage authority, and Williams was unable to answer Alice Sylvestri's comments because she had to leave the meeting early.
If the board replaces Brinker with Diase, Alice Sylvestri warned, "we can expect to be paying more taxes because that is the way Mr. Diase operates."
Bill Sylvestri said the board "would be ill-advised to make a change in mid-stream." Municipalities outside Joint Meeting's realm, he said, are sullied with a high user charge while Joint Meeting members enjoy one of the lowest rates in New Jersey.
"These things do happen because of good management," Bill Sylvestri said. "Make sure that what you're doing is in the best interests of what you represent."
Maplewood resident Bill French said Brinker has served his "constituency" — residents from Joint Meeting's 61 member municipalities — by generating refunds to the municipalities and keeping fees low.
"But too many of you people have returned money to your taxpayers," French said.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A former teacher is now an artist

By Heri Smith, Lifestyle Editor
Kathy Allison Blok of Elizabeth, known professionally as Kat Block, once a school teacher, began her art career "pretty laid in life."

of arts degree in English literature/creative writing.
"I had been teaching religious school in the area," Blok recalled, "and when my son, Jonah, was a year and a half, I didn't find children's art interesting, so I decided to take art classes at Summit Art Center, which is now the NJCA. Actually, I always enjoyed art, but I had never studied it."



Artist Kathy Allison Blok, known as Kat Block, shows her art work at her home in Elizabeth.

Ballet's concert is due Feb. 18 on Wilkins stage

New Jersey Ballet's first concert of the year will include two events.
When the company returns to the Wilkins Theater at Kean College of New Jersey in Union, Feb. 18 and 19, the program will feature the world premiere of a new pas de deux, "The Swan Lake Suite," by the late, great choreographer, George Balanchine.

Workshop series set on Saturdays

A "Costume and Textile Workshop: Preservation, Conservation and Exhibition" will be the first workshop in a Saturday Series for Success, sponsored by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.
The series will offer realistic assistance to nonprofit organizations, as well as individual performing artists.

Local youths named for a premiere show

Mario Lombardo's "Sonata for Violin and Orchestra" will make its premiere presentation by the New Jersey Youth Symphony and will be performed by the youth orchestra on Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Crest Avenue Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth.
The concert will be conducted by George Mariner Mall, music director and conductor of the youth orchestra.

Clint Holmes commended for participation in show

Frederick Linda-Lee, freeholder liaison to the Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board, presented Clint Holmes with a resolution thanking him for his exceptional donation of time and talent to the second annual Union County Festival of the Arts held Dec. 11 at the Union County Arts Center, Rahway.
The evening's entertainment "which encourages the public to celebrate artists and arts activities," was sponsored by Merck & Co. Inc. It was supported by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State.

Student photographers have exhibit in Summit

Seventeen Summit High School student photographers are currently exhibiting their work through Jan. 31 in "A Festival of Nature" exhibit at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit.
Among those who showed their nature studies and images of flora, fauna and animals were: Kelly, Liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said, "Clint is not only a local 'who's who' in the arts, but also a very generous individual who also attended the performance that evening."

Surrealists combine art work in display

Four New Jersey artists have combined their work in a group show at the Watching Arts Center during February.
The common thread is that "they all consider approaching their subjects in a manner not unlike the special effects of video and Hollywood films," it was reported.
The exhibit will run through Feb. 28. The show will feature the work of Joanne Cecchi, Jay M. Hoffman, Peter S. Jacobs and Peter Whyte.

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Show-Off opens in Elizabeth

The Show-Off by George Kelly will open Jan. 27 at the Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 East Jersey St., Elizabeth.
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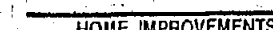
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1/4 Tsp Black Pepper
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Flatten breast. Combine breasts with pesto, tomatoes, thyme and pepper. Divide cheese into 4 portions. Roll each portion into a cylinder. Place cheese cylinder on chicken breast and roll breasts. Heat oil 2 tbsp and saute chicken until brown on both sides. Bake them in the oven until done at 350°.
Pour skillet with drippings from chicken pour wine 1/2 cup and 1/2 cup of chicken broth, salt and pepper. Reduce to 1/2 cup add 2 tbsp butter. Strain sauce. Slice the chicken breast, place sauce on a plate. Fan chicken over sauce.
Instructions for preparing this recipe will go by our Chef this coming Monday at 3 p.m.

DINING OUT
By Lisa Ann Battista
Mention Polish food to most people and they think of kielbasa and pierogies. Kasia Polish Kitchen, 112 S. Wood Ave., Linden, features these staples as well as other delights that will tempt any palate and satisfy even the heartiest of eaters.
During a recent visit to Kasia, my friend and I began our meal with two of Kasia's homemade soups. I was not sure what the Polish potato soup was, but was swimming with goodness and had a warm kick. My friend was equally happy with her cornmeal rice soup, which had a hint of sweetness. These soups began our journey through the world of Polish cuisine, a trip we had never taken before.
We were served a variety of dishes by the restaurant's waitress, Kasia. She started us off with an assortment of pierogies—cheese, potato and cheese, meat, and meat and sausage. I was in for a treat as the fried pierogies were so good, we couldn't decide which of the quartet we enjoyed the most.
Next we had potato pancakes, which were served to us in the traditional way with a side of applesauce. As with everything we were served, these tasty appetizers were a meal in themselves and we had to control ourselves so we would be able to continue sampling new items.
Kasia then brought up stuffed cabbage, which has no resemblance to the dish we had been served elsewhere. The vegetable was sliced paper thin and filled with a yummy mixture of meat and rice. The roll was then covered with a tasty sauce. De-lish!
We also had special of the day, a stuffed pork loin, which was accompanied by baby carrots and potatoes. We both agreed that it enlarges the limits of the media in which they work. The non-profit Watching Arts Center also presents a full calendar of concerts and theatrical events. Many choose to join as members, receiving a monthly newsletter and discounts on tickets to the center's events.
The Watching Arts Center serves three surrounding counties from its location on the Watching Circle.

DINING REVIEW
KASIA
Tempt any palate and satisfy even the heartiest of eaters.
Agnieszka, Magda and Kasia are ready to serve you authentic Polish homemade food. Kasia Polish Kitchen is located at 3 South Wood Ave., Linden.
It also made note of the decor of Kasia's. It was warm and inviting—just like the food! Kasia Polish Kitchen is open seven days a week. Lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and dinner is served 4:30-9:30 p.m. Lunch pieces range from \$2.99 for an American cheese omelet to \$7.99 for a breaded veal cutlet. Dinner entree prices range from \$4.15 for fried Polish sausage—which comes with a choice of vegetable—to \$8.49 for pot roast beef à la binda. All food is available for take-out and catering is available. Patrons are invited to bring their own wine and beer. Phone 474-0518.
This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

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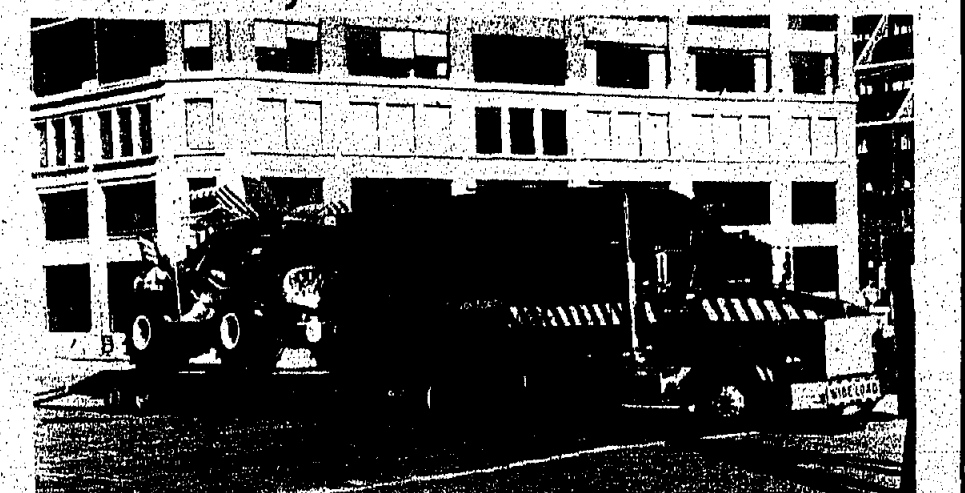
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Midstate Bank, N.A.	800-274-0763	380 8.88 3.00	9.27 0.62 3.00	8.25 5.88 3.00 6.63 A
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