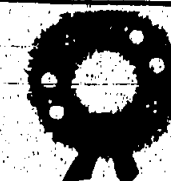


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Merry  
Christmas



**Having a ball**  
Children's Specialized Hospital  
raises funds and the roof with  
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## Community Update

### Sports trips

The Springfield Recreation Department presents trips to the Meadowlands arena in East Rutherford to see the New Jersey Devils and the New Jersey Nets.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Devils will face the New York Islanders. This trip costs \$37.50. At 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, the Nets will meet the Los Angeles Lakers. This trip costs \$33 per person.

Both trips will leave the Sarah Bailey Civic Center at 6 p.m. and return at approximately 11 p.m. For more information or to obtain a registration form, contact the Springfield Recreation Department at 913-2226.

### Volunteers needed

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization providing food, shelter and veterinary care for many homeless cats and dogs, will be gift-wrapping books at the Barnes & Noble on Route 22 West until Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day.

Barnes & Noble provides all of the supplies and People for Animals receives all of the donations. All donations are designated for the People for Animals pet rescue and adoption program.

For more information, call 654-7618.

### Apple Pie Opera

Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School will present an opera designed and produced by its seventh-grade students on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 12 at 1 p.m.

All aspects of this production, themed "Be careful what you wish for, it might come true," including the roles of makeup artists, writers, set designers, carpenters, electricians, costume designers, production manager, and public relations, are being handled by the students under faculty supervision.

For more information, contact Gaudineer School at 376-1025, Ext. 235.

### Coats for Kids

GT Distinctive Printing of Springfield has joined MIX 105.1 WMMV by becoming a designated drop-off location for their Coats for Kids Campaign. Area residents may stop by to leave new or like-new child-size coats through today.

"Many of us here at GT Distinctive Printing have children of our own and feel as though if we could get our customers as well as the community involved, we could help a lot of children stay warm this winter," stated Terry Taylor, co-owner.

GT Distinctive Printing helps to collect 100 children's coats for MIX 105 and the Coats for Kids campaign. Anyone who has a child-size coat that they would like to donate should stop by GT Distinctive Printing at 36 Commerce St. or call 467-1800 for directions.

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## Class-y computers



Walton School kindergartners work busily at the computer center. Each classroom in the Early Childhood Center recently received a new Macintosh computer, and every kindergarten room has a center like this one equipped with two or three computers.

## Probe says captain made racist remark

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

An internal investigation in the Police Department has concluded that Capt. Vernon Pedersen made a racist statement within earshot of several policemen.

Spurred by a May 26 memorandum from Patrolman Walter Brooks, Jr. to April 24 Township Committee meeting, the investigation found that Pedersen, in telling Lt. Andrew Calabrese of a recent trip to Ireland, said the best part of his vacation "was that there were no niggers, spics or Jews."

According to Brooks, an informal complaint to other officers about the comment provoked disciplinary action against him for insubordination. Verbalizing Detective Judd Lewenson of the incident in 1993, Brooks said he asked that no report be made. Lewenson told Capt. James Hietala about it, but no formal complaint was lodged and no written document was prepared or submitted to anyone.

When the issue became public in April of this year, Brooks claims that Calabrese, by an act of retribution, took away his paid vacation day and deprived the five-year veteran of one year's seniority, citing the offense as being a total of 138 minutes late to work over the days of Dec. 27, 1994 and Jan. 14.

Brooks appealed this action at an April 24 Township Committee meeting, but lost. The first police officer in Springfield to lose pay and seniority for being late, Brooks' chances for promotion and salary have been affected by his loss of seniority.

Brooks intends to file a lawsuit against the police department, as was previously speculated. He pointed out that he had been waiting for the investigation to end before deciding to begin legal proceedings.

Township Attorney Bruce Dergen declined to comment on these proceedings, stating that this was an "internal investigation and litigation" and neither he nor any members of the Township Committee could say anything about it.

## Teen Center gets lift from scout

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

Township youngsters will have a new outback on their leisure time at the Teen Center, thanks to local Boy Scout Chris Behar.

Some of the renovating efforts were supervised by township resident Sanford Drucks, a painter by trade and a former scoutmaster. Much of the painting, overseen by Drucks, was done by the older boys and adults.

"Chris really deserves credit for what he's done," commended Township Committee member JoAnn Hopkins, who was present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 12. "He really pulled the community together on this and made it better for the kids."

Mayor Maeda Forman, commenting on Behar's efforts, said his feat "is one little step toward making the best use of Chisholm School."

The future of Chisholm School will be addressed by the Township Committee in 1996. More than \$2 million had been raised by bond issuance for renovations in 1994. Deputy Mayor Huff State said during the community's Dec. 11 meeting that he is working on a plan to move Springfield's senior citizens' facilities from Sarah Bailey Center to the school.

## State says costs per student in high schools are down

By Kathryn Fitzgerald  
Managing Editor

The costs of educating secondary school students are down from last year, according to the annual report cards given to the Union County Regional High School District and released to the public by Superintendent Donald Merschblich.

The School Report Cards outline many of the past academic year's statistics, including the drop not only in the cost per pupil, but also in expenditures.

Noting the regional district has been vigorously pursuing a campaign of cost containment, the report cards for Jonathan Dayton, Governor Livingston and Arthur L. Johnson regional high schools note that this year's audited figures for budget expended are down \$5,283,935 and cost per pupil has been reduced by \$2,457.69.

The cost of educating a high school student in the regional district is tallied at \$14,800.70, an audited figure rather than a budget statement of state figures listing possible expenditures.

Regional district teacher salaries for the 1995-1996 academic year rose one percent, matching the state average of 53 percent, while the budget for administrator salaries and benefits decreased to 11 percent, mirroring the actions of the state average.

The report added that administrative personnel in the district decreased to 20.6 percent and the ratio of instructional staff per administrator increased during the 1994-1995 school year to 11.41 while the number of high school students per administrator loomed in the mid 200s in each high school.

Classes in GLHS and Dayton held 9.1 students for each teacher during 1994-1995, while Johnson students numbered 9.2 for each faculty member.

The average class size for 1994-1995 has been determined to have included 18.5 students for Johnson, 18.9 for Dayton and 20.4 for GLHS.

According to data included in the report cards, local taxes within the regional district were 11 percent higher than the state average, while state taxes were 24 percent lower.

Expenditures in classroom salaries

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## Healthy lessons



St. James School kindergartners learn about health-care procedures on a trip to Overlook Hospital to participate in a hospital awareness program. They participated in hands-on training, including taking blood pressure and listening to a heart beat. They also viewed a film about Benji the Bear's visit to the hospital.

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## Library offers art, puppet show 'Alone' together

"Shadow and Memento," a photography exhibit by Nancy Orr of Gilette, will be held at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through Jan. 4.

"Oil teaches at national photography workshops each year. She has been affiliated with the Ansel Adams Workshop in California and also on the faculty of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, the Summit Area Community Schools and the Westing Adult School.

The photographs in this exhibit are from a portfolio called "Shadows and Memento." The images shown were created during a period of five years in what is now a ghost town in Bodie, Ca.

The collection features portraits of artists and architecture which in turn represent a portrait of a group of people during the Gold Rush era. Orr said, "Like some of the early adventures, I also made quite a discovery. The reward for a photographer, though, was not gold, but has been increased a bounty of photographs while completing this portfolio," Connecticut puppeteer Robert Rogers will bring Aesop's Fables to life on Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. The puppet performance, geared for ages four to adult, will be dramatized with humor and music. Five of the more than 100 ancient fables will be included, including two of the best known stories, "The Tortoise and the Hare" and "The Grasshopper and the Ant." Admission is free but registration is required. Call the Children's Department at the library at (201) 376-4930 for more information.

## New Sunday hours

The members of the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the opening of the library on Sundays on a trial basis beginning Jan. 21.

The library and the Donald B. Palmer Museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. If deemed unsuccessful or too costly, the service may be withdrawn during the trial period. Library staff will keep statistics of circulation of library materials, number of persons using the library and on Sundays. The Board of Trustees will examine the data and determine if it is feasible to continue the service.

## Holiday hours

The library will operate on reduced hours on Saturday and Dec. 30, open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and will be closed Monday and Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's days, respectively.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located at 66 Mountain Ave. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

## JCP&L seeks rate hikes

Jersey Central Power & Light Company made requests this week for changes in two separate rate categories in Union County, New Jersey.

In a filing with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, JCP&L asked for an increase in annual overall revenues of \$37.7 million in the fossilized energy adjustment clause component of rates, which includes the demand side factor. The company also asked for a decrease in base rate of \$3.2 million.

The change account for an increase in annual overall revenues of \$34.5 million.

If approved as requested, the rate application represents a 1.9 percent increase in customer costs and would become effective March 1. The company's LEAC is adjusted annually to provide for changes in the cost of fuel and energy purchased and demand side management programs. The LEAC is a pass-along charge on which the company does not profit.

"The small increase we have requested is largely the result of several issues, which not only have kept this increase to a minimum, but in fact will save our customers millions of dollars in future energy adjustment costs," said Michael Morrell, JCP&L vice president of regulatory and public affairs.

## Doing lunch

The Union County Regional High School District offers low-cost lunches to its students and provides free lunches to children from households of gross incomes at or below federally established standards. Applications for both the reduced price and the free lunch programs have been mailed to the parents of all of the high school students and additional forms are available at each of the three high schools.

These applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. For more information about these programs, contact Director of Special Services John Christiano at 376-6300, Ext. 280.

## Postal Service promises Christmas day delivery

"If you are not able to mail your holiday gifts early enough, do not despair," said Postmaster William G. Daniels. "Express Mail Service from your local office will save the day."

"It guarantees your presents to be delivered overnight anywhere on the domestic Express Mail network, including weekends and holidays. Remember to use complete and proper addressing. It helps the mailman at the destination delivery post office," he added. "So if you want to sleep sound to see that extra special gift, it's okay. Our Express Mail Service is available 365 days a year and we deliver on Christmas Day."

The Postal Service provides packaging boxes, cardboard envelopes and pre-printed Express Mail labels. The 2-pound pack is made of tear-resistant material and accommodates most letters and small packages. The overnight letter is ideal for heavier items and can be used for shipments up to five pounds. The rates are only \$10.75 up to eight ounces, \$15 up to two pounds.

"Consult your local post office for rates exceeding two pounds and up to the 70-pound limit."

## Preschool workshops teach about holidays

Congregation Beth Hatikvah will continue the preschool program it initiated last year with a series of holiday workshops.

Programs will be available for children aged three and up who have not yet entered kindergarten. Through stories, crafts, and special foods and activities, each workshop will help children understand and enjoy a different holiday.

Workshops in the series will teach preschoolers about the history and customs of Purim, March 2, and Passover, March 23.

Preschool holiday workshops are available to members of the public as well as congregation members.

All sessions will be held at Beth Hatikvah's facilities in the Friends Meeting House, 158 Southern Blvd., in Chatham.

In addition to programs for preschoolers, the temple offers weekly religious instruction for children from kindergarten-age through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

For more information concerning holiday workshops or religious school, call religious school committee members Jill Mervos of Berkeley Heights at 664-1078, Jean Brody of Morrisville at (201) 984-6664, or Debbie Kalfowitz of New Providence at 665-0765.

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## Local student becomes Distinguished Scholar

Brooks Spilling of Mountaintop is among five members of the senior class at Kent Place School named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars.

The other Kent Place students named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars are: Jenna Avidz, Washington, Katherine Barrett of Boonton, Sarah Gorman of Madison and Anne Keenan of Verona.

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars are those students who placed in the top 10 percent of their classes and have a minimum Scholastic Assessment Test score of 1,260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class at the end of the junior year.

Approximately 3,000 Distinguished Scholars received award letters of \$1,000 without regard to financial need. For these scholars, the average SAT verbal score is 664 and the average SAT math score is 683.

In addition, Meredith Zeitlin of South Orange has been named a Garden State Scholar. Garden State Scholars rank in the top 20 percent of their class and achieve a minimum combined SAT score of 1,000 at the end of their junior year. Garden State Scholars are offered an award of \$500 without regard to financial need.

Beginning its second century as a leader in women's education, Kent Place School is New Jersey's largest nonsectarian, college preparatory school for girls.

## Delbarton releases Headmaster's List

The following local students have been named to the Delbarton School's Headmaster's List for the fall term:

- Mountainide: Highest Honors - Benjamin Wei, 12th grade; High Honors - Kenneth Fisher, 11th grade; Patrick D. Collins, 9th grade.
- Springfield: Highest Honors - Dennis Turper, 9th grade; High Honors - Tamas Hartzakis, 11th grade.

## Jonathon Dayton names honor roll students

The Guidance Office of Jonathon Dayton Regional High School in Springfield has named the members of the Honor Roll for the first marking period, spanning between Sept. 6 and Nov. 13.

Freshmen: Mona Ahmed, Robyn

## student update

Bloustein, Michael Brown, Lauren Brownstein, Lucia Carbajal, Lia Cherfas, Christopher Cheung, Vincent Duda, Jessica Eger, Laurie Frischbaum, Debbie Gill, Elizabeth Gurlov, Vyacheslav Khroshevskiy, Jennifer Liante, Nathaniel Meador, Donna Mirghangary, Miharu Morimoto, Nadi Paffion, Chelsea Page, Edward Pastor, Rafael Polinski, Jonica Raj, Jessika Ravitz, Scott Sarub, Jennifer Sarracino, Maria Stravo, Jane Weiss, Steven Weiss, Russell Werner.

Sophomores: Nicole Bettow, Daniel Brede, Katherine Cullerton, Joann Cypcar, Daryl Daniels, Leah Demberger, Maria Falgoutas, Eric Fishman, Joseph Gouletta, Cassandra Holt, Robert Jones, Barry Kaverick, Nanci Kloud, Christopher Loeffler, Kristin Lofton, Theresa Lyle, Lisa Malina, Katherine Moinster, Joanne Murphy, Tara Neumister, Scott Rosenbaum, Tony Santarella, Ralph Sarracino, Melissa Tratsenberg, Kathryn Torenbasta, Lindsey Tyne, Kathryn Vacula, Roseline Vadekathelak, Andrea Zawerusk.

Juniors: Alberts Argovskii, Lorita Anabara-Bedako, Ann Bantini, Adam Blocker, Marianne Bibbo, Chris Carleolo, Anna Colosimo, Michelle Flesch, Ofer Gill, James B. Gillis, Melporata Janowitz, Christine Johns, Mia Johnson, Julie Kesel, Adam Kornfeld, Adam Michael Kriebel, Mari Luciani, Michelle Lyle, Kabira Max, Robert Milder, Jimmie L. Moskowitz, Jenna Moskorwitz, Sabrina Pacilio, Jill Palala, Diana Panichi, Zuhair Patel, Stephanie Peters, Shannon R. Phillips, Meredith Pisci, Anette Puzynski, Shant Rahman, Shaun Raviv, Scott Reim, Gayle Rozen, Melissa Savin, John Sukurku, Jasjapline Svoigant, Vinay Vaswani, Dawn Woodruff, Jacqueline Zika, Jacquewine Zeiss.

Seniors: Angela Apicella, Janelle Bianchi, Lorraine Braun, Mandi Cohen, Jeffrey Cummings, Christine Cooney, Andrew Dehn, Jessica Delgado, Kaya Denier, Joshua Diamanti, Jessica Esemplare, Robert Fasan, Christopher Philipp, Jamie Friedman, Jonathan Gordon, Jennifer Gurlov, Jessica Johnson, Julia Keller, David Kessler, Adam Kestel, Yevgeny Kolovyanov, Jenine Lahn, Gregory Mars, Giza Orsteinstein, James Park, Joseph Ragsdale, Vincent Salvato, Laura Schuchman, Mairay Schlotman, Joseph Stafford, Robert Stein, Christine Stracey, David Weiss, Lauren Young.

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Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Services

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  - Partial Evening Program (PEP)
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  - Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program
  - 24-Hour Helpline
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  - Family Programs
  - Medical

To find out more about our services or to arrange a confidential consultation, call 201-376-2289.

## Church group launches 'divorce' play contest

The Gumnin Group announces its inaugural one-act play contest. The contest, open to all township residents, has a set of rules:

- Only one 30-minute play, either a comedy or a drama, may be submitted by each individual.
- The actor must take place in one setting, the foyer of divorce court.
- There must be three characters involved in the action.
- Entries must be typed and double-spaced, with the author's name, address and phone number included on a separate side page.
- To be considered, entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 15, 1996. They should be sent to: The Gumnin Group, c/o St. Michael's, 560 Trinity Pl. in Weatfield, NJ 07080. Entries cannot be returned.

Winners will be notified by mail on or before March 15, 1996 and the results will be made public throughout the township. The winning play will be performed by the Gumnin Group's mission is to provide an outlet for playwrights, directors, actors and producers of people of all levels of experience who have always wanted to work in the theater but have been unable to find a venue, or who currently work with other local theater groups but are frustrated by the lack of venues for producing their plays by the local venues.

For more information, contact Sarah Cridley at 654-1054.

## Skier takes first place

Township resident Eileen O'Hara placed first among all of New Jersey's 50-59 year-old females in the public ski racing program, Bowdicer Challenge National Standard Race.

O'Hara was ranked against 115 Ski Team member and 1994 Olympic gold medalist, Tommy Moe, along with 190,000 other recreational skiers who participated in the 1994-95 Bowdicer Ski Series.

State winners are listed on special rankings posters distributed nationwide, and first place state winners receive a Bud All-Star State Leader pin and a subscription to Ski Magazine. Bala Headwater, Dachtstein, Kincaid, Revvo, and Sport Obermeyer are sponsors of the NASTAR program.

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## Union kidney foundation names executive director

Herbert Ross, president of the Union Kidney Foundation, 2970 Vauhall Rd., Union, announced the appointment of Joseph Tenenbaum as executive director of the foundation. Tenenbaum will be seeking donors for those that are in need. He will try to find kidney, heart, bone marrow replacements.

Tenenbaum is a graduate of Union College; he owned Towne Clothes in Linden, a wholesale cleaning business since 1953, and was vice-president of the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Locally, he served as president of Springfield Lodge B'nai B'rith in 1989 and continued in office until this year. He is a member of the Union Democratic Committee. He was recently appointed president of the New Springfield Jewish Community Council which includes the three synagogues and all the Jewish organizations in Springfield.

## people in the news

1975, he founded Menorah Chapel at Millburn.

The increase in organ and tissue donation has a direct impact on the number of life-saving transplant operations. The number of transplant operations in New Jersey grew from a total of 209 in 1993 to 227 in 1994. This includes 159 kidney transplants, 41 liver transplants, 23 heart transplants and four lung transplants.

New Jersey has four state certified transplant centers in which transplant operations take place: Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; University Hospital - UMDNJ, Newark; St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston and Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Camden.

Ross said that education and awareness among the general public and health care professionals is the basis for this steady increase in donations. Also, family communication plays an important role because family consent, not just a signed donor card, is required for the donation process to occur.

## Commission taps judge

Harold A. Ackerman, a United States District Court judge for the District of New Jersey, sitting in Newark, has been asked to serve on the 17-member New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law, a newly formed venture between the New Jersey State Bar Association, the state judiciary and the three New Jersey law schools aimed at improving the quality of lawyers and lawmaking, and restoring public confidence in the bar and in the administration of justice.

Ackerman, a resident of Springfield, was appointed a United States District Court judge in 1980. Prior to joining the federal bench, he served for 25 years as a member of the New Jersey state judiciary. During that time, he served on the County Commission Court, the Union District Court, the Union County Court and the New Jersey Superior Court.

Judge Ackerman has lectured extensively on a variety of legal topics. He is a member of the American Bar Association and a fellow of the New Jersey state judiciary. During that time, he served on the County Commission Court, the Union District Court, the Union County Court and the New Jersey Superior Court.

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### Children's Specialized Hospital displays local artists' work

The work of two local artists will be on display at Children's Specialized Hospital throughout December.

One exhibit, consisting of paintings and drawings, is titled "Life and Art." The artwork was created by borough resident Doris Krueger. Krueger received training at the University of Southern California, California School of Art, Los Angeles; Rider College and the Art Students League, New York City. She is a sculpture-painter whose artwork relates to nature and mankind, nature and floral and figure. She is represented by the Pejanin Gallery of Millburn and is a member of the New Jersey Center of Visual Arts in Summit.

Recent exhibitions of her work include The Palmer Museum, Springfield Watching Art Gallery, Les Malmat Gallery, Union National Council for Jewish Women, West Orange and Haddasah Art Show, Westfield.

Artwork by Sylvia Cloughly, also on display next month, focuses on capturing light shining through transparent and translucent objects, the glitter of wet surfaces in the sun or the appearance of objects beneath the surface of the water in streams and lakes. She works on location and from still-life compositions.

Cloughly received training at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, attending nights while working full time. She then studied painting and sculpture at Columbia University. She has studied oil painting with Albert Bross; sculpture with Professor Salvatore, Adelaide Barkhorn and Ruth Auercher; watercolor with Bill Senior and Betty Street; and attended workshops with Nita Engle and Tom Lynch.

Individuals or groups wishing to visit the display, which is open to the public daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., may enter the hospital's East Wing. For more information, call the hospital's community resource coordinator, Susan Baxter, at 233-3720, Ext. 379.

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Julianne Walsh of Children's Specialized Hospital celebrates at the center's annual Umbrella Ball with Gold D, the pioneer clown.

W.C. Fields, "Mac West" and Groucho Marx were just a few of the "Cochetries" who entertained more than 500 guests at Children's Specialized Hospital's eighth annual Umbrella Ball, held recently at the Westfield Armory. The period actors helped set the mood for the ball's theme, "The Golden Age of the Roaring 20s."

"Thanks to the dedication of many hard-working individuals, the Umbrella Ball raised over \$230,000," said Richard Atfield, president of the hospital. "These funds will help the hospital provide much needed rehabilitative care for children and adolescents."

The armory was transformed into a speakeasy reminiscent of the 1920s with "gangsters" and their "molls" who entertained partygoers by dancing the Charleston. Other symbols of the era included an antique Cadillac.

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# OPINION PAGE

## Getting a message

Finally, the Union County Regional High School District may have gotten the message.

The district and teachers' union reached a contract agreement that calls for, among other things, salary increases of 3.8 percent and 3 percent, respectively, in a two-year contract.

Can we conclude that the two bargaining units finally have heeded the message of the voters when they reached an agreement that calls for less than 4 percent salary increases for the next two years?

While many teachers and professional staff would refuse to acknowledge it, high salary increases, those considered above the rate of inflation, is one of the reasons why citizens in the regional district want the regional high schools to become part of their local school districts.

The regional district has experienced budget deficits for four of the last five years. It's too bad it had to take that long before the two bargaining units got the message that taxpayers cannot keep digging deeper into their pockets to pay for education — and live happily ever after doing so.

The district calls the agreement a "fair compromise" with one of the smallest salary increases in the state. Just as the New Jersey Education Association would target key districts for job action and hope for higher salary increases for its membership, we call upon the NJEA to use the Union County Regional District as an example of how a school district's negotiating team can actually work on behalf of the taxpayers.

## Holiday spirit can't be beat

It never fails. December rolls around and the once-a-year humanitarians hop up on their stumps to proclaim peace on Earth, good will toward men and other things they wouldn't say without at least a quart of spiked eggnog sloshing around in their heads.

How often has this been said? How many Grinches and Scrooges endeavor each year to shake everyone's faith in the goodness of mankind by pointing out the commercialism of the season and human failings in general?

A rousing "Bah, Humbug!" to that. The holidays bring out the best in all people, especially those in local municipalities.

As evidenced in this past year alone, the residents of Springfield and Mountaineers have taken their civic pride in hand and have exemplified generosity and concern for their fellow man through countless efforts. Not only has the community benefited, but each individual who has contributed time and resources has reaped great rewards for their efforts.

Now that the holiday season has arrived, the seasonal decorations display the spirit of love and dedication to community that is present in so many area towns throughout the year.

More than halls are decked in area communities, especially Springfield and Mountaineers, where the holiday spirit is out in full force.

Wreaths and bows adorn the facade of Springfield's Municipal Building, while a large Christmas train and menorah light up the night on the lawn. Mountaineers has lit its giant Christmas tree near Borough Hall to proclaim the town's dedication to "Mountaineer Pride" and announce that the holiday spirit is alive and well in the town.

The downtown areas of both communities are festooned with a multitude of jolly decorations, with new, festively lit snowflake banners on Morris and Mountain avenues in Springfield adding to the merriment.

What makes these decorations all the more special is that they were put together by the community. Donations from individuals, businesses and social and charity organizations have kept these ornaments alive and have allowed another year of glorious holiday decorating — and another year of community pride.

While these public displays are indeed impressive, equally inspiring are many of the local residences also dressed for the holiday season. Like beacons calling out to other communities, these houses announce that the spirit of harmony and giving is living proudly in their town.

We commend those who assisted in making our communities bastions of holiday grace and joy. Your hard work and dedication is well appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very happy and healthy holiday season.

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HEART-SMART — Beth Lindin, center, and Dr. Elliot Stein of CardioRobics display recent awards bestowed upon Springfield Cardio Rehabilitation for its participation in two successful programs, American Heart Walk and The Partners With Heart. Twenty-eight heart patients from CardioRobics participated in the American Heart Walk, raising more than \$1,800. The awards were presented by Bonnie Liebowitz, community services director of the Union County chapter of the American Heart Association.

## Who's responsible for your actions? You!

As I See It  
 By Norman Rauscher

Something sinister is going on and it's not good. It seems we don't want to accept responsibility for our deeds — except if they're good — and we tend to point fingers at others who become the scapegoats for our actions.

As an example of one person who accepted responsibility for his decisions, never pointed fingers and never carried a chip on his shoulder was someone you've never met. He was my grandfather, my mother's father-in-law. Matthew Burns was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1856, one of seven sons, three of whom became Presbyterian ministers.

When my grandfather was 11, he was shipped out in the English Navy as a cabin boy and arrived in New York with the fleet in 1867. The trip was not a good one. Since the British wanted to make amends to the recently ended Civil War, my grandfather arrived in New York being worn on his back all the clothes he had, a Pence in his pocket and a "dear to write" of course, he had the advantage of being able to speak English with a Scottish burr and had the good fortune of being able to read and write. In 1867, New York City was a busy place. There were jobs available and many companies were making money helping the South rebuild after a devastating four-year

war. My grandfather soon learned that he was better off with tools and, after deciding not to return to his ship and to remain in New York, he landed a job with a cabinet-maker where he became an apprentice and was soon on his way to becoming a master cabinet-maker. You must remember he arrived here without any friends, relatives, extra clothes or real money.

He came here to make a life of his own in a strange new country. It was unlike the sweetness of Scotland's shores. He really had no worldly goods. But he did have the desire to make something of himself.

He lived in a back room of his employer and continued to work there for the next 40 years, gaining a reputation for excellent work, responsibility and making money for his boss. In fact, by the turn of the century, my grandfather was earning \$35 per week, an unheard-of sum for those days. But he worked hard for his pay. He worked in the corner saloon. He was the 20th century he had been married for 15 years and sire five children, four

daughters and a son. They were born in 1888, 1890, 1894, 1898 and 1900.

The baby born in 1890 was my mother. She was the first person in the family to graduate from high school. That was in 1908.

It would be the typical American success story. But over those years, I'm sure my grandfather had his ups and downs, their disappointments and frustrations, but they carried on. It seemed they all figured out that whatever happened to them, good or otherwise, was up to them. They never pointed fingers, or refused to accept on his way to becoming a master cabinet-maker. You must remember they never turned their back on someone in need.

With the exception of his wife, Grandma Sarah, who died in 1933, all of their children were still alive and well. He died in 1944 at the age of 84. He didn't die wealthy, but he was able to save enough for him to pay his own way, buy a bottle of Scotch now and then and purchase what else, but Robert Burns cigars, his favorite brand. He never quickly didn't complain, never blamed others or circumstances for his fortunes.

He worked hard, loved his family and lived a full life. He never owned a car, never went back to Scotland, never went to Florida or California nor hung out at the corner saloon. He was a family man and perhaps the most

important lesson he ever taught his family, or one of his grandchildren, was to do the best you can, take responsibility for your actions, don't grovel or try to showboat. He taught us to know ourselves, our limits, and to be thankful for the things we had: health, a home, enough food and clothes to present ourselves in the best way possible.

But the most important lesson he taught us was to be honest, not only with others, but with ourselves; never lie or try to blame others for your own shortcomings and be responsible for your life. What you do with it, is your responsibility.

The little 11-year-old boy who landed in New York in 1867 as a cabin boy did not become the success, as we measure success today, money, power and all the trappings. However, in my mind, he was one of the most successful men I've ever known. He came to grips with the realities of life at an early age; he wasn't even a teen-ager; but he took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and went to work. No one did anything special for him but he lived all of his years honestly. For he was a good and honest man.

Norman Rauscher, a former newspaper publisher in Summit, is an active member of the Summit community.

## The holiday season I became meanest man

Be Our Guest  
 By Richard Line

I'll never forget the holiday season I became, more out of coincidence than choice, the meanest man in the world.

It was right after Thanksgiving that things began to go wrong. My girlfriend, who I planned to propose to on Christmas Eve, decided she would rather walk down the road of life with another guy. He was everything I was not — wealthy, handsome, charming and built like a National Football League linebacker. To complete the break, all my love letters were returned to me postage due.

About a week later I lost my job. I couldn't collect unemployment because I hadn't worked there long enough. Then came more misfortune — I got a jury-duty summons and was "dropped" from the "Pin Dancers," my bowling team.

There it was right smack in the middle of the Christmas season and I found myself with absolutely no cheer.

What good had being a nice guy ever done me? I'd lost my girl and my job. Even the bowling team didn't want me. I began thinking that perhaps I should start playing by a new set of rules.

Therefore, whenever I was out walking and a motorist pulled over to ask the directions, I gladly told them — for a price — \$1 locally, \$2 out of town. For \$3 I'd even draw a map. I got a lot of dirty looks and was called some names that can't be repeated here.

Instead of buying Christmas cards for my friends, I bought some paper and made my own cards, then to save money on postage stamps I dropped my greetings in their mailboxes personally (in an envelope).

When I got mail from charities asking for donations, I got back with the suggestion that they send me money.

Rather than experience any good feelings at the mall, I did my holiday shopping at garage sales and supermarkets. I came away with an impressive collection of gifts: Disney-world action figures, pajamas, pet-says that probably didn't write, 99-cent bottles of perfume and cologne that smelled like Raid. For stocking stuffers I got rubber bands, paper clips and acooms from my backyards.

I was in no mood to go out and buy a Christmas tree or to struggle putting together an artificial one and decorating it with expensive ornaments. I planned to decline all invitations to Christmas parties, but you know what, I never received any. Friends began avoiding me, calling me a snooty and cheap skate.

It was much more than being depressed about what had happened. I felt useless, unable to accomplish anything positive. Life was a never-ending misery of pain and disappointment.

Then, a few days before Christmas that year, I was awakened on a dark, cold morning by the sound of a bird outside my window. It was incessant and annoying and finally I got dressed and stalked out to shut him up.

It was a little pigeon, fluttering in

ternor beneath a bush. Something was wrong with his wing, for though he tried, he couldn't fly away. So, I got an old pair of heavy work gloves and picked him up gently, taking him to my kitchen. Should I call you, I wondered. For a pigeon? No, forget that. It appeared I would have to take care of him myself.

I named him "Jocks" and fed him every day. He was frail and weak, but the will to live in this poor little creature was amazing. And he did live. He grew stronger until I found him one day flapping his wings like an eagle.

As I released him back to nature, I realized I had not healed Jocks as much as I had healed me.

Suddenly it was the holidays and the world was beautiful again! There would be other girlfriends, other jobs and other Christmases to come, but there would never be another time to be a good and loving friend.

And in the Christmases that followed, whether times were good or bad, I strove to be a better person and to give to my friends.

As for Jocks, I miss him and often wonder how he's doing. Every time I see birds winging through the sky I think of my little friend. He was the best Christmas present I ever got.

Richard Line is a resident of Union.

## letter to the editor

Township helps with tree lighting  
 To the Editor:

The Township of Springfield would like to thank all the people involved in bringing together our town in celebrating the holidays this year. Our annual tree lighting ceremony was a complete success for all. Our downtown area has an extra glow this year with lighted snowflake scroll banners across Morris and Mountain avenues.

Our Holiday Fund Drive collected enough money this year to add to our downtown area additional lights and displays. The township would like to thank Ted Lyons, Jr., Carme Verelago, George Rague, Ralph Devino, Glenn Horbar, Jocelyne Olive, Joanne Holmes, Helen Keyworth, Sam Martini, the Road Department, Fire Department, town clerk's office, engineering, and all the employees at town hall.

The township also would like to thank those businesses that have contributed in making this the best holiday season yet.

Again our heart-felt thanks and joyful holiday wishes.

Township of Springfield  
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## Letters and columns

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## Safeguarding seniors intent of state Senate

### Be Our Guest

By Sen. C. Louis Rauscher

In this day and age, seniors increasingly feel squeezed financially. That's why I think it's incumbent upon the Legislature to act where it can to protect the elderly, especially the most needy retired, on critical pocketbook issues.

In the homestretch of the 1994-95 session, the Legislature has addressed a few initiatives that could fill discount prescribers' pockets and make it easier for seniors living on fixed incomes. For example, in late October, the state Senate Human Services Committee convened a hearing on the issue of prescription drug costs. The bill, S-2537, was introduced Nov. 27 by the Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture Committee.

This legislation would provide an important safeguard to seniors, who often are made the primary target for mark-up on phone calls, faxes, mail orders and other deceptive schemes.

Another bill worthy of mention is legislation sponsored by Sen. Rauscher (Seniors and Veterans Affairs), both R-Middlesex, that would create a pilot program in five New Jersey counties, including Essex, consisting of 11-member advisory committees that would develop initiatives to help New Jersey seniors raise grandchild care. A growing problem, the trend of children raised by grandparents has increased 41 percent nationwide since 1980. In New Jersey, 148,000 children are being raised by their grandparents.

C. Louis Rauscher represents the 21st Legislative District in the state Senate.

## OP-ED PAGE

### Mourning the life of a man and of a poet

### Free Form

By Bob Rixon

When a man who is a poet dies, we mourn the man less than the man, for the "poet" title always lives and will always be here. I say this because a fine poet, Ralph Salerno, died a few weeks ago. He lived in New Jersey, had a family and many friends. He was not an old man.

He introduced himself to me a decade ago after one of my independent poetry readings. He spent a few minutes discussing my poems with uncanny accuracy, concisely identifying several obscure influences, basic writing method, and how I was experimenting with it. This was far more thoughtful than dropping a few compliments and saying "anyone could do with each other." He burned out his mind on doing the best you can, take my poetry teacher's advice. In a sense, he knew my art better than I did. Many poets tell similar stories about the Salerno. He was always open to people who did the best you can, take my poetry teacher's advice. In a sense, he knew my art better than I did.

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Joe earned his living by technical writing, but he was a poet by vocation, an ancient calling in every language. The public aspect of the art requires not only that one make poems, but that one also be a "poet," which is something more, an attribute of spirit or presence, an authenticity that one grows into over time. Joe Salerno had it.

Poets who have appreciated themselves well to their art and craft learn to make a covenant with past and future. Poets look over their shoulders and know their unworthiness to carry on the lineage of Homer, Ovid, Li Po, and Shakespeare. But they do try. They look ahead and know that they may not succeed in speaking to poets yet unborn. But they do try. Poets are certain only of the present. In dying, they must commit their poems to the care and long memories of other poets, who constitute the clan to which all poets belong. Whatever world Joe has gone to — in the poet's imagination they are always words of eternally interesting conversation — the poets in his clan claim him now. This is how it should be. He will always be a poet.

When we see a daredevil in his clinging spring — a spring that Joe will not do — he will already have shown it to us in his own words: "In the poverty of a single word, the solitude of a thousand minutes."

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway.

Joe Salerno was one of the finest, and nicest, poets around. At his best he was incomparable. Recently, it seemed as if his reputation was at last rising, deservedly so.

Joe earned his living by technical writing, but he was a poet by vocation, an ancient calling in every language. The public aspect of the art requires not only that one make poems, but that one also be a "poet," which is something more, an attribute of spirit or presence, an authenticity that one grows into over time. Joe Salerno had it.

Poets who have appreciated themselves well to their art and craft learn to make a covenant with past and future. Poets look over their shoulders and know their unworthiness to carry on the lineage of Homer, Ovid, Li Po, and Shakespeare. But they do try. They look ahead and know that they may not succeed in speaking to poets yet unborn. But they do try. Poets are certain only of the present. In dying, they must commit their poems to the care and long memories of other poets, who constitute the clan to which all poets belong. Whatever world Joe has gone to — in the poet's imagination they are always words of eternally interesting conversation — the poets in his clan claim him now. This is how it should be. He will always be a poet.

When we see a daredevil in his clinging spring — a spring that Joe will not do — he will already have shown it to us in his own words: "In the poverty of a single word, the solitude of a thousand minutes."

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### Correction policy

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## March of Dimes provides holiday health tips for parents-to-be

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As many people prepare to gather with friends and family to celebrate the holiday season, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is offering parents-to-be some healthy tips about preparing for a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.

Anyone who is preparing to have a baby, or is pregnant, should stop drinking alcohol. There is now known "safe" level of alcohol use during pregnancy. Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can lead to a baby born with fetal alcohol syndrome, or FAS. The effects of drinking during pregnancy can last a lifetime in a child.

Fetal alcohol syndrome is characterized by a variety of physical and behavioral traits that result from consuming alcohol during pregnancy. Each year in the United States, very conservative estimates indicate that more than 50,000 babies are born with some degree of alcohol-related disorders. FAS is the leading known preventable cause of mental retardation.

The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's message to mothers-to-be is simple: Don't Drink during pregnancy!

According to some recent findings from the National Maternal and Infant Health Survey — a mail survey conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics with 9,953 female respondents — 45 percent of respondents reported drinking alcohol during the three months before they learned of their pregnancy and 21 percent reported drinking alcohol after they learned of their pregnancy. And, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Birth Defects Monitoring Program, the rate of reported cases of FAS identified among newborns in the United States in 1993 was more than six times as high as the rate in 1979.

White, non-Hispanic women had the highest rates of prenatal drinking of the ethnic groups surveyed. Women in the highest educational category — 16-plus years of education — were more likely than women in other educational groups to drink during pregnancy.

Through its national "Think Ahead!" pre-pregnancy planning campaign, the March of Dimes is encouraging women and their partners who are preparing to have a baby to follow these basic steps for preparing for a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby:

- See a health care provider before you become pregnant;
- Stop drinking alcohol, smoking and taking nonprescription drugs;
- Eat a balanced diet, and
- Consume at least 0.4 milligrams of the B vitamin folic acid daily.

These are no cure or treatment for fetal alcohol syndrome, so it's critical that women of childbearing age (and their partners) stop consuming alcohol if they are thinking of having a baby. FAS-affected babies are often born with skull and facial abnormalities, slowness of stature and mental retardation.

To request a free "Think Ahead!" pre-pregnancy planning packet or for more information on preparing for pregnancy, drinking during pregnancy or fetal alcohol syndrome, call the March of Dimes North Jersey Chapter at (201) 882-0700.

Something to sell? Telephone 1-800-564-8911.

## Pump prices for holiday drop in '95

As motorists begin to fill up at the pump this holiday season, they'll be happy to find that fuel prices have dropped five cents. Unfortunately, they'll lose that jolly feeling once it's time to travel to their holiday destinations.

AAA estimates 37 million Americans will travel 100 miles or more during the holiday period, up 3 percent from 1994. Approximately 29 million people are expected to travel by airplane, train or bus, a 4 percent increase from last Christmas.

Although holiday travelers in Essex, Morris and Union counties will find gasoline prices have remained the same since Thanksgiving, the average fuel price has dropped five cents per gallon since Christmas 1994, according to the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

A recent survey of AAA-affiliated service stations in Essex, Morris and Union counties by the Florham Park-based club records the following per-gallon gasoline prices for the Christmas holiday weekend: regular unleaded, \$1.07; mid-grade unleaded, \$1.21; premium unleaded, \$1.29; and diesel, \$1.22. Stations surveyed are not currently offering leaded gasoline.

New Jersey's average fuel price is \$1.19 per gallon, 14 cents less per gallon than average national full-service prices. Per gallon gasoline prices in New Jersey average as follows: regular unleaded, \$1.06; mid-grade unleaded, \$1.22; and premium unleaded, \$1.28.

Nationally, fuel prices for full-service gasoline average \$1.44 per gallon and \$1.21 per gallon for self-service gasoline. The Mid-Atlantic region — Washington, D.C., Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia — averages \$1.49 per gallon for full-service gasoline. Residents of the Western region — Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming — are paying the highest full-service fuel price at \$1.69 per gallon.

Approximately 20 percent of the service facilities surveyed in the local area will be open 24 hours during the holiday period, while 76 percent plan to remain open into the early evening hours.

A 1994-95 fuel price comparison for Essex, Morris, and Union counties by fuel grade are as follows: regular unleaded for Christmas 1995, \$1.07; Thanksgiving 1995, \$1.07; Christmas 1994, \$1.12; D11 for Thanksgiving/Christmas, \$0.00-\$0.05; mid-grade unleaded, \$1.21, \$1.22, \$1.27, \$0.11/0.05; and premium unleaded, \$1.29, \$1.29, \$1.33, \$0.00/0.04. Average prices for those categories are as follows: \$1.19, \$1.19, \$1.24, \$0.00-\$0.05.

## Home Share helps seniors caught in housing dilemma

Senior citizens with a housing dilemma have a new option that might solve their difficulty. Community Access Unlimited, long a forerunner in providing housing option for people with disabilities, now offers Home Share — a housing option for today.

There are more than 400 Home Share programs in the United States, 11 in New Jersey, and the numbers are growing. It is an arrangement between two or more unrelated people to share a dwelling where the larger owner charges rent or gets help maintaining the home while a person seeking housing shares the home for a monthly charge.

Every case is different but basically any home owner with extra space is eligible. This is particularly attractive to empty-nesters who are having trouble paying their bills but don't want to give up their home. Other possible benefits are for widows and widowers who could share their home and enjoy companionship.

For more information on this program call Sophia Smith at Community Access, (908) 354-3040.

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### obituaries

#### Charles B. Barris

Charles B. Barris, 66, of New Brunswick, died Dec. 11 in St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick.  
Born in the Bronx, Mr. Barris lived in Queens, N.Y., before moving to New Brunswick. He was an attorney with Hoechst-Celanese, Summit, before retiring in 1989. Mr. Barris was a member of the New York and Washington, D.C., bar associations and the Train Collectors Association.  
Surviving are his wife, Rosemary; two sons, Timothy and William; two daughters, Virginia Collins, Suzanne Bottrill and Kathleen; a brother, John, a sister, Mildred Casey, and three grandchildren.

#### Brayton L. Smith Jr.

Brayton L. Smith Jr., 75, a lifelong resident of Summit, was a wife of an executive with Junior Achievement, died Dec. 14 in East Orange Veterans Medical Center.  
Mr. Smith worked for 34 years for Junior Achievement of Essex County and retired as executive vice president in 1983. He was a former president and member of the Summit Board of Health. Mr. Smith served as a staff sergeant with the 370th fighter combat group in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

#### Ernest C. Biglow Jr.

Ernest C. Biglow Jr., 72, of Summit, a marketing executive director, died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Bronxville, N.Y., Mr. Biglow lived in Summit for 28 years. He was the executive director with National Accounts Marketing Association in New York City for 10 years and retired in 1992. Earlier, Mr. Biglow was a national accounts manager for Union Carbide in Danbury, Conn., for 30 years. He was a 1930 graduate of Cornell University, where he received a degree in chemical engineering.  
Mr. Biglow served in the Army.

#### Helen M. Stickle

Helen M. Stickle, 75 of Union, died Dec. 13 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Newark, Mrs. Stickle lived in Union for 48 years. She had been president of St. James Church blood bank, Springfield, and was a member of the church's Sewing Guild.  
Surviving are two sons, Norman and Ronald; a daughter, Maryann Awelcz; a sister, Alice Gilbert; and two grandchildren.

#### John Hoskins Jr.

John Hoskins Jr., 62, of Vanuxhull died Dec. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.  
Born in Penns Grove, Mr. Hoskins moved to Vanuxhull 30 years ago. He was head dockery team attendant at Farmount Country Club, Chatham, for 27 years.  
Surviving are his wife, Ella; three sons, Anthony, Harold and Gary; two daughters, Constance and Ellen, and five grandchildren.  
Call that "junk" with a classified ad. Call 1-800-564-8911.

#### Report shows colleges face uncertain funding future

The Institute for Higher Education Policy, a Washington, D.C.-based policy research group, has concluded that New Jersey's student financial aid programs, currently among the best in the nation in keeping in-state college attendance affordable, face an uncertain funding future.  
The conclusions are found in a report released by the New Jersey State College Governing Boards Association, Inc., "Student Aid in New Jersey: A Successful Past, An Uncertain Future."  
The state spends more than \$150 million annually on the programs, which serve well over 600,000 students attending public and private colleges and universities in-state. These programs play a key role in providing access to an affordable college education.  
The institute concludes that given limited revenue growth in future years, the state will be unable to establish financing for the aid programs or risk seeing them weakened to the point where New Jersey's competitiveness is jeopardized.  
The report also underscores the potential for a "structural deficit" in the state's major need-based grants program, Tuition Aid Grants, brought about by the reliance on unassigned grant money from prior years. These programs play a key role in providing access to an affordable college education.  
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#### Survey shows pharmaceuticals doing well

Despite a decidedly more competitive health care marketplace, New Jersey's pharmaceutical manufacturers have managed to sustain and even increase the pace of drug discovery and development.  
Between 1992 and 1994, the state's largest drug firms boosted aggregate in-state research and development investment by more than 31 percent, from \$2.3 billion to more than \$3 billion.  
A just-completed survey of a dozen industry giants, headquartered or with facilities in the Garden State, also shows that, collectively, these firms slashed declining employment while substantially increasing sales of foreign-born health care products and services to their U.S. and overseas customers.  
Nationally, in 1994, drug manufacturers had average increases in prices they charge distributors to about the general rate of inflation, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, in the same year, Rx activity surged 2 percent to 1.7 billion prescriptions, thus adding appreciably to company revenues. For more than a decade, the number of prescriptions dispensed in U.S. drug stores had been locked into about a 1 percent annual growth rate.  
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#### Local scene available on note card

"Snow Sculptures," a color photograph of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, is available on note cards for seasonal greetings.

## Art Center announces winter courses

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts takes the chill off of the winter season with a fascinating schedule of activities to keep the holiday cheer going throughout the winter.  
The center will hold walk-in registration for its winter courses session on Jan. 18 and 19 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The 12-week session begins Jan. 22. Courses and workshops are offered in all media, for adults, teens and children at all levels. Students may come to the center during walk-in registration as much as, or register by mail. Students who register before Jan. 22 receive an "early bird discount" on most classes.  
Tell your own story in words and images with the new "Art of the Journal" class or sculpt a book into a work of art itself in the inventive "Artist's Books" class. Discover a unique style in personalized art projects like "Painting from Within" and "Dynamic Painting from Your Own Vision." Expand creative horizons with the award-winning "Garden Shop Art" class. Learn new artistic media, mark-making techniques. Find out how to get spectacular results through simple means in the new "Extraordinary Beads from Ordinary Materials" class. Learn new expressive tools in a set of informative lectures on the latest techniques and materials in acrylic painting. Or get ready for the next holiday season.

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- The AAA New Jersey Automobile Club recommends taking a few minutes before heading out to complete a "manual walk-through" of your upcoming trip and confirm the following tips for a hassle-free holiday travel experience:  
• Travel with photo identification if all times. Have it handy in case you're asked.  
• Reconfirm your flight directly with the airline 24 to 48 hours prior to departure.  
• Public transportation or arrange to have someone drive you to the airport to avoid holiday traffic and parking delays.  
• If you must drive, consider off-peak, peak, and toll-free routes. If you're traveling with the airport or a private company.  
• Plan to arrive at the airport at least an hour and a half before departure for domestic flights, at least two hours ahead for international flights.  
• Keep your car's baggage at a minimum. Most airlines allow two carry-on bags, but heavy presence will strain the luggage compartment and the trunk's storage capacity.  
• Buy travel insurance.

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## Special dancers perform at First Night

Watching a principal ballerina dance is so exciting in motion, but what if she danced in a wheelchair?



Infinity Dance Theater is one of the performing groups scheduled for First Night Summit. Shown from left to right are dancers Susan Duncan, Christopher Christensen, and wheelchair dancer, Katy Lum.

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## Resident appointed to state health board

Councilman-at-large-elect Eric Munoz has been appointed to the state Health Planning Board, by state Health Commissioner Len Fisher.  
The program recognizes student achievement based on class standing and performance on the Scholastic Assessment Test.  
Students named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars are: Katherine Blair, Lindsey Corvet, Janet Larsen, Sara Leicht, Daniel Logan, Vincent Martin, Allene Rasmussen, Michael Seibert, Patricia, Claudia Sharik, Hilary Steiner, Kevin Tompsett, and John White.  
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## Seniors chosen Garden State Scholar winners

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religion

Temple to party
Congregation Beth Hatikvah invites the community to attend its second annual Hanukkah party Sunday from 4-7 p.m.

New Year's Eve party
The Sisterhood and Brotherhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., will hold its annual New Year's Eve party Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the temple.

Author visit
The Springfield chapter of Hadassah will host on Dec. 28 at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm.

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Georgia S. Cooke

Georgia Stone Cooke, 74, of Springfield died Dec. 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Uchitel-Feit wed

Suzi Leigh Uchitel, daughter of Sharon and Mikel Uchitel of Springfield, was married Oct. 1 to Scott Michael Feit...

obituaries

Audrey Cooke
Audrey Cooke, 68, of East Orange, who had been employed by Worrall Community Newspapers Inc., for the past 30 years...

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Brandon Eric Levine

A son, Brandon Eric, was born to Lori and Jay Levine of Springfield on Nov. 15 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

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**Perrotta-Ruban wedding planned**  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Perrotta of Mount Laurel announced the engagement of their daughter, Jenice W. Ruban, to Mr. James W. Ruban, son of Mr. Barbara Ruban of Springfield and Mrs. James W. Ruban of Horsefield, Pa. Perrotta, a graduate of Mountain District Regional High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Trenton State College. She is a third-grade teacher in Hillsdale and is pursuing her master's degree in guidance counseling in Keas College. Ruban, also an alumnus of Mountain District Regional High School, was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He is an interior architect employed by Martin M. Feinstein and Associates in Hightstown. A July 1997 wedding is planned.

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**Elderly advocates**  
Adults are needed to become certified volunteer advocates for the elderly, according to an appeal by Sue Rosenkrans, director of the Volunteer Advocacy Program of Senior Services, a nonprofit agency in Orange. Rosenkrans said the volunteers will be certified by the state after completing a free training course. They will then be given assignments in Hudson, Essex, Morris and Union counties as advocates. Some will monitor the treatment of elderly residents in institutions and others will be concerned with the care of older, vulnerable adults living in the community. In their work, the advocates will receive guidance and support from professionals at Senior Services. "Adults over 18 who are Rosenkrans' words, "are looking for important, interesting volunteer work and want to help improve the quality of life for elderly people" should call her at (201) 674-0640. Senior Services is headquartered at 439 Main St., Orange.

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# SPORTS

## Winter season in full gear

### Dayton hoop squads opened against Roselle Catholic

Both Dayton Regional High School basketball teams were defeated last Friday in season-opening Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division action.

The boys' team, now in the hands of first-year coach Bill Berger, received its first win on Christmas Eve. Roselle Catholic outscored Dayton 17-7 in the second quarter, to take a 32-17 halftime lead.

The girls' team, now led by first-year coach Kathy Drummond Holo, outscored Roselle Catholic 35-27 in the second half to force overtime at 54-54.

Dayton was sparked by junior guard Lucy Cucicillo's team-high 22-point effort. Junior forward Mylena Egerberg and senior guard Dawn Woodruff had 11 points each.

Other varsity members include junior forward Michelle Lyke, sophomore forward Theresa Lyke, junior center Christine Johns, junior forward Alisa Bartley and junior forward Amanda Schultz.

**Dayton wrestlers in North Brunswick Tournament Dec. 28**

The following are the winter varsity sports schedules for Dayton Regional High School:

#### Boys' Basketball

Dec. 22 Millburn, 7:00  
Dec. 28, Roselle Park Tournament  
Jan. 4 Hillsdale, 4:00  
Jan. 5 Johnson, 7:00  
Jan. 9 Newark Central, 4:00  
Jan. 12 Roselle, 7:00  
Jan. 16 Immaculate, 7:00  
Jan. 19 Roselle Catholic, 7:00  
Jan. 23 Gov. Livingston, 7:00  
Jan. 26 at Hillsdale, 4:00  
Jan. 30 at Johnson, 4:00  
Feb. 2 at Newark Central, 4:00  
Feb. 6 at Roselle, 4:00  
Feb. 9 Immaculate, 7:00  
Feb. 13 at Ridge, 7:00  
Feb. 23 at Oratory, 7:00  
Feb. 27 Hanover Park, 7:00

#### Girls' Basketball

Dec. 21 at Ridge, 2:30  
Dec. 28, Roselle Park Tournament  
Jan. 4 at Hillsdale, 4:00  
Jan. 5 at Johnson, 7:00  
Jan. 9 at Newark Central, 4:00  
Jan. 12 at Roselle, 4:00  
Jan. 16 Immaculate, 4:00  
Jan. 19 at Roselle Catholic, 7:00  
Jan. 23 at Governor Livingston, 7:00  
Jan. 26 Hillsdale, 7:00  
Jan. 30 Johnson, 4:00  
Feb. 2 Newark Central, 4:00  
Feb. 6 Roselle, 4:00  
Feb. 9 at Immaculate, 7:00

#### Hockey

Dec. 27 East Side, 6:00  
Jan. 3 Bridgewater, 6:00  
Jan. 8 at Tom's River South, 7:45  
Jan. 10 Livingston, 6:00  
Jan. 15 at Cranford, 6:00  
Jan. 17 Rod Bank Catholic, 6:00  
Jan. 22 at Livingston, 6:15  
Jan. 24 River Dell, 6:00  
Jan. 27 at Bridgewater, 8:45  
Jan. 30 at Old Bridge, 4:00  
Jan. 31 West Orange, 6:00  
Feb. 4 at Red Bank Catholic, 5:00  
Feb. 6 Millburn, 3:30  
Feb. 7 Old Bridge, 6:00  
Feb. 13 at East Side, 3:30

#### Wrestling

Dec. 28 North Brunswick Tournament  
Jan. 3 Millburn, 4:00  
Jan. 6 at Johnson, noon  
Jan. 10 Sussex Tech, 7:00  
Jan. 13 North Plainfield, noon  
Jan. 17 New Providence, 7:00  
Jan. 20 Roselle Park, noon  
Jan. 26 at West Orange, 7:00  
Jan. 31 at Gov. Livingston, 7:00  
Feb. 3 at Newark Central/Roselle Catholic, 10:00  
Feb. 7 Board Brook, 7:00  
Feb. 9 UCT at Elizabeth  
Feb. 14 at Verona, 5:00  
Feb. 14 Orange, 7:00

#### Swimming

Dec. 21 at Ridge, 2:30  
Jan. 5 at Union, 3:00  
Jan. 9 Picatway, 3:30  
Jan. 16 Linden, 3:30  
Jan. 23 New Providence (at Drew), 3:00  
Jan. 25 Sayreville, 3:30  
Jan. 27 Conference Championships at Drew  
Feb. 1 at Old Bridge, 3:15  
Feb. 2, 3 UCT  
Feb. 6 Cranford, 3:30  
Feb. 9 at Governor Livingston, 3:30  
Feb. 14 at Roselle Catholic, 3:30

#### Track

Dec. 28 East Stroudsburg, Pa. Relays  
Jan. 5 Girls' County Relays at Elizabeth  
Jan. 8 Boys' County Relays at Elizabeth  
Jan. 13 Princeton Relays  
Jan. 17 Boys' County Meet at Elizabeth  
Jan. 20 State Relays at Princeton  
Jan. 21 State Relays at Princeton  
Jan. 24 Girls' County Meet at Elizabeth  
Feb. 4 State Meet at Princeton  
Feb. 8 Conference Meet at Elizabeth  
Feb. 18 Meet of Champions

#### Girls' Basketball

Dec. 27, 28 New Providence Tournament  
Jan. 4 Newark Central, 4:00  
Jan. 5 at Roselle Catholic, 4:00  
Jan. 9 at Johnson, 7:00  
Jan. 10 Oak Knoll, 4:00  
Jan. 12 at Immaculate, 7:00  
Jan. 16 Hillsdale, 4:00  
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Unified Child Relays: Rudy Poma-Dalton, Nyquist Shaw, Willie Pano, Tyrone Crawford

Roselle Park: Tim Eager, Anthony Fenelli, Todd Kraft, Joe Riccio, Frank Ciochi, Kevin Vargas

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Gov. Livingston: Andy Mattie, Kyle West, Mike Trombetta, John Ferguson

Hillsdale: Jamal Williams, Damon Robertson, Alex Ballard, Arthur Ciochi

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From The Editor's Notebook

By Tom Chavvan, Editor in Chief

During the last several months, I've written about our information by telephone system, called InfoSource, which is designed to give readers up-to-the-minute information about a variety of topics.

The first new feature, which parents of school children should appreciate, is our hotline that announces school closings. How many have parents awakened early and turned on the local radio station to learn if their school district is closed because of inclement weather...

Instead of tuning in to the local radio station, parents now can call our InfoSource hotline, (908) 686-9808, and enter the selection number for their respective school district. Ten of the 12 towns we cover in our Union County newspapers already have signed on for the feature.

This column is appearing in all 12 papers, so parents should turn to the front page of the newspaper and look for the graphic in the news briefs section for the selection number.

Think about it: Instead of waiting to hear the broadcaster announce the school district on the radio, parents can get the information in seconds simply by dialing our number. And it's free if within the local calling area.

Going to the movies? Why not call our InfoSource hotline to find out what's playing at local theaters? That's the second feature we recently added.

On Page B9 in this section, look for our movie theater listings. Theater listings that have signed on to this feature are the Cineplex Odeon in Cranford, Linden Playplex Cinema, New Park Cinema in Roselle Park, Cineplex Odeon Union Theater, Lee Theatre Show in Union, General Cinema Blue Star in Westfield. Each theater comes with a selection number, which, when entered, will provide theaters with the times the movies begin. There's also a selection to hear current movie reviews. Again, the call is free if within the local calling area.

We're in the midst of the holiday season, and I'd like to wish all our readers the happiest of holiday seasons. Our readers' input, as well as our advertisers' support, throughout the year is one of the reasons why our company has grown as much as it has during the past year. If it weren't for all of you, we couldn't have provided you with all the local news you look forward to each week.

I've got a great many plans in the Editorial Department for 1996, and I'm counting on that reader support as we enter a new year, my fifth in Union County. Thanks.

Hi, hi, hi



Everyone's favorite old elf, Santa Claus, greets a hangar full of children last week at Newark International Airport after landing in a Continental Airlines jet. Santa later joined the more than 4,000 disabled children who showed up for the annual Christmas celebration 'Operation Santa' sponsored by the airline.

Photo by Barbara Kalkbrenner

Authority complies; notes exceptions

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor
The Union County Resource Recovery Facility experienced a pair of incidents where emission permit levels were exceeded during the past year, but met all other environmental permit requirements.

Throughout the year, Ogden Martin Systems, the facility operator, performs continuous emissions monitoring which is sent via computer to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, the UCRA also routinely conducts independent emissions tests.

During the Dec. 7 meeting, the UCRA announced that through November, the RRF had exceeded 44,944 tons of waste and generated 245 million kilowatt-hours of electricity. It recovered and recycled 11,660 tons of ferrous metal.

Program at center to deal with rape

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor
The Union County Department of Human Services' Rape Crisis Center has created a program to deal with the very real problem of acquaintance rape.

The Acquaintance Rape Curriculum: A Course to Promote Better Gender Relations is designed to assist educators, principals and superintendents of schools from throughout Union County as well as elected officials.

The curriculum was written by Jennifer Pruden, administrator for the Union County Rape Crisis Center, and Joyce A. Kukulio, a counselor and educator at the Rape Crisis Center, a program in the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Planning.

Megan's Law notice experiences change

By Chris Gatto, Regional Editor
Police and prosecutor's office personnel in Union County have begun the process of notifying community groups and certain neighborhoods about registered sex offenders living and working in their midst.

Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neasey announced that 16 individuals moving into Union County will be notified of the statutory notice requirements under the package of New Jersey sex offender statutes known as "Megan's Law."

When police officials recently distributed the notices, the officers used a letter-sized flyer containing the name, address, offense and release date of the sex offender along with a mugshot and a description of the car used by the person.

Assistant Prosecutor Robert P. O'Leary said the information cannot be posted on public bulletin boards, telephone poles or given to the press as had been done in the past.

The idea is to give notice to the immediate neighborhood, O'Leary said, pointing out that those who recently got the notice from police cannot disclose it beyond their immediate neighbors.

Most recently community groups and residents within the affected area got the notices through door-to-door distribution by patrol officers and schools receiving the information from the prosecutor's office distributed there to the student body or directly to the parents by each school principal.

Another little-known requirement in the notice provisions allows the flyers, which include information about the sex offender's employment, to be left in secured mailboxes. Personal contact cannot be made through door.

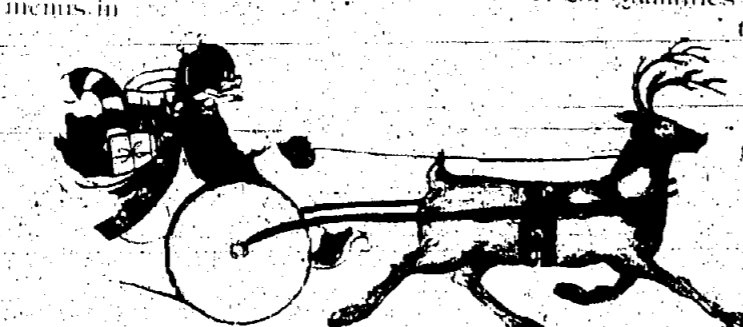
Investigations Supervisor Richard P. Ruchter, who has been overseeing the county's compliance with Megan's Law directives issued by the state, said the county's 21 police chiefs, county police officers and staff of Sheriff Ralph Irschick have been "extremely diligent" when it comes to compliance.

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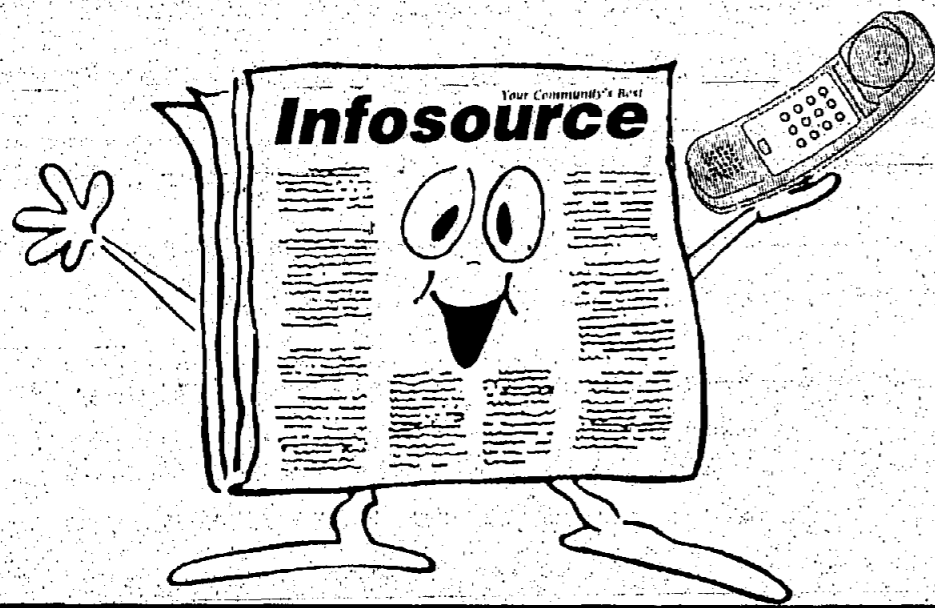
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## County travel partnership keeps eye on storm

Could Union County's early snowfalls and bitter temperatures be an omen for what's to come? Will it be another winter like the one two years ago? While it's too early to tell, the Union County Travel Advisory Partnership isn't taking any chances. "We're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," said Ben Laganga, coordinator for the Union County Office of Emergency Management, which established the partnership last year. Recently, the travel advisory partners — American Red Cross, AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, The Salvation Army, New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey State Police, Union County Fireholders and County Manager, public works departments, and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services — reviewed "how we'll notify motorists and the general public in the event of a severe winter storm or other emergency," he said. "The partnership's purpose is to make real time traffic advisory information available to motorists via the local media and other sources."

The partnership uses a four-phase system in response to winter weather events and other emergencies including floods, hurricanes, chemical spills and fires. "During each phase, OEM gathers information from its partners and monitors its impact on local roadways." "For example, Phase I represents an alert situation. An incident such as a winter storm with no real expected accumulation has been identified. We'll maintain normal staffing levels at our command center in Westfield and continue to monitor the situation with our partners," he explained. During Phase II, said Laganga, the incident is likely to impact the county with minor disruption of services and travel, while a Phase III event will probably result in significant delays and disruption. If the incident has or will impact the county with definite disruption of services and travel, and pose an imminent threat to life and property, it will be upgraded to Phase IV. In the event of a severe winter storm or other emergency, individuals who reside and work in Union County are asked to tune to the following radio and cable television stations for UCTAP updates: WERA 1590-AM, WJDM 1538-AM, Comcast Cable Channels Cablevision and TKR Cable of Elizabeth.

## COUNTY NEWS

## Program offered to educate youth about acquaintance rape

(Continued from Page B1) clear," Kelly noted, "that some of the beliefs held by these 'significant others' were responsible for their blaming the victim and minimizing the crime. Public education is vital so that we understand this 'unspoken crime' and the contributing factors which led up to it." Union County Manager Ann Baran said seminars were presented at 22 schools in Union County, including middle and high schools, as well as colleges to address the subject of acquaintance rape. As a result of these seminars, it was determined that more information was necessary regarding the subject, according to Baran. Baran said the curriculum was designed to address some of the contributing factors to acquaintance rape including peer pressure, the media, stereotypes, sexual pressure, and drug and alcohol use.

## Think before contributing to weather traffic mess

Imagine what would happen if it were snowing and every major corporation in Union County sent its employees home at the same time. Preventing this from happening is one of the reasons we formed the Union County Travel Advisory Partnership," said Ben Laganga, coordinator of the Union County Office of Emergency Management. In the event of severe winter weather or other emergency, UCTAP, which is based at OEM's command center in Westfield, will provide traffic advisory information to motorists and business owners via the local media and other sources. UCTAP offers these winter storm tips for businesses when deciding whether to close due to bad weather: • Establish a telecommanding program for those employees who could not be present on the day of the storm. • Hold conferences calls early in the morning to decide whether to close or delay opening. • Advise employees by 5 a.m. regarding your company's opening status. This is important for those employees who have lengthy commutes. When listening for traffic advisory information in a variety of ways: radio announcements, computer voice mail or call-in telephone number with an announcement, employee calling chains. • Do not let all employees go to work on the day of the storm. • When releasing employees early, consider the following: • Do not let all employees go to work. Stagger their release to keep roads from becoming jammed.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Paper Mill's new 'Nutcracker' delights and dazzles



The Nutcracker and the Mouse King fight in a duel during the New Jersey Ballet's production of 'Nutcracker'.

With 'Nutcracker' comes a new Clara

When the New Jersey Ballet celebrated the 25th anniversary of its production of the 'Nutcracker' at the Paper Mill Playhouse last week, the production had featured five new Claras sharing the role that 42 young students have danced before.

And more often seen in solo roles and variations in the company's extensive repertoire. A number of former Claras are still students at New Jersey Ballet School, including Erin Bay, Jenni DiLorenzo, Davena Gross, Tiffany Stalter and Kathryn Theryoung.

Theater View

By Bob Smith Staff Writer
Gennadi Savoliev as the Nutcracker Prince, Lori Semler as the Porcelain Doll and one of the Flowers, Elie Lazan as the Soldier Doll, and Paul McRae as the Arabian Dancer.

Westfield Players holds membership drive

The membership drive for the 1995 holiday season at Westfield Community Players is underway, announced Membership Director, Leni Hulsak.

DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Union County Y to host concert

The second Russian concert in a three-part series will be held Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. at the YMC-YWCA of Union County.



PRaise for a poet — Award-winning poet Anthony P. Longo of Union County recently was honored by the National Library of Poetry Anthology in Owings Mills, Md. for his poem 'The House on the Hill.'

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Dining Review December 21, 1995

By Douglas Miller
As we all know, there is no one way to eat Italian food. There is the food from the southern half, better known as that of the Sicilian variety, and there is the equally tasty selection that hails from northern Italy.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bible offers settings for dramatizations

Storyteller and actor Max McLean returns to Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey during the holiday season to present his stagings of biblical stories from Genesis and the Gospel of St. Mark.

Billed as the "Creation and Redemption Series," McLean alternates the stories in a program running through Jan. 14.

McLean has presented stories from the Bible at universities, places of worship and theatres, including the Stratford Festival Theatre in Ontario. Genesis was presented last year at Playwrights Theatre to capacity audiences and acclaim by the press.

The stories include those about Abraham, Isaac, Noah and the flood, and about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

McLean said he feels his job as storyteller is to take this familiar material and "go beyond what we know, beyond the words, and get inside the story and live in it." Unlike film and television productions, where images are created for us, the storyteller involves the listener who must participate in bringing the stories to life.

Genesis will be performed Fridays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; Mark's Gospel, on Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. There will be no performances between Christmas and New Year's Day. Tickets are available for \$15 each, or for \$27 for both presentations, and may be ordered by calling the theatre box office at (201) 514-1940.

Named a Distinguished Arts Organization for a second time by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Playwrights Theatre is the only professional theatre in the state dedicated solely to the development of new plays.

Funding for Playwrights Theatre is provided in part by the Geraldine K. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, AT&T, the Shubert Foundation, and the Dramatists Guild Fund.

King's speeches provide ideas for performance



Actor Max McLean performs in two presentations based on collections of stories from the Bible. The shows run through Jan. 14 at Playwrights Theatre, located at 33 Green Village Rd. in Madison. Tickets are available for \$15 each, or for \$27 for both presentations, and may be ordered by calling the theatre box office at (201) 514-1940.

King's speeches provide ideas for performance

A presentation of Martin Luther King's speeches and writings, accompanied by music, will take place at Kean College's Wilkins Theatre on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The event will celebrate the birth of the civil rights leader, who was slain in 1968. The program, "Words of Elegant Wisdom: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," is a collaboration of creatives Clint Holmes and his wife, Brenda, a former television producer who created and directed it.

The program "will highlight the inspiring message of harmony espoused by Dr. King, focusing as well on the values shared by the African-American and Jewish communities," said the Rev. Leamon Hines of the NAACP of Elizabeth on behalf of himself and Jack Weinstanber of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey.

The event is co-chaired by the African-American/Jewish Relations Committee, a co-sponsor of the event. Other co-sponsors are Kean College, the Union County Human Relations Commission, and the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

During the program, Hines and his wife will perform dramatic readings of King's speeches and writings, interspersed with freedom songs popularized during the civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s.

Hines, a Summit resident, has had a busy, headline career in nightclubs in the United States and Europe, and has been a television, radio and recording artist. The program is also supported by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the Union County Prosecutor's Office. For additional information, call 258-2283.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Crossroads to tour with 'Sheila's Day'

The Crossroads Theatre Company production of the play 'Sheila's Day' continues through Dec. 31 after ending its run at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington.

The play, which was written by Dama Ndiow and "Sarafina" creator Mbongeni Ngema, then will move to the New Victory Theatre in New York for a run in 1996.

"Sheila's Day" will be re-staged by Crossroads Associate Artist Kenneth Johnson, based on the original direction by Ngema.

"Sheila's Day," which premiered at Crossroads in 1989 and was taken to the road to Newark, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Toronto and South Africa, is the cultural collaboration of six South African and six American women. "What was important in 1989 is still important today. We must continue to find ways to show that people have more in common than not," Johnson said.

The title refers to the weekly day-off allotted to South African domestic workers, many of whom are women. These women are often called "Sheilas," a generic name given to the workers by employers who refuse to remember or pronounce the women's given names.



REHEARSING HISTORY - Members of the Pushcart Players, an acting troupe, rehearse a scene from "American Sampler," which they will perform at Cranford High School Jan. 20. The show is a musical that traces American history through folk songs. Sponsored by the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, the performance will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$7. Admission to an interactive workshop with the cast, which will follow the show, will cost \$1. Tickets can be purchased from the scout council at 201 Grove St. E. in Westfield. For more information, call 232-3236.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Poco and Special EFX to play Sayreville club

Poco, featuring founding members Rusby Young and Paul Cotton will appear in concert at the Club Bene Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville, on Jan. 12, for one night only. On this evening they will perform one show at 9 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 7 p.m.

Poco has appeared at the Club Bene many times over the years and has always played to a rapt audience.

They were the first group to blend country harmonies with a driving rock beat. It was charter member Rusby Young's pedal steel guitar work which played a major part in the inspiration for the formation of Poco by founding member Richie Furay.

And it was Rusby who stuck it through, making sure that each incarnation of Poco satisfied the band's original desire to make string melodies with gorgeous vocal harmonies.

Releasing 19 albums over the years and garnering a Grammy nomination, Poco's music stands for hope and optimism, for goodwill and good feelings.

Their first top 20 hit single, "Crazy Love," featuring Rusby Young and "Heart Of The Night," featuring Paul Cotton, from their 1979 platinum album "Legend," provided the band with the commercial radio success which catapulted them to worldwide popularity.

Poco's most recent album, "Legacy," has been certified gold and produced two hit singles, "Call It Love," and "Nothin' To Hike."

Tickets for the dinner and show are priced at \$30; for the show only, tickets are \$17.50.

George Jinda's Special EFX will be appearing in concert at the Club Bene Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville, on Jan. 14, for one night only. On this evening Special EFX will perform one show at 8 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 6 p.m.

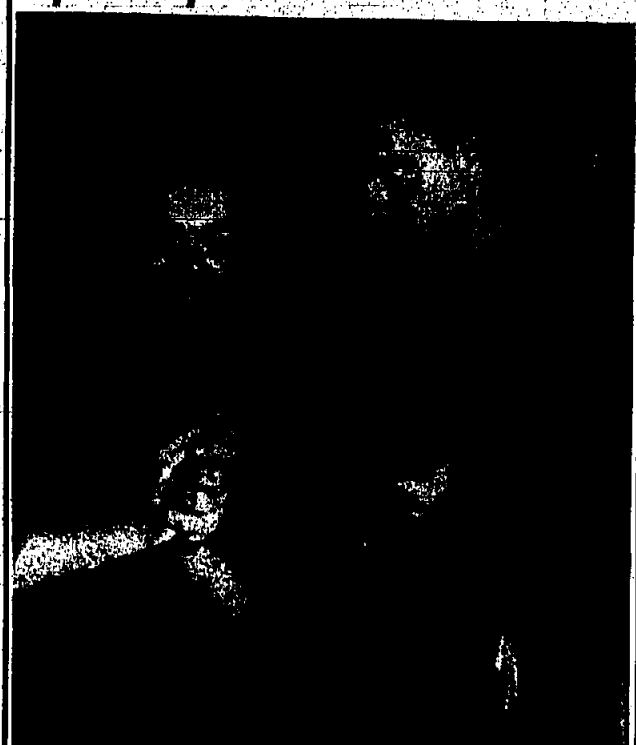
Special EFX is touring in support of their latest release on JVC Records titled "Body Language," an apt title for this collection of tunes, which manages to combine so many emotions by the sheer power of the music. "Sometimes you don't have no words," Jinda said, "You just have to move, or make facial expressions or a hand movement, and people will understand what you're saying."

"Body Language" is another stopover on a musical journey that continues to be approachable, adventurous and, as Special EFX's many fans will agree, rock's entertaining.

Although visually he appears a stern figure, George Jinda has a potent sense of humor. In addition to both conventional and exotic feels, hooks, langes, themes, symbols, rattles, shakers, timbales, toms, whistles, his signature sounds include custom instruments such as Nigerian talking drums, Udu drums, amad and energy drums created by John Stannard of On Percussion, and various bells, created by Pete Engelhart of Pete Engelhart Metal Percussions.

Tickets for the dinner are priced at \$12.50; for the show, tickets are \$17.50.

Opera partners



Richard Harper and David Claypoole perform a scene from Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta "Ruddigore." The Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company will perform "Ruddigore" — or "The Witch's Curse" — at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Ridgewood Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Area residents in the east include Sherri Strauss of Summit and Gregory Parvin of Scotch Plains. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children, with those under 12 admitted free. For more information, call (201) 488-2656.

Freeholders honor Elizabeth man's art

Bernardo Teheran is an artist who has made the city of Elizabeth his home. Born in the city of Florida in the Valle Province of Colombia, he studied European artists while living for a year in Sweden. He also studied theater, dance and music at the Conservatory of Cali and was a member of the Delta Zapata Olivella Dance Troupe in Bogota.

"Teheran is an artist of paintings and sculptures — all with unique influences," noted Freeholder Linda Lee Kelly, after seeing his works when they were on display at the Elizabeth Public Library. "The Freeholder board wants to congratulate him on his talent and commend him for his dedication to excellence."

The man whose love is art, works as a window-washer at the World Financial Center, but that isn't what gives him his distinctive view on the world.

"What did influence his work, modeled after some of his own pre-Colombian pieces, is a trip he took as a young man through Lima, Peru; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Guayaquil, Ecuador and Santiago, Chile, as well as living among the Canchi Indians on the Peru-Bolivia border at Lake Titicaca and the Cholón in Chile, Colombia. After almost 40 years, the journey is still fresh in his mind and the influence from the time he stayed with the Indians of South America is still there. What stayed with him most from his time living with the Indians were their colors — colors that today bring to life artwork modeled after his pre-Colombian pieces," Kelly said.

Teheran created a series of four paintings of the povero — a ceramic container used by inhabitants of coastal Colombia and Ecuador to store lime, which was mixed with cocoa leaves and chewed — which he uses as a symbol of love.

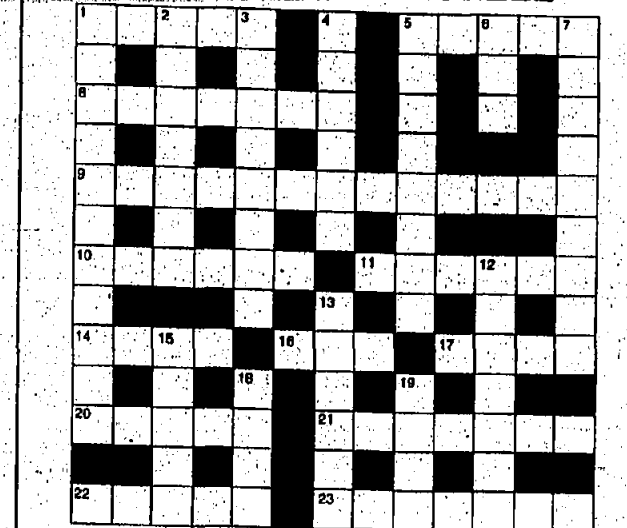
He also has created paintings based on the South American myth of El Duende, the "boogie man." He painted two pictures of El Duende and a portrait of himself disguised as a Franciscan monk holding El Duende.

Union County Manager Ann Baran said "Union County is home to very talented individuals in a wide variety of fields. Join the entire Freeholder board in honoring Bernardo Teheran, a special, gifted artist who truly is one of Union County's own."

Festival and ceremony to be broadcast

The Township of Union's annual Hanukkah Festival of Dec. 9 and the menorah-lighting ceremony of Dec. 17, videotaped by township official video photographer Ray Meeks, will be shown on Comcast channel 24 on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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December 24-30
ARIES - March 21/April 20: Important news you've been waiting for will finally arrive. You'll find that it was worth the wait. A family member may ask for financial help. Now opportunities at work give you a chance to show your creative side. Time spent with family will make you realize what's really important.
TAURUS - April 21/May 21: The end of a long-term problem will put your mind at ease. You'll realize that time heals all wounds. Don't let a family squabble put you in a bad mood. It will blow over as quickly as it erupted. Give a friend who's disappointed you a second chance. You'll be happy you did.

Swain Galleries holds 'miniature' exhibition

Swain Galleries' annual "Christmas Miniature" exhibit of small-scale art in various media by 17 gallery artists will run to Dec. 31 at the Victorian mansion gallery in Plainfield. Douglas Allen of Nesheim Studios will exhibit his drawings of wildlife in natural habitats while Nancy Brannaccio of Banking Ridge and Patricia Brennan of Westfield reuse their skill and talents in, respectively, paintings and watercolors. New to the gallery, Chris Fleming of Sumner's fine arts depicts the Plaza Hotel, Little Italy and Central Park carriage rides contrast with Caldwell artist Nat Lewis' watercolors of Maine's quaint white houses catching the pure sunlight. Gifts are produced by Tom's River artist Louis Luvafama for his landscapes, and by Michael McCleary of Bridgewater for his cityscapes. Local points of interest are shown in the pastels of Cheryl O'Halloran. Melrose of Plainfield and Somerset artist Frank Zaccarelli uses the same medium for his landscapes and still lifes. Interiors are the subject of Plainfield artist Brian Townsend's oil paintings and pastels. S. Allyn Schaeffer of Fanswood uses oils for his outdoor settings and aquatic scenes. Articles with Ken Mitchell of Red Bank for his views of boating and his landscapes with houses. Joining the New Jersey artists are four from New York. James Proppall, who lives in New York state, finds the sea his fascination in sea oil paintings, while Leigh Palmer uses encaustic, an ancient method of painting with molten wax, for his still life with year. The exhibit continues weekdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and through the holidays, Sundays from 12-4 p.m. For further details, call 765-8702. The Victorian mansion gallery is located at 703 Washington Ave. in Plainfield.

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DINING/ENTERTAINMENT

Research group suggests low-fat holiday desserts

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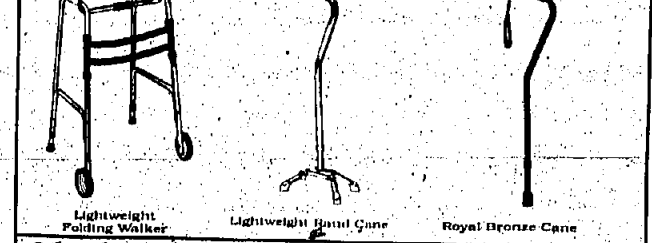


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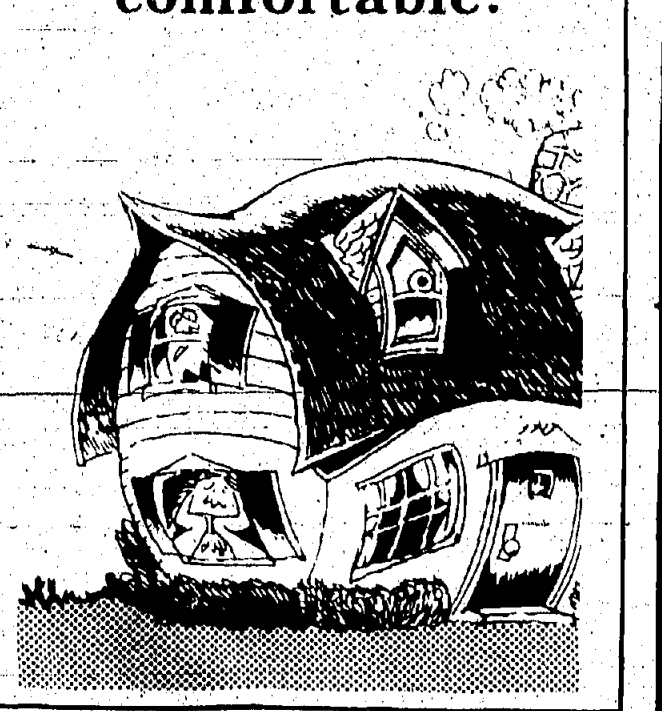
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## Roseville Park

Laura Schen sold property at 455 Henry St., to Cynthia Bennett for \$146,000 on Oct. 10.

Thomas and Carmina Lanza sold property at 130 Harding Ave. to David Williams for \$165,000 on Oct. 10.

Sтивен М. Сентиелла et ux sold property at 608 Whitniet St., to Marek Brzinski for \$115,500 on Oct. 10.

## Springfield

Mary T. Ferguson sold property at 129 S. Maple Ave., to Alfredo H. Rosan for \$145,000 on Sept. 11.

Richard and Nadeen Sakovicks sold property at 271 Short Hills Ave., to Esther Capobianco for \$215,000 on Sept. 18.

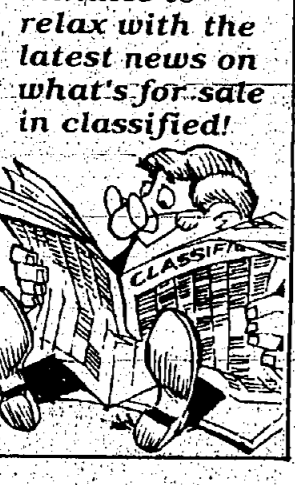
Elika Mera sold property at 113 Salfred St., to John Feiler for \$162,500 on Oct. 2.

Leviard D. and Donna M. Boines sold property at 91 Kipling Ave., to Mary A. Marchetti for \$170,000 on Oct. 4.

Franklin W. and Evelyn P. King sold property at 48 Sherwood Road to Karen Rosenfeld for \$218,000 on Oct. 5.

Sieven Lavery et ux sold property at 108 Linden Ave., to John J. Lavery Jr. for \$23,000 on Oct. 6.

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## Summit

Jack S. and Lorraine D. Squires sold property at 301 Blackburn Road to Michael J. Wago for \$373,000 on Sept. 8.

Anthony M. Kovach sold property at 34 Ballast Road to Nancy K. Twombly for \$197,500 on Sept. 13.

William W. Sharyk et ux sold property at 32 W. End Ave., to Jonathan D. Herr for \$293,000 on Sept. 18.

Thomas VanDillen sold property at 17 Edgemont Ave., to Christopher Stavrakis for \$472,000 on Sept. 20.

Mary C. White sold property at 146 Beechwood Road to James L. Connor II for \$615,000 on Sept. 26.

A. Marshall Helmrath sold property at 99 Woodland Ave., to Mary C. White for \$10,000 on Sept. 26.

Virginia R. Snyder sold property at 23 Twombly Drive to Richard A. Zdenek and Marion Krupka sold property at 36 Hudson Ave., to Geoffrey S. Richards for \$580,000 on Oct. 13.

William B. and Margaret D. Helene sold property at 18 Wheelster Road to Vincent L. Pacifico for \$995,000 on Oct. 13.

Nancy K. Twombly sold property at 174 Kent Place Boulevard to William N. Coen for \$299,000 on Oct. 16.

Fredrick G. and Renee Fether sold property at 118 Pine Grove Ave., to Bernadette Gomell for \$407,500 on Oct. 18.

Frank V. and Laurie Caccavo Jr. sold property at 21 Morris Ave., to Donald Slaght for \$205,000 on Oct. 20.

Edith W. Correll sold property at 19 Tulip St., to Frank Hasek for \$235,000 on Oct. 27.

## Union

Jose V. and Emmeline O. Sumat Jr. sold property at 2575 Jackson Ave., to Jesse Hampton for \$157,000 on Sept. 1.

Federal National Mortgage Association sold property at 428 Crawford Terrace to Victor C. Moore for \$124,000 on Sept. 8.

Richard and Judith McElroy sold property at 1951 William St., to Bertram Jordan for \$105,000 on Sept. 11.

## Gustavo J. and Nancy Gallino

sold property at 1314 Glendale Place to Hugo J. Cobble for \$155,000 on Sept. 20.

Louis J. and Colette L. Miceli sold property at 1626 Cooldidge Ave., to Jorge L. Olmo for \$136,000 on Sept. 21.

Edward and Dorothy Gosdick sold property at 715 Pallades Road to Angel L. Negro for \$140,000 on Sept. 22.

Maria Bellina sold property at 1947 Aston Ave., to Adella J. Siopegoco for \$127,500 on Sept. 26.

Marlo Conradt sold property at 2242 Berwyn St., to Michael O. Archoch for \$115,000 on Sept. 26.

Lalice Swigman sold property at 2144 Tyler St., to Martin Adickman for \$117,000 on Sept. 26.

Fleet Finance Inc. sold property at 310 Indiana St., to Deborah W. Secor for \$80,000 on Sept. 27.

Roger D. and Geraldine Rossi sold property at 2282 Halkey St., to Joseph Magiore for \$155,000 on Sept. 29.

Esther M. Capobianco et ux sold property at 2854 Willard Place to Deborah A. Russo for \$152,000 on Oct. 2.

Anonimete Passafiume sold property at 369 Delaware Ave., to Dolores Costantino for \$155,000 on Oct. 3.

Alfred W. and Joan D. Meeker sold property at 2019 Edison Terrace on Clifton Rushing for \$146,000 on Oct. 2.

Francis R. Spiotko et ux sold property at 1249 Glen Ave., to Gladys Singleton for \$155,000 on Oct. 6.

Jean A. Hinos sold property at 672 Lehigh Ave., to Glen L. Hollis for \$125,000 on Oct. 10.

Joseph Fasullo et ux sold property at 933 Liberty Ave., to Joseph Fasullo for \$61,700 on Oct. 10.

Lisa Grossano sold property at 2387 Morrison Ave., to Roman S. Dumbrigue for \$150,000 on Oct. 12.

Robert R. McCain et ux sold property at 28 Crawford Ave., to Estate L. Jefferson for \$115,000 on Oct. 13.

Bernie Miller sold property at 7 Brunswick Ave., to Theresa A. Howell for \$68,500 on Oct. 14.

Irene J. Wirtz sold property at 271 Crawford Terrace to Leonardo Gammart for \$107,000 on Oct. 16.

Marc L. and Barbara M. Meenti sold property at 326 Winfield Terrace to Thomas J. Haggerty for \$138,000 on Oct. 16.

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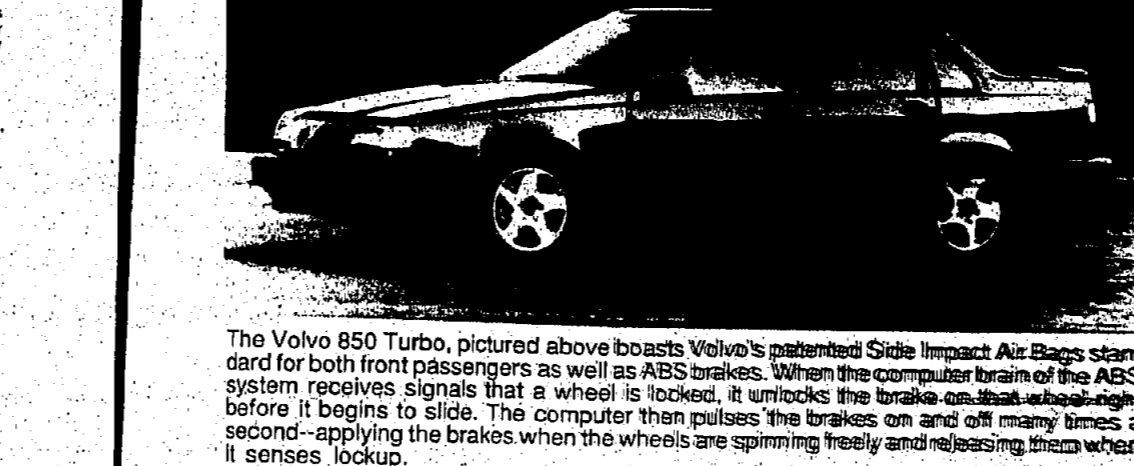
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The Volvo 850 Turbo, pictured above, boasts Volvo's patented Side Impact Air Bags standard for both front passengers as well as ABS brakes. When the computer brain of the ABS senses a loss of steering control, it locks the brakes on the front wheels to help the driver maintain control.

The elegant Volvo 960 Wagon perfect for the large family also holds Side Impact Air Bags standard for both front passengers as well as ABS brakes. Volvo cars are equipped with a self-test system that informs the driver whether ABS is functioning when the vehicle is started and continues until 20 mph is reached. A driver may notice some pulsation in the brake pedal while this test is performed. This is perfectly normal and should be ignored by the driver.

## Volvo once again sets safety benchmarks in the industry

Puzzling facts have emerged recently about anti-lock brake systems, ABS in cars. The most surprising of these facts is that ABS-equipped cars do not significantly reduce crashes, according to a safety agency study funded by the insurance industry.

What wasn't explained when this information was released is whether drivers are using ABS correctly. Inappropriate use of ABS can defeat the purposes of the system and deprive drivers of the high benefits that anti-lock brakes give drivers, especially on slippery surfaces.

In fact, it takes a lot of understanding to use brakes correctly says Jim Nordmann, Volvo's manager of technical services. Unlike conventional braking systems, you should not modulate the brakes in vehicles with ABS. "Apply more control when the car is trying to brake and maneuver simultaneously," Nordmann advises drivers to press firmly on the brake pedal in a car with ABS.

This doesn't mean you can't skill in a car with ABS, Nordmann cautions. ABS is not an anti-lock system, there are circumstances where you still need to modulate the brake pedal. However, a combination of steering and braking forces that overload the ability of tires to provide friction (in stopping, ABS is unable to help when lateral forces exceed the ability of the tire to provide traction).

Volvo 850s for 1996 are equipped with a new generation ABS system from ITT which has been redesigned. Many of the previous components

of the passenger cabin and the doors. Transversely mounted high-strength tubular steel braces run across the floor and beneath the front seats. These braces are located under the front seats and use a structural member between the front seats to transfer impact forces away from the occupant. In the rear wheel drive 850 models, that structural member is a high-strength steel box designed for the purpose. In the rear wheel 960 models, that structural member is the carefully reinforced driveline. In addition, there are other transverse reinforcements to the cars' floors following the contour of the rear seat as well as the profile of the steel floor.

## The new system also uses an electronic controller that replaces a hydraulic valve on the rear axle. The new electronic system compares the slip rate of rear wheels to that of front wheels and prevents rear wheel locking before front wheel locking. The 1996 960 model uses a Bosch ABS system that is carried over from last year.

constant pressure to the brake pedal in a car with ABS," Nordmann says. The constant pressure allows the computerized ABS system to function the way it is supposed to. When the computer brain of the ABS system receives signals that a wheel is locked, it unlocks the brake on that wheel right before it begins to slide. The computer then pulses the brakes on and off many times a second — applying the brakes when the wheels are spinning freely and releasing them when a sensor locks up.

Some drivers let up on the brake when they feel a pulsing sensation in the pedal that indicates the brakes are being automatically modulated. This is the opposite of what a driver should do, Nordmann explains. "The driver should maintain constant foot pressure on the brakes and steer around any obstacles that might be in the roadway," he adds. "You want to stay on the brakes until you clear whatever obstacle in your path," Nordmann says.

"ABS doesn't enable you to stop in a shorter distance," Nordmann says. In fact, a car without ABS in the hands of a fully trained driver can stop in a slightly shorter distance by modulating the brakes in an expert manner, Nordmann reveals.

"However, ABS makes a better driver out of an average driver," Nordmann says. ABS gives a driver

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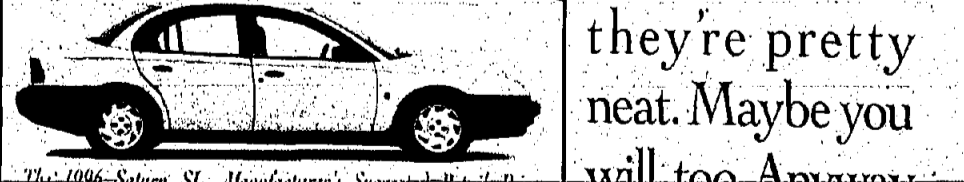
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