

Lockjaw provides ultimate protection

Today's car thieves are everywhere, looking for the chance to make a getaway in your vehicle. Whether you drive a hot new sports car, luxury sedan or high-mileage economy car, thieves have probably contemplated stealing it at one time or another. Expensive cars are generally stolen for their resale value, while less-expensive models are often

stripped for parts or taken for a joyride. According to the latest FBI statistics, 1.5 million cars were stolen in the U.S. in 1995 - about one every 20 seconds. And with more than 190 million cars crisscrossing the nation's roads and highways, potential thieves have a lot of targets. "Many motorists erroneously

believe that their vehicle is immune from theft because it has a steering wheel lock called Lockjaw to safeguard it. Ideal for use on cars, small and large trucks, recreational vehicles and boats, Lockjaw's unique one-size-fits-all design differentiates it from other steering wheel locks. It features a patented dead body locking system and clamps that simplify installation and make them extremely difficult to remove. In addition, because the device is manufactured of cast hardened steel, it cannot be hammered or chiseled off the steering wheel.

Using Lockjaw's Lockjaw key, you can lock your steering wheel and lock into place. No adjustments are necessary and no ratchet rod extension is required for installation. The product's bright red and white colors are easy to see from outside the vehicle and acts as a visible deterrent to thieves.

Consumers can install and remove Lockjaw in seconds, and the product can be stored under the vehicle's seat, in the car trunk when not in use. Lockjaw is available at hardware stores, home centers, drug stores, automotive suppliers, discount outlets and many other retailers.

"Lockjaw has been thoroughly tested by their investigators, police officers and former car thieves, and rated by us as the best theft-prevention product available," says Chippes. "It gives users an effective and convenient way to protect their vehicles against theft."

To further protect yourself, Chippes says, always lock your car doors immediately after entering the vehicle. Carjacking and other crimes frequently occur during the day.

Never leave valuables in plain view, even when your vehicle is parked. If you are not sure what to do, call your local police department for more information.

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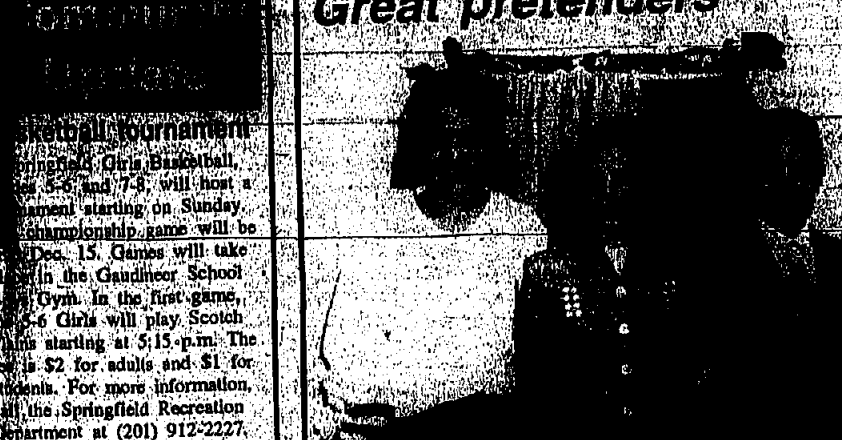
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Great pretenders



Solomon Schuchman, 11, of the Springfield Township Public Schools, will have a special starting on Sunday, Dec. 8, when he will play in the first game of the Springfield Recreation Department's youth soccer tournament. The tournament will be held at the Springfield Recreation Department's sports field. Schuchman is 11 years old and is a member of the Springfield Recreation Department's youth soccer team. He is a member of the Springfield Recreation Department's youth soccer team. He is a member of the Springfield Recreation Department's youth soccer team.

Committee allocates money for Chisholm, pool repairs

The Township Committee allocated \$11,700 for repairs to the Chisholm Pool. The repairs include the replacement of the pool's heating system and the installation of a new pool cover. The repairs are necessary to ensure the pool's safety and to improve its energy efficiency. The repairs are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Counsel hired for police matters

The Township Committee has hired a new attorney to handle legal matters related to the police department. The attorney will provide legal advice and representation to the police department and the township. The attorney will also handle any legal disputes that may arise. The attorney will be working closely with the police chief and the township manager.

Regional board rejects computer plan

The Regional Board of Education has rejected a plan to install a computer lab at David Breckinridge High School in Kenilworth. The board cited concerns about the cost of the plan and the need for additional funding. The board also expressed concerns about the quality of the equipment and the training of the staff. The board will continue to review the plan and may consider other options in the future.

Day of Infamy

On Sunday at 11 a.m., the Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post will hold a Day of Infamy ceremony at the Springfield Veterans Park. The ceremony will honor the fallen soldiers of World War II and will include a reading of the Gettysburg Address and the playing of the National Anthem. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Soccer sign up

The Springfield Recreation Department is accepting sign-ups for its youth soccer tournament. The tournament will be held at the Springfield Recreation Department's sports field. The tournament is open to all youth soccer players in the area. The tournament is a great opportunity for young players to showcase their skills and to compete against other teams. Sign-ups are available at the Springfield Recreation Department's office.

Proposals sought to repay incinerator debt

The Township Committee is seeking proposals to repay the debt on the incinerator. The debt was incurred by the township when it purchased the incinerator. The committee is looking for creative financing options that will allow the township to repay the debt over time. The proposals should be submitted to the committee by the end of the month.

Young at heart

The Springfield Senior Citizens Club is looking for young people to join their ranks. The club is a great place for young people to meet and socialize with other seniors. The club offers a variety of activities and programs, including social events, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities. The club is open to all young people who are interested in joining.

Library news

The Springfield Public Library is offering a variety of new books and programs. The library has recently acquired a collection of new books on local history and culture. The library is also offering a variety of programs, including book clubs, author talks, and children's story time. The library is a great resource for the community and is open to all.

Cannon Ball House needs repairs, society says

The Cannon Ball House, a historic landmark in Springfield, needs extensive repairs. The house is owned by the Cannon Ball House Society and is in need of significant structural work. The society is seeking funding to cover the cost of the repairs. The house is a great example of early 20th-century architecture and is a valuable part of the town's history.



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Committee to end Monday meetings

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their concerns over the original ordinance's wording and cost estimation.
"I've had years of experience as a plant manager in reading proposals," said Moriconi. "I don't know what the 3200,000 figure is for. If the oil tank removed is done in, say \$100,000, would the leftover money go into something else?"
Jacques referred to the part of the ordinance that provides funds for both the Chisholm School and Municipal Pool renovation projects. The purpose, statement reads: "Underground storage tank improvements and conversion of heating system at the Chisholm Recreation building to gas, including the acquisition of all materials and the performance of all work necessary herefor or incidental thereto."
"Please note that the key word is 'improvements,'" said Mayor Gregory Clarke. "The wording has been gone over by our principal engineer and the contracted consulting engineer."
"Some repairs have to be done with existing conditions in addition," stated. "For the first time we have a comprehensive engineering study in memory. I think that the pool is heating for a new day."
One municipal function which won't see a new day, however, is the community's first Monday workshop. The open-house style sessions, announced the panel, was cancelled due to a lack of public attendance after a year's trial.
"It seems that unless there is a matter which is in one's own self-interest, citizens don't show up at meetings," commented Klusock. "Our meetings got the same three or four people."
"If there is a special concern," noted Blitzer, "we'll all come to a special meeting within 48 hours."

Proposal sought to repay debt

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incurred by those counties who built incinerators and spent money to try to build an incinerator with a dedicated fund.
The State Solid Waste Facility Debt Reduction Plan would generate revenue from a \$10 per ton surcharge on all trash in the state.
"That fund would be used to pay off the bonded debt incurred by the transfer of disposal law, including the debt for the UCUA. The fund would be able to pay off the debt, which Rooney said totals about \$1.2 billion, in about 10 years, he said.
"The state mandated this and the state should pay for it," Rooney said.
Another bill, proposed by Rep. Martin, R-Cape May, would allow the counties to pass the debt incurred by the incinerator directly to the taxpayer.
"It would also continue to have county-run disposal facilities, for which each municipality must continue to pay whether they use the facility or not."
Rooney said the "Gibson bill is nothing more than maintaining the status quo and is probably just as illegal as the original regulation."
"This bill changes nothing," he said. "It maintains the flow of control and mandates towns to continue to pay for these facilities."

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• The Newark-Bedford Association will sponsor the Karydell Christmas Boutique today. Over 100 artisans will display their folk art, ornaments, antiques, wreaths, Santas, and accessories. The arboretum will also sponsor a Holiday House tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The tour will include a visit to seven homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$20, available at the arboretum. The arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Avenue, Summit. For more information, call (908) 273-8787 or (908) 273-1770.

Monday
• Mayor F.X. Coyle Council No. 5560 Knight of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community center on Old Shippensburg Road, Springfield. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children from 5 to 12 years old, and children under 5 are free. Proceeds will benefit the council's scholarship fund. For further information, call (201) 379-7044 or (201) 376-1653.
• The Springfield Historical Society will hold a Holiday Open House from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Several doctors will be available to take single persons or groups for an interior view of the historic Canton Ball House, located at 126 Morris Ave., Springfield.
• The Springfield Trillium Nature and Science Center will hold a Festival of Lights at 2 and 3 p.m. The admission for this annual holiday show is \$3 per person. From 3 to 5 p.m., Trillium will hold a Nature House tour. Various natural history and craft items will be on display, including photography, jewelry, dolls, pottery, stained glass, wreaths, wildlife carvings, and more. There will also be a Kids Only Gift Shop with items priced at \$3 and under. There is a \$1 suggested donation which includes a door prize ticket.

Counsel hired for Police Department disputes

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William C. Davis, 11 others last June. Davis, with Pagonimos Mich. Engon and Lisa Shapiro, claim disciplinary discrimination after their arrest by fellow officers. Walter Brooks, Brooks filed a separate civil rights suit the same month alleging undue punishment after he'd complained of a racist remark made by Capt. Vernon Peterson.
"Nor is it known whether the four disciplinary matters relate to last month's complaint from the Police Association and the Superior Officers Association of Springfield. The PBA and the SOA have not commented on the matter."
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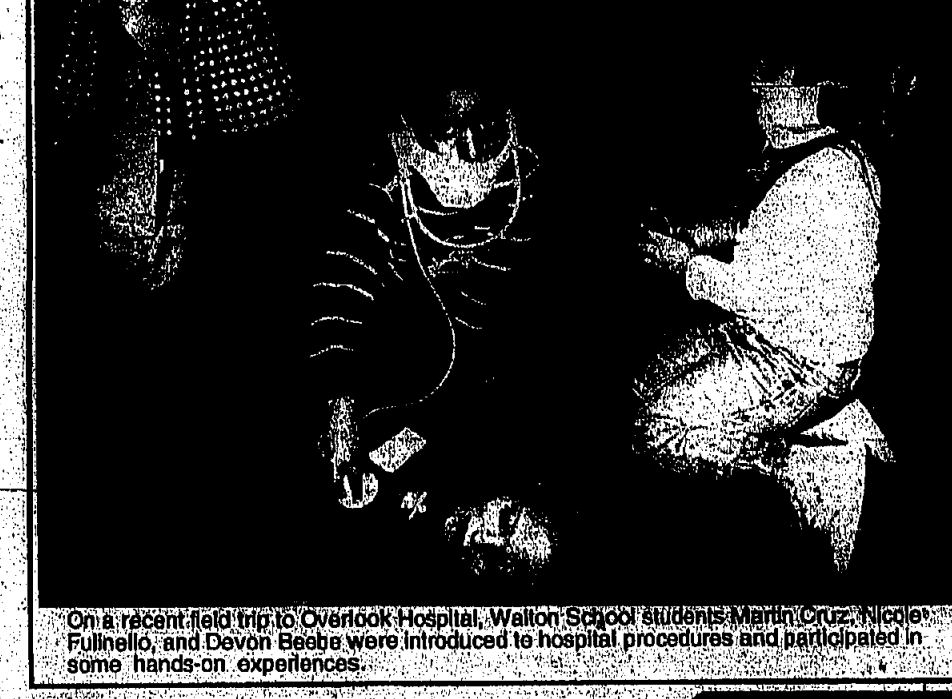
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F.M.B.A. Toys for Tots to bring cheer

By Elaine Hill
Sue White
The holiday season has finally arrived, and the F.M.B.A. Mutual Beneficial Association Local 57 is getting into the spirit by holding a Toys for Tots toy drive for the less fortunate.
"We have been doing this drive for about eight or nine years now, and we are in association with the police department, but this year we are taking care of it ourselves," said James Anzuso, president of the F.M.B.A. Local 57. The Fire Department will accept donations of new unwrapped toys that will be forwarded to the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program for distribution to needy families.
"We donate all of the toys that we collect to the Marine Corps and they distribute the toys. We are on our own going to try and help out a couple of needy families here in town," said Anzuso.

Post Office extends holiday hours
Mountain Side Post Office is extending its business hours to help make this holiday mailing season the greenest for Mountain Side postal customers.
The postal service wants to make this Christmas as headache-free as possible for all postal customers.
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A perfect season

Anyone who would like to help the F.M.B.A. with their toy drive may do so by dropping off their unwrapped gifts to Fire Headquarters on Caldwell Place in Springfield, behind the Municipal Building, before we are 5:00 p.m. for space. We usually keep the donated toys in the attic, so any type of toy donation can just be given to any address in the building at the time. Also, if anyone wishes to make a donation, we will go out to the toy stores in the area and we will purchase the toys ourselves," said Anzuso.
The drive has been successful in the past and the F.M.B.A. is looking to repeat that success with this year's drive. "The toy drive has done well in the past, especially last year where we had a good turnout as far as donations, so we hope to keep up the tradition this year," said Anzuso.
If there are any questions, residents can contact the Fire Department at (201) 376-8538. It is the holiday year, so consider those who may not be as blessed as others, and the Toys for Tots program is one way to make the holiday season more enjoyable for some children in our area.

Legislation to reduce group home waiting list

Legislation calling for development of a long-range plan for reducing the state's waiting list for group home placement passed the Senate today. The bill's sponsor, Senator C. Louis Basano, said that this is a victory for the many families hard-pressed to care for the needs of developmentally disabled family members.
"It is essential that we develop a long-term plan to solve this critical problem. Most of these disabled individuals have been on waiting lists for years and have elderly parents. We must provide a plan to get those people off the waiting list and into homes to give them independence and to give their parents peace of mind," Basano said.
The legislation directs the Commissioner of Human Services to submit a plan for the elimination of the Division of Developmental Disabilities' community residential and day program waiting list by the year 2005 and to address update the plan.
"The legislation cannot continue to address this issue on a yearly basis. Each year more and more children are classified as developmentally disabled and with that, the number of individuals in need of placement grow," Basano explained. "In order to properly address this vulnerable population we must look ahead and devise ways to fund these very necessary group homes."
Under the terms of S-1399, a plan would be submitted by the Human Services Department that would include information on the current and projected increase in the waiting list, information on the capital funds necessary to eliminate the current and future waiting list by 2005 and information on the necessary operating funds to eliminate the waiting list by 2008.
Basano, author of the bond act which has raised \$100 million to bond money to provide facilities for the state's developmentally disabled, pointed out that the number of people currently on the waiting list for alternative living arrangements is more than 4,000. "On March 28, 1996 Governor Whitman signed legislation to develop community residences for 600 developmentally disabled people at an annual cost of \$32 million. This is an admirable first step, but one that must be followed up with further action to address this issue."

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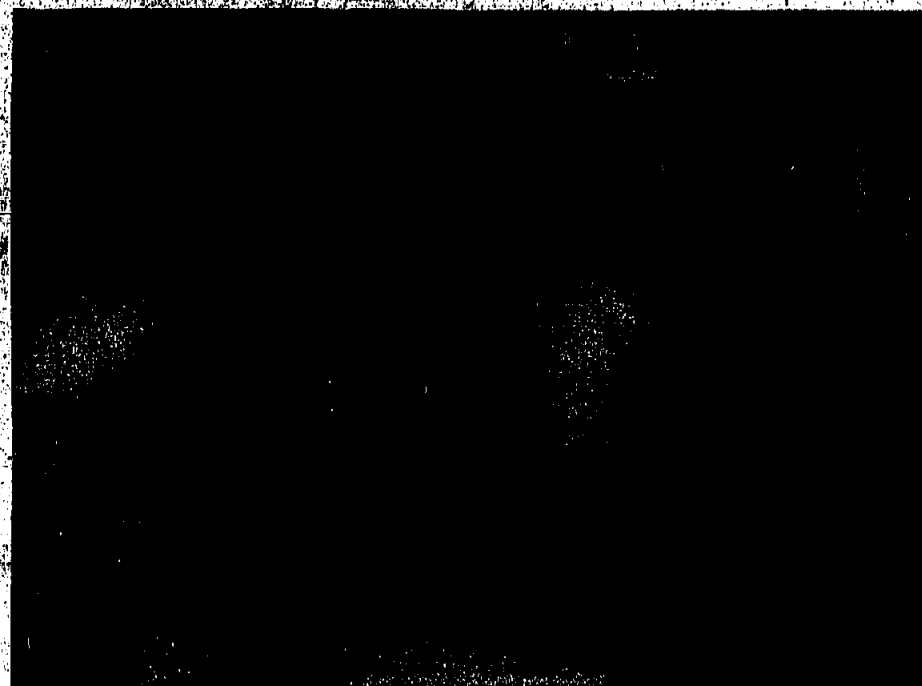
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Red Cross, GLHS students aid overseas troops

The military personnel stationed in Kuwait, Bosnia and Hungary will not be home for the holiday season, but will receive some holiday cheer thanks to a project of collecting requested holiday items. The project was organized by the Westfield Mountside Red Cross, Scout Troop 373 and students from the ROTC program in Governor Livingston Regional High School. The Red Cross is the only emergency communication link between service personnel and their families and is provided on a worldwide basis, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Messages regarding births, illness and life-threatening situations are relayed daily.

The project, TROOPS — To Remember Our Overseas Personnel this Season — began on Nov. 1 with the Scouts delivering boxes to all of the Westfield schools for students to donate items such as candy, popcorn, drink mixes, books, seasonal decorations and games. Collection sites in town include Rorden's Realty, Westfield Library, Westfield Post Office, Fleet Bank, N.A. and Video, Video of Westfield, A Red Cross volunteer, Joe Placco of Mountside, who is working on the project, told his niece, Sally Ucheter, about the project. Ucheter attends Gov. Livingston High School and is in the ROTC Program. She related the project to her classmates, and they were so enthused about it that they designed a poster to go on the collection boxes.

The project continued until Nov. 15, at which time the Scouts came to



Students in Governor Livingston High School's Junior Reserve Officer Training Course program participated in the Mountside/Westfield Red Cross TROOP holiday package drive.

the Red Cross Chapter to sort and pack the cartons to be shipped to New York and then overseas. Placco picked the boxes up from Gov. Livingston and delivered them to the

chapter on Elm Street. After all boxes were sorted, packed and taped by the Scouts, 25 filled cartons were mailed on Friday for the troops. The cost of postage was donated by

the American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield and the Union County Chapter No. 688 Vietnam Veterans of America to mail the packages to the APO address in New York.

Cannon Ball House to host guided holiday tour

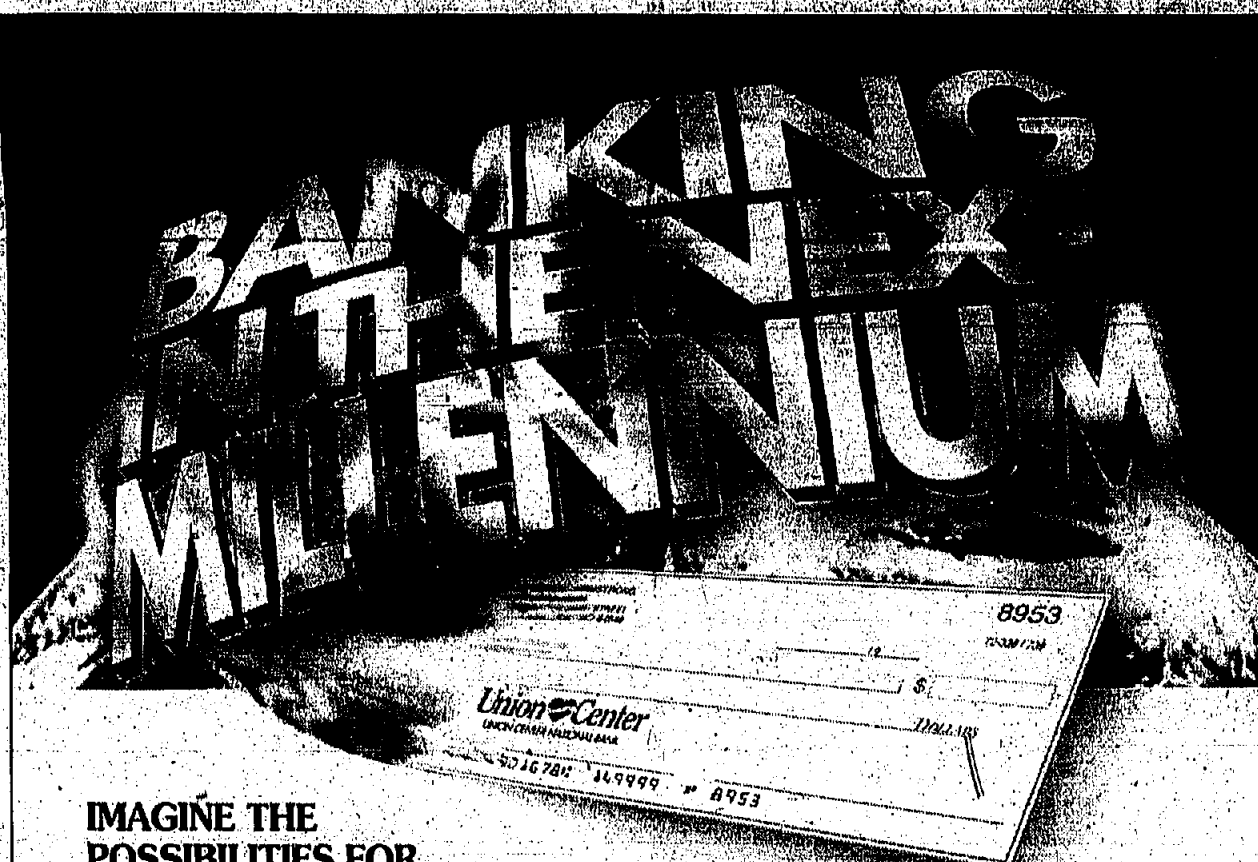
The Springfield Historical Society will host a Holiday Open House for its members, friends, and the general public on Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. The President, Margaret Baidowski, stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity for many residents and passersby to take a guided tour of our headquarters,

known as the Cannon Ball House, 126 Morrie Ave., Springfield. Several docents will be available to take single persons or groups for an interior view with enlightening explanations about this colonial home. Refreshments will be served in the authentic blue dining room. The house, built circa 1740, will be

decorated in the fashion of the 1700s for a Christmas celebration. Electric, flood candles will illuminate pine and balsam fir boughs with apples, oranges, and pine as a matter of holiday decorations. The Christmas tradition of a lighted evergreen tree, trimmed with glass-blown ornaments, was of German origin and came to

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It's the law of the land

Will the wonders never cease in the Union County Regional High School Board of Education? During its meeting Nov. 19, the board surprised everyone by approving a resolution that reaffirms its neutral position on desegregation. But it also states "that it is in the best interests of the students, teachers and support staff, to have the dissolution of the district take effect as scheduled on July 1, 1997." This effectively changes the board's stance from neutral to one that is in favor of dissolution.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 6 to 2. Board President Joan Toth, a representative from Garwood, and Donald Paris, from Clark, voted against the resolution. In fact, Toth said she is uncertain that dissolution will become reality. Therefore, the board should be direct in its focus on preparing for a delay, or a clear cut elimination of the dissolution process. Toth said.

The board originally passed a resolution in August 1995 to remain neutral in one of the largest educational debates in New Jersey. It is interesting, to say the least, that the board has suddenly had dramatic change of heart and is supporting the action that eliminates their role.

"We would believe that the board is aligning itself with the majority of voters from the six member districts of Kenilworth, Springfield, Mountaintop, Garwood, Clark and Berkeley Heights, that it will do everything in its power to accelerate the dissolution process. That includes, but is not limited to: drafting and distributing a teacher seniority list in a timely fashion, establishing a comprehensive plan to distribute all assets of the regional district among the six member communities and urging Garwood to drop its appeal to have dissolution delayed.

But it is outrageous that we would even have to urge anyone to do anything to help the dissolution process. Many months ago, the question was put to the people: Do you want to dissolve the regional district? The people answered "yes." But that isn't good enough for many people.

The AFT Local 3417 recently sent a letter to Toth stating their dissatisfaction with the approval of this resolution. "At this moment, absolutely nothing is known about the complex issues involved in dissolution," the letter states. "School funding, budget preparation, staffing, student scheduling, etc., and extra-curricular activity schedules and a host of other issues. Some of these issues are now being considered for the complexity of the issues, both procedural and legal. With so much vital information not yet decided, how can it be prudent to advocate the dissolution of our district by July 1, 1997?"

The AFT is missing the point. By approving the referendum, voters demonstrated that they are willing to forego the unknowns associated with desegregation because they didn't like the way the regional district was operating. Once every man, woman and child throughout the district understands that "dissolution will cease to become a dirty word and be respected as the will of the people."

Happy Hanukkah

The Jewish people will celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah beginning this evening, when the first Hanukkah candle will be lit. On the eighth and final day, Dec. 13, the last Hanukkah candle will be lit.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the temple. It also commemorated in 165 BCE, the 25th day of Kislev, the victory of Judah, the Maccabees and his four brothers, and all the members of the Hasmonian family. Their victory was over the Syrian-Greeks. The reason for this was that Antiochus, the King of Syria, had forbidden the Jews from performing their basic religious functions. They wanted to impose on the Jews, the paganism of the Hellenistic world.

The Jews were successful, and they defeated the Syrian-Greeks and their temple was rededicated. Hanukkah means "rededication." And the Jews celebrated for eight days. The Greek Syrians had taken the temple and everything inside. But the Jews managed to find a little container of pure oil that could only burn for one day. And they lit it, and it burned for eight days, giving the people enough time to prepare and process additional pure oil.

During that time, a little present was given to the children each of the eight days to make them aware of the miracle of Hanukkah.

We extend our best wishes for a joyous Hanukkah season to all our readers of the Jewish faith.

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OPINION



For seniors, entitlements should end at casinos

Backbeat

By Kevin Singer
Managing Editor

After living in the state for nearly 20 years, I finally took my first trip to Atlantic City. I'm not much of a gambler. I have a hard time believing that a few dollars can magically turn into thousands in the space of a few hours—the blackjack table. But I went along anyway, mainly to experience the excitement of Donald Trump's new casino. And it seemed that only those older than 70 were allowed to play at the altar.

My first thought was that I had stumbled into an AARP convention camp in quarters, giving me this look as if I was about to retire her Medicare premiums. It wasn't long before I realized that I was entirely out of my element.

As the night progressed and my minimal interest in gambling waned, I noticed that at least the age population would register. After all, low-tech stamina can't a 75-year-old man in a wheelchair have? More than one would think. By the time we left at 2 a.m., the elderly had full control of the slot, pumping in dollar after dollar of Social Security revenue into the deep and well-lined pockets of Mr. Trump.

It wasn't too long ago that seniors were complaining, via the media, that the Republican-controlled Congress...

WELCOME TO THE CLUB Greg McManus and Jerry Smka, both residents of Springfield, were inducted into the Lions Club, Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in 110 countries. With their induction, McManus and Smka, the 71-year-old Springfield club now has 28 members. From left are Springfield Lions President, Andrew Ray, Jerry Smka, Greg McManus, and Secretary Treasurer, Stanley Grossman.

My newly visited my grandfather in the Bronx a few days before the presidential election. She came to this country at age 17 and worked as a maid in a hotel all her life, before working months with the firm until her retirement a few years ago at 75 years old. She lives quite comfortably thanks to her pension and Social Security.

When the topic of the presidential race came up, she asked us whom we wanted her to vote for. She explained that since she wouldn't be too much longer, her vote would have the greatest impact on her children and grandchildren, and therefore she wanted our input. I wonder how many elderly asked their families the same question instead of just pulling the lever in an attempt to maximize their net worth.

It was made clear to me that the quarters and tokens sliding into those slot machines don't come from the federal government. They come from the paycheck of everybody who is working today. While I feel everybody has the right to spend their money as they see fit, it's difficult to reconcile those cries against entitlement cuts with the pounds of the coin dropping into the machines.

I understand that today's elderly group up with the expectation that the federal government would support them in their golden years. However, the fact remains that my generation is paying far more into Social Security than we can expect to receive. Compared with the fact that many seniors receive pensions which were typically offered at one time, and today are practically unheard of.

the concern of this board of education. It is also my opinion that the AFT has not the best before the board in many of these issues and is now asking this board of education to fight an alleged problem, as they see it, and is asking our support and financial backing. How can we truly know if there is a problem until we become part of a district? What one district may see as a problem another may not.

The union points out their position since May 15. The voters of their respective districts have spoken loud and clear as to their wishes in the past several budget votes, and dissolution vote on the future of this district. It is the responsibility of this board to protect these wishes. It is not the responsibility of this board to protect the wishes of the teachers of this district, nor to expend the money of those voters to resolve their lack of teachers. They have a union to act on their behalf.

Although I believe the AFT correspondence was correct, I would like to make one last point. Where was the union's lawsuit when the district closed a high school?

Robert E. Jean is Kenilworth's representative to the Regional High School Board of Education.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is the AFT justified in attempting to delay the dissolution process?

VIEWPOINT

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Is the regional board committed to facilitating the dissolution process?

NO RESPONSE

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From left, Jessica Langsam, Mark Papier, Ilana Bromberg, and Avi Kaufmann, members of the Summit Jewish Community Center's USY, visit with a patient at Overlook Hospital in Summit during Chanukah.

Area youth transform faith into practice

Members of the Summit Jewish Community Center's Youth Group, USY, are bringing the joy of Chanukah to patients at Overlook Hospital. As they visit Jewish patients, the youth recite the blessing before and after lighting the Chanukah candles and sing holiday songs.

New Y program is 'expressly' for teen-agers

The Summit Area YMCA has a new place for Middle Schoolers to come after school. Y-Express is a new program for all 6th-8th graders. This program is free. For more information, stop in to pick up a registration packet, including a photo I.D. Participants can use the gym and game room to play basketball, ping pong, box hockey, play cards, table tennis and more.

It's not too late to become a part of the Y-Express Planning Board. The board will plan trips and special events. This supervised program will run throughout the school year from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Students can also participate in fitness training or volunteer opportunities later in the afternoon.

Now that it's getting cold outside, keep warm at the Y. Stop by the front desk anytime to obtain a registration packet. Call Y-Express Advisors Wendy Wolski or Lorie Zuckerman, with any questions or ideas at (908) 273-3338. The Y-Express is located at 67 Maple St. in Summit.

Trailside plans holiday events

Trailside Nature and Science Center will host its annual Holiday Nature Festival on Saturday from 1-5 p.m. Visitors will be able to purchase hand-crafted gifts made from natural materials or buy a natural theme. Among the party crafts for sale will be wreaths of many different types, baskets, country and Victorian jewelry, dolls, pottery, glass and hand-painted wood, knit socks, rocking horses, log reindeer, herbal soaps, wildlife carvings, pressed flowers, honey, jelly and vinegar, wooden puzzle boxes, toys, stocking stuffers and more.

SAGE seeks volunteers

Caring, dedicated volunteers are needed for SAGE, a non-profit elder care agency in Summit. Whether working directly with elderly clients or providing behind-the-scenes help, the contributions of SAGE volunteers are critical to local families who are caring for elderly loved ones.

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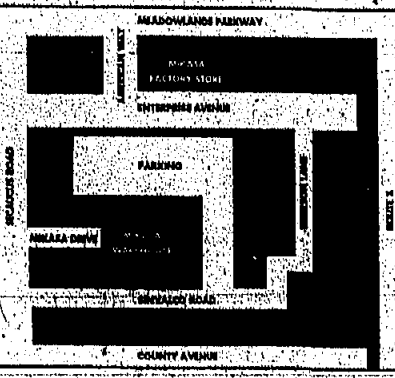
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Hotpoint Built-In Dishwasher advertisement highlighting features like 3-level Power Wash system with self-cleaning filter, 6 cycles including Pots & Pans and Water-Saver cycles, and Heated Wash, Heated Dry and Energy Saver options.

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Jacobson's 47th Anniversary promotion. Features a 3% sales tax savings and a 2% location to serve you better. Includes details on the main Elizabeth Showroom and Warehouse Outlet Clearance Center.

Winter for seniors need not be hazardous

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Summit Area Association for Occupational Endeavor is reminding all senior citizens to take greater care during the approaching winter season.

"What affects the elderly during the winter affects all of us," said SAGE Director of the Adult Day Care Center Cynthia Chival. "It's just that what most of us take for granted may be harder for older people."

Chival, along with Financial Director Gina Sidaris, singled out seasonal Affective Depression Disorder, indoor air quality and maintaining warmth as primary concerns for their clients.

"SADD affects women more than men across the age span," said Sidaris.

is, "but since women tend to outlive men, it appears as if the condition affects that age group."

Sidaris explained that the lack of sunlight may bring on a decreased appetite and increased time spent sleeping. A sense of "cabin fever" or a feeling of helplessness akin to clinical depression may set in.

Chival and Sidaris recommends one way to beat the SADD blues is to get active and get into the light.

"When people go out," said Chival, "they get the exercise and socializing needed to rid the sense of isolation."

"Keeping lights on longer and having relatives and neighbors visit helps," said Sidaris. "Those are ways which get people, from being in the dark."

An indoor slip or fall, however, may prevent one from venturing outside.

"A fall affects older people more severely than others," said Sidaris. "There's the shock which adds insult to the injury itself, and circulatory problems may set in during the layup. But the greater danger is indoors. Someone may throw some newspapers or a rug on the floor to mop up some spilled water, and then slip and fall in isolation."

The SAGE staff urge residents to securely fasten any floor coverings with tacks or tape. Those who have ratcheting problems should have a friend or neighbor do the anchoring.

NEWS CLIPS

Singers for hire

The Golden Lights, a seniors musical group from Episcopal Church of Scotch Plains, is available to present their concert "The Time of Our Lives Great" for your group's enjoyment. The group consists of 15 members who can perform at churches, schools, care facilities, etc. who would like to schedule a presentation of this musical may call Kathleen Deary at (908) 322-9000 for make arrangements.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Springfield eighth graders earn community service points by helping clean the historic Cannon Ball House last Sunday. Standing from left are Meggie Zamplora, Victoria Biondi, Ashley King, Lisa DeNicola, and Jessica Hartmann. Kneeling are All Pulli and Dana Rejowski.

The Cannon Ball House is a historic building in Springfield. The eighth graders from the local school spent time cleaning and restoring the house. They were supervised by their teachers and community members.

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LIFESTYLE

Gibaldi to wed Zamara

Mr. Salvatore Gibaldi, Jr. of Springfield announces the engagement of his daughter, Beth, to David J. Zamara, son of David M. Zamara of Collon and Rosanna Zamara of Millburn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Keon College of NJ and is currently attending Fordham University School of Social Services. The groom is a graduate of Rutgers College and New York University Graduate School of Social Work and is employed by Christ Hospital of Jersey City as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

A July 1997 wedding is planned.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Monaco appointed to managerial post

Liberty Health Care Systems announced the appointment of Lou Monaco, a resident of Springfield, to the post of Workers' Compensation Occupational Health Manager. Monaco will be responsible for developing and implementing a Universal Workers' Comp Program to service Liberty Health Care System employees, and the public and private business and industrial communities of the Hudson County Area.

Monaco is a former Board Member of both the Union County Regional High School District #1, and the local Springfield School District Elementary Board of Education.



Lou Monaco

Seniors aid First Aid Squad

For the second time in a few months, the Springfield Senior Citizenship Center has done a mailing for the First Aid Squad. Residents have been sent to residents who have not sent in their donations to help support the First Aid Squad.

The following seniors participated:

- Betty and Kitty Staros, Anita Franches, Mary Rybczyk, Dolores Thomas, Milton Giesher, Marjorie Lopez, Helen Wilkshott, Angie Lester, Helen Boon, Nellie Boon, Louise Heger, Helen Apanagh, Adam and Mary Chapman, Josephine Zena, Edna Hoyek, Theresa Meachur, and Kathryn Gardella.

Announcement policy

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the Lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a day, time, phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for wedding announcements should include: wedding date, wedding place, wedding officiant, wedding minister, bride and groom, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and where the couple honeymooned and will reside. When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. For more information call Managing Editor Kevin Singer at (908) 686-7700, ext. 345.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Gaudineer announces honor roll students

The following is a list of honor roll students from Springfield's Gaudineer Middle School. High Honor Roll: Grade 5: Theodore B. Chelis, Rachel Goldman, Alexandria Kato, Allison Shero...

Curtis increases campus involvement

Rebecca A. Curtis, daughter of Rev. Jeffrey A. Curtis of Woodway Lane in Dading Ridge and Rev. Paul S. Curtis, is serving as mission chair of Allegheny Christian Outreach.

Resident named Scholar

Mark F. Shaffer of Mountaineer has been designated a James Rowland Scholar at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

Bredahl works to promote responsible drinking

Meghan Bredahl, daughter of Kathleen P. Fricker of Morris Michaeli, is a 1996 graduate of Johnston Dayton Regional High School.

Marine Capt. Bachmann receives promotion

Marine Capt. Richard M. Bachmann, son of Beatrice B. Lombardi of 555 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, was recently promoted to his present rank while in service with Marine Air Station 10, Toron, Santa Ana, Calif.

Vision center relocates to expanded site

Family Vision Care, formerly of 102 Mountain Ave., has moved to new offices at 100 Morris Ave. in Springfield.

Attention social clubs

This newspaper encourages organizations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Public Notice

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SPORTS

Summit football stuns tough Mendham squad

Summit put together the game on hold for one last football game. Mendham, its only rival for the title, defeated Summit 10-0 on Nov. 22.

Dayton football closes with six straight wins

The Dayton Regional High School football team enjoyed its finest season in five years. The Bulldogs capped a highly successful 1996 campaign by dominating Ridge 29-0 in a Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division Thanksgiving Day game held at Mt. Pleasant in Springfield.

Another undefeated season

The Mountaineer Deerfield School field hockey team completed another undefeated season this year, finishing with an impressive mark of 8-0.

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UNION COUNTY NEWS

Just who is equal anyway?

Hot on the heels of charges of racism among Texas executives come similar allegations regarding Schering-Plough here in Union County.

It must be tricky trying to be righteous all of the time. Today, the main fault among all relates is having been accused of being "racist" after that, the alleged blgo albir can admit his problem or stay it out in the course of law.

Fortunately for the Schering-Plough issue is being addressed by the Rev. Al Sharpton, with possible assistance from the Rev. Jesse Jackson — two of the most vocal of the clergy who would rather be crucified than crucify.

If you're not familiar with the case, it involves "employment" of Schering-Plough Corp. in Kaulworth, who say they heard much.

Common Sense

By Jay Hochberg
Regional Editor

gers make racial slurs. In addition, the five employees allege discrimination in Schering's hiring and promotion practices. Needless to say, they are suing.

It's a lose-lose situation for Schering. The company can defend itself in court by offering evidence of its compliance with affirmative action laws, or it can settle out of court and forfeit its substantial investments in the area.

By choosing the former, Schering will find itself having to pay employees' attorneys' fees, regardless of their qualifications. By choosing the latter, Schering will have its hiring and promotion files disclosed by those whose lawsuit in the company is "less than ideal."

Either way, Schering's research, development, manufacturing and marketing efforts will suffer as they look for a way to settle the lawsuit.

Norris County Assemblyman Michael Carroll has introduced a bill that would prevent the state from awarding jobs and contracts based on race, ethnicity, sex, color or national origin. I'm happy to report that Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole and Rep. William H. Cline, who represent Union, Kentwood, Roselle Park, Summit and Springfield in Union County, have cosponsored this civil rights bill.

Before we start popping cork and toasting the demise of state-sponsored discrimination, this bill will have to pass the State Government Committee in the Assembly, then the entire General Assembly. It's a long, hard road, and this is the hard part — be signed into law by Gov. Christine Whitman, who supports the status quo.

Even if all of that happens, the law will be put on ice by a judge, as is being done in California. It's recently passed Proposition 209, that, believe it or not, is being called unconstitutional.

In the meantime, Carroll's bill, and the bill will come under attack by those who think it is the role of government to favor one group of citizens over others.

While the bill addresses only the state government's practices, it's safe to hope local governments and the private sector would take the hint — and that scares some people.

Ma Gill, an assemblywoman from Essex County, called on Carroll to withdraw his bill. Now that doesn't sound like the assemblywoman appreciates the democratic process, but that's no surprise. She also thinks certain Americans are more equal than others, thanks to their genetic codes.

Leading a touch of steel theater to the attack process, several legislators held a press conference last week, where Gill said whatever reporters who would listen to her that her head is "blowing" from hitting the "glass ceiling."

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Business benefactor

Small Business Award from Jack Farris, president of the National Federation of Independent Business. The NFIB selected Farris after noting his voting record during the 104th Congress, which Farris said favored legislation that benefits small businesses.

The organization called Farris a "strong supporter" of a balanced federal budget, cutting red tape, tort reform, pension plans and easier access to health insurance. It is a non-profit, non-partisan group that lobbies Congress and state legislatures on behalf of small businesses.

Police academy offers civilian training course

Acting Police Director Edward Neasey announced that the John H. Shanley Police Academy again will offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Course when the next public-recruitment class begins on Jan. 15.

One of the project's goals is to create a pool of trained officers who could be hired by local departments, spreading the department's costs of officer training — especially the payment of salaries during the recruit's "learning curve."

The alternate route course was first offered as a pilot project at the academy in 1993, said Cranford Police Chief Harry Wilde. More than 95 percent of all alternate route candidates who graduated from the academy obtained jobs in law enforcement.

Wilde said that after a review and selection process, the civilian participants are inserted into the academy's regular 12-week training course, which includes classroom instruction, on-the-job training, and a final examination.

Academy Director Robert Luce said the civilian recruits will receive the same instruction as the regular police cadets during the 20-week class, including courses in firearms, investigation, court system procedures, crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury management, crime scene management, constitutional rights of force and other law enforcement-related topics.

Luce said the academy functions much like a military basic training course. The civilian and police cadets wear the same uniforms and must adhere to a strict regimen. The program, which includes classroom and field instruction, begins at 5:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

Civilian graduates will have met all the state requirements needed to become police officers, and will receive 12 academic credits from Union County College, but will not be guaranteed a position by the academy.

All candidates must have previously obtained 60 college credits at a institution of higher learning," Neasey said. "The 60 college credits requirement is a must which the state Police Training Commission will not waive."

Civilian graduates, while not guaranteed a position by the program, will have met all the state requirements necessary to become police officers.

Wilde said that all candidates, who must be county residents, are charged \$900 tuition to cover costs. Those who can demonstrate financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition, he added. They also will receive 12 academic credits toward their Union County College degree.

Anyone interested in applying for the alternate route course can pick up an application at their local police department or at the John H. Shanley Police Academy, 1776 Rahway Road in Scotch Plains. For more information, call Luce at (908) 889-6112.

Tuesday is the deadline for the return of completed applications.

County's legislators act on education, safety

Four of Union County's representatives in Trenton recently have had bills, addressing education, the environment, health and crime, either signed into law by Gov. Christine Whitman or advanced in the Legislature.

At a bill-signing ceremony in Princeton, Whitman signed legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Donald DiFranco, R-Union, establishing an educational technology training program to train teachers to use computers in the classroom.

"There has been a tremendous emphasis on education on computer technology. In fact, some estimates put spending on computer technology in America's public schools at \$4 billion, twice what is spent on textbooks. Unfortunately, this money often goes to waste, because teachers do not know how to integrate technology into the classroom," DiFranco said.

"This new law will enable school teachers to learn how to operate computers, and will provide them with the equipment property, appropriate and within the context of a classroom."

The Education Technology Training Act provides for the creation of 21 training sites in a three-year period. These sites will be geared to basic technology skills, including word processing, data entry, spreadsheet and design.

Local school districts will compete for the \$200,000 grants provided by the state, based on their ability to provide relevant training and adequate space for teachers from 100 schools. Training sites will have to become gradually self-supportive through a fee-for-service arrangement, private sector support, or both.

"This new law will fill a significant void that exists in the area of teacher training. It is also a major step toward expanding and maximizing the use of classroom technology," DiFranco also said.

River Committee.

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Bagge, R-Union, that would create an Upper Rahway River Environmental Cooperation Committee, was approved by the full Assembly.

"The committee will comprise representatives from every town along the river and will be charged with monitoring, promoting and maintaining the environmental health of the entire Upper Rahway River system," Bagge said.

Under the bill, A-565, the committee will include a member from each community, and a voting member from both Union and Essex counties. The co-chairperson of the state Department of Environmental Protection, or his designee, also would serve as a non-voting member.

Bagge said the committee in Essex and Union counties not located along the river could, through its governing body, request membership with full voting privileges. State Sen. Joseph Sallio, D-20, has been working toward amending the bill to include municipalities in his district, including Linden and Elizabeth.

"The river municipalities in Union County are designated under the bill, would be Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mount Laurel, Rahway, Springfield, Summit, Union, Westfield and Winfield," River committee chair, Essex County, would be Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, South Orange and West Orange.

"The role of the committee will be diverse," said Bagge. "It will be involved in coordinating clean-up efforts, developing regional planning strategies and acting as an advocate for state and federal funding for environmental problems in the area."

The measure was approved by a 49-19-6 vote and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Wheelchair lessons

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Alan Augustinus, R-Union, that would allow companies to recover fees for successful claims under the "Wheelchair Lemon Law," has been released by the Assembly Committee on Consumer Affairs and Public Safety.

The measure, A-2182, would amend current law to allow consumers, who obtain a refund from the court, to recover their attorney's fees, expert witness fees, costs of sale and reimbursement for rental of a similar motorized wheelchair.

"Motorized wheelchairs are expensive and necessary items for those who are unable to walk or need assistance in getting around," Augustinus said. "If someone files a complaint due to a defect or malfunction, they should be able to recover some of their court costs from the manufacturer."

Under the current law, written by Augustinus and signed by Whitman in 1995, motorized wheelchair manufacturers are required to provide an express warranty for up to one year from the unit's delivery date. The law also requires the manufacturer to repair, replace, or extend a full cash refund on a defective unit or one deemed irreparable.

"This measure would provide consumers with more protection by allowing them to bring an action against a motorized wheelchair manufacturer for court fees or any damages resulting from violation of the 'Wheelchair Lemon Law,'" Augustinus said. "My bill would give some legal redress to the consumer and ease the burden of additional costs against gross disadvantage to those who rely on wheelchairs for mobility."

The law defines motorized wheelchairs to include all accompanying motorized accessories used to operate the wheelchair, motorized scooters for indoor use, and motorized power units for power wheelchairs.

Kids in court

In an effort to crack down on juvenile offenders, legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole, R-Union-Exeter, that would require repeat juvenile offenders to be held in custody was approved by the Assembly last week.

O'Toole said that the bill, A-1408, would hold juvenile sex offenders more accountable for their actions. "Our current juvenile justice system adjudicates certain juveniles as delinquents, when in fact, many juvenile offenders are committing violent crimes and should be prosecuted as adults," O'Toole said. "We need to send a strong message to juvenile sex offenders that they will no longer be held with kid gloves. They will be held accountable for their crimes."

Under the bill, a juvenile case would be waived from the Family Court if the juvenile is charged with aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault, and has one or more previous adjudications of delinquency for either offense.

"Aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault is not a minor crime; it is a serious and violent offense against another person that should not be allowed in a civilized society," O'Toole added.

College names three to foundation board

Three business leaders in the county have been named trustees of the Union County College Foundation, the official fundraising arm of the county college.

Frank Franchini of Summit, general manager of WJAM-AM radio station in Elizabeth; Anthony Giordano of Union, chairman relations representative at Mobilizer Lincoln Mercury in Union; and Margaret Neasey of Point Pleasant, director of business process review at Elizabethtown Water Co. in Westfield, have been named to one-year terms.

Franchini has been employed for more than 10 years as general manager of WJAM-AM radio. He has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and advertising, handling such accounts as Lord & Taylor, Bowlin Toller, and John Weinmeyer.

Franchini has been involved with fundraising for various organizations, including the Union County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes, and the United Way. She attended the Worcester Art Museum School, Worcester, Mass.

Her contributions to the Union County College Foundation have included assistance with various fundraising events, including the Evening at the Races, having volunteered with two such events, and the Gala. She also has secured many scholarships and gift bags.

Giordano is employed as a customer relations representative for Mobilizer Lincoln Mercury in Union. He serves on the Union Hospital Foundation Board and is a member of several civic organizations, including the Union Township Chamber of Commerce, the Union Township Blue Ribbon Committee, the Union Township Special Improvement District, and the Rotary Club.

His contributions to the foundation already have included service with the Golf Tournament and he has helped in funding support from local businesses.

Neasey has more than 14 years of employment experience with Elizabethtown Water Co., Westfield, with her current title being director of business process review.

A 1978 graduate of UCC, where she earned an associate degree in Business, Neasey holds a bachelor's degree in management science from Keen College of New Jersey.

Elizabeth's white diamonds

A Turnpike Authority worker near Elizabeth paints the signature white diamonds on the new High Occupancy Vehicle lanes. Beginning this month, the HOV lanes will span from interchange 11 in Woodbridge to interchange 14 in Newark — the most traveled segment of the Highway. Buses, motorcycles and cars carrying at least three people will have access to the lanes from 6 to 9 a.m., northbound and from 4 to 7 p.m. on the southbound side. The lanes will be open for all other vehicles at all other times.

Surrogate service



Union County Surrogates Ann Conti prides one of her employees, Scotch Plains resident Maryann Pacific, during a recent meeting of the surrogates. Pacific has been employed by the county for 25 years, and now is the supervising clocker in the Surrogate's Office. From left: County Manager Ann Berman, Freeholder Linda Stender, Frank Lehr, Dan Sullivan and Walter McNeil. Front, from left: Pacific and Conti.

Divorce bill advances

The Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee recently approved legislation sponsored by Assembly Deputy Minority Leader Neil M. Cohen to amend New Jersey's divorce laws.

"Noncustodial parents should not be considered second-class citizens when it comes to having a say in raising their children," said Cohen. "This measure would allow noncustodial parents to access pediatric records without revealing either parent's address on the documents."

Under the measure, the court may deny noncustodial parents access to the records if it finds that it is not in the best interest of the child or if the action is solely to harass the other parent.

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Is Gill's success due to laws or to herself?

(Continued from Page B1) The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Black Women Lawyers of America.

Interviews set for rape crisis center

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups: a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17; a group for adult female survivors of rape; a group for young adult survivors age 19 to 30 addressing different kinds of sexual assault.

Professor brings music of Germany to Rutgers

An enthusiastic conductor and music professor at Rutgers University-Newark, John Eric Florence, formerly of Miami, arrived at the office last week to talk about two holiday concerts.

Under his tutelage, the 50-voice Rutgers University Chorus will perform a winter concert on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills, that will include the world premiere of a new work by Daniel Pinkham and the New Jersey premiere of a recently discovered 19th century Moravian Christmas cantata.

A second performance of the chorus, accompanied on piano by Clifford Parfitt, will be given on the Rutgers-Newark campus on Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Bradley Hall Lounge.

A dream comes true for the Elizabeth Playhouse

The 50-voice Rutgers University Chorus of the Newark campus, conducted by John Eric Florence, center, standing behind Clifford Parfitt, assistant conductor and accompanist, will perform a winter concert Dec. 6 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills. A second performance will be given Dec. 11 in the Bradley Hall Lounge on the Rutgers-Newark campus.

Why is this piece important? he asked. "It's because it became very popular among the Moravians in Germany, and when they started coming over to America in the 18th century they brought their music with them. One of the pieces they brought was the Opening Chorus. This part of the cantata was known and became popular among the Moravians in Pennsylvania and North Carolina."

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mark the beginning of the chorus' 50th anniversary celebration which will include a 12-day concert series of Germany and the Czech Republic from May 26 to June 5, with joint concerts with the University of Leipzig Chorus and the Chamber Choir of Dippoldiswalde - Dresden - as well as concerts in Berlin, Meissen and Regau."

It will have its first New Jersey premiere on Dec. 8. He also mentioned that the Daniel Pinkham work, "Alleluia" Festival, was commissioned by the Rutgers University Chorus in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Newark campus of Rutgers and the upcoming 50th anniversary in 1997 of the founding of the chorus at the University of Iowa.

And better days include having lunch with brother-in-law Jim, after Georgia's tacky sister Miriam announces her pregnancy, inheriting great sums of money when her mother's affairs take a turn for the worse, and getting away with the murder of a book reviewer who pans her novel, each as a disposition for being attracted to married men, one of whom is her brother-in-law, and dealing with rejection as publisher after publisher declines her first novel. In the meantime, she lives at home with her cranky mother and mischievous father, who is a disbeliever in her being attracted to married men, one of whom is her brother-in-law, and dealing with rejection as publisher after publisher declines her first novel.

Georgia Allerton surveys the cast of her latest fantasy in the Elizabeth Playhouse production of "Dreamlight" which runs through Dec. 22. From left, Jason Bluffington, Jay Tom, Gallison and Joe Mulholland. For reservations and information, call (908) 955-0077.

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Theater View

By Jacquie McConrath Associate Editor. realization about what Georgia Allerton really wants. The play is cleverly constructed and well-acted, with the actors obviously enjoying their roles. Each daydream is set apart from the regular action by humorous, melodramatic lines and ridiculous situations.

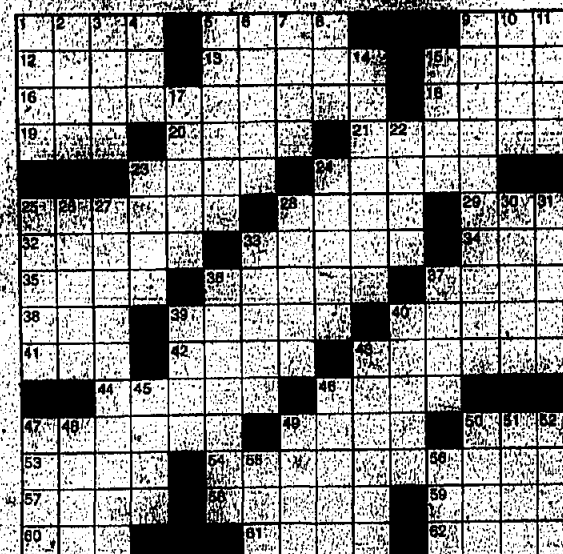
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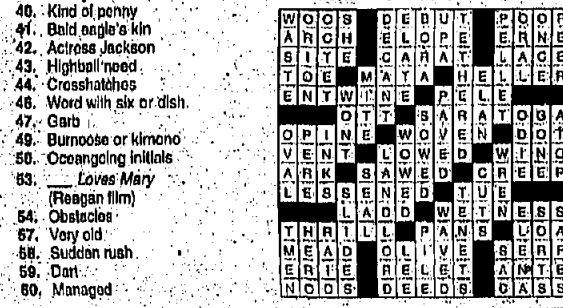
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



'Bottle Rocket' is a killer comedy with a lack of killer instinct

Quick every few years an independent film comes along that showcases the amazing talents of a single director. 'Bottle Rocket' is the 1996 version of this phenomenon and the actor in question is Owen Wilson. Wilson, who also is the screenwriter, plays Dignan, an earnest optimist who has recently been fired from his job at a computer store. He is looking for a new career. When Dignan's friend Anthony is released from a mental institution, the two decide to become professional thieves. Dignan, who prides himself on his attention to detail, draws up blueprints and maps for their first job: a large Barnes and Noble "Big" bookstore. Their friend Bob, who is the only one of the three who owns a car, hooks up with the getaway driver.

The robbery, which takes place while the employees are taking up their hours, is comically brilliant. Dignan pulls a gun and, in the sedate world of the bookstore, the clerk reacts calmly, almost as if Dignan was asking when the Biography section was. "Where's the money?" yells Dignan. "Oh, oh, oh, let me take you back to the manager's office. If it's right this way," says the clerk. The manager grabs a tiny bag to stuff the money in, and Dignan's patience is tried. "That's not any bigger bag, you idiot!" he yells, maniacally, in his 30's and not amused, snugs back. "Don't call me an idiot, you little punk!" Dignan is surprised. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry," he says, sincerely, "I'm sorry, do you have any bigger bags, like the ones you put encyclopedias on as titles?"

Dignan clearly doesn't have the killer instinct to be a career criminal, but the thieves make a plan break and get a motel room about 50 miles out of town. The cops are not on their trail, but Dignan, now liking the thieving and Clyde lifestyle, demands they all get helpfully to take their own identities. Anthony is against the idea since he's now in love with the chambermaid, who only speaks Spanish. And Bob, who drove the getaway car, has a family emergency and wants to go home. "You can't," says Dignan. "We're a gang."

The next day Dignan runs out of the room to the parking lot, screams, and runs back to Anthony to tell him that

The Video Detective

By Jim Rittel

Bob has stolen the car. A while later he tries to get himself and Anthony back into a positive frame of mind. "Who's to say that we need Bob to have an alibi?"

"Unlike many of the crash and burn Hollywood blockbusters, this film relies heavily on dialogue and character to keep the audience interested, and some of the day comic dialogue is the best of the year. When Anthony talks to his 10-year-old sister Grace, she asks why he had a mental breakdown. "I was just exhausted," he explains. "How could you be exhausted?" she asks. "You never worked a day in your life," Anthony feels she thinks he's a loser and shares his fear with Dignan. "So what?" says Dignan. "What has she done with her life that's so great?" Later in the film, Dignan tries to convince Anthony to take part in another crime by making it seem exciting. "It's an adventure," he says. "This one includes dynamite, pole vaulting, laughing gas, motorcycle chases and hang gliding."

All the comedy in the film is dry, kind of like "Easy Rider" minus early David Letterman. And, as I mentioned, if for nothing else you should see this film just for the performance of Owen C. Wilson. He could easily hold his own with Robert DeNiro or Jack Nicholson if he got the chance.

Trivia Question: What was the name of the serious drama Sylvester Stallone wrote and starred in in 1978 which dealt with worker's unions' struggles and violence?

Answer: "F.I.S.T." It was his first film after the incredible success of "Rocky," 1976.

Now on video: "The Search For One-Eyed Jimmy," comedy; "Two Deaths," drama.

A resident of Mountshale, Jim Rittel is the author of "The Video Detective's Guide to the Top 100 Films of All Times."

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An encore is in order for Union Municipal Band

By Ben Smith
Some lively and marvelous holiday songs erupted from the auditorium of Hurst Middle School in Union Municipal evening when the Union Municipal Band presented its annual Concert of Holiday Melodies.

Berry Turner, standing in for ailing assistant director Casey Bork, did an outstanding job of conducting about 50 musicians, men and women alike, who offered an exciting medley of holiday music.

With a strong brass section and wonderfully sounding woodwinds and woodwinds, with an appropriate drum in the background, the first part of the concert, opened, with Edwin Franko Goldman's well-known "Christmas March." This was followed by the "Festival of Lights," a four-part series arranged by Emily J. Schilling especially for the Union Municipal Band.

Russell L. Walters' interesting arrangement of Sergei Prokofiev's Russian Christmas music, "Troika," from "Les Tziganes" by Maurice Strakosky, was particularly effective. Even more outstanding was Leon Jessel's "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," a marchous arrangement by Walter Beeler.

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Not really. The concert, sponsored by the Union Recreation Department, will be presented again on Monday at the Stony Hill Mall. This reviewer plans to enjoy the whole program all over again.

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Stony Hill Players' opera nourishes body and soul

Drama fans typically can find plenty of well-performed local plays to fill their calendars, but don't have as many opportunities to add a magnificent production to the schedule. These opera devotees should pencil in time to see Stony Hill Players' "Hansel and Gretel," a night, and touching version of composer Engelbert Humperdinck's opera. Children of all ages are guaranteed to have as much fun at this show as the performers.

Concluding with a food drive to benefit Sunnyside Homeless Shelter, the show's proceeds will be donated to the shelter. The show will be performed at the Stony Hill Players' rehearsal space at 120 Morris Ave. in Union.

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Some strikingly beautiful scenery is featured in the woods, where Hansel and Gretel encounter some fascinatingly adorable Forest Creatures and are sung to sleep by the Sand Fairy, wonderfully performed by

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DINING REVIEW

December 5, 1996

Primo's

A primo blend of continental cuisines

By Douglas William Metz Staff Correspondent
If you're looking for a fine dining experience that's not too much of a draw on the wallet, Primo's is the place to be. Low lighting and romantic Italian music complement the arborescent decor but it is the food that keeps you coming back.

The concept of Primo's, according to the menu, was created by three first generation American cousins whose origins are from Spain. Having brought their original Spanish recipes to their new home, the Montes Family has combined the best of both worlds. Primo's serves a wide variety of dishes featuring a blend of Mediterranean, Spanish and American cuisine.

A fine aperitif is the shrimp cocktail, or Cocktail de Camaron, with generous servings of rock shrimp served with a hot spicy dipping sauce.

There isn't a carnivore around who wouldn't appreciate the Bistecca Solonilla, a very tender cut of broiled Filet Mignon, served with a rich red wine sauce.

Primo's is located at 2258 Morris Ave. in Union. For information, contact the restaurant at (908) 686-1200.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy Associate Editor

Lynn Ahl. The latest Angels protect the two lost siblings, and morning light finds the pair awakened by the Day Fairy, who wondrously performed by Robin Berman. These scenes are expertly staged, danced and sung by younger members of the cast. Who does have many lines but communicate more than words ever could. Of special note is the Coblin, played expertly by cast member Wendy Ryan, who snarls a scene from the evil witch.

Speaking of the wicked one, Reagan Mackenzie becomes the role slightly well. She is hysterically ludicrous as she goes to great pains to lure the wayward children into her home, with an aria which literally sends chills down the spine.

All performers have lovely operatic voices, complimented by the excellent accompaniment of pianist and Musical Director Steven Yalst and violinist Ellen Yoffe. Humperdinck's score is challenging, ranging from very and violin strains to rapid, animated piano. Stony Hill has done a terrific job with scenery and costumes, both of which are colorful and elegant. The staging is concise and clever.

"Hansel and Gretel" will continue with alternating casts through Dec. 15. Tomorrow and Saturday shows will begin at 8 p.m., with remaining Sunday and Saturday performances beginning at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$6 for children 12 and under, and non-transferable food items are graciously accepted. For reservations call (908) 464-7716, Oakes Memorial Outreach Center is located at 120 Morris Ave., Summit.

Members of the cast of Stony Hill Players' "Hansel and Gretel" will be transferred into characters from the timeless fairy tale. From left, front: Olivia Calabrese of Millburn and Timothy Ryan of Berkeley Heights; center: Allison Brokaw of Summit; rear: Stefan Wolansky of New Providence and Jillian Velasco of Hillsdale.

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'First Contact' is worth the trek to the theater

Former President George Bush has nothing on Jean-Luc Picard. The captain of the beloved Enterprise E draws a line in the stars and declares war on his usual enemy, the alien Borg. In 'Star Trek: First Contact,' Borg is the villain of the week. The Borg is a race of cybernetic beings that have been assimilated into the Federation's Star Trek. The Borg is a race of cybernetic beings that have been assimilated into the Federation's Star Trek.

Movie-goers are obviously enjoying this big-screen episode a lot more than the first one, judging from the \$30 million 'First Contact' grossed the first weekend. If any hard-core fans out there are anything like me, they'll have to wait for the first film, 'Generations,' out of sheer curiosity — not only to see the next generation of Star Trek's Academy graduates make the jump to warp on the alien screen, but also to bear witness to the end of the original crew movie, symbolized by the deaths of venerable Captain Kirk. This second attempt at cinema verité is a lot closer to what ST-NG was all about, even if though at first it comes off as a sequel rather than a feature.

During the television journey of the Next Generation crew, Captain Jean-Luc Picard assimilated (no pun intended) the personas of one or two of his colleagues in crisis situations. Viewers may wonder if the spirit of Kirk made it into Picard's rogue's gallery as they watch him disobey direct orders from Starfleet, now down a crew of Borg with a 23rd century, hand-picked assault weapon, and place the spanking new Enterprise in jeopardy in order to exact a pound of flesh from technology Borg. But I am glibbing ahead of myself, which, as good as this film is, is an unfortunate drawback to 'First Contact'.

The over-the-top captain appears to be the untrained eye to have come through his television encounter with the Borg with great aplomb, but a few signifiers reliving the experience now and again. For the uninitiated, the Borg are an army of force-fielded automata ruled by one mind, a queen who wants to "recreate" essential humanity by assimilating them into their killing machines — essential parts of the anatomy are replaced with metal organs, and personality becomes a fond memory. Picard has returned from where no man has gone before — he was

Artwork reflects Chinese cultural revolution

Artwork by Chinese artist Sun Weidong has been featured in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, Dec. 12. Sun's parents, his mother one of few physicians in China, raised him in western ways; and his father, the Chairman of the Mathematics Department at the University of Beijing, raised him in an atmosphere of both Chinese and Western cultures. During the "cultural revolution," when Chairman Mao's radical revolutionaries attacked the traditional, Sun was forced to work on farms with his mother and his father was imprisoned. Although a difficult period in his life, his work in the mountain region during this period greatly influenced his art.

After Mao's death, Sun surprised his family by studying fine arts in the

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'Miss Adventures' in Dating

Illustrated section titled 'Miss Adventures' in Dating, featuring cartoon characters and humorous text about dating and relationships.

Artwork reflects Chinese cultural revolution

Artwork by Chinese artist Sun Weidong has been featured in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, Dec. 12. Sun's parents, his mother one of few physicians in China, raised him in western ways; and his father, the Chairman of the Mathematics Department at the University of Beijing, raised him in an atmosphere of both Chinese and Western cultures. During the "cultural revolution," when Chairman Mao's radical revolutionaries attacked the traditional, Sun was forced to work on farms with his mother and his father was imprisoned. Although a difficult period in his life, his work in the mountain region during this period greatly influenced his art.

After Mao's death, Sun surprised his family by studying fine arts in the

HOLIDAY DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Table with columns for Christmas Week, New Year's Week, and Public Notice Advertising. Includes dates and times for newspaper publications and advertising deadlines.

We would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You. It's been another busy year, and we want to thank you, our advertisers and readers for your support this year. Best wishes to you and yours!

HOROSCOPE
For The Week of December 8-14

ARIES March 21-April 20: Make the most of your time. Don't put off or delay things that need to be done. Small delays could lead to major setbacks. Keep in touch with your loved ones. Money is a cause for concern, but things will work out.
TAURUS April 21-May 21: Forget past hurts and resentments. Play focused on the future and accept professional advancement. 'Tried' could be the horizon, but don't neglect chores around the house.
GEMINI May 22-June 21: This could be the perfect time to catch up on those little things you've let slide. Now is the time to renew old friendships — one could pay off handsomely. Inspire others with your positive outlook. Keep health reevaluated.

Local comedians don't take their work seriously

If you're up for a little locally-created, performed comedy — or would welcome the opportunity to 'cheer up' by exposing yourself to such an evening, then mark Saturday on your calendar and write just below it '5:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainville, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, Mountainville.' Write this, too: 'Admission: absolutely free.'

At the church on Saturday, the Central Group is fielding a widely diverse group of local residents paying their homage of humor and talent on the line in 'No Seriously, Folks,' a 10-act sketch workshop that also features stand-up comedy. Subplots include a holiday edition of 'The Truth,' 'Bay Watch,' baseball, a phony psychic, Bill and Hillary Clinton, a kid kuno telegraph, an amateur back-rocker, a lecturer on pleasing a husband, 1950s style, and the nation's only completely honest senatorial candidate. Two stand-up comics will also perform.

'I like to call this the chance of a lifetime,' says Gorman co-founder John Rupp, a native of Mountainville. 'I mean, not only a chance for the live arts and performance, but for local citizens, too. Where else can you see live comedy absolutely free, with no commercial breaks, no monthly charge, no change charges and no minimum?'
The Central Group was founded by Mountainville residents Scott Coffey and Allison Jacob, and by Rupp as a vehicle to give area residents an outlet for their talents. 'This is a fun organization,' says Coffey, 'although during the rehearsal process, some people would call it a "disorganization." We don't want to play around with organization politics. We don't want to apply for grants or develop and produce. All we want to do is have fun producing live local theater.'

'From the start,' says Jacob, 'what we thought we would do is leave the revival of former Broadway plays to the area's established theatrical groups. They are uniformly excellent, and much better equipped to take on the challenges of full-scale productions. We want to be a forum for those who have always wanted to write, direct, and produce but never did — and for talented actors, directors and writers who want to experiment or stretch their wings beyond other "gigs."'

Public Notice section containing various legal notices, including notices of public auctions, property sales, and business announcements.

New assistants make season a 'grand' one

The Westfield Symphony has accepted several high school students as volunteer assistants to the conductor for its 1996-97 season. The program provides opportunities for young music students to attend the professional conductor's dress rehearsal and concert and offers them a chance to learn first-hand about the production of orchestral concerts.

Class reunions

Class reunions are being organized for the following: Westfield 1971, March 23, 1997; Susan Wagner 1987, June 6, 1997; Linden 1971, June 28, 1997; Summit 1987, July 18, 1997; Westfield 1977, August 2, 1997; Westfield 1957, October 4, 1997; Cranford 1967, Nov. 8, 1997; Columbia Senior 1987, Nov. 28, 1997; Union 1977, November 28, 1997; Bloomfield 1987, 1997.

Public Notice

Notice of entry of judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey, County of Warren, Docket No. LWR-95-68. Notice of entry of judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey, County of Warren, Docket No. LWR-95-68.

Advertisement for Christmas trees and decorations, including contact information for various farms and nurseries.

Advertisement for Christmas trees and decorations, featuring 'Kattermann's Wilderness Tree Farm' and 'Wyckoff's White Pine Farm'.

Advertisement for 'Sunset Christmas Tree Farm' and 'Christmas Warehouse Sale', including details about tree selection and sale dates.

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Realtor Advantage is theme of convention

The New Jersey Association of Realtors' annual convention is set for this week at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino & Resort in Atlantic City. The two-and-one-half day forum with the theme, "Realtor Advantage," will explore topics crucial to real estate practitioners and their relationships with the real estate buying and selling public in New Jersey. The convention's educational program will feature sessions focusing on agent productivity, technology, buying and selling issues, management techniques and environmental issues.

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