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## Dress right dress



Maj. William Smith and Master Sgt. Edwin Rodriguez, of Governor Livingston High School's Junior ROTC program, participated in the Mountainside/Westfield Red Cross Project TROOPS. The goal of the project was to assemble holiday packages for American troops overseas. For more, see Page 4.

## Regional board votes to reject computer lab plan

By Chris Suswal  
Staff Writer

The Regional High School District will not have to pay for the development of a computer lab at David-Brearley High School in Kenilworth.

On Tuesday, the Regional High School Board of Education rejected a plan to fund \$186,000 worth of updated technology to Brearley High School. The resolution was defeated by a 5-4 vote after a long session of debate by the board. Board members Joan Toth, Donald Paris, Theresa LiCausi, Carmine Venes, and Virginia Muskus voted against the resolution. Robert Jeans, Alok Chakrabarti, Thomas Foregger, and Ned Sambur voted to pass the resolution.

The resolution would have put in place a working, updated, and fully automated system that would have included installation of a computer lab complete with Internet access. The Kenilworth facility would have been granted funding for hardware and software comparable to other computer labs within the district.

Jeans stated that the school board should not deny students who would enter the Kenilworth school the same level of education.

"These 264 children have been allowed a certain level of education to this point and we would be denying them that level going into the school," Jeans said. "We made a commitment to the students of the district and we should protect the students because they are still going to be our students."

According to Jeans, there is still going to be shared services among the towns and there is "more than enough surplus to fund this project."

## Proposal would pay off trash debt

By Randee Bayer-Spittel  
Staff Writer

Shortly after the courts struck down the state's waste flow laws in the Carbone decision, the debate about how to pay for the debt incurred by those mandates began.

There are three proposals being discussed. One calls for a \$10 per ton surcharge on all garbage, and two others call for the municipalities to continue to pay for county-run facilities.

Assemblyman John Rooney, who as the mayor of the Bergen County community North Vale was also one of the plaintiffs in the Carbone suit, proposed a package of bills to deal with the problems in the waste-flow laws two years ago.

His bills, A-85 through A-89, would put the responsibility for handling trash into the hands of the municipalities, with the exception of recycling, which would still be handled by the county.

"There is no way that this should be a top-down decision," he said. "The state and the county don't know what the needs of my town are."

He said the fact that the waste-flow measures were top-down is what caused the problem in the first place.

He said that the state has made "all kinds of ridiculous" regulations, which have cost the counties and municipalities millions.

His bills would end rate regulation by public utilities authorities such as the Union County Utilities Authority.

He proposes to pay for the debts incurred by those counties who built incinerators or spent money to try to build an incinerator with a dedicated fund.

The State Solid Waste Facility Debt Retirement Fund would get 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 trash disposal laws, including the debt for the UCUA. The fund would be able to pay off all of 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 John Gibson, R-Cape May, would allow

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Borough's regional board member

Sambur agreed stating that the regional board has an obligation to the students of the district.

"\$185,000 is not going to make or break any one of the six districts," he said. "The \$186,000 will ensure that the students at Brearley get a quality education."

The opposition made remarks concerning the responsibility of the towns after the dissolution process is completed in July of 1997. LiCausi cited letters that the board had received from the towns of Garwood and Mountainside who sided against the regional district funding the project.

"I don't believe it is right to ask towns who are walking away from this district to then go out to pay and update this state-of-the-art lab," LiCausi said. "I'm sure each and every school has things they need done to them that their town will have to lay out the money for."

LiCausi also mentioned that the possibility of going to court would be very expensive and that the board should keep those costs to a minimum.

"You're asking us to refurbish your buildings," Venes said. "I just think it's unfair and it never ends."

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 regulations.

"This bill changes nothing," he said. "It maintains flow control and mandates towns to continue to pay for these facilities."

Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage agrees. He said that he and many mayors support Rooney's bills.

"The state is responsible for this debt," he said. "This proposal allows all of that debt to be paid for."

Bollwage said that the proposal would allow the incinerator to separate its debt and lower the tipping fees.

Rooney added that even with a \$10 surcharge on each ton of garbage the See PROPOSAL, Page 2

## Council continues infrastructure work

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

The Borough Council did some housekeeping work at its last meeting in the quest to ensure the borough continues to run smoothly in its day-to-day operations.

Although the meeting was a short one, they were able to accomplish some tasks before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The council voted to authorize the advertising of a bid for a new police vehicle. This will enable Police Chief William Alder to go out and find out how much a new police vehicle will cost.

"The chief will go and get some figures that he will then bring back to the council for final approval. We are hoping to pick up an end of the year 1996 car before the prices go up for the 1997 models, as always in an effort to save the taxpayers some money," said Mayor Bob Vigilanti.

The council also passed a resolution indicating to the county that they are interested in participating in a Union County Animal Shelter. This idea has been kicked around for some time especially among smaller communities which really have no use for a full time animal shelter in their municipalities.

"We sent the county a resolution that we would like to continue looking into this idea, and that we are interested and that the shelter would meet the needs of our town. I think that a lot of other communities are doing the same as well," said Vigilanti.

The Borough Council next passed a resolution agreeing to refund road opening deposits made by some owners in town. These were deposits that the borough collected for some curb work that was being done along Prospect Street. The deposits are taken in case any damage is done to the road while the curbs are being installed, then the borough already has the money in hand to fix the roadway.

"The three homes on Prospect put up a bond for their curb work and our town engineer, Mike Disko, inspected the work and it was done to his satisfaction so we were more than happy to refund their deposits," said Vigilanti.

The council then went on to have a second reading of an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$175,000 from the capital improvement fund for the inflow and infiltration work as well as remedial work on the Mountainside sewer system. This is money that the borough already has and no new money will have to be raised to complete the project to fix the borough's sewer system. Upon the final passing of the ordinance, the work will probably begin shortly.

The council would also like to remind residents that it will be having the annual Christmas tree lighting Saturday at Borough Hall. All residents are invited and anyone interested can contact Borough Hall for the exact time.

## Board receives fiscal, technological reports

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Board of Education received views of its financial present and possible technological future during its meeting at Deerfield School Tuesday night.

Walter Ryglicki, of the Elizabeth accounting firm Suplee Clooney, endorsed tighter bookkeeping methods during his annual financial audit report. The board also heard short and long term plan recommendations from Jeff Goldstein and Michelle Norris of the district Technology Committee.

Ryglicki reported that the school district had a budget of \$4,144,314.16 for fiscal year 1995-96, an increase of \$203,446.11 over the 1994-95 year.

Revenues from various governmental

and trust funds came to \$4,825,093.36 while expenditures were \$4,826,608.65, leaving a deficit of \$1,515.29. The shortfall, however, is being absorbed by the \$274,288.47 fund balance with which the current 1996-97 year began with July 1.

Ryglicki went on to caution the board on returning under \$5,000 in unspent funds to the state.

"The state requires school districts to hold and spend specific funds for 18 months before having to return the unused portion," said Ryglicki. "We found three funds dating back from 1992-93 which should have gone back June 30. You'll get a letter from the state saying either 'We noticed your surplus and we reduced your next fund amount accordingly' or

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## Creativity class



Fifth-grade students from Deerfield School use computers to write creative compositions. From left are Rob Condrillo, Irene Lentis, Devon Orenczak, and Jeff Hoffman.

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**One tough cookie**



Danny DeMola and Anthony Corsi, students in Gina Augello's second grade class in Deerfield School, use a chocolate chip cookie as an example of searching for fossils.

**Proposal is sought to repay UCUA debt**

(Continued from Page 1) end price would still be far lower than they are right now.

"We are still going to save money," he said. "Maybe not as much, but still a lot of money will be saved."

However, Assemblyman Joseph Suliga disagreed. He said he does not support the bill at all.

"I represent Union County and our problem is the UCUA," he said. "The bonds they have are not general obligation bonds so why would the state pay that debt off?"

He said the incinerator was built with revenue bonds, which the government is not liable for. Revenue bonds have a higher rate of return than general obligation bonds because they are riskier.

"The investors knew that there was risk involved," he said. "If Ogdin-Martin wants this facility to succeed, then they have to lower their operating costs and the investors have to take lower rates of return on the bonds."

He said in Union County's case, he does not believe the bill is a good idea.

"We should not have to pay these bonds off at all," he said. "It is time that private industry understands that the government won't bail them out. Let Ogdin-Martin, which makes money all over the world, take a loss here in Union County."

He added that he would consider supporting the bill if it was amended only to include the general obligation bonds, or the portion of the revenue bond which the county is responsible for, which is about \$30 million.

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**Today**

• The Reeves-Reed Arboretum will sponsor the Katydid's 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 Ave., Summit. For more information, call (908) 273-8787 or (908) 273-1770.

**Sunday**

• Msgr. F.X. Coyle Council No. 5560 Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the council home on Old Shunpike 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.

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**Board of Education covers deficit**

(Continued from Page 1) "Please send the money back."

As an example, Rygliecki also pointed out various areas of discrepancies ranging from not listing equipment valued at more than \$500 as capital improvements, to student body activity expenditures which are not backed by invoices or paid bills.

"The errors or discrepancies involve detail or category changes," said Rygliecki. "I'm sure Superintendent Baccaro has a corrective action plan proposed. To have \$5,000 in question out of a \$4 million budget is to be doing phenomenally well."

Goldstein and Norris preceded Rygliecki's findings with their report

on how to approach the coming information revolution. Along with Board President Frank Geiger and nine other committee members, they conducted a nine-month study which included consulting telecommunications companies, visiting comparative school districts and conducting a town survey.

Their recommendations include: conducting an assessment study of teacher and administrator computer

needs; using a resource-savvy college intern, and establishing a technological foundation to fund needed hardware and software.

Among other matters, the board approved policy revisions regarding narcotic and weapons possession but turned down Foursquare Gospel Church's request for Sunday gym use. Under new business, and discussed the idea of setting board member term limits.

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# F.M.B.A. Toys for Tots to bring cheer

By Blaine Dillport  
Staff Writer

The holiday season has finally arrived, and the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent 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, some years in association with the police department, but this year we are taking care of it ourselves," said James Anagnos, 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. Plus, we on our own are going to try and help out a couple of needy families here in town," said Anagnos.

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. "Since we are so tight for space, we usually keep the donated toys in the attic, so any type of toy donation can just be given to any firemen 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 Anagnos.

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 Anagnos.

If there are any questions, residents can contact the Fire Department at (201) 376-8558. It is the time of year to 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.

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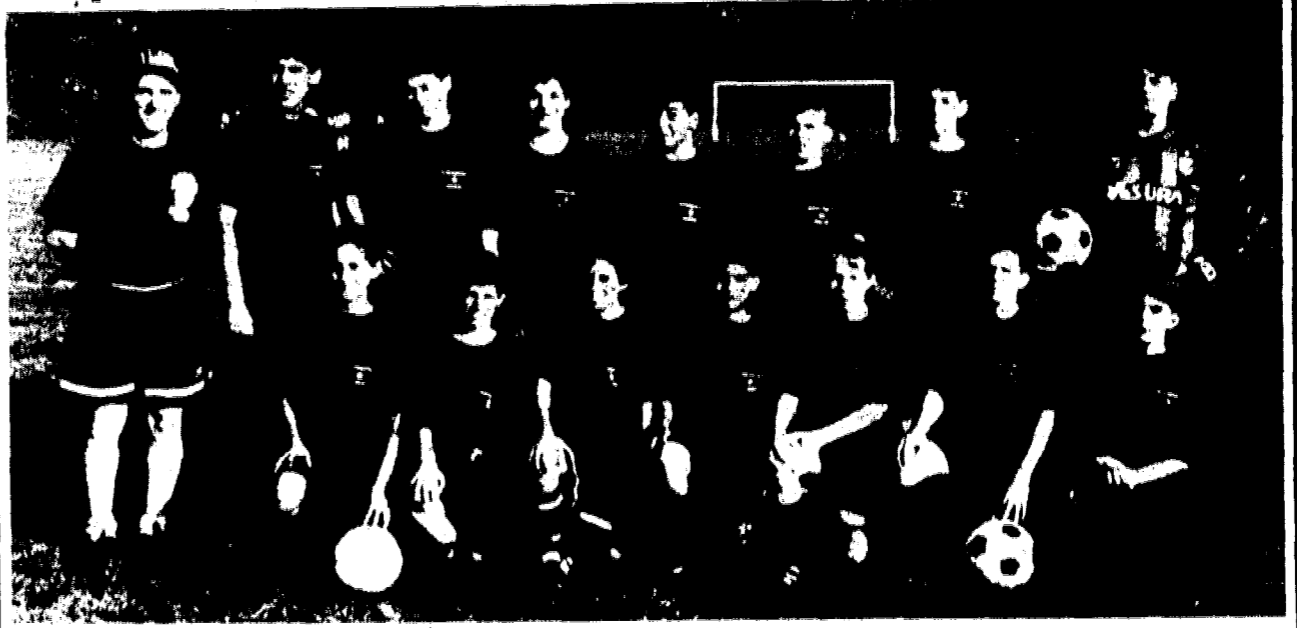
Mountainside Post Office is extending its business hours to help make this holiday mailing season more convenient for Mountainside postal customers.

"The postal service wants to make this Christmas as headache-free as

possible for all postal customer," Postmaster Kenneth Brown said.

On Saturday Dec. 7, 14, and 21, the Mountainside branch office at 604 Sherwood Parkway will be providing extended office hours. The hours of window service will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## A perfect season



The Senior Soccer Team representing the Springfield Recreation Department finished the season undefeated with a 7-0 record and in First Place in the Union County Senior Soccer League. From left are: front row, Linda Agostinelli, Bryan Demberger, Marc Eisenstein, Dara Mirjahangiri, Esther Aizenberg, Alex Seigel, Chris Sarracino. Back row, Coach Ted Sayanlar, Jason Sayanlar, Joey Flesh, Nicholas Moulins, Dario Ruggiero, Mohamed Abelaziz, Carmine Santarella, and Joe Iellimo.

## Take a deep breath



On a recent field trip to Overlook Hospital, Walton School students Martin Cruz, Nicole Fulinello, and Devon Beebe were introduced to hospital procedures and participated in some hands-on experiences.

## 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 Bassano, 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 these people off the waiting list and into homes to give them independence and to give their parents peace of mind," Bassano 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 2008 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," Bassano explained. "In order to properly aid 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 2008 and information on the necessary operating

funds to eliminate the waiting list by 2008.

Bassano, author of the bond act which set aside \$160 million in 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 4,400. "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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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 Mountainside, who is working on the project, told his niece, Sally Unchester, about the project. Unchester attends Gov. Livingston High School and is in the JROTC 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 Mountainside/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.

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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 Bandrowski, stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity for many residents and passersby to take a guided tour of our headquarters,

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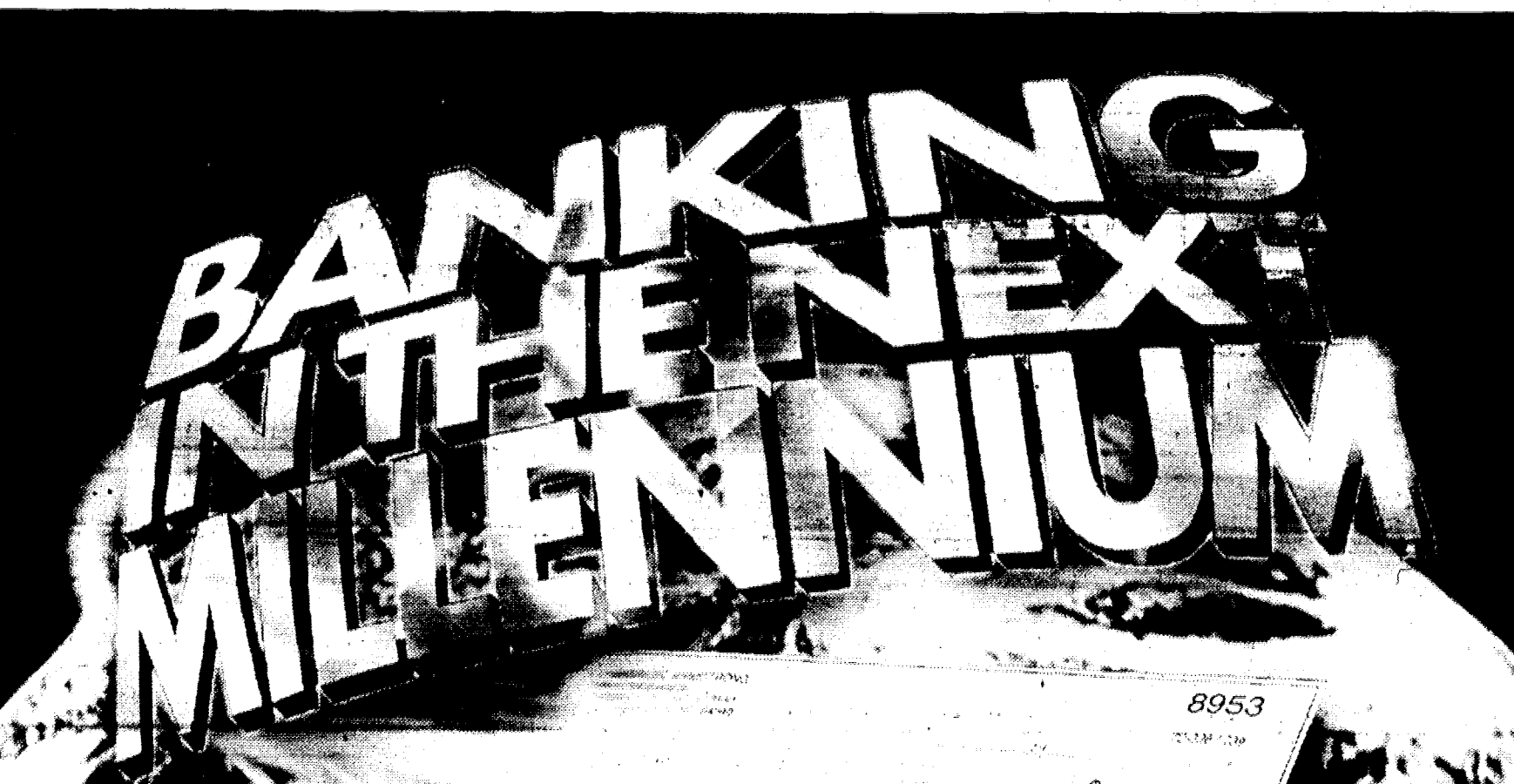
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## OPINION

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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 deregionalization. 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 roles.

We would believe that the board is aligning itself with the majority of voters from the six member districts of Kenilworth, Springfield, Mountainside, 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. "As of this moment, absolutely nothing is known about the complex issues involved in dissolution," the letter states. "School funding, budget preparation, staffing, student scheduling, co- 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 deregionalization 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 Hasmonean 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 defiled the temple and everything in it. 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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## 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 at the blackjack table. But I went along anyway, mainly to experience the excitement of Donald Trump's mecca of capitalist luck. However, what I found was not what I expected.

The casino we went to, whatever it was called, wasn't quite the palace of splendor that I had imagined a casino to be. All it consisted of was what appeared to be acres and acres of slot machines. There were some roulette, blackjack, and other unpronounceable tables as well, but it was the slot machines that ruled the 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 made up entirely of lottery winners wearing the latest K-Mart fashions. In many rows sat a single elderly person who, while remaining seated, could play five different slot machines while chain smoking and drinking a gin and tonic. This 25-year-old doesn't possess a fraction of the agility that these gambling grandparents displayed.

At one point, I took out my quarter and strolled to an unused machine. But there must have been a sensor alarm of some sort installed in it, for as soon as I came within a five-foot range, this one grandma in a silver jumpsuit sprung from her perch four machines down and proceeded to pump in quarters, giving me this look as if I was about to raise 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 expected that at least the age population would equalize. After all, how much stamina can 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 slots, 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,

in their attempt to stabilize the Medicare entitlement system, were merely trying to drive the elderly, who could barely afford to feed themselves, into further destitution and squalor. For years, we have heard that recipients of Social Security have made this country great, contributed their hard-earned dollars into the system, blah blah, and now they deserve to be taken care of. Based on my observations at the casino, their rights also extend to pulling a little handle and throwing away hundreds of dollars in the space of a few hours.

My question is, how can seniors justify attacking any attempt to salvage Medicare and Social Security when millions are wasted in such frivolous ways? I suspect that if I had taken an informal poll of those at the casino, the majority would claim destitution if their entitlements were to be adjusted.

I understand that today's elderly grew 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. Compound this with the fact that many seniors receive pensions which were typically offered at one time, and today are practically unheard of.

My family visited my grandmother 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 mothers were the norm, 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 around for 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 paychecks 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 sounds of the coins dropping into the machines.

## AFT is looking out for itself, not students

In reading the correspondence from American Federation of Teachers Local 3417, it is apparent that they have their own agenda and are falsely representing their concerns — concerns which they subversively cloak as that of the students' and other district employees'.

While it is certainly within the rights of the union representatives to voice their objections to the resolution passed by the Regional Board of Education on Nov. 19, I am appalled at the tone of this objection and take exception with some of the issues.

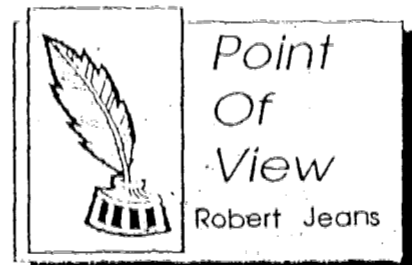
This correspondence, while showing their objections, has tones of intimidation. How dare this union expect this Board of Education to spend our taxpayers' money to fight their union issues. The day we allow this teachers union to intimidate us into ignoring the voice of the voters of the district will be a black day for this Board of Education and — more importantly — a sad day for the education of our students.

I feel that the claims in this letter have no merit and that the union representatives have nothing but contempt for this Board of Education, in spite of its support for the teachers. Just a check of the most recent 1995-96 published NJFEA research statistics on salaries and benefits will support me.

This board is not in the business of fighting for union issues, but in the business of educating our students and elected to represent our constituents. If the union had concerned themselves when they made their contract demands, maybe we would not be in this position today.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that I feel that the criticisms in this correspondence is not limited to the Regional Board of Education, but that they have included their future employers as well.

It is the statutory right and responsibility of a board of education to decide what is taught, make sure it is



taught correctly and provide the tools for it to be taught. Based on this statutory right, I find the issues within this correspondence to be without merit. The teachers union is asking for support on issues that are not and should not be the concern of this board, but rather issues that need resolutions from the local districts of which they will become a part.

School funding, while uncertain, will be uncertain even if the regional district could remain intact. Settlement of this issue will be coming in the near future and will be resolved as K-12 districts and have no merit in our supporting delay of the dissolution process.

The budget process is also a statutory requirement. The local districts have been charged with this responsibility and continue to work on their budgets and I feel they are more than capable to fulfill their statutory requirement. I see no merit or connection in the fact that we should support delaying the dissolution process based on this issue.

The issue of co-curricular and extracurricular activity schedules is something that will be decided by the local districts based on the needs of their students and find no merit in our intrusion or that of the union. Why an entire process should be stopped based on this issue is beyond comprehension. The local districts will make their decisions based on the needs of the students and not on the staff within their district.

Furthermore, the developing of a curriculum, appointing of staff and student course selection are not the

concern of this board. For many months the local districts have developed their own courses of study. Based on these, the students will make their selections. The fact that the appointment of staff will be made before these students make their selections is contradictory and has no merit. In an existing high school this is the process that happens year after year. I believe it is the statutory right of the local boards of education to develop the course of study and their responsibility to provide staff, as tools, to provide these courses. The staff should not steer the course of study, they are the tool to deliver the course of study.

The fact of whether curricula has or has not been adopted or formally approved by any of the local districts is not proof of anything. The exception, of course, is their lack of knowledge of this issue. Once again I reiterate, it is the statutory right and responsibility of the boards of education to develop curricula. Again, the teachers are just a tool the board provides to see that its curricula is delivered to the students.

While certainly some issues have been brought to the forefront and more may certainly surface as the process continues, none of these issue are

the concern of this board of education. It is also my opinion that the AFT has put the cart before the horse 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 protect the rights of teachers. They have a union to act on their behalf.

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

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

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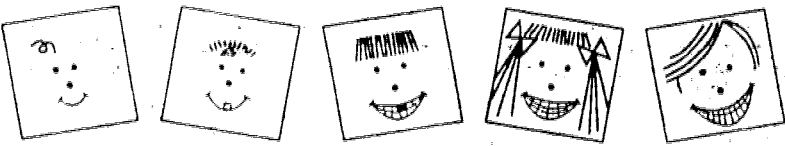
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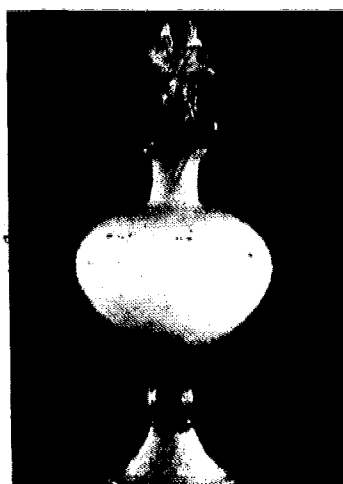
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From left, Jessica Langsam, Mark Papier, Ilana Bromberg, and Ari Kaufmann, members of the Summit Jewish Community Center's USY, visit with a patient at Overlook Hospital in Summit during Chanukah.

## 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 youths recite the blessing before and after lighting the Chanukah candles and sing holiday songs.

Rabbi William B. Horn, spiritual leader of the Summit Jewish Community Center organized the annual visitation. He has served as Chaplain at Overlook Hospital in Summit for over thirty years. "I know how important it is for patients who cannot be home for the holidays to have our high school students visit them. It is also important for our USYers to practice gemilut hasadim, 'bestowing loving kindness'."

The USY program at the SJCC combines a wide variety of social activities along with community service projects. As part of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, USY members also have the opportunity to participate in programs with other youth groups throughout the region. For more information, call (908) 273-8130.

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## New Y program is 'expressly' for teen-agers

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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 is 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 Zuchowski with any questions or ideas at (908) 273-3330. The YMCA is located at 67 Maple St. in Summit.

## Trailside plans holiday events

Trailside Nature and Science Center will host its annual Holiday Nature Boutique on Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

Visitors will be able to purchase hand-crafted gifts made from natural materials or having a natural theme. Among the many crafts for sale will be wreaths of many different types; baskets, country and Victorian jewelry; dolls; pottery; stained glass; hand painted wood and stone; rocking horses; log reindeer; herbal soaps; wildlife carvings pressed flowers; honey; jellies and vinegars; wooden

puzzle boxes; toys; stocking stuffers; and more.

Children will have an opportunity to shop for friends and family at the Kid's Gift Shop. Crafts of all kinds will be available for purchase to kids while they shop in a "hassle-free" environment, assisted by staff and volunteers.

All items in the Kid's Gift Shop will be priced at \$3 and under.

The planetarium show "Festival of Lights" will be held at 2 and 3:30 pm for \$3 person and \$2.55 for senior citi-

zens. Light holiday refreshments will be sold, and Santa is expected to stop by with candy canes for little shoppers.

Admission to the event is a suggested donation of \$1 which includes doorprize tickets for chance to win donated craft items. Some of these items include a silver bracelet; a pressed flower paper weight; a raffia wreath; semi-precious earring; wooden reindeer; candles; a basket; homemade apple jelly and spoon; and many more items.

For more information about the Nature Boutique or to volunteer, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670. Trailside is a facility of Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

## SAGE seeks volunteers

Caring, dedicated volunteers are needed at SAGE, a not-for-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.

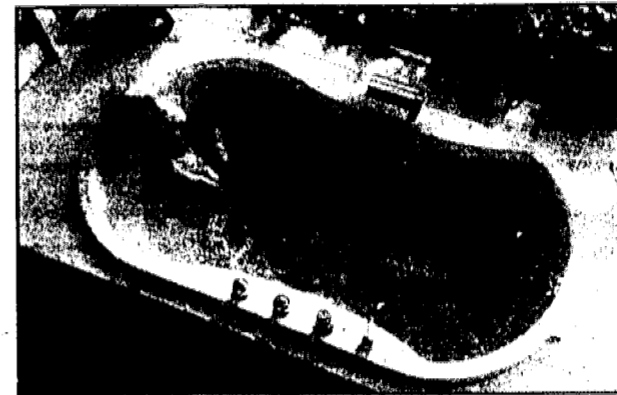
A few available opportunities are:

clerical assistants, computer data entry, Meals-On-Wheels drivers and servers, sales and stock clerks at the SAGE Resale Shop, and activity assistants at the Spend-A-Day Adult Day Care Center.

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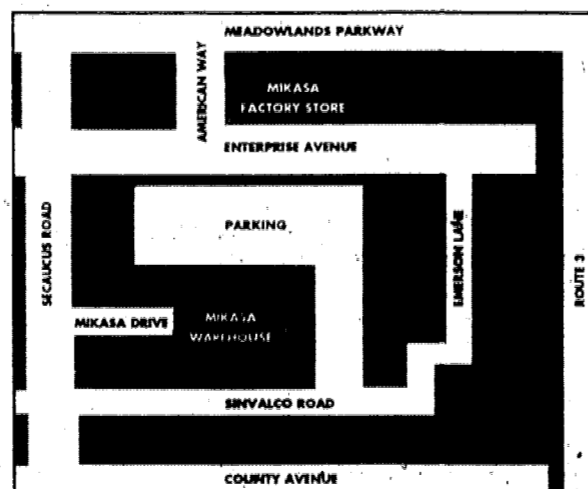
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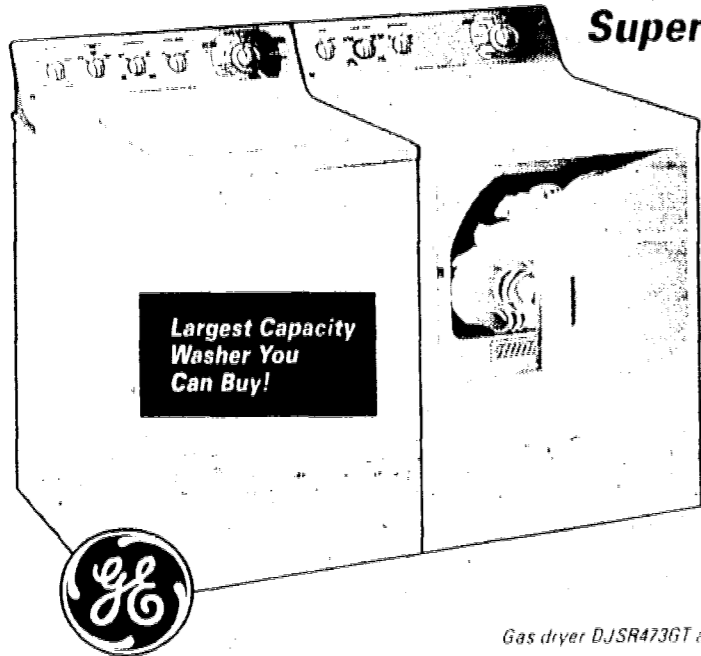
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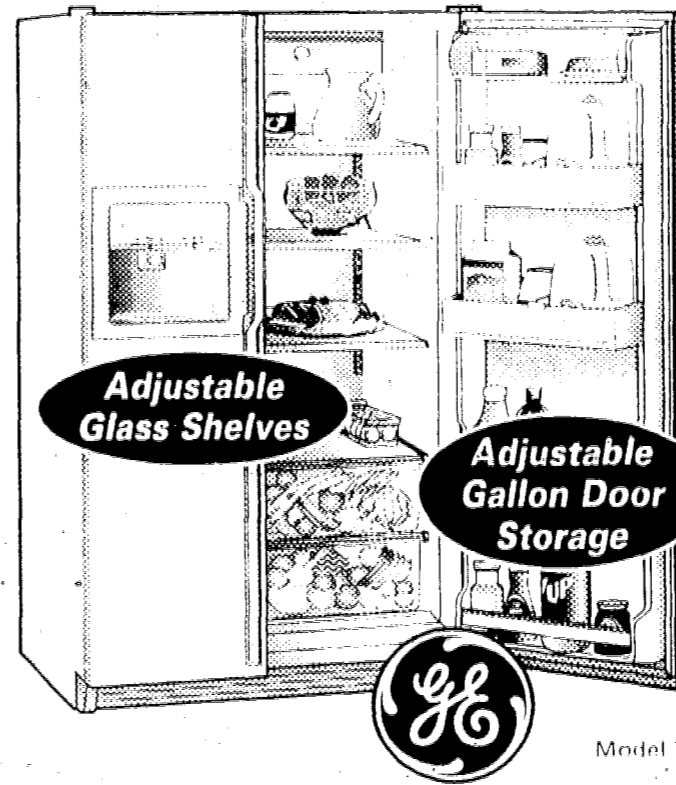
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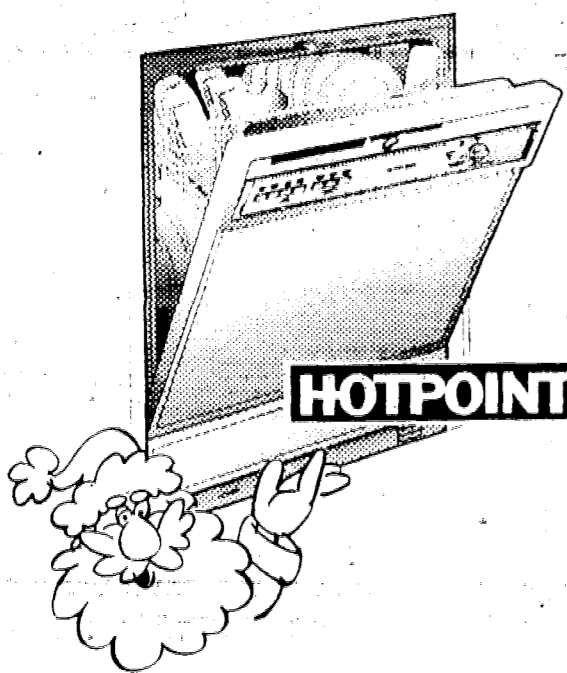
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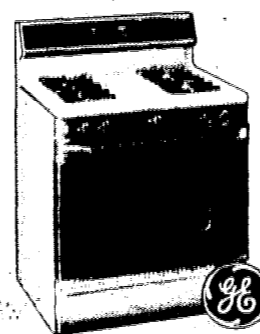
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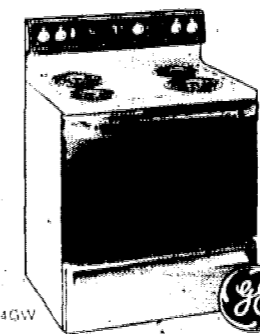
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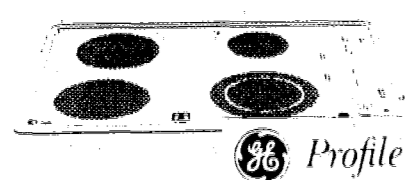
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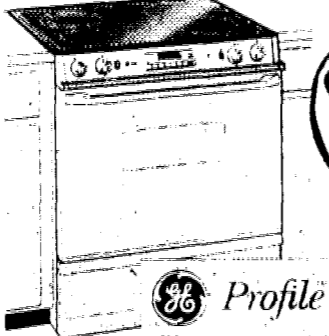
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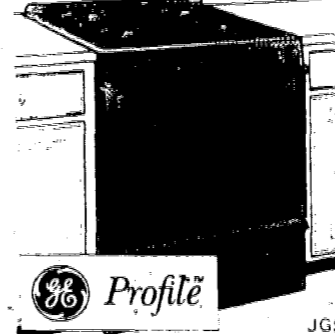
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## Agency expands holiday drive

Discarded cold-weather clothing in good condition, outgrown toys and baby equipment can make some needy local families happy this winter if donated to the Heart of Summit Clothing/Toy Drive.

Family Service of Summit, a non-profit counseling agency that is now a division of Overlook Hospital, works with Summit Municipal Welfare to collect such items each year. Then shortly before Christmas, they invite disadvantaged families to pick out the items that suit their needs. Everything is, of course, free.

For years Family Service and Summit Welfare have conducted these collections quietly because they lacked sufficient storage space to handle a very large volume of donated items. But this year the sponsors received a generous offer from Jennifer Connolly, property manager of the Strand Mall, for Lamar Companies in Morristown. She offered to let the Heart of Summit Drive use a vacant store in the Strand Mall, 447 Springfield Ave., rent-free until the new tenant takes over in late December.

This store, which is located on the

mall's ground floor just behind Pernickety Interior Decoration, is now open to accept items and will continue until Dec. 18. Volunteers will staff the store for donations Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All sorts of winter apparel will be welcome, including warm underwear, socks, hats, gloves and scarves. Baby car seats, high chairs, booster chairs, strollers, cribs and other baby needs are always appreciated, as well as sports equipment for all ages.

Connolly said her firm wanted to give something back to the community by working with an established charitable program. Calling herself a humanitarian at heart, she has also been very helpful in rounding up furnishings, signs and other necessary equipment and in obtaining cooperation from the tenants.

Joseph A. Bank Clothiers and Pernickety Interior Decoration are lending clothing racks and tables, and some of the tenants have offered to volunteer in the shop. Walter

McCray, who is in charge of maintenance at the Strand, helped with the setup and has offered to help transport the donated material to the distribution site, which will be a different location.

Special thanks also goes to Chris Hoehn of Morris Sign Company in East Hanover. He made and donated a large sign for the Woodland Avenue window of the store.

Anyone who would like more information about the collection can call Alicia Domizi-Gorman, Family Service's outreach program coordinator, at (908) 273-1844 or (908) 273-1414, or Ethel Ward, Summit Municipal Welfare director at (908) 273-5950.

The Heart of Summit Drive is for used items in good condition. Later this month the Holiday Fund Drive, which is also sponsored by Family Service and Summit Municipal Welfare, will begin collecting new items for Hanukkah and Christmas gifts for needy families.

## Under the cherry tree



The eighth grade class of St. Rose of Lima School, under the guidance of teacher Tina Underwood, dedicated a newly planted cherry tree at Taylor Park this past week to commemorate the class of 2001 and raise awareness of ecology issues.

## Fundraising tree sale planned

The Summit Area Jaycees and Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad have announced that the Jaycee Christmas Tree Sale has returned to the First Aid Squad this year. Trees and wreaths are available for sale from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at the squad's parking lot on Summit Ave. across from the Middle School. The sale is staffed

### Women's association to hold holiday luncheon

The Beacon Hill Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association is planning a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 12 at noon. It will be held at the home of Ms. John May, Jr., 49 Pine Grove Ave. in Summit.

Beacon Hill is a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. It supports a variety of interests locally and nationally such as landscaping, horticulture, and the environment. Donations have been made to the Summit Library, and scholarships and awards continue to be made to such institutions as Union County College, Cumberland College, Rutgers University and Temple University. Contributions are also made to the Friends of the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

The association was founded in Pennsylvania in 1914. Ms. Henry Ford was an early member. Mr. J. P. Zeigler of Summit is the current national president, and Ms. W. R. Fautoute is president of the New Jersey Division and Ms. Philip Arnheiter is president of Beacon Hill.

For further information or questions regarding membership, call Ms. John May at (908) 273-2287.

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## Human rights and a good meal



Photo By Barbra Kokkalis

Kahl Goforth, Patrick Belino, and Eddie Fuster, students at Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, celebrate Human Rights Week by sharing diverse cultural foods.

## Town plans First Night celebration

Westfield will hold its first town-wide New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Called "First Night Westfield 97," the non-profit celebration of the arts is a unique way to spend the evening with family and friends. Admission to any of more than 30 events is through the

purchase of a button for \$8 before Dec. 25, and \$10 after Dec. 25. Children 3 and under are free. Buttons may be purchased at the Town Bookstore, Rorden Realty, The Westfield Leader, Kings Supermarket in Garwood, the Westfield Recreation Department, the Westfield "Y"'s Men Christmas Tree

Sale, the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains, and the Westfield "Y" which is spearheading this community event. More information is available on Westfield's website: <http://www.westfieldnj.com> or by telephoning (908) 232-8041 for a recorded message.

## County golf course work advances

Progress toward the complete restoration of Union County's Galloping Hill Golf Course is entering its next phase.

According to a spokesperson for the Board of Chosen Freeholders, work has begun on another set of nine holes in the course's 27, but golfers should be aware that with the progress comes some inconvenience. Although Phase I of construction is close to completion, the nine holes worked on for the past year will not be open for play until spring 1997.

"The Galloping Hill Ad Hoc Com-

mittee recently met and unanimously agreed that the newly renovated nine holes should remain closed in order to ensure better playing surfaces next spring," said Freeholder Chairman Edwin Force. "By allowing the area to be undisturbed during the winter, the turf will be allowed more time to mature."

It is important for golfers to note, by keeping Phase I closed, and beginning work on a second phase now, only nine holes will be available for play. "We originally hoped to keep 18 holes available at any given time dur-

ing construction," said County Manager Ann M. Baran. "I do want to emphasize that Galloping Hill is open for play on the 'back nine' for those players who enjoy playing this particular course. The county's other two courses, Ash Brook in Scotch Plains and Oak Ridge in Clark, are open for those desiring a varied 18 hole experience."

Another change in the construction project that golfers should be aware of is that the next phase of construction will be on what was originally conceived of as the final phase.

## OBITUARIES

### Rosalie Millman

Rosalie Millman, 69, of Springfield, the first female president of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, died Dec. 1 in her home.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Millman lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1958. She was a dedicated volunteer and community activist in Springfield. She remained involved with the temple and community groups after she became ill eight months ago. Mrs. Millman had been a congregant in Temple Beth Ahm since 1959. She served as the first and only female president of the synagogue from 1976 to 1980 and also served on the board of trustees. Mrs. Millman also was chairperson on several committees including the Israel Travel Advisory Service Liaison Committee, the Yahrzeit Plaque and the Bernard Lyons Memorial Committee.

She also co-chaired many committees including the Yiskor Book Committee for 1996, the Religious Affairs Committee, Religious School Board, Refurbishing Committee, Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee, Blue Ribbon Committee to Evaluate Policies and Practices, and the Rabbi's Selection Committee. Mrs. Millman also served as a member of the Ruth Estrin Goldberg Memorial Association, the Springfield chapter of Jewish Women International, Hadassah of Springfield and was recognized in 1985 by the United

Synagogue for her work at the Leadership Training Institute. Among her other dedications, she was instrumental in raising a significant amount of donations to repair a leak roof at the temple.

Surviving are her husband, Norton; a son, Joel; two daughters, Oni Millman and Judith Millman Floyd; two brothers, Leonard and Irving Rogoff, and five grandchildren.

### Mr. W. Blackburn

Woodward Blackburn, 85, of Mountainside died Nov. 25 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Blackburn lived in Mountainside since 1967. He was president and general manager of Hildreth Press of Brattleboro, Vt., and Bristol, Conn., before retiring an executive with Graftek Press in Illinois.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne; a daughter, Margaret Robinson; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

### Aline B. Gersh

Aline B. Gersh of Springfield, a school librarian, died Nov. 26 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Gersh lived in Short Hills before moving to Springfield in 1974. She was a certified librarian for many years for St. Leo's School, Irvington, and St. Leo's

School, Wayne, before her retirement. Mrs. Gersh was a graduate of Caldwell College. She was a member of the Maplewood Country Club.

Surviving are her husband, Alan B.; two sons, Dr. Robert P. and Bruce J.; a brother, Richard P. Baime; a sister, Bette Soschin, and five grandchildren.

### Mary Currie

Mary Currie, 86, of Rossmoor, formerly of Mountainside, died Nov. 28 in the Old Bridge Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Currie lived in Mountainside before moving to Rossmoor 10 years ago. She had been an active volunteer for many years and a former head of the Ladies Guild at the former Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth.

Surviving is her husband, Duncan R.

### Ervin Lubenau

Ervin Lubenau, 89, of Ormond Beach, Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 29 in the Woodford of Ayre Nursing Home, Ayre, Mass.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Lubenau lived in Springfield for many years before moving to Florida. He was a self-employed antique dealer in Springfield for more than 30 years and retired in the early 1970s. Mr. Lubenau was a member of the New Jersey Arms Collectors Club.

Surviving are his wife, Isabel; a son, Jerome E.; a daughter, Carol Breem, and five grandchildren.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLE

## Winter for seniors need not be hazardous

By Walter Elliott  
Staff Writer

The Summit-Area Association for Gerontological 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 Cheval. "It's just that what most of us take for granted may be harder for older people."

Cheval, along with Financial Director-Gina Sidaris, singled out Seasonal Affective Deprivation Disorder, indoor falls and maintaining warmth as primary concerns for their clientele.

"SADD affects women more than men across the age spans," 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 hopeless akin to clinical depression may set in.

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

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

"Keeping lights on longer and having relatives and neighbors visit helps," adds Sidaris. "Those are ways which gets 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 staffers urge residents to securely fasten any floor coverings with tacks or tape. Those who have reaching problems should have a friend or neighbor do the anchoring.

Then there's the matter of warmth. Both Cheval and Sidaris recommend layering, so people can add or remove clothing to regulate bodily temperature. Seniors ought to take greater care layering, however, due to the generally declining metabolism rate as one ages.

SAGE also reminds relatives and neighbors to clear steps and walks and generally check on those older citizens who may not be as mobile as before.

Founded in 1954, SAGE serves the needs of older residents of Mountain-side, Springfield, Summit, Berkley Heights, and Short Hills.

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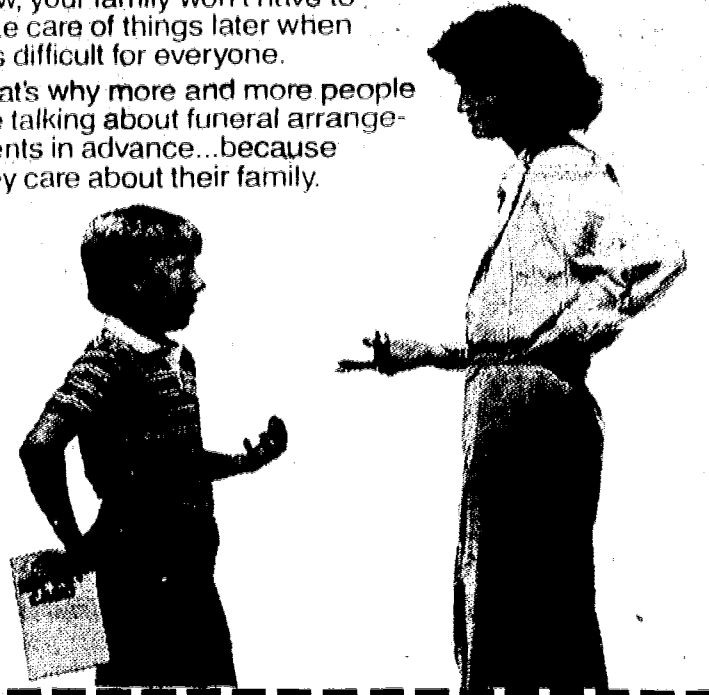
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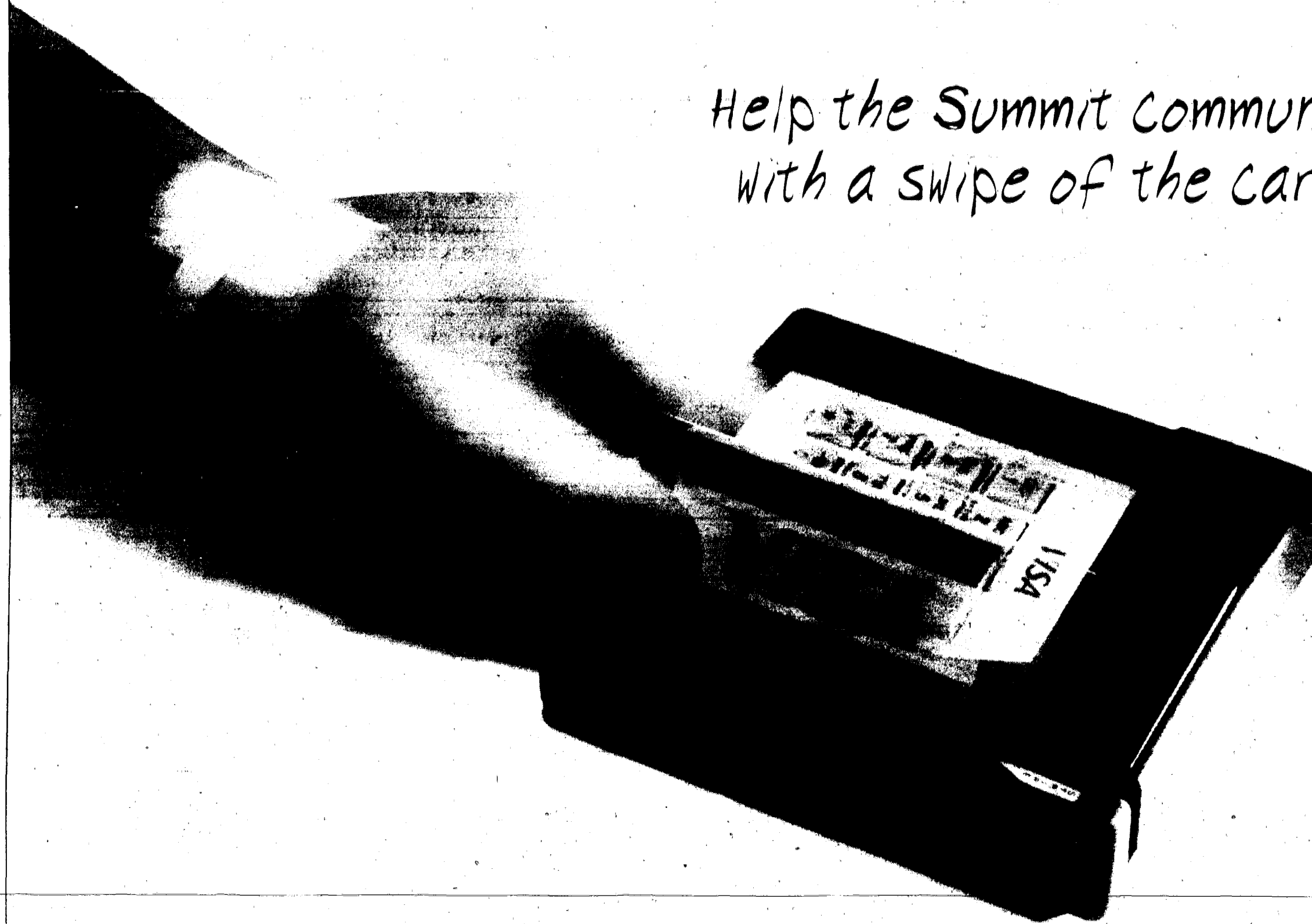
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**LIFESTYLE**

**Gibaldi to wed Zamara**

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

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Kean College of NJ and is currently

attending Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services.

The future 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 Citizens donated their time to do a mailing for the First Aid Squad. Reminders have been sent to residents who have not sent in their donations to help support the First Aid Squad.

Betty and Kitty Seales, Anita Franzese, Mary Rybiewicz, Dolores Thomas, Millie Guenther, Maria Lopes, Helen Winkelholz, Angie Scalera, David Boone, Nellie Boone, Louise Nepa, Helen Alpaugh, Adam and Mary Chapleski, Josephine Zentz, Edna Heyeck, Theresa Machauer, and Kathryn Gardella.

The following seniors participated:

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PM; Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesdays. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. Slovak Worship 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. We offer an 11:00 a.m. English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Choirs, Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Alpha circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly 860 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

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**METHODIST**

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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 Kalb, Allison Sharpe

Grade 6: Kaitlin C. Albiez, Jenna Alifante, Jonathan Au, Theresa Bace, Brett A. Berger, Todd E. Bernstein, Allison Canton, Dean Chencharik, Devon Dorn, Amie Faigenbaum, Mandah Finston, Marnie N. Fish, Sean Frank, Stephanie Lai, Allison Lau, Yury Portugal, Matthew Schachtel, Juliana L. Stravato, Kathryn Torzewski, Theodore Young, Mallory Zambulla.

Grade 7: Esther Aizenberg, Lauren Belliveau, Pamela Boukbindler, Lindsey Butler, Tabatha Fishkin, Deanne Florindi, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Goldblat, Evangelina Guilas, Vardit Haimi-Cohen, Helen Heinrichs, Christopher Holdorf, Jennifer Lewis, Melissa Loschiavo, Adam Nin, Nicole Osit, Christian N. Palermo, Samantha Pellet, Monica Schwartz, Alexis Seidel, Laurie Sherman, Rena Steinbach, Ryan A. Stromeyer, Jared Weisman, Keniv Zhu.

Grade 8: Michelle Barone, Victoria Bingle, Lawrence Bluestone, Victoria Bruno, Jennifer Chung, Lindsey Decoster, Lillian Fasman, Christina Florio, Chad Freundlich, Alycia Johnson, Sergey Khoroshevskiy, Victoriya Kozlenko, Rachel Mandel, Iliisa Nico, Alisandra Puliti, Jason Sayanlar, Christina Tomasino, Michelle

Velazquez, William Weidman, Maggie Zambolla.

Honor Roll: Grade 5: David Axelrod, Stephanie E. Bergen, Lyndsey Brahm, Joelle Centanni, Marc Cicchino, Lisa Clark, Gabrielle Cohen, Lisa Cypcar, Danielle Decagna, Christoph DelGuidice, Anthony Denicolo, Devin R. Eadie, Corey Falkin, Joseph Fazio, Lawrence Fish, Adam Formal, Kelly L. Gahn, Keith Garcia, Jordan Gerber, Michael Gleicher, Janine Grieco, Yana Grishina, Stacey Hagenbush, Stephanie Hsiung, Jennifer Janowski, Laura Johnson, Thomas Keller, Kimberly Kraemer, Drew Krumholz, Jill Kurznier, Nicole C. Lay, Lisa Listowski, Jeremy Marx, Alyssa Mason, Thomas Milano, Rachel G. Millman, Margaret Mysliwiec, Ilana S. Nahnias, David J. Nehmer, Kristy Neumeister, Katherine M. Palitto, Erica R. Rosenbaum, Karen Rozenboim, Jayne Sablosky, Blair Schulman, Danielle Schwartz, David E. Sklar, David Steiner, Sara Steinman, Anthony J. Stivalo, Ashley L. Tiss, Michelle A. Tomasino, Matthew Traum, George Verras, David Zabludovsky.

Grade 6: Angela Agostinelli, Kristen Albright, Marissa Basile, Adam Bensimon, David Bertschy, Giuseppe Bianco, Kara-Kristen Christmas, Katherine L. Ciullo, Kevin M. Dash, Sarah A. Dorkin, Jessica Filippis, Jennifer Ganas, Sunana Gill, Rachel L. Ginsberg, Ashley Goldberg, Sherri L. Grubarz, Timothy P. Homlish, Joseph K. Kahoonei, Madeline Kaplan, Ross

Kravetz, Thomas Lawrence, David Levine, Michael Manganiello, Michael H. Mardenfeld, Harry Marks, Robert W. Maul, Staci D. Max, Jamie L. Neville, Justin Ortiz, Chandni Patel, Nicholas Perreri, Svetlana Polyakova, Camilo Rodriguez, Danielle Roland, Casey Santo, Kshitiya Shapma, Brian I. Sperber, Reyna S. Steinberg, Matthew P. Stigliano, Andrew E. Tittle, Elana Toboul, Elissa Walters, Jay T. Weatherston, Chad Wolf, Joshua Wolkoff, Simon Zaltsberg, Gregory Zinberg, Valerie Zlotzky.

Grade 7: Mohamed Abdelaziz, Joshua Adirim, Danielle Boroff, Roman Brunshstein, Nicole Burke, Tara Corigliano, Bryan R. Demberger, Monica Dolcemascolo, Scott Eberenz, Chase Freundlich, Garry Goldman, Jonathan Lewis, Laugen Montouri, Wojciech Mysliwiec, Matthew Paz, Cassandra Smith, Anna Tayts, Colby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum, Stephanie Weiss, Maria Zolotarsky.

Grade 8: Jason A. Axelrod, Joseph Battinelli, Cory Cooperman, Seveda Darkanat, Lisa Denicolo, Mare Eisenstein, Jennifer Fiorelli, Joshua Fraenkel, Kahl Goforth, Jacob M. Goldsmith, Maria Gonnella, Alla Gulchina, Chanel Helper, Thayer Jennings, Holly Kaplan, Alex Kramers, Tatra Listowski, Felix Mil, Olga Oksov, Meghan Paglia, Aaron Rhodes, Diana Rutkowski, Jodi Sanfior, Nicole Sayki, Peter Shepherd, Gary Steitz, Jr., Mark Trautenberg, Abhiramy Victor, Jason Wasserman, Ilene Willis, Jonathan D. Zipkin.

Bredahl works to promote responsible drinking

Meghan Bredahl, daughter of Kathleen P. Flaherty of Morris Avenue in Springfield and James R. Bredahl, also of Springfield, are serving as Outreach Committee Chair of Allegheny College's Boosting Alcohol Consciousness

Concerning the Health of University Students Club.

The goal of BACCHUS is to promote responsible drinking. They sponsor non-alcoholic recreational events, such as movie nights and mocktail parties, in addition to pro-

viding educational information.

Bredahl, a freshman, is a 1996 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Allegheny College, founded in 1815, is a liberal arts institution located in Pennsylvania.

Marine Capt. Bachmann receives promotion

Marine Capt. Richard M. Bachmann, son of Beatrice B. Lombardi of 955 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield,

was recently promoted to his present rank while in service with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif.

and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1988 graduate of Ramsey High School of Ramsey, NJ, joined the Marine Corps in May 1992. Bachmann is a 1992 graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C., with a BA degree.

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.

Family Vision Care provides comprehensive optometric services, including state-of-the-art eye examinations and vision testing and treatment of glaucoma. For patients who require specialized eye care, board certified ophthalmologists are available to provide medical services on site.

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Frank Bucciero, O.D. said, "Our new expanded office facility offers our patients a more comfortable and pleasant environment while enabling us to greatly expand the services we are able to provide."

Attention social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Kevin Singer, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

To place a classified ad call 1-800-564-8911 by 3 p.m. Tuesday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGH MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board has been cancelled for December 12, 1996.

Ruth M. Rees Secretary U2326 MEC December 5, 1996 (\$3.75)

SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-752815 DIVISION: CHANCERY COUNTY: UNION DOCKET NO. F1013794 PLAINTIFF: MOUNTAIN STATES MORTGAGE CENTER, INC. DEFENDANT: CHARLES M. JONES & JULIANA JONES, HIS WIFE. RESOLUTION TRUST CORP., ET AL WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: AUGUST 12, 1996 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER A.D. 1996

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building in the City of Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Property: The property consists of the land and all the buildings and structures on the land in the Township of Springfield County of Union and State of New Jersey. The legal description is: BEING known and designated as and by the Numbers 33, 39 and 40 in Block "C" as laid down upon a certain plat or map entitled "Springfield Square," Springfield Township, Union County, New Jersey, E. E. Meachum & Son, Owners, No. 13 Park Row, surveyed January 1915, by Luster and Seymour, C.E., 286 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., which plat or map is filed in the Union County Register's Office as Map No. 121F.

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Municipality: Township of Springfield County of Union Street Address: 10 S. Audlan Terrace Tax Lot: 6, 7, 8 and 9 Tax Block: 96 Approximate dimensions: One Full Legal Description. Nearest cross street: Baltusrol Way A deposit of 20% of the bid price in cash or certified funds is required at the time of sale. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND NINETY FIVE CENTS (\$412,738.95) ATTORNEY: KATZ ET AL LEVINE KURZWEIL & WEBER 905 N. KINGS HIGHWAY CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034-1569 SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY SEVEN CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$424,029.67) Nov. 14, 21, 27, Dec. 5, 1996 U1743 SLR (\$78.00)

Curtis increases campus involvement

Rebecca A. Curtis, daughter of Rev. Jeffrey A. Curtis of Woodward Lane in Basking Ridge and Rev. Paula S. Curtis, is serving as missions chair of Allegheny Christian Outreach.

The student leaders of ACO hold weekly office hours to provide spiritual guidance and companionship for students. The officers also are responsible for programming speakers, community service events and other activities for its members.

Curtis, a junior environmental science and religious studies major, is a 1994 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Allegheny College, founded in 1815, is a selective liberal arts college located in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Resident named Scholar

Mark F. Sieffert of Mountainside has been designated a James Bowdoin Scholar at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

He was among 343 undergraduates accorded recognition for distinguishing themselves in scholarship by the college.

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## THIS IS H. S. FOOTBALL

**By J.R. Parachini**  
Sports Editor

Giving no quarter on defense was the name of the game for several area teams last week as 10 of our 11 Elite Eleven schools wrapped up the 1996 season.

Rahway, Dayton Regional, Hillside and Summit were shutout victors on Thanksgiving.

It was another very respectable year for teams in our area as eight finished with winning seasons and another just missed getting that necessary fifth victory.

Elizabeth and Roselle Park both finished their regular-season schedules perfect at 9-0, Elizabeth for the first time since 1989 and Roselle Park for the first time since 1993.

Elizabeth won the Watching Conference-American Division crown for the second consecutive year and Johnson Regional won the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division title for the second consecutive year.

Roselle Park captured its first MVC-Valley Division championship in three years and Dayton Regional won its final six games after losing three close ones at the start of the season.

Union, winners of six straight, is the only area team in a sectional championship game. The Farmers (8-2) will face Montclair (9-1) in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 final tomorrow night at 8 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford.

Union has won a public schools record 10 sectional playoff championships and the Farmers are 10-2 in sectional title games.

Summit, only one of three area teams that did not post a winning record, ended its season on a high note by shutting out Mendham 20-0 in Mendham. Summit defeated Mendham in the 1993 and 1994 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 title games. Mendham faces Dover tonight at Giants Stadium in this year's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championship game.

Johnson snapped a three-game losing streak by beating GL.

**WEEK TEN**  
Last Thursday  
Union 36, Scotch Plains 20  
Elizabeth 21, Cranford 12  
Roselle Park 29, Roselle 7  
Rahway 17, Linden 0  
Dayton 29, Ridge 0  
Johnson 31, Gov. Livingston 6  
Hillside 35, Newark Central 0  
Summit 20, Mendham 0

**WEEK ELEVEN**  
Tomorrow night  
North J., Section 2, Group 4  
Championship Game  
at Giants Stadium, 8:00  
(4) Union vs. (2) Montclair

**J.R.'s pick**  
Union 12, Montclair 7  
Last week: 6-2  
Season: 65-22 (.747)

**Keith's pick**  
Montclair 22, Union 20  
Last week: 4-4  
Season: 58-29 (.667)

**ELITE ELEVEN**  
1. Union (8-2)  
2. Elizabeth (9-1)  
3. Roselle Park (9-1)  
4. Rahway (7-2)  
5. Dayton (6-3)  
6. Roselle (5-4)  
7. Johnson (7-3)  
8. Hillside (5-4)  
9. Linden (3-6)  
10. Gov. Livingston (4-5)  
11. Summit (3-6)

## Summit football stuns tough Mendham squad

**By Keith Agran**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Summit put thoughts of the future on hold for one last football game Thanksgiving Day, thumping Mendham 20-0 on the road.

Mendham, its eyes likely focused forward on the NJ Section 2, Group 2 final with Dover tonight at Giants Stadium, suffered its first shutout in 49 games and could not contain tailback John Brown and the Hilltopper attack. A 17-game November win streak went blowing in the wind as well.

Brown posted 227 yards on the ground and a pair of scores, one a 62-yard scamper in the first quarter and another coming on a 14-yard pass from Scott Schroeder in the third. Schroeder had a 22-yard run for a score in the second to complete the scoring summary.

Four interceptions, two by Jeff

Stewart, highlighted the strong defensive effort against a team that had won seven straight games this season and was on cruise control heading toward the Group 2 finals.

It was a solid way for the Hilltoppers to end their most frustrating season this decade, and points to the type of promise seen at spot points throughout the year. It also shows a level of pride in the program that a youthful bunch had been slow to grasp, but clearly did last Thursday, allowing them to finish 3-6 after it had appeared that a five-game losing streak would stretch for the remainder of the season.

But they won two of their last three to point the way toward brighter horizons next fall, what with nearly all their crucial skill position players returning.

## 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 last Thursday at Meisel Field in Springfield.

Dayton finished 6-3 and posted its first winning season since 1991, also a 6-3 season. After an 0-3 start produced close losses to Governor Livingston, New Providence and Roselle Park, Dayton reeled off six consecutive victories — doing that for the first time in eight years — and outscored the opposition by an impressive 190-34 margin in those wins, shutting out three opponents.

For the season, Dayton outscored the opposition by an impressive 218-99 count and the Bulldogs were 4-1 on the road. Dayton defeated Immaculata and Johnson Regional for the first time since 1988.

"We just got on a roll and didn't let up," second-year Dayton head coach Ed Ryscavage said.

In the win over Ridge, junior quarterback Mark Armento scored on runs of two and 56 yards and senior running back Mike Chonko scored on runs of 20 and 53 yards. Armento, who carried eight times for 85 yards, also completed a two-yard pass to junior tight end Kevin Hogan after

Dayton's second touchdown.

Dayton scored its first three touchdowns in the second quarter and its final in the fourth.

Defensively for the Bulldogs, Chonko had nine tackles and two interceptions from his comeback position and junior defensive back Jim Sweigart had 12 tackles.

Junior Kevin Burns successfully booted 3-of-3 extra-point kicks.

Dayton made quite an improvement over last year when the Bulldogs won just one game.

"We were knocked off the ball because of our size," Ryscavage said. "The kids got bigger and gained quite a bit of experience."

### Dayton Regional 6-3 in 1996

- (A) GL 24, Dayton 14
  - (H) New Providence 21, Dayton 7
  - (A) Roselle Park 20, Dayton 7
  - (A) Dayton 35, Bound Brook 0
  - (A) Dayton 23, Immaculata 14
  - (A) Dayton 28, Middlesex 13
  - (H) Dayton 41, Manville 0
  - (A) Dayton 34, Johnson 7
  - (H) Dayton 29, Ridge 0
- Record: 6-3  
Home: 2-2  
Away: 4-1  
Points for: 218  
Points against: 99  
Shutouts: 3

## Dayton frosh football an impressive 6-2-1

The Dayton Regional High School freshman football team capped a very successful season with a 6-2-1 tie against Ridge Nov. 25 in a game played at Basking Ridge.

The Bulldogs finished the season at 6-2-1, although they were 2-2-1 after a 4-0 start. Still, Dayton managed to outscore the opposition by a convincing 186-83 margin (a 20-9 average) and posted two shutouts.

Ridge, which finished 7-1-1, took its opening drive and marched some 65 yards for its only touchdown.

Dayton rallied to tie the game in the second quarter, marching down field for a 70-yard drive. Quarterback Richard Shanley completed key passes to tight end Brian Berger and a 25-yard run by Matt Fischer put the ball at the Ridge two-yard line.

Bulldog running back B.J. Jones scored on the next play to tie the game at 6-6.

The rest of the contest was a defensive struggle between two very physical defenses. Playing well defensively for Dayton were safety Stephen Wright and linemen Justin Azran, Sean Tuma, Steven Kovacs and Attila Vigilante. Wright returned an interception 20 yards.

**Dayton Freshman FB**  
(H) Dayton 36, Gov. Liv. 8  
(A) Dayton 20, New Prov. 0  
(A) Dayton 38, R. Park 18  
(H) Dayton 34, Bound Brook 0  
(H) Immaculata 26, Dayton 6  
(H) Dayton 14, Middlesex 6  
(A) Manville 13, Dayton 12  
(H) Dayton 20, Johnson 6  
(A) Dayton 6, Ridge 6  
Record: 6-2-1  
Home: 4-1  
Road: 2-1-1  
Points for: 186  
Points against: 83  
Shutouts: 2

## Another undefeated season



The Mountainside Deerfield School field hockey team completed another undefeated season this year, finishing with an impressive mark of 8-0-1. Kristen Hauser paced the team in scoring with 10 goals. Kerri Moore had seven, Shannon Murphy four, Allison DiVito three and Jaclyn Orlando and Kim Geraghty one. Goaltender Katrina Blasi averaged 20 saves per game and held opponents to just four goals in nine contests. The B squad was paced by scorers Jillian McAdam, Priscilla Melango and Stacey Vlachakis. Kneeling, from left, are Murphy and Stephani Scasso. Middle row, from left, are Christina Grammenos, Kristen Bobko, Orlando, DiVito, Lauren Beasley, Melango and Geraghty. Back row, from left, are Moore, Vlachakis, Blasi, Lauren Rosenhaft, McAdam, Lauren Denny, Kristen Hauser, coach Patrice DeCastro and manager/timer Jimmy DeCastro. Not pictured is Jaime Kardoc.

## Springfield Girls' Soccer League enjoys successful initial season

The Springfield Girls' Soccer League concluded a highly successful first season last month.

As many as 30 girls in grades 3-6 were enrolled.

Players included: Anni Demberger, Allison Filepp, Maria Inoco, Erike Kirton, Carolyn Maul, Julie Nittolo, Amanda Rodriguez, Catherine Andraski, Jacklyn Berkowitz, Stacey Fonseca, Alyson Helfand, Jennifer Karl, Abby Wilkenfeld, Ashley Goldberg, Megan Ross, Courtney Manders, Dara Poltrock, Jessica Roland, Jaclyn Salant, Daniella Scheer, Julie Schmeier, Lindsay Schuckman, Jamie Weisman, Megan Weller, Abby Nadel, Danielle DeCagna, Alexandra Kalb, Jessica Scott, Chondni Patel and Elissa Walters.

Due to the late start of registration, the program was instructional in nature with scrimmages held each Saturday from Sept. 21 through Nov. 2.

Players learned skills, rules and techniques during actual game play.

The girls were coached by Springfield residents Steve Karl and Bart Salant.

Registration for next season will be held in the spring and coaches are looking forward to inter-league play as well as instructional play and a traveling team.

## Dayton, GL girls' tennis players named to All-Conference teams

The Dayton Regional and Governor Livingston high school girls' tennis teams enjoyed highly successful 1996 campaigns, both posting winning records.

Both Mountain Valley Conference squads had a number of players honored All-Conference.

Dayton players named Honorable Mention in the Valley Division were Tracey Saladino at singles and Dawn Woodruff and Lucy Cucciniello and Meredith Pincu and Melissa Savin at doubles.

The entire GL starting squad was named first team in the Mountain Division. Those players include Stephanie Jamar, Felicia Turturiello, Christine Freda, Nicole Norman and Kaori Hirano and Lauren Kobel and Gina Turturiello.

The following is the list of players who were named to the Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division and Valley Division All-Conference girls' tennis teams:

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE Valley Division**  
Team Champion — Roselle Park  
First-Team: First singles: Chitra Agrawal, New Providence. Second singles: Jennifer Tango, Roselle Park. Third singles: Renee Bator, Roselle Park. First doubles: Cindy Lopes and Carolyn Hess, Roselle Park. Second

doubles: Nicole Fabbo and Stephanie Spira, Roselle Park.  
Second-Team: First singles: Nicole Tango, Roselle Park. Second singles: Julie Hong, Bound Brook. Third singles: Katie Rossy, Mount St. Mary. First doubles: Michelle Reyes and Amy Kilroy, Mount St. Mary. Second doubles: Shannon Kenny and Sandra Gutierrez, Mount St. Mary.  
Honorable Mention: Singles: Lisa Boromeo, Mount St. Mary; Allison Varone, Middlesex; Kristen Maudsley, Mount St. Mary; Jackie Paritte, Middlesex; Tracey Saladino, Dayton Regional; Eleana Calderone, Bound Brook. Doubles: Dawn Woodruff and Lucy Cucciniello, Dayton Regional; Meredith Pincu and Melissa Savin, Dayton Regional; Emily Huddell and Heather O'Steen, Bound Brook; Cheryl Szeles and Tara Farina, Middlesex; Tierney Kraft and Kate Mandrick, New Providence.

**Mountain Division**  
Team Champion — Gov. Livingston  
First-Team: First singles: Stephanie Jamar, GL. Second singles: Felicia Turturiello, GL. Third singles: Christine Freda, GL. First doubles: Nicole Norman and Kaori Hirano, GL. Second doubles: Lauren Kobel and Gina Turturiello, GL.  
Second-Team: First singles: Caterina Schroeder, Ridge. Second

singles: Monica Kumar, Ridge. Third singles: Christina Matthewson, Ridge. First doubles: Kelly Yang and Steph O'Brien, Ridge. Second doubles: Laura Moreira and Michelle Dedyo, Oak Knoll.  
Honorable Mention: Singles: Mirjana Banic, Johnson Regional; Lauren Cohen, Oak Knoll; Katie Angelo, Oak Knoll; Maria Cizmar, Oak Knoll. Doubles: Pam Imperiale and Iby Cizmar, Oak Knoll; Ann Hsing and Michelle Stansky, Ridge.

## Kean College Winter Soccer School runs from Jan. to March

The Kean College Cougar Winter Soccer School is accepting applications for the 1997 season. The sessions will meet every Friday beginning Jan. 24 and end on March 4. There will be a makeup date on March 21 if necessary.

Run by Kean College head men's soccer coach Tony Ochrimenko, one of the most successful coaches in the country, the school is for boys and girls ages 6-17.

There will be numerous guest speakers including some of the top high school and college coaches in the state.

More information may be obtained by calling Ochrimenko at 908-527-2936.

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