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Council meeting

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Family fun

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Christmas festivities

The Mountainside Women's Club will hold its Christmas party on Wednesday at noon. The event will be at L'Affaire, Route 22, Mountainside. Entertainment will be provided by Joe Cofer, and new members are welcome. For more information, call (908) 789-1816.

Post Office hours

The 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 customers," Postmaster Kenneth Brown said.

This Saturday and Dec. 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.

"Extended window hours is just one of the initiatives we are implementing during the month of December," Brown said. "We will still be providing our other services to our customers, such as stamps by mail, stamps by phone - (800) stamp24, priority mail service, and overnight express mail service. Customers are advised to phone the Post Office at (908) 233-1167 for more information.

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The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a Santa's house-to-house visit on Dec. 22. Visits will begin at 4:30 p.m.

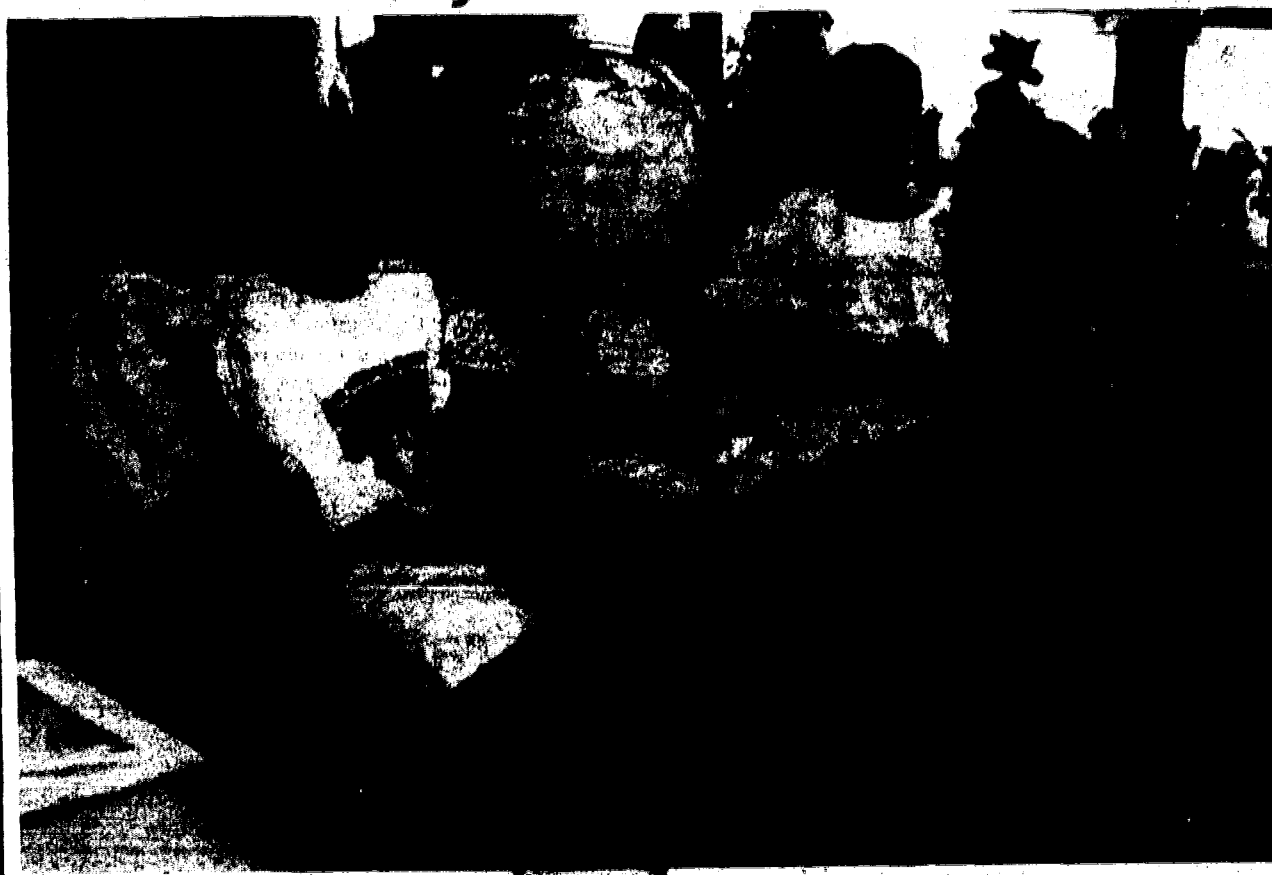
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Kevin Wyratt, Brielle Luciano, Andrew Harris, and Kristin Wedge, students in Barbara Dubno's fifth-grade class, play the Geo Journey game during National Geography Awareness Week.

Teacher selection process begins

By Chris Suswal
Staff Writer

The Union County Regional High School District began the teachers selection process on Monday.

There are 253 positions available as the district, which currently has three high schools, will dissolve, allowing for the re-creation of a high school in Kenilworth. A total of 226 of the positions are teaching positions. The breakdown of the positions leaves Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights with 70 positions, Clark with 68 positions, Springfield with 51, and Kenilworth with 37.

The American Federation of Teachers released information stating that union leaders of AFT Local 3417 advised their members to participate in the selection process, but to do so under protest.

On Friday, Commissioner of Education Leo Klagholz dissolved the stay which he had issued holding the pro-

cess in abeyance while he looked at charges of illegality and impropriety raised by the union. The AFT information indicates that with the stay lifted, nearly all of the K-8 superintendents met for seven hours on Saturday to launch the selection process.

"We got the notice at around 1 p.m. on Monday that the process would start at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon," AFT Vice President Mike Sorrentino said. "That's not much time to juggle schedules and prepare."

Teachers and staff are expected to report to Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights for the selection process, which is closed both to the press and the public.

"We're participating, but only under protest and duress," Carmine Vajolo, another AFT vice president said. "We're advising our members to do likewise."

According to the AFT, most

observers feel that the selection process is one which will lead to a plethora of litigation both during and after the process is completed. Kurt Epps, AFT secretary, indicated that the difference is that when teachers litigate after the dissolution, it will be the NJEA that will be representing them.

"Will the NJEA litigate against its own older members on behalf of its newly found ones?" Epps said. If not, he added, the individual teacher would have to shoulder the costs associated with the litigation.

The AFT statement indicated that according to Klagholz, regional district teachers are to be treated as though they had been in service in the K-8 districts from the beginning of their employment, including placement on salary guides.

The union claims that the commissioner's ruling to force regional teachers to choose high school positions before selecting positions in the K-8 districts for which they are qualified was unfair.

"Why should a woman who was born and raised in Clark, lives in Clark with her husband and children who attended its schools and who wants desperately to stay in town, be forced to go to another town?" Vitolo said. "Especially when she has more seniority than someone in the elementary district."

Questions arise over disappearing mascot

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Indian mascot has been quietly disappearing from its Deerfield School haunts lately.

His likeness once graced Deerfield's halls and adorned sports uniforms. A brief visit, however, only turned up a stylized face the size of a coffee cup lid on a library window.

The Deerfield mascot's fade from view has caught the eye of Mountainside Board of Education member Richard Kress.

"I got several calls about the Deerfield Indian," Kress said during the district meeting Dec. 3. "Its bust has been removed from the hall as well as its reference to Deerfield. I'm concerned that the board would want to change the name or at least all of its identity."

"There was a time when we'd have book covers or make up shirts with the Indian logo and sell them in fund drives," recalled board member Pat Treschler. "Now we don't see the Indian but the word 'Mountainside.'"

The mascot's status, according to panelist Linda Esemplade, stems from an apparel order. Deerfield School is considering opening a store which would sell Mountainside-branded merchandise. The store manager started to ask the administration what to put on the school's shirts, hats and sweatpants.

In fact, a clothing order form tacked onto a bulletin board in Deerfield's office Monday made no mention of a logo or mascot.

"I don't know about the Indian bust," said Deerfield Principal Audrey Zavetz. "Sometimes the sports uniforms have the Indian logo, sometimes they have Mountainside. I've only been here a year."

The school board was in agreement that no one decreed to take the Indian mascot down. Members, however, disagreed whether a subtle cultural sensitivity or political correctness was motivating the Indian's demise.

"We would wear Indian headdresses while selling shirts or pencils," said panelist Sally Rivieccio. "Do you know of an Indian walking on the street with a headdress?"

"New Jersey was famous for the Lenni Lenape," said Kress. "I can't get excited over changing the mascot."

The Lenni Lenape indeed used what is now Mountainside as hunting grounds. Concerns over perpetuating stereotypes of Indians or other ethnic groups as sports mascots, however, have created controversy. Montclair State and St. John's universities have recently changed their logos to Red Hawks and Red Storm, for example, and calls to drop current professional sports team nicknames in Washington, Cleveland and Atlanta are periodically made.

Concerns voiced over Recreation Department

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Recreation Commission was the main topic during Tuesday's work session of the Borough Council with several residents attending to voice concern about the direction of the Recreation Department and its programs.

Mayor Bob Vigilanti invited the Recreation Commission to attend the work session to address the concerns and complaints he had received from some of the residents. Although the Recreation Commission is an autonomous body, he said he thought the Borough Council could be able to shed some light on the situation and help residents and the Recreation Commission come together.

"The reason I asked the Recreation Commission to be here tonight was that a few years ago, I asked to meet with the commission to address programs for the growing youth population of our town. Recently, I have been asked why we are not expanding programs for the youth, especially in sports," said Vigilanti.

Recreation Director Sue Winans was quick to point out that many of the youth sports programs already have been expanded.

"The soccer program has expanded dramatically and we had close to 275

kids participate this year, including several teams that competed throughout the county. We are also looking into having an indoor soccer program in the winter as well," Winans said.

The residents in attendance were not so much concerned with the programs that were already up and running, or the performance of the recreation director, but that when they bring ideas to the commission for starting new programs, they say they are met with resistance. One resident said that when he brought an idea before the commission, he was ridiculed and left to feel like his idea would not be taken seriously when his only intention was to provide a program for the youth at little or no charge to the borough.

It was stated that part of the problem was a lack of usable space to run additional programs through the recreation department, especially since the Deerfield School gym was being used every day of the week with other events and sports.

Vigilanti then said that with some investigation, perhaps more space could be found.

"I spoke with Leonard Baccaro and he told me we still have the right to use the gym at the Beechwood School, and if we could give him a set

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Technology committee expects advancement

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Mountainside School District Technology Committee progressed on at least two fronts during its meeting at the Deerfield School library Tuesday night.

The Technology Committee has gained six new members, said panel chair Jeff Goldstein. He also anticipates the start of a college computer intern after the holidays.

"We're gaining momentum," Goldstein said. "Two of the new people are interested in working on the foundation project. I understand that District Superintendent Leonard Baccaro is sending letters to area colleges about the internship soon."

The district panel, formed last March, was created to study, recommend and implement the booming information technology to the classroom. Consisting of interested parents and school officials, the group seeks to integrate computer machinery, software and communication to instruction.

One short term goal is to assess current skill levels of school faculty and administrators. Attaining an intern to work with staff technician Randy Palmer is a means to that end.

"Palmer told us in the district meeting Dec. 3 that a lot of his time is spent guiding people through software applications," Goldstein said. "An intern would help share that responsibility."

Goldstein said creating a technology foundation would greatly help the school district in supplying equipment. General purpose or dedicated funds can come from local businesses.

The Technology Committee is set to hold its next meeting at the Deerfield library on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. New members are asked to come early, however, as Palmer will hold a technology familiarity workshop. Call Goldstein at (908) 232-7128 for details.

All you can eat



Lynn Slotkin's eighth grade art enrichment students at Deerfield School create edible art as part of the National Salad Heads Competition. From left are Emily Porch, Sharon Brodian, John Junguenet, Andrew Dubno, and Lauren Beasley (not pictured are Jeff Jenkins and Katie Schmidt).

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Dollars and diapers



John Junguenet, BJ Bergeski, and Andrew Dubno, eighth graders at Deerfield School, helped run a baby food and diaper drive to benefit St. Cloud's Home for Babies in Elizabeth.

Student to perform at Manhattan music fest

Kristin L. Joham, an eighth grade student at Deerfield School in Mountainside, will be performing with the Manhattan School of Music Children's Festival Choruses on Sunday at the Park Avenue Church in Manhattan. The Park Avenue Christian Church is located at 1010 Park Ave. at 85th Street. Three musical groups, the Children's Festival Choir, the CFC Training Chorus, and the Senior Chorus will be featured on the program, and singers from age 8 to 18 will be performing seasonal and classical selections. This concert is presented through Music in Action: A Manhattan School of Music Community and Educational ArtReach Program.

The Children's Festival Chorus and the Senior Chorus are directed by Christine Jordanoff, professor and chair of music education at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Jordanoff is also music director and conductor of the Children's Festival Chorus of Pittsburgh. Jordanoff travels widely throughout the country presenting workshops in choral education and is

a guest conductor and clinician. The CFC Training Chorus, under the direction of Pamela Simpson, serves as the preparatory chorus for those students aspiring to membership in the Festival Chorus and the Senior Chorus. Simpson is choral director at Packer Collegiate Institute and associate children's choir director at Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims. Included in the program will be "Pergolesi Suite from Sabat Mater," "Bist Du Bei Mir," J.S. Bach; "Amazing Grace," "Kyrle," Gabriel Faure; "Domine Fili Unigenite," Vivaldi; "The Sleigh," Richard Kountz; "Twelve Gates Into the City" arranged by Hal Hopson and "Velvet Shoes," Randall Thompson. The choruses will be accompanied by Jonathan Faiman. This concert will also feature Craig Tocher, organist, who will perform works by DuPre and Vidor. The MSM Children's Festival Choruses extend an invitation to the public to attend this performance. Admission is free.

Women's dinner planned

The Union County Commission on the Status of Women is looking for honorees for its fifth annual dinner honoring "Women of Excellence" in Union County. The dinner will be held March 7 at L'Affaire on Route 22 in Mountainside from 7-10 p.m. Applicants who either live or work in Union County should submit a resume and brief biography explaining their career and volunteer efforts to Carol Wortmann, at 302 Delaware Ave., Union, NJ 07083 or fax to Jacqueline Carr at (908) 247-2256 by Tuesday. For more information, call Carr at (908) 247-0900, ext. 5882.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Mommy and Me Christmas party, which will include a visit with Santa Claus and a special gift for each child. The event will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• The Summit Folk Dancers will meet at the Summit YWCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. Learn dances of England, Greece, Israel, Romania, the Balkans, Western Europe, etc. No partners are needed. The fee is \$2 for the evening. The beginners class will start at 7:30 p.m., and the regular class is at 8 p.m. For more information, call (201) 467-8278.

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Tuesday
• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in

regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22.

• The Regional Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Wednesday
• The Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will meet at the Springfield Public Library on Mountain Avenue at 12:15 p.m. There will be a Hanukkah program in observance of the holiday, and members are asked to bring unwrapped toys which will be distributed to children in the homeless shelter. A mini lunch will be served, and members and guests are invited to attend.

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coming events
Dec. 22
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will sponsor a Santa's house-to-house visit. Visits begin at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 26
• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will meet at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. A mini lunch will be served. December is dedicated to Young Judea. Gabe Saporta, an active Young Judean junior from the Westfield Bogrim Club, will present a program.

Jan. 15
• A panel of adoptees, birth parents and adoptive parents will share their experiences with search and reunion at 7:30 p.m. This workshop is part of Spence-Chapin's Adoption Resource Center, a series of workshops for everyone involved in adoption. The birth parents panel is open to the public and will be held at Christ Church, 5671 Springfield Ave., Summit. There is a \$5 program fee. For information and reservations, phone (212) 369-0300.

Residents raise recreation concerns

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schedule that janitorial staff could be available and it would pose no problem," Viglianti said. He added that he was disappointed with the commission that he had to make the call and that it should have been done by the commission a long time ago.

The result was a concern as to the "user friendliness" of the recreation commission and that ultimately this

was putting the children of the borough at a disadvantage in the sports field with regards to competing with other towns that have more advanced programs. One resident said that for 9-year-olds who wanted to play basketball, there was only one hour per week for them on Saturdays, and that was the only time for them to play, and that if some reasonable alternatives would be considered by the Recreation Commission, situa-

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The Summit area YMCA hosted gifted and talented classes from the county last Friday for an Environmental Awareness workshop. Participants learned about topics ranging from the use of fossil fuels to the protection of endangered animals. Above, Sharon Sexton, waste management coordinator of Exxon Chemical Company, explains methods of waste management and recycling. From left are Ilana Nahmias, Jean Brodian, Jamie Boyce, Ryan Sherman, Jennifer Cosby, Nena Golden, Tara Neumeister, Cristie Schooling, Lindsey Czarnecki, and Justin Polce.

YMCA programs reach out to the community

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Summit Area YMCA is expanding their Community Outreach Program with the addition of two new programs. This is part of the YMCA's effort to help members of the community to become more successful.

The YMCA Community Outreach Program is maintaining their commitment to assist local minority youth with the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new initiatives. The objective of all of the outreach programs is to promote academic excellence through personal attention and the promotion of self-esteem. "All of our programs filled up very quickly this year, which shows that there is definitely a need for these programs in our communities," said Tyhesha Cromwell of the YMCA Outreach Program.

New this fall is the ESL or English as Second Language Homework program. This program, already subscribed to capacity with 34 stu-

dents, is held at St. Teresa's Church. Children taking part in the program are provided with transportation and a snack. This program is designed to help those students in the area who do not speak English as their first language and in turn have difficulty understanding in school. Another popular program which has been in place for several years is the More Than Homework Program, which teaches 36 students from Kindergarten through sixth grade twice a week at the Fountain Baptist Church. The children are given one-on-one tutoring to help with homework and to keep on top of their school work.

The Black Achievers Program, which is a community partnership for excellence in education, is continuing to grow with the addition of the Junior Black Achievers Program for fifth graders. Beginning in tenth grade, participants receive SAT training as well as assistance in the college application process. Some of the upcoming events for the Black Achievers Program are a clothing drive, fund raising

events, caroling, and a special Kwanzaa celebration in January.

"The programs are working out well so far and the response has been overwhelming. The programs are continuing to grow. It looks like we did move in a positive direction realizing the needs of the community," said Cromwell.

The Outreach Committee is led by Tyhesha Cromwell, John Hill, and Dwight Giles. These programs consist of a partnership between community leaders, civic organizations, business leaders, clergy, local schools and volunteers, all of whom are committed to educating the students of Summit.

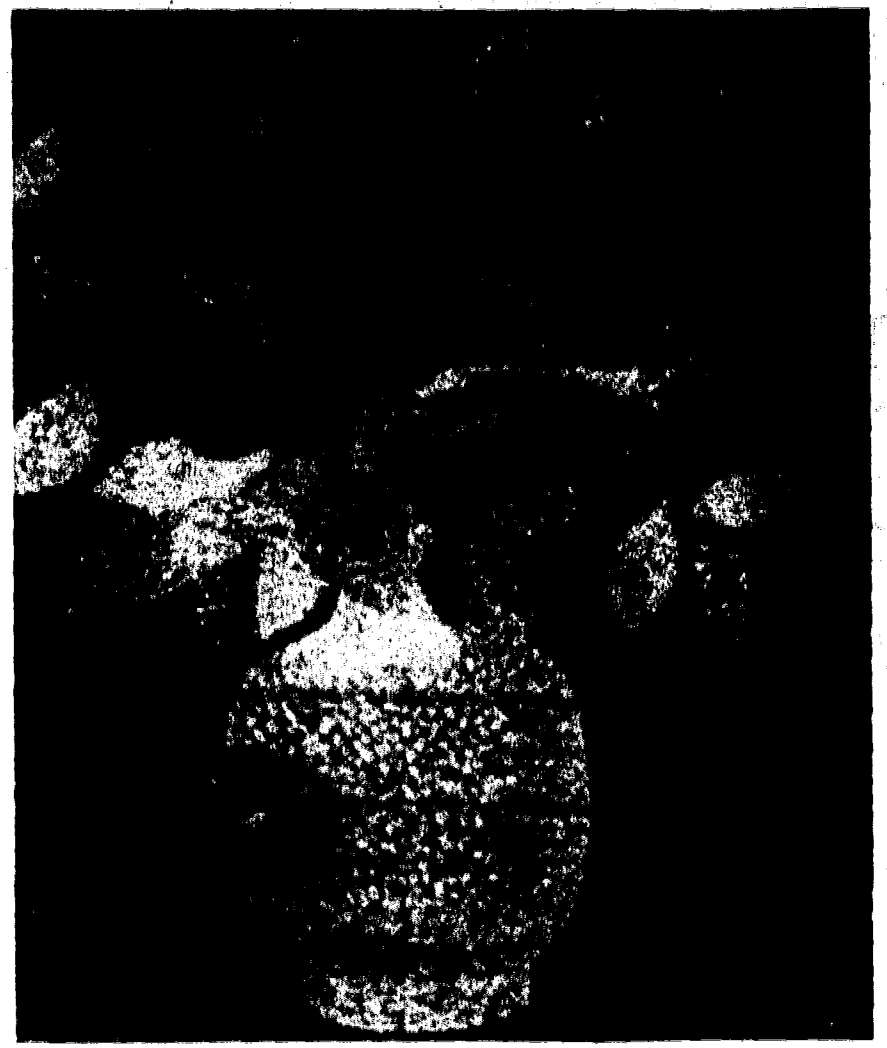
Volunteers are what makes these programs possible. The YMCA would like to thank all those who have volunteered in the past and present, and would like to hear from adult mentors who desire to make a positive impact on the educational outcome and the future of minority youth in the Summit area. Anyone who is interested in volunteering to make a difference can contact Tyhesha Cromwell of the YMCA at (908) 273-3330.

Museum features art displays

Oil painter Hirotomo Eguchi and glass sculptor Brooke Gardiner will be exhibiting their art at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library from Saturday through Jan. 22. There will be a reception on Saturday in the museum from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Eguchi's paintings use color combinations in work that is figurative in a somewhat primitive visionary manner. His colored birds and beasts of burden resemble cave paintings in their simplicity. His paintings possess an individual sensibility that stands outside of western or eastern art tradition. His paintings have been exhibited in many places in this country and Japan and his work is part of many collections.

Gardiner has been involved with glass culture for more than 50 years. His flame worked glass sculpture is made of borosilicate glass formed with a gas and oxygen torch. He has exhibited his work in the Madison Library, Mountainside Library, Cannonball Museum, Eugenie Gallery in Scotch Plains and the Everhart Gallery in Basking Ridge. He has taken courses in hollow glassblowing and neon art at the New York Experimental Glass Workshop in Brooklyn and an advanced flameworking class at The Studio of the Corning Museum of Glass. His work is figurative with animals and figures showing motion, but it is evolving toward mixed media work with glass as the focus and stone, wood and metal with some abstract pieces. One of his stone sculptures won a prize last spring at a Somerset Art Association show in Bedminster.



Works by Hirotomo Eguchi are on display at the Palmer Art Museum.

The Donald Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Musikgarten plans for next class session

Musikgarten Family Music, an early childhood music program, begins Jan. 8 at the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Education Center. Sponsored by the Walton School PTA, classes will allow children aged 18 months to three years, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or other adult, to explore a variety of music and movement experiences.

Each class will meet for 30 minutes beginning at 8:50 or 9:30 a.m. Classes in the 10-week program will focus on musical enjoyment, singing, dancing, moving and listening, playing instruments and ensemble development. All activities are appropriate for very

young children and may be easily repeated at home.

Each class is limited to 10 children and their caregivers, on a first-come, first-served basis. The program is open to all children, including those with special needs.

Tuition is \$60 for the full 10-week session. Optional materials, including a cassette tape, booklet and instrument are available at additional cost.

Musikgarten is based on the philosophy that early childhood music and movement experiences have a measurable, positive and significant effect on child development. Instructor Ginger Haselden explained that recent

studies suggest that early music experiences may benefit a child's abilities in such seemingly unrelated areas as mathematics and language.

Haselden also holds a part-time appointment as the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten music instructor at Walton School. A New Jersey certified music teacher, she is trained in Musikgarten, Kindermusik, Kodaly and Yamaha.

Registration forms and additional information are available from the Walton School PTA, 601 Mountain Ave., Springfield, (201) 376-1025, ext. 2505.

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Premature baby Libby wins fight for life

Nov. 1 was LIBeration day for Elizabeth "Libby" Schade. After four months of growth in Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Libby was ready to join her four older brothers and parents at home in Basking Ridge. On the day they came to take their baby home, Mary and Eric Schade hired a white limousine for Libby's first car ride and distributed 50 pink roses to the nurses in the NICU who had cared for Libby.



Elizabeth 'Libby' Schade joins her four older brothers and two grateful parents after four months of growth in Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"She looks just like me now, bald with brown eyes," said her father.

Born prematurely on July 1, 1996 at 23 1/2 weeks gestation, Libby weighed just one pound, one ounce at birth. Her eyelids had separated just a short time before birth. Within two days of birth, her weight dropped to its lowest point, 13 ounces, making her among the smallest babies to survive at Saint Barnabas. Then began the long climb to the weight she attained by the date of her release, 4 1/2 pounds.

"She has practically no complications," said Mary Schade. "It has been a slow, steady, quiet progression from birth. The staff was just tremendous and the nurses treated her like one of their own."

Libby was cared for by Jyotsna Tallapragada MD and a team of five on the Neonatology staff. Saint Barnabas is a state designated Level III regional perinatal center.

"Libby has done beautifully," said Dr. Tallapragada. "While she initially needed a respirator to support her breathing for a month, Libby has had no major problems in terms of infection and has continued to tolerate her feedings well. She is being sent home without the need for ongoing medication and her prognosis is very good. The parents were extremely involved with this baby, and I know they are

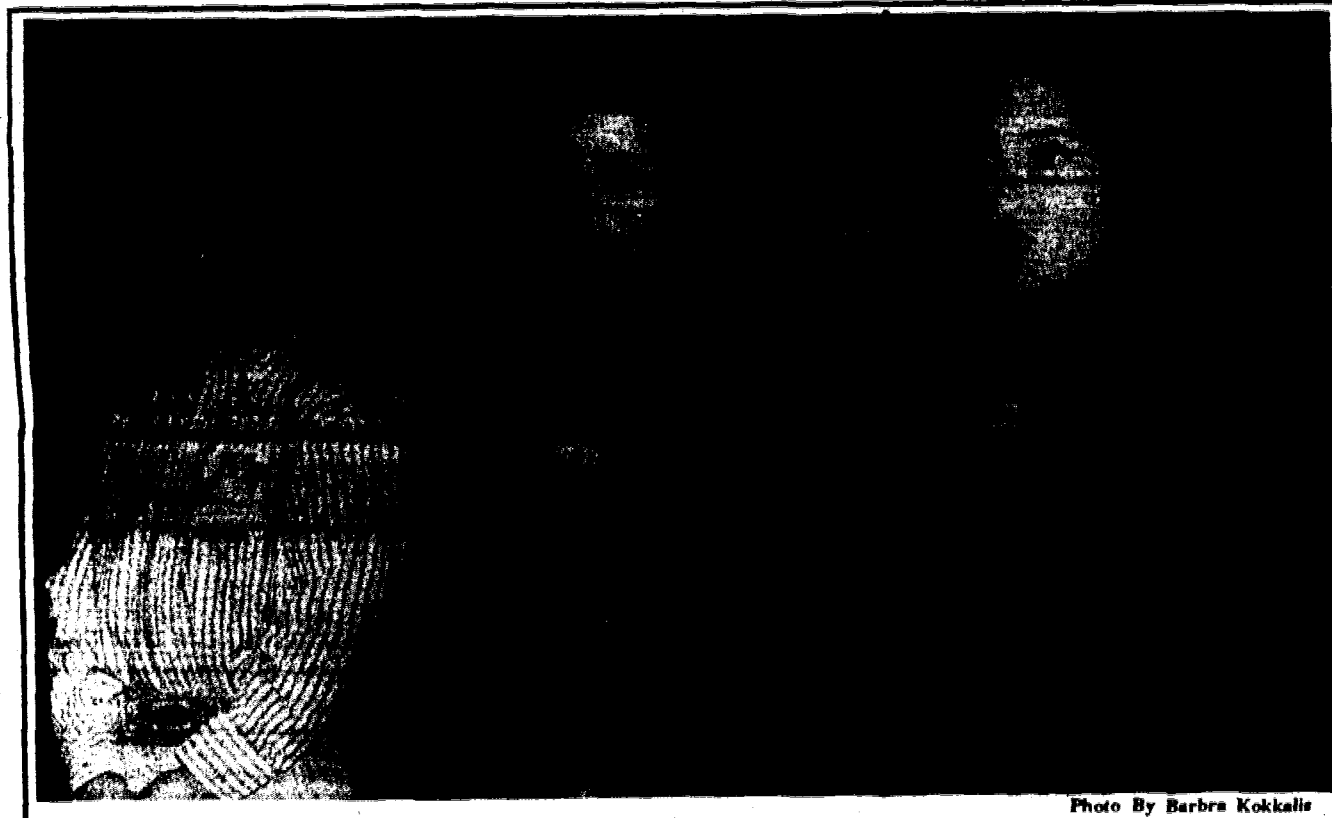
thrilled at the outcome."

As the first girl in a family of boys, Libby is welcomed by Matthew, 14, Michael, 12, Christopher, 8, and John, 7. Three of the four boys also have July birthdays and now they will celebrate that month with their little sisters. Eric Schade said he has already

found raising a girl to be a unique experience.

A surprise baby shower was held at the end of October for the baby's mother in anticipation of Libby's expected homecoming. Other family members who celebrated with the Schade family are Mrs. Schade's

parents, George and Stella Blake of Springfield; Mr. Schade's parents, Otto and Elizabeth Schade of North Caldwell; and Berkeley Heights resident Judy Webster, sister of Mrs. Schade. Webster, who works in the Patient Representative Department at Saint Barnabas, said she is "happy to have our baby home for the holidays."



LIFT UP YOUR VOICES—First graders from Sandmeier School in Springfield sang holiday songs to senior citizens at the Sarah Bailey Center. From left are Brian Heller, Carissa Clark, and Brittany Baron.

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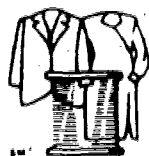
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OPINION

Start saving now

During last week's Mountainside Board of Education meeting, the results of a nine-month study which dealt with preparing for the coming information revolution were released.

The study, spearheaded by Jeff Goldstein and Michelle Norris of the district Technology Subcommittee, involved consultation with telecommunications companies, visiting comparative school districts, and a town survey. The recommendations include conducting an additional study of teacher and administrator computer needs, use of a college intern for implementation, and the establishment of a technological foundation to fund needed hardware and software.

It is difficult to deny the growing importance of computers in daily life, as well as the need for early and efficient training. Mountainside is taking the necessary steps to ensure that its children will be competitive with children throughout the state, country and world.

Yet the most important aspect of the study is the call for the establishment of a technology fund. Surrounding communities such as Summit already have such a fund in place. Summit's present goal is to provide as many students with laptop computers as possible. In addition, the Summit School District recently received a grant from the state Department of Education for an expansion of its technology program.

It is one thing to outfit the district with computer systems, but it is vital to replace those systems as hardware and software become outdated, which is occurring with greater frequency. Such a fund will allow Mountainside to deal with this inevitability without periodically draining the school budget. We applaud the borough for recognizing the need for and importance of competitive technological instruction. Hopefully, this call will not fall on deaf ears.

Paying the tab

Trash is high on the agenda of lawmakers, and deciding who will pay the tab for the Union County Utilities Authority incinerator will be part of their discussion.

Three legislative packages to be addressed by the Assembly deal with the cost of the state's solid waste management plan, which was the driving force behind the construction of the incinerator. That plan, which required municipalities to bring trash to county-operated disposal sites and maintain specific solid waste plans, was rejected by the courts, which said it squelched competition. However, their decision did not include bailing out the taxpayers who are left holding the proverbial bag.

In Union County, taxpayers may be liable for about \$35 million of the UCUA's \$247 million debt in the event of default.

Currently, the incinerator is being paid through the UCUA's tipping fees which, at more than \$80 per ton, are double the cost of some out-of-state disposal sites.

The UCUA must make the incinerator more competitive to stay in business now that municipalities are free to go anywhere they want to dispose of their garbage. The only way to accomplish that is to lower tipping fees and find another way to pay the outstanding bonds.

A bill proposed by Assemblyman John Gibson, R-Cape May, would give counties the authority to pass debt service and some disposal cost to the municipalities, even if they no longer use the county-run disposal facility.

Another legislative package proposed by Assemblyman John Rooney, D-Bergen, would add a statewide \$10 surcharge to each ton of garbage which could go to a trust fund to pay the debt created by the incinerators and for the cost of other disposal plans that were mandated by the state. Current estimates say the plan would allow all of the solid-waste debts in the state to be paid off in 10 years.

Clearly, it is better to distribute the cost of this debt across the state rather than single out a few counties and their municipalities to be burdened by this overwhelming debt.

For Union County residents, who are already paying a high price for the state's folly, it is adding insult to injury to ask them to pay higher property taxes to fix the state's mistake.

Gibson's bill also changes nothing for municipalities that may want to go to other disposal sites. They are still forced to go to the county-run site because they will still be paying for it. Why would any municipality choose to pay twice for the same service?

Lowering the tipping fees and then raising taxes to pay for bonds is not saving anyone money. It is simply another of the state's shell games.

Rooney's bill has been supported by environmental groups and mayors from across the state, and seems to be the most fair proposal put forward so far.

"Women should be especially mindful of the protection of speech, press and assembly afforded by the First Amendment. It is the protection of their right to change the course of history and create a better world."

—Nancy Woodhull



NEW OFFICERS — Reviewing their activities for the year are the newly elected officers of Children's Specialized Hospital. Standing from left are Nancy Salvati, recording secretary; Nicole Desch, treasurer, and Karen Temple, corresponding secretary and volunteer chairperson. Seated from left are Diane Appleby, ways and means; Marie Scofield, president; and Kathi Clark, vice president.

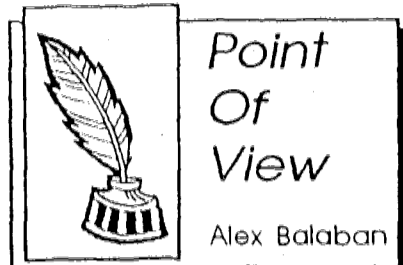
Across time and culture, St. Nick remains

When I was a child, I remember the thrill of "Saint Mykolai-Nicholas" handing me a perfectly wrapped present while I wondered if I deserved it, since I wasn't certain how good I had been.

I also remember having some confusion with the idea of St. Nicholas arriving in his bishop's attire on Dec. 6 to hand out presents to good children in the auditorium of the Catholic parochial grammar school I attended in Newark, only to be followed on Dec. 25 by jolly old Santa Claus, who left presents under the Christmas tree. Still, being a child, this momentary curiosity was lost while opening presents. It wasn't until much later in life that I seriously explored the transition of St. Nicholas to Santa Claus.

The giving of gifts is associated with the Legend of Saint Nicholas. Various names for Sinter Klaas, San Nicola, Pelznickel, Clawss, Samilklaus, as well as other names, he was Nicholas of Myra, a Christian bishop who was thought to have been born in Patras, a district of southern Turkey, around 280 A.D.

There are many popular stories concerning miracles attributed to him. Perhaps the most popular one concerns the three unwed daughters of an impoverished nobleman who lived on a small town on the Turkish coast. The maidens could not attract husbands because their father could not afford to provide dowries for them. So late one night, Nicholas dropped a small bag of gold in the maidens' window so that the eldest girl could be married. Some time later he left a second bag of gold, then a third. The overjoyed nobleman eventually discovered who his benefactor was, and Nicholas was thereafter honored as



patron saint of unwed maidens.

Another tale told is that while visiting the Turkish town of Myra, Nicholas walked into a controversy that would change his life. Entering the local church to give thanks for a safe voyage, he was unaware that the elders of the church had lost their leader and could not agree on a successor. According to the legend, they had been counselled in a dream to choose the next person named Nicholas, which means victory in Greek, who visited the church. So Nicholas became the bishop of Myra.

Since the 12th century, St. Nicholas has been honored as a bishop, both in writing and characterization. The years from 1200-1600 represent the greatest period of recognition for Saint Nicholas. The custom of giving gifts to children in the name of Saint Nicholas became widespread when French nuns began giving gifts to poor families on Dec. 5, the eve of Saint Nicholas' Day. The gifts usually comprised nuts and exotic fruits that during the rest of the year were beyond their means.

After landing in the New World, Dutch explorers led by Henry Hudson built their first church on Manhattan in 1642, dedicating it to Sinter Klaas. They immediately began celebrating the customs of their forefathers, observing Dec. 6, as Saint Nicholas Day and giving candles and cakes to children in his name.

When the British took control of New Amsterdam after 1664, they adopted the Dutch recognition of Sinter Klaas but changed his name to Santa Claus and merged the custom of gift giving with their own observance of the winter solstice and the birth of Christ, on Dec. 25.

Over the next century and a half, Saint Nicholas kept his honored position as a bishop. It was not until 1809 that writer Washington Irving created the first jolly Saint Nicholas character. In 1822, Clement C. Moore wrote a lighthearted poem for his children. Called "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," it transformed Saint Nicholas from a bishop into a jolly old elf who descends down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and added a fantasy sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer. From 1865 to 1885, Thomas Nast created spreads featuring Moore's Saint Nicholas, now Santa Claus, for "Harper's Weekly". As a sales gimmick, in 1931, Coca-Cola commissioned Haddon Sunblom to do a Santa for sales promotions. Major department stores soon followed in utilizing Santa Claus to sell their products. This completed the transition of Saint Nicholas to Santa Claus and completely revised the tradition of celebrating St. Nicholas' birthday. Today's Santa Claus has become such an integral part of Christmas that few question what one has to do with the other.

Many of the Christmas customs we enjoy today are left over from long ago. Giving presents, exchanging greetings, eating holiday foods, decorating homes and trees, all began in the long distant past. However, Christmas literally means "Christ's mass." It is intended only for celebrating the birth of Christ. The 25th of

December was chosen for the birthday of Jesus Christ because no one knew the actual day or date of his birth.

It all goes back to the days of the Roman Empire because the Romans already celebrated the festival of Saturnalia in December. This general holiday gave Christians time for their own celebrations. Then, when St. Augustine came to England to preach the gospel, Pope Gregory advised him to keep the dates of the pagan feasts but give them new meaning by using them for Christian festivals. So the old midwinter Yuletide festival was transformed into the birthday of Jesus Christ.

Today, Americans of Eastern European descent and other nationalities reserve Dec. 25 for Christmas and continue to celebrate the Eve of St. Nicholas by giving presents to children on Dec. 6. This year, wide-eyed children will once again eagerly look forward to the presents, while harried parents and parochial school teachers unite to preserve tradition with school plays and visits by St. Nicholas.

The struggle for various ethnic groups in America to preserve "Saint Nicholas" while contending with the concept of Santa Claus is an annual one. The fact that they continue the age-old tradition of honoring Saint Nicholas on Dec. 6 despite overwhelming commercialization of ancient traditions in our "consumerist" society, is a tribute to their dedication and commitment to maintaining the links of the past for future generations. It is indeed a tradition worth preserving.

Alex Balaban is a resident of Roselle Park.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An outstanding job

To the Editor:

At around 7 p.m. on Nov. 12, my husband Leonard Fiore, a hemodialysis patient and a double amputee was stranded at St. Barnabas Medical Center after his dialysis treatment. The transport service hired to pick him up forgot to schedule his trip home to Mountainside.

Since I could not drive to pick him up — I'm recovering from surgery — I called family members and friends to help, but no one answered their phones. I left messages on their answering machines.

Out of desperation I called the Mountainside Police Department. After I explained our dilemma, Dispatch Officer Ron Vigilanti said he'd try to find someone to pick up my husband. He, Sgt. Turner, and the director of the Rescue Squad were successful in persuading three off duty Rescue Squad members to bring my husband home.

Words cannot adequately express our deep gratitude for the services of our Mountainside Police and Mountainside Rescue Squad.

Jean M. Fiore
Mountainside

Jeans should study harder

To the Editor:

It is said that one should never argue with a fool; people might not know the difference. But Union County Regional High School Board of Education member Robert Jeans' recent column attacking the AFT displays a level of ignorance which requires response.

First, the letter we sent to Joan Toth did not ask for the board to "fight for union issues." It simply stated that one can hardly display "neutrality" by sticking to a dissolution date while so many crucial issues affecting students and teachers, not to mention taxpayers, are still unresolved. Our letter suggested that exposing us unnecessarily to lengthy and costly personal litigation is hardly in

our best interests. At the risk of ruffling Jeans' feathers even further, we must ask, "With 'friends' like these, who needs enemies?"

Secondly, Jeans' ramblings display an ignorance of how high school education works. For an elected official whose charge it is to see that the schools are well run, Jeans' column proves he knows little about even how they are run.

Lastly, Mr. Jeans' attitude reflects a disturbing trend among some regional board members of late — attacking the staff. At a recent meeting, Jeans overreacted almost apoplectically when asked about the authorship of the neutrality resolution, berating the questioner in a condescending tone. The questioner was one of his regional staff members — or "tools" as he refers to us. Shortly after that, board member Ned Sambur twice stated very clearly "I don't care about the teachers' right now."

Jeans is certainly entitled to view those who teach the students of his current and future district as no more than "tools." But it is a poor craftsman, indeed, who neglects his tools.

Kurt Epps,
AFT general secretary
Clark

Thanks to the Echo

To the Editor:

On Nov. 23, to raise money for sight conservation and to help the blind, the Lions Club of Westfield held its first annual Toy, Train and Doll Show at the Scotch Hills Country Club, Scotch Plains. The *Mountainside Echo's* listing of the show in its Community Calendar for some weeks prior to the event helped make this initial outing a success.

The Westfield Lions wish to express its appreciation to the *Echo*, and in particular to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, whose courtesy and helpful suggestions reflect well on the paper as a whole.

Michael Gordeuk,
Treasurer
Westfield Lions

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

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

YES- 0
NO- 3

College employees 'adopt' a family

Santa's elves are coming from Union County College this year.

While the 20 UCC employees have been collecting non-perishable foods for the past three years for donation to local charities for Thanksgiving, they are ushering in the 1996 holiday season complete with special meals and toys for Christmas also.

What's more, the employees are taking their kindness another step, by "adopting" an individual family that has fallen on hard times over the past year, sharing the gifts they collect exclusively with the family through the efforts of Special Wishes Foundation. The Union-based organization is a non-profit agency assisting 70 families who are not on public assistance.

The employees' "adopted" family, whose name is never revealed, consists of a long-term disabled widow and her seven children. Upon the employees' request, Special Wishes Foundation selected the family for

them because "the family is too large for the general contributor," said Charles Buda of Manalapan, UCC's Purchasing/Auxiliary Services director.

"Because most contributors don't normally provide enough for such a big brood, we decided to 'adopt' this particular family," he added. "Otherwise, they might get the short shrift."

Gifts range from children's toys at Christmas, to various foodstuffs for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, including mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, pasta, gravies, and even a gift certificate so that the family members can go to a supermarket and pick up any other holiday goodies they wish to add to their meal. Whatever food that goes unused for the holiday meal, of course, could be saved for subsequent meals, all to help the family in some small way to come out of its doldrums.

Yes, the family will be gaining

something special from the kindness of strangers who care. But the office's employees are receiving different regards that are equally enriching — the joy of knowing that something they have done is making the holiday more meaningful for others less fortunate.

"Internally, we look for some way to give back to the community," he also said.

"We're comfortable in our own situations, and so we choose this charitable way to help others who are not quite as comfortable as us," he continued. "The effort caught on so much that individuals from other offices are contributing on their own, along with us."

And so a warm feeling permeates the atmosphere in a corner of the college's MacDonald Hall, where working adults are transformed into Santa's helpers, bringing a special meaning to the holidays for a needy family — and all around them.

Kent Place: Generations



Kent Place School student Anne Slovin gives grandmothers Ellen Legow and Joan Slovin a tour of the Primary School science room on Grandparents Day, held Tuesday, Nov. 25.

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Police academy to expand training

Acting county Prosecutor Edward Neafsey announced that the John H. Stamler Police Academy again will offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Course when the next police recruit class begins on Jan. 16.

One of the project's goals is to create a pool of trained officers who could be hired by local departments, sparing the departments the costs of officer-training — especially the payment of salaries during the recruits' training.

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 training class, which includes cadets who have been promised employment by police agencies.

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, investigations, court system procedures, crime prevention, community relations, juvenile crime, domestic violence, the basics of the state's criminal code, drug enforcement, crash injury managements, crime-scene management, constitutional rights, use 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, which includes plenty of daily physical training.

"All candidates must have previously obtained 60 college credits at an institution of higher learning," Neafsey 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 candidates 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.

New legislation sponsors computer education

At a bill-signing ceremony in Princeton, Gov. Christine Whitman signed legislation sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, establishing an education technology training program to train teachers to use computers in the classroom.

"There has been a tremendous emphasis in 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," said DiFrancesco, who also represents Mountainside and Clark in the Senate.

"This new law will enable school teachers to learn how to operate computer equipment properly, appropriately and within the context of a class curriculum."

The Education Technology Teacher Training Act provides for the creation of 21 training sites in a three-year period. These sites will be geared to teach 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 gra-

dually 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 natural progression in the steps New Jersey is taking to expand and maximize the use of classroom technology," DiFrancesco also said.

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Race will be run

Applications are being accepted for the 15th Annual 5K Hangover Run Road Race to be held on Jan. 1, at noon at Tamaques Park in Westfield. The race will be conducted by the Central Jersey Road Runners Club and has become a New Year's Day tradition. All entrants will receive a T-shirt and post-race hot chocolate and bagels. There will be a random merchandise drawing for all participants. Awards will given to the top three male and female finishers overall and top male and female Westfield resident finisher. A ceramic mug will be awarded to every 10th finisher. Applications can be obtained by mailing a self-addressed stamped envelope to CJRRRC, at 54 Thomas Dr., Clark, NJ 07066. The cost to enter the race is \$10, for pre-entrants before Dec. 26, and \$12 the day of the race. For further information, call (908) 381-0318 or (908) 464-2665.

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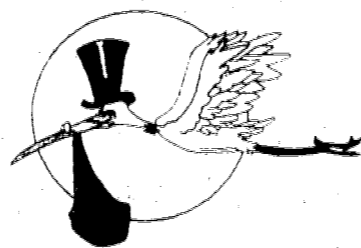
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Susan C. White, 51, of Springfield died Dec. 6 in her home. Born in New Jersey, Miss White lived in Springfield for most of her life. She worked for Douglas Motors, Summit, for five years before retiring 10 years ago. Prior to that, Miss White was an office manager for Essex Sports Cars of Maplewood for 15 years. She received a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of Rhode Island.

retirement. Mrs. McCord was a Sunday School teacher for Antioch Baptist Church, Springfield, where she served as church secretary and was a choir member. Surviving are her husband, James; a daughter, Henrietta Green; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Diana E. Visco

Diana E. Visco, 87, of Springfield died Dec. 8 in her home. Born in Newark, Mrs. Visco lived in Springfield for 32 years. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. James, Springfield. Surviving are a son, Philip G.; a daughter, Florence Ross; six sisters, Sadie Lagattuta, Rose Farrajota, Dolores Robertello, Marion and Florinda Salvia, and Anna Daily; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Constance McCord

Constance McCord, 81, of Springfield died Dec. 5 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence. Born in Princeton, Mrs. McCord lived in Springfield for most of her life. She was a nurse's aide for 25 years in the maternity ward of Overlook Hospital, Summit, until her

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Hunrath joins Alzheimer's Association board

Springfield resident Philip Hunrath, CPA, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Parsippany, it was announced by Board President Patricia Lombreglia.

Hunrath is a partner with Zeller Weiss & Kahn in Mountainside. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, and is a board member of Accountants for the Public Interest New Jersey, serving as its president from 1992-1995. In addition, he has written a seminar entitled "The Financial Burden of Elder Care," which he presented most recently at the Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, in May 1996.

"We are proud to have someone with Phil's dedication and enthusiasm join the Northern New Jersey Chapter's Board of Directors," said Lombreglia. "His expertise will be tremendously helpful to us and I know he will be an outstanding addition to our board."

Hunrath holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., and an MBA in finance from Seton Hall University, South Orange. He cared for his mother, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, until her death 10 years ago.

The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the state's largest chapter, offers services,



Springfield resident Philip Hunrath joins Peppi Elona and John M. Woychick at the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's Benefactors Reception, held recently at the Grand Cafe, Morristown. Hunrath, Elona and Woychick are newly elected members of the chapter's Board of Directors.

support and resources to Alzheimer's disease patients and caregivers in 11 counties, including Bergen, Hudson, Passaic, Essex, Union, Sussex, Morris, Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset and

Middlesex. It is estimated that nearly a quarter million people affected by Alzheimer's Disease reside in these areas.

For more information about Chap-

ter programs and services, contact the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at 299 Cherry Hill Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054, or call (201) 316-6676.

Agency reports theft of computer equipment

POLICE BLOTTER

Mountainside
• A computer and monitor were reported stolen from an office building on Sheffield Street on Monday.

The equipment, valued at \$2,250, was taken from the Defense Contract Audit Agency. The theft occurred sometime between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 a.m. Monday. So far there are no leads on the theft.

Springfield
• A wrong-way drive down Maple Avenue led to a near head-on two-car accident at the intersection with Morris Avenue on Dec. 6 at 1:39 a.m.

The driver of a grey Oldsmobile was traveling along the northbound-only section of Maple Avenue and had stopped at the Morris Ave. intersection for the traffic light to change. The driver of a blue Jeep headed down Maple Avenue the wrong way, crossed the intersection, and struck the left front corner of the Oldsmobile.

While both drivers emerged uninjured and both cars were drivable, the

Jeep driver refused to take a breathalyzer test. Township Police gave the second driver four summonses.

• A van owned by the Township of Springfield ran into a parked State of New Jersey truck on Center Street Dec. 6 at 12:42 p.m., causing slight damage to both vehicles.

The state truck, a blue International Harvester vehicle, operated by an employee of the Treasury Dept., had parked curbside along Center Street, in front of the town parking lot. The township van, a late model Chevrolet, turned south onto Center Street and failed to clear the parked truck. The van and truck suffered respective right and left rear quarterpanel damage.

• Two automobile burglaries were reported within 20 minutes of each other at Bally's Fitness Center rear parking lot Dec. 7.

The first burglary was called in at 4:06 p.m. when the owner noticed damage to her car's right rear window. A purse and a knapsack containing several books, valued at \$395, were missing.

Police returned at 4:21 p.m. when a second driver found his right rear window broken. About \$60 cash, several credit cards, the complainant's wife's drivers license and purse were taken.

• A two-car accident occurred on the ramp from S. Springfield Avenue at 7:31 p.m., Dec. 7. Both drivers received summonses. The first vehicle was heading northbound on S. Springfield Ave., and attempted to make a left-hand turn opposite Sheffield Road, but faced a concrete barrier lining the road instead and stopped. The second driver, who followed the lead car, struck the first driver's left rear quarterpanel during an avoidance maneuver.

The first driver, operating a white

Ford, and the second, aboard a silver Lincoln Continental, were issued summonses for violating two separate motor vehicle laws.

• The Computer Center, of Rt. 22 East, reported a stolen desktop computer worth \$1,200 Dec. 7 at 10 p.m. The missing unit is a Packard Bell Model D130.

• On Dec. 8, at 2:40 p.m., a patron at Bally's Fitness Center reported that personal items and cash totalling about \$2,300 was stolen from an open men's locker.

The items taken were a blue air force jacket valued at \$500, a TAG Heuer wrist watch valued at \$1,500, a brown leather wallet containing credentials and credit cards, a Motorola beeper, household and business keys, and \$500 cash.

• On Dec. 9, at 8:32 a.m., a homeowner on the 100 block of Irwin Street reported that his front storm window had been broken by a thrown bottle sometime overnight.

LIFESTYLE



David Manzo and Elizabeth Engert

Engert to wed Manzo

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Engert of Mountainside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to David Manzo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Manzo of North Bergen.

Ms. Engert is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, and has a bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers College in New Brunswick. She is a third year Juris Doctorate candidate at Seton Hall University School of Law in

Newark and has accepted an offer upon graduation to work in the Westfield law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook.

Her fiance is a graduate of North Bergen High School and has a bachelor of arts degree from Rutgers College in New Brunswick. He is employed at Gordon Publications, Morris Plains, as a network administrator.

A January 1997 wedding is planned.

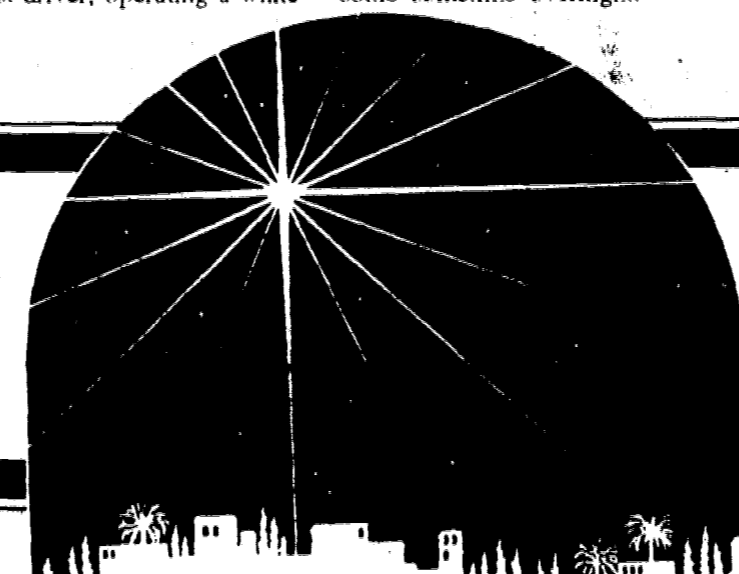
Group to present Handel's Messiah

The Mountainside Music Association has announced that the organization will again sponsor the presentation of the Messiah Reunion Concert at the Community Presbyterian Church on Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. The concert will be performed under the direction of Brenda Kay-Kucin, who has guided the production of the Reunion Concert since 1983. This year will mark the 24th year of performance in Mountainside of the Handel work.

The concert, which is always performed with a professional orchestra, is presented free of charge to the public. However, a free will offering is taken during the performance. A fund raising campaign throughout the business and residential community is underway to offset the cost of the production. Advertising space is being offered in the concert program.

For additional information regarding the concert, contact Brenda Kay-Kucin at (908) 233-2561.

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Sabrina Forr, Ashley Biel, and Gregory Chilson, second grade students at Deerfield School, learn first hand about air power during an experiment in their classroom.

Student assists orchestra conductor

Scott Sambur, a sophomore at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield, got an opportunity to learn first hand about the many facets of a professional orchestral production when he served as assistant to the conductor at the Westfield Symphony's Nov. 16 All Beethoven concert. Sambur was selected to work with Maestro Peter Oundjian as a participant in the WSO's Assistant to the Conductor program.

Sambur, a student of woodwinds and piano, attended the professional orchestra's dress rehearsal and assisted the conductor and technical staff with pre-concert production and orchestra rehearsal. He had the opportunity to meet with the symphony's principal woodwind players and reviewed the concert score with Oundjian, former first violinist with the Tokyo String Quartet.

Sambur and other Jonathan Dayton High School music students have also been invited to attend the dress rehearsal for the Westfield Symphony's Jan. 25 concert at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Guest Conductor Jack Everly will conduct a "Romantic Evening for Strings" including the Borodin "Nocturne," Samuel Barber's "Knoxville: Summer



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of 1915," Benjamin Britten's "Simple Symphony" and the Poulenc "Concerto for Organ, Timpani and Strings." For subscription and ticket information, or for applications for the Assistant to the Conductor program, call the symphony office at (908) 232-9400.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD "THE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER" A Pentecostal church seeking the face of God! 953 W. Chestnut St., Union, Church/964-1133, Fax/964-1153. Rev. John W. Bechtel, Pastor
 Sunday Services: 9:30am Morning Worship - 10:45am Praise/Pentecostal Preaching - 6:30pm Wednesday Services: Ladies Bible Study (Heart/Home) - 10am Family Night 7:30pm with Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14) Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17) Adult School of the Bible Friday Services: Youth Night - 7:30pm
 In addition there are monthly meetings of Promise Keepers, Women's Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4. "We'll look for you this coming Sunday"

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, Rev. Clarence Alston, Pastor. Church phone (201) 379-1465
SUNDAY SERVICES: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School, 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. **TUESDAY:** 7:00 P.M. Bible Class (Where The Bible Comes Alive). **WEDNESDAY:** 7:30 P.M. Prayer Service. Holy Communion every first Sunday. Nursery Care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH "Where the Bible Comes Alive" 2815 Morris Ave., Union, NJ phone: (908) 687-9440 fax: (908) 687-9440. Reverend Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher. **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:** Sunday: 9:45 AM - Sunday Bible School for all ages, multiple adult electives are offered each quarter on relevant life topics, nursery care & a children's department. 11:00 AM - Celebration Worship Service. We offer a celebration service which combines a blend of contemporary and traditional worship style; weekly children's sermon, children's church & nursery care is provided. 6:00 PM - Family Gospel Hour, nursery care provided. Monday: 6:30 AM - Early Morning Prayer Meeting. 7:00 PM Boy's Battalion (grades 7-12) Tues-Sat.: 5:00 AM Early Morning Prayer; Wednesday: 10:00 AM - Keenager Bible Study for senior adults, meets every 1st & 3rd Wednesday; 7:30 PM Prayer & Praise, Bible Study; Thursday: 10:00 AM - Women's Faithful Workers meets every 2nd Thursday; Friday: 7:00 PM - Girl's Club for girls in K-7th grades; 7:00 PM - Boy's Christian Service Brigade for boys 2nd-6th grades; Saturday: 7:00 PM - Youth Group for students in 7th-12th grades. There are numerous F.O.U.N.D. Groups (Home Bible Studies) meet during the week in Union and surrounding communities, call for information. For FREE information packet please call 687-9440.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, (201) 379-4351. Reverend Frederick R. Mackey, Senior Pastor. **Sunday:** 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages, interesting electives for adults. 10:30 AM Worship Service with Nursery care and children's church. 5:30 - 7:00 PM Sunday evening AWANA program for ages 4-11. 6:00 PM Evening Service with Nursery care provided. **Wednesday:** 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study - Adults and Junior/Senior High Group. Super-Seniors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Active Youth Ministry - Junior/Senior High Wide-Range Music Program. Ample Parking. Church is equipped with a chair lift. All are invited and welcomed to participate in worship with us. For further information contact church office (201) 379-4351.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Throuce Terrace, Union, Rev. Robert S. Danrao, Pastor. Church phone: (908) 688-4975. Sunday services: 9:45 AM - Sunday School for ages, multiple adult electives offered each quarter. 11:00 AM - Morning Worship (Nursery care provided for infants through kindergarten. Primary church for grades 1-4). Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month; 7:00 PM - Evening Praise/Informal Bible Study. **Wednesday:** 7:00-8:30 PM - Middle School/Senior High Youth Fellowship at the Church; 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study; 8:15 PM - Chancel Choir/Rehearsal. **Thursday:** 9:30-11:15 AM Women's Bible Study and Craft Class, free child care provided (meets bimonthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Kaplanak, Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM. Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 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.

SUMMIT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, 273-8130. William B. Horn, Rabbi; Janet Roth Krupnick, Cantor; Janice Wilson, President. The Summit Jewish Community Center (SJCC) is an egalitarian, conservative synagogue, serving families from Summit and nearly 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are held at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekly services, Monday through Friday are at 7:00 AM and Sunday at 9:30 AM. A Family Service is held on the first Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. In addition to regular Saturday Shabbat services, a Young Family Shabbat Services, for families with children ages 2-7, is held every third Saturday from 10:30-11:30 AM; and every second and fourth Saturday from 10:15-11:30 AM. There is a service for preschool children. The SJCC religious school provides instruction for children from Kindergarten through Grade 7 and Post-Graduate classes for Grades 7 and 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, Wee Two, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and Family Enrichment program for Kindergarten-aged children. A wide range of Adult Education Programs is offered as well as a Sisterhood, Men's Club, Young Couples Group and Senior Adult Group. For more information about programs or membership, please call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

JEWISH - ORTHODOX

CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before sunset. There is one minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30 to 8:30 A.M., and from 8:30-9:30, we will survey the history of the Jewish experience in America. Please call our office for information regarding our special programs. These offerings assume no Hebrew or Judaic background whatsoever. Our Tuesday evening session is devoted to the religious thought of Maimonides, offered in the Hebrew language. On Sunday mornings, after our 8:00 A.M. services, we study Maimonides' legal code, and from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., we have an advanced program in the study of Jewish law. On Shabbat afternoons we review the weekly Biblical portion in light of traditional and contemporary commentaries between the minhah and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Rabbi Emeritus. Dr. Leonard Strulowitz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHAR'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-9387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director; Holly Newler, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pitman, President. Temple Shar'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Preschool, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Youth Group. A wide range of programs include Adult Education, Social Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. For more information, call the Temple office, (201) 379-5387.

JEWISH - TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM affiliated with the United Synagogue of America, Vauxhall Road and Plane Street, Union, 686-6773. Harold Gottesman, Cantor; Dr. Allan Ronkoff, President. Congregation Beth Shalom is an affiliated Traditional Conservative Synagogue. Daily Services - Mon & Thurs 6:45 A.M. Tues, Wed & Fri 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning Services - 8:30 A.M. Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM., Saturday, 9:15 AM; The new creative Elemenary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 687-2120. Meyer Korbman, Rabbi; Hillel Sadowitz, Cantor; Esther Avnet, President; Hadassah Goldfischer, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM Minchah 5:30 PM. Sunday Tallis and Tefillin 9:00 AM. Religious School with a full

time Principal. Grades Three through Seven meet Sundays 9-10:30 AM and Mondays & Wednesdays - 4-5:30 PM. **PRIMER CLASS** for Grades One and Two, Sundays - 9-10:30 AM. **Adult Hebrew Classes** including Bar and Bat Mitzvah Preparation - Thursdays - 8-10 PM. Temple Israel sponsors programs and activities for Youth Groups, Grades Seven through Twelve. We also have a very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

LUTHERAN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor, 908-686-3965. Family Sunday School 9:15; Family Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Visitors Expected; Barrier-free; Various Choirs, Bible Studies, Youth Groups; Nightly Dial-A-Meditation; Call church office for more information or free packet.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 201-379-4525, Fax 201-379-8887. Joel R. Yoss, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. at JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information about our onweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

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 #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS), Hillside and Colonia Roads, Elizabeth, (908) 352-5487. Jolin Warther, Pastor. Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:15 A.M. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study are at 9:00 A.M. Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month. Hymn sing on the 4th Sunday. Call Church Office for more information or Free Packet.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kretsch, Pastor, (908) 322-1517. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

METHODIST

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 241 Hilton Avenue Vauxhall, 964-1282. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m., Church Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Rev. Gladwin A. Fubler-Pastor.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park, Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phones: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 10:30 a.m. in our air conditioned, barrier-free Sanctuary. (One Room School House Class for 3 year olds to fourth graders). Coffee & Fellowship Time: 11:30. Prayer Phone: (908) 245-2159. All are welcome!

KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth, Rev. Linda Del Sardo, Pastor. Church office 276-1956, Parsonage 276-2322. Worship Service: 10:00 A.M., Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Nursery available during Worship. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

The **SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, located on 40 Church Mall in Springfield, NJ, invites people of all ages and backgrounds to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Christian Education Forum at 9:15 AM, and for worship at 10:30 AM. We are a warm and welcoming congregation of Christians who gather together to be encouraged in the faith, strengthened in hope, and empowered to be brave and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Child care and nursery are available following the part of our worship service that is especially geared toward young children. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month. Know that all people are welcome here! If you have any questions, interest or concerns, please call the pastor, Rev. Jeff Markay at 201-376-1695.

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackman, Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Service of Worship, 10:30

a.m., Nursery provided. First Sunday every month Fellowship Hour after Worship. Prayer Group every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Women's groups meet first Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and first Thursday 1:30 p.m. monthly. New Jersey Chrysanthemum Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Jul., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

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MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL, Corner, Lexington, Tuscan, and Burnett Ave. (201) 761-6430. Sunday services. Worship and Communion, 9:00 A.M.; Coffee and fellowship 10:05 A.M.; Adult Bible Classes, 10:25 A.M.; Sunday School, 10:30 A.M. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study. Lower meeting room. Special week-day programs for children and youth, call on Sundays, AM, and Tuesdays after 7:45 PM.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL 1180, Spruce Drive, Mountainside, 232-3456. Dr. Gregory Hagg, Pastor. **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:** SUNDAY 9:45 AM - Sunday School for all ages; 11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP - with Dr. Hagg. Nursery is provided for newborn to 2-year-olds, Children's Churches for 2-year-olds through third grade. 6:00 PM Evening Service (First and third Sundays Care Groups meet). MONDAY 7:00 PM - Junior and Senior High Youth Groups. WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM - MID-WEEK SERVICE - Family Night Bible Study with Dr. Hagg. Christian Service Brigade STOKADE for boys in third through sixth grades. PIONEER GIRLS Program for girls in first through ninth grades. 7:45 PM Prayer meeting. Choir Rehearsal.

PRESBYTERIAN

CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH established 1730, Stuyvesant Avenue and Route 22, Union. Sunday Church School for all ages, Current Issues Forum at 9:30 A.M., Sunday Worship Services at 10:45 A.M. Child care provided during the Worship Service. We have an Adult Chancel Choir, Sound System for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monthly. Bible study group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The Living Room - a Support Group for those coping with aged persons - meets 4th Thursdays of the month. Quiet Place - a young women's support group - meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. September Song - a support group for "seasoned citizens" meets the 1st Thursday of the month. Full program of Scouting provided. Everyone welcome. **Weekday Nursery School** for 2 1/2, 3, and 4 yr. olds available, 964-8544. For additional information, please call Church Office at 688-3164. Serving Church Community for 266 years. Rev. R. Sidney Finch, Pastor, 688-3164.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris Ave. and Church Mall, Springfield, 379-4320. Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:00 a.m., Sunday morning Worship Service 10:15 a.m. with nursery facilities and care provided. Opportunities for personnel growth through worship, Christian education, choir, church activities and fellowship. **Sundays:** Church School - 9:00 a.m., Worship - 10:15 a.m., Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Charles L. Hale, Jr., Interim Pastor.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Brahm Luckhoff, Minister.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 201-376-3044. **SUNDAY EUCHARIST:** Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon. Reconciliation: Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00 a.m.

ST. THERESA'S CHURCH 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 272-4444. Rev. Joseph S. Bejgrowicz, Pastor, Sunday Masses: Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am. 12 Noon. Weekday Masses 7:00 - 9:00 am. Miraculous Medal Novena following 7:30 pm Mass. ST. JUDE PERPETUAL NOVENA - Wednesday, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

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On Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Program will conduct a workshop on "Building a Cookie and Candy Holiday House."

This is a model house made of cardboard and frosting and decorated with cookies and candies. It will brighten a home or office during the holidays and, if properly stored, can be used again for next year's holiday season. The workshop will be held at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension auditorium, 300 North Ave., East, in Westfield. This workshop is open to all children, seven years of age or older, accompanied by a parent. The \$10 fee is for supplies; but, as additional supplies will be required, registered participants will be notified as to what materials to bring with them.

Open house planned

The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a Scotch Plains-based organization, invites all mothers in central New Jersey to attend its open house on Jan. 8, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Call (908) 561-1751 for additional information.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE TO PLACE A PUBLIC QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO BE VOTED ON BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SECTION I - PURPOSE
On December 12, 1995, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield enacted a resolution establishing the Springfield Government Study Committee.

SECTION II - PROCEDURE
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19-37-1, the Township of Springfield may, by ordinance request that the public question appear on the ballot at the next held general election.

SECTION III - TEXT OF PUBLIC QUESTION
Should the Township of Springfield petition the State of New Jersey for special legislation to modify Springfield's form of government to change elections to every other year instead of every year with the necessary change in the term of office of members of the Township Committee from three to four years?

SECTION IV - TEXT OF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
The purpose of this non-binding public question is to determine the voters' opinion concerning proposed changes to the election schedule for local office in Springfield.

SECTION V - RATIFICATION
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law, and thereupon, the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield shall forward a certified copy to the Clerk of Union County.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Township Clerk
U2368 SLR Dec. 12, 1996 (\$36.50)

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals to be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey until 10:00 A.M. on January 8, 1997 in the office of the Township Clerk at the Florence M. Gaudinear School, South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey for the following: COMPLETE LAWN CARE SERVICES For All Schools

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Jersey and one (1) copy thereof may be obtained by each bidder.

Bids shall be made only on the form provided with all blanks filled in and signed by the bidder. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes giving the name of the bidder and the type of materials or services bid on.

No bidder may withdraw the bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in any bid, and shall, further make awards in any way it deems advisable to the best interests of the School District.

1. A photo copy of their Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval OR
2. A Photo copy of their Certificate of Employee Information Report (AA 302) OR
3. A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA 302)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for counsel to represent police officer Peter Davis, in the Springfield Municipal Court concerning charges arising out of performance of his official duties; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 17A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids; and that the contract itself must be available for inspection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively to execute and attest to agreements with Michael Rogers, Esq., for such representation, at the same hourly rate paid the Township Attorney. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 17A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Building
U2364 SLR Dec. 12, 1996 (\$15.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP TREASURER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION
1. There is hereby established within the Township of Springfield the position of Assistant Township Treasurer.
2. The position of Assistant Township Treasurer shall be filled by a recommendation of the Township Committee, by and by appointment by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield for a term which shall not exceed one year, but which will

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expire at the end of each calendar year, and such person shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

3. The position of Assistant Township Treasurer shall be for a twenty-five hour work week, at a salary set by ordinance.
4. The Assistant Township Treasurer shall report to the Township Treasurer, and shall perform such duties as designated thereby, including but not limited to the following: Enter cash receipts; evaluate accounts for investments; prepare monthly reconciliations on all accounts; review and process payment vouchers; certify Township funds; prepare general ledgers for Township accounts in accordance with technical accounting directives from the State of New Jersey; filing of correspondence and general typing; and such other duties within the office of the Treasurer as designated and assigned by the Township Treasurer.

SECTION II - SEVERABILITY
In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION III - REPEAL
Any ordinance or portion of an ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION IV - EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, December 10, 1996.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
Municipal Clerk
U2370 SLR Dec. 12, 1996 (\$28.25)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 73 - OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENT CHAPTER 73, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, IS hereby amended as follows:
"Section 73-10. Course of instruction required." is amended to read as follows: All newly appointed members of the Springfield Planning Board or Board of Adjustment, unless exempt therefrom, shall complete an appropriate course of instruction, within three months after their appointment, or as soon thereafter as an appropriate course shall be offered.

"Section 73-11. Type of Course." is amended to read as follows: If practical the Township Engineer, Township Planner, Attorneys to the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, and other appropriate employees of the Township of Springfield, shall within the first three months of each year, hold a course for all new members of the Springfield Planning Board or Board of Adjustment, which course shall cover the areas of study previously set forth herein. If the Township does not offer such course, then alternatively, the new members may take an appropriate course, such as the course offered by the New Jersey Planning Officials, or any other course comparable thereto.

"Section 73-12. Noncompliance." shall be amended to add an additional sentence to the end of same, as follows: It shall be the duty of the description of the appointing authority of each member as to the determination of compliance herewith and good cause for failing to do so.

"Section 73-13. Term of Office." is amended to delete "twelve (12) consecutive months" and replace it with "two years".

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the revised general ordinances of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, sub-

Red Cross offers holiday safety tips

The holiday season is a time to be enjoyed by all and with some preventative measures taken, the Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross is offering these tips for a safe holiday:

• Beware of holiday lighting — Take care when burning candles. Be sure they are kept away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows or near exits.

• Test tree trimmings — When decorating with lights, be sure to purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory. Never use candles to decorate Christmas trees. For outside decorations, use only those lights labeled for outdoor use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put electrical lights on a metal Christmas tree.

• Prepare for holiday parties —

Decorate only with flame-retardant or noncombustible materials. Avoid using candles during parties. If guests will be smoking, provide them with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

• Keep Christmas trees fresh — Chose a fresh Christmas tree and secure it in a sturdy stand. Place the tree away from heat sources and exits, and water it daily. If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

• Inspect fireplaces — Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your family and home by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood — never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out of the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace. If you are purchasing a factory-built fireplace, select one listed by a testing laboratory and have it installed according to local codes.

• Watch your wood stoves — Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Follow manufacturers' recommendations for proper use and maintenance. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning

of each heating season and cleaned if necessary. Follow the same safety rules for wood stoves as you would for space heaters. Burn only wood, and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals. Be sure to check with your local fire department and check local codes before having your wood stove installed.

• Be cautious with portable and space heaters — Place space heaters at least three feet away from anything combustible, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to bed. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters and be sure everyone knows that drying wet mittens or other clothing over space heaters is a fire danger.

• Cook with care — When cooking, do not wear loose fitting clothing. It can be ignited by hot burners. Always turn pot handles in. Don't store items on the stove top; they could catch fire. Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off after use. Don't overload electrical outlets and don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.

• Designate a driver — When attending a party, always designate a non-driving driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving.

• Buckle up — During the holiday months, people travel more than ever. Wearing a seat belt is the easiest and best way to prevent injury in a motor vehicle collision. Ensure that all passengers are also wearing safety belts.

Horseplay planned at Watchung Stable

The Watchung Stable, Mountainside, offers two programs, in addition to its fall and spring series of lessons, which are designed to introduce the sport of horsebackriding to all.

For Girl Scouts, there is a program designed to allow them to earn a Horse Lover Badge. This one-time session is appropriate for Junior Level Scouts and addresses the requirements as set forth in the badge handbook.

Pre-schoolers, youth and scout groups, senior citizen clubs and organizations for people with disabilities, will enjoy the stable's one-hour tour of the barn and its facilities.

Both programs can be arranged at date and time convenient for any group. There is a \$20 fee per hour; horsebackriding is available at an additional cost. Contact Jean Jacobus at (908) 789-3665 for further information.

The Watchung Stable is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and is located at 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Table with 8 columns: ADDITIONS, AIR CONDITIONING, ANTIQUES, AUTO DEALERS, BATHTUB REGLAZING, CLEANING SERVICES, CLEAN-UP, COMPUTER TRAINING, DECKS, DRAIN/SEWER CLEANING, SPACE AVAILABLE, ELECTRICIAN, COUNTRY DISPOSAL, M.J. PRENDEVILLE, COMPUTERS ARE THE FUTURE, Decks, MEL'S PLUMBING & HEATING, INC., EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, ENTERTAINMENT, SPACE AVAILABLE, GENERAL CONTRACTOR, GUTTER CLEANING SERVICE, GUTTERS & LEADERS, Michelle & Robert Weiman, Professional Disc Jockey Service Inc., Au Pair, HANDYMAN, HEALTH & FITNESS, HEALTH & FITNESS, HEATING, HOME IMPROVEMENTS, MODEL TRAINS, Does Your House Need a Face-Lift?, MERCHANDISE SPECIALS, ER Enterprises, SUPER, SMALL JOB SPECIALIST, GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS, HICKMAN BUILDING & REMODELING, INC., WANTED ALL TRAINS, MUSIC INSTRUCTION, PAINTING, EXCELLENT PAINTING, EXPERT Paper Hanging & Painting, GUITAR INSTRUCTIONS, Steve Rozanski, Lenny Tufano, Advertise Your Business or Service, Call 800-564-8911 (Deadline Thursday 4 p.m.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION NO. 3-87 JACK AND SHEILA USDIN - BLOCK 169.01, LOT 12 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Jack and Sheila Usdin (hereinafter Applicant) made application for a final major subdivision approval for a lot 12, Application No. 3-87 for four (4) lots...

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RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Frank Cichon (Applicant) has filed an application with the Springfield Planning Board, #7-96S, relating to the property at 719-721 Mountainview Road...

WHEREAS, the Applicant was sworn and testified that he was seeking conditional use approval for an Italian restaurant for which he would be the owner...

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NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

The following Ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Board of the Borough of Mountainide, County of Union, New Jersey, in the Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, December 10, 1996, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on December 23, 1996 in the Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 P.M. at which time and place any person or persons interested therein may be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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1. There is hereby established within the Township of Springfield the position of Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor of the Department of Public Works.

2. The position of Administrative Assistant shall be filled by recommendation of the Supervisor of the Department of Public Works and by appointment by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield.

3. The position of Administrative Assistant shall be full time, at a salary set by the Township Committee.

4. The Administrative Assistant shall report to the Supervisor of the DPW, and shall perform such duties as designated by the Supervisor, including but not limited to the following: Maintain accurate records and coordinate vacation scheduling to insure availability of adequate personnel.

5. The Administrative Assistant shall maintain accurate records concerning training and other licensing requirements; maintain all necessary health records; maintain accurate records of all accidents, injuries and emergency reports with all appropriate information; insure that the Department adheres to purchasing policies set by the Township Committee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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SPORTS

Dayton turns it around, rolls to 6-3 mark, GL posts some impressive wins, Summit wins two of three to close out

Dayton Regional

(A) GL 24, Dayton 14
 (H) N. Prov. 21, Dayton 7
 (H) Roselle Pk. 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

Gov. Livingston

(H) Gov. Liv. 24, Dayton 14
 (H) Immaculata 16, GL 13
 (A) GL 28, Roselle 26
 (A) N. Plainfield 45, GL 26
 (A) New Prov. 26, GL 20 (OT)
 (H) Newark Cent. 20, GL 12
 (H) GL 15, Hillside 12 (2OT)
 (A) GL 32, Bound Brook 6
 (A) Johnson 31, GL 6
Record: 4-5
Home: 2-2
Away: 2-3
Points for: 176
Points against: 196
Shutouts: 0

Summit

(A) Summit 21, Parsippany 20
 (H) Morris Hills 32, Summit 7
 (A) Boonton 13, Summit 7
 (A) Mt. Olive 21, Summit 14
 (H) Dover 46, Summit 13
 (H) W. Essex 28, Summit 14
 (A) Summit 34, Parsip. Hills 28 (OT)
 (H) Hanover Pk. 48, Summit 6
 (A) Summit 20, Mendham 0
Record: 3-6
Home: 0-4
Away: 3-2
Points for: 136
Points against: 236
Shutouts: 1

Dayton places four on All-County girls' soccer

The Dayton Regional High School girls' soccer team, which improved a great deal this year under first-year coach Ben Stravato, placed four players on the Union County Coaches All-County Team.

Sophomore goalkeeper Maria Stravato was a second-team selection.

Earning Honorable Mention honors were sophomore sweeper Karen Snyder, junior striker Theresa Lyle and senior halfback Michelle Lyle.

A total of 33 players were chosen, 11 on first-team, 11 on second and 11 on Honorable Mention.

High school hoops classic will help homeless and teams involved

Six of the Northeast's best high school basketball teams will battle for ranking and improved conditions for local homeless people during the Third Annual Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless Basketball Classic.

Proceeds from the three-game showcase will benefit the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, one of the first agencies to work with homeless people in the state of New Jersey.

The first game of the tripleheader set for Jan. 25 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth will feature perennial Group 4 powers Elizabeth vs. Teaneck at 5 p.m.

In a non-conference matchup in Bergen County last Jan. 18, Teaneck edged Elizabeth 49-48 in overtime, handing the Minutemen their first loss of the season after a 9-0 start.

The second game pits St. Patrick's of Elizabeth vs. Christian Brothers Academy of Holmdel. St. Patrick's finished 24-4 and as the No. 2 ranked team in the state last year.

Game three features two of the nation's top teams: St. Anthony of Jersey City vs. Rice of New York City. St. Anthony finished undefeated once again last year and at season's end was ranked No. 1 in the country by USA Today and the No. 1 in the state by The Star-Ledger. Rice was also nationally ranked and was last year's New York state champion.

Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be reserved by calling 687-6963 or 964-8103.

Advance ticket purchases are encouraged as a sell-out is expected.

St. Patrick's also at Garden

St. Patrick's will also be playing at Madison Square Garden once again this year as the Celtics will face St. Raymond's of the Bronx in the first of three games that will make up the Sprite Super 6 High School Basketball Classic.

St. Patrick's will face St. Raymond's in the first game, set to begin at 11 a.m. The second game will pit St. Anthony vs. Christ the King of Queens, followed by Marist vs. Peekskill, N.Y.

St. Patrick's defeated Holy Cross of N.Y. 73-63 in overtime in the first of three games last year, which was also the day of the Blizzard of 1996.

Springfield Nettles win in first round of tourney

The Springfield Recreation Department Nettles girls' basketball team won the first-round of the Holiday Tournament and made the finals.

On Sunday at the Gaudineer School, grades 5 and 6 play at 2:30 against St. Theresa and grades 7 and 8 play 5:30 against Warren.

Both games will be played in gymnasium No. 1.

Springfield's Berger, Kravetz excel



Springfield residents Brett Berger and Ross Kravetz, 6th grade students at the Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, helped the Cranford Hockey Club Pee Wee Division squad reach the West Chester, Pennsylvania Thanksgiving Tournament championship game. Teams from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Long Island and New York City competed as Cranford was 3-0 and outscored the opposition by a 19-9 count before falling in the final to the New York City Cylconses 3-1. Berger assisted on Michael Berck's goal and Kravetz excelled on defense. The Cranford's Pee Wees won their first six games in New Jersey Youth Hockey League play.

Soccer standouts



The Springfield Stars had a successful season and were shoot out champions, as it says on their shirts. First row, from left, an assistant coach Joe Cappa, Thomas Walsh, Jason Cappa, Michael Miranda and coach Jeff Neubauer. Standing, from left, are Evan Ring, Stephen Decter, Alex Neubauer and Michael Noss. Players not pictured include Janis Cohen and John Mannarino.

New playoff system took a wrong turn

Every system is fallible. As imperfect beings we simply have not yet invented a system which doesn't either, (1) incite controversy over its components, or about its makers, (2) exclude a supposed worthy participant, or (3) end speculation altogether that something better still exists.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association thinks they have something special on their hands, in the form of the recently passed football playoff expansion proposal, which will double the amount of teams that can qualify for the sectional playoffs each November.

What do they really have? Food for more debate, and continued calls for change seem likely on the horizon. This was not meant to be the "end-all, be-all" savior of the high school playoff debate, for surely there are other directions they could have gone to gain steps toward that end.

This was a move in response to the countless snubs that occur each fall when teams with excellent records get left out because of another imperfect agent in the mix, power points. With eight teams set to square off in 1998 in each section, teams with a .500 record or better will get a chance to participate, a ruling similar to the other fall sports. This eliminates the prospect that, say, a 7-1 team with a low power point total will be left out because of its schedule and poorly-performing opponents.

But it also now brings into the mix teams that, at 4-4 for instance, wouldn't have even gotten a smell of playoff life in past years. Supporters say, good, more teams have chances to compete for state titles they may never have won or even sniffed before. It also creates that ever-loved cinderella scenario, where the underdog can sneak up and shock the world. We, as Americans, love that (see: the NCAA basketball tournament).

Detractors, me among them, say diluting the meaning of the playoffs by bringing in more teams is the wrong step. The NJSIAA committee responsible for the change was made up of coaches, and they went the way of the oppressed, changing the system to open the doors for more of the little

Don't Go There

By Keith Agran

guys, the forgotten, the underappreciated, and dare I say, those who scheduled too easy.

We, as Americans, are suckers for that trait as well. Let's make it easier and more desirable to be mediocre. Rather than raising the standards, we lower them.

But in reality, my beef is more with the direction they chose than with the opportunity soon to be afforded more teams. Like other sports, they opened up the doors to more teams, and made .500 the standard. So much for shooting for the stars.

But, they chose to ignore another facet other sports embrace, and that is where the NJSIAA went wrong.

Sports is about finding out who is the best. Most of our sports in America, professional and college the most prominent, are intent on achieving that goal (i.e. playoff tournaments that produce one champion). I say most, because there still remains one who feels two steps behind the times still can get it done, college football, where a playoff is needed but sloppy bureaucracy meddles instead.

In New Jersey, we have to classify our scholastic teams into groups, just like other states, keeping the big with the big and the small with the small.

But wouldn't it be something if the small from North Jersey Section 1 got a chance to play the small from South Jersey, who they likely never have played or seen before. Let the argument over where the best football is played be decided on the field. Soccer, for instance, gives us overall state champions in each group. Why not football?

Winning your section is a nice accomplishment, but you often play the same teams each year and little else is decided other than who is up and who is down that given year. Rivalries emerge, yes, but they are localized. Why not open it up to include teams from counties at oppo-

site ends of the state?

To carry the title of overall state champion among, say, Group 1 schools, that carries some weight. You played the best against schools who draw on the same manpower you do and you emerged as the sole winner.

Sometimes it's not enough just to win, we want to be the best. It would mean one more game than the eight-team bracket stands to deliver, but that can be accommodated by starting fall practice two weeks earlier in August and opening the season a week after school starts rather than waiting till the end of September. That's an overhaul long overdue as well.

Other states, cold weather states included, start both their preseasons and regular seasons well before New Jersey does. Too many games? Too long a season for the players? Not really valid. It would still span the regular amount of time a fall season encompasses, it could end the first weekend in December just like now and the teams would still play nine regular season games.

A casualty would have to be the Thanksgiving Day games, but the games themselves wouldn't have to disappear, when they were played would have to be amended. You could create a Rivalry Weekend, similar to what happens each November in college football, when traditional season ending matchups are staged. Traditionalists would balk, but at this stage of our culture, we are all about amending and changing our ways. Deal with it. Let new traditions begin.

Four weekends of playoffs would follow, two in your section, another two to decide the overall winners from the four sectional champs. No bye weeks, 13 straight weeks of football, and we'll have our overall state group champs.

Fallible — surely, what isn't: progressive — I think so; fair — well, my advice, schedule tough, play well and you'll get rewarded through the power point system and four teams should be plenty. Playing cupcakes and coming up 7-1 or 8-0 is gutless.

But it won't happen, it's merely a figment of my often-warped imagination. I warned you not to go there!

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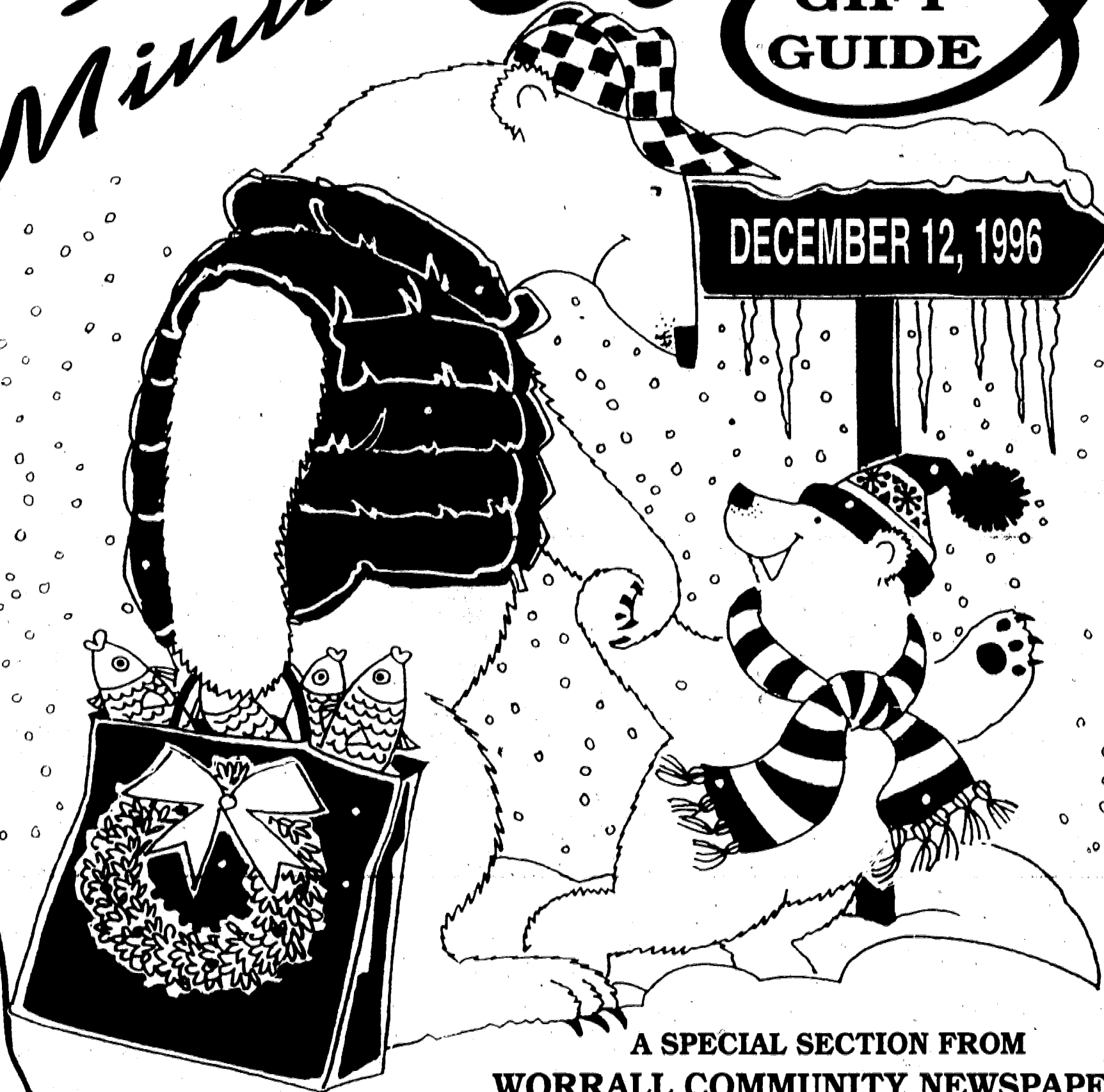
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Personal Creations is a one-of-a-kind catalog retailer that offers a wide variety of exclusive, high-quality gift items that are all personalized and delivered quickly anywhere in the U.S.

"Many consumers are getting tired of receiving as many as four or five 'me too' catalogs a day in the mail that offer generic gifts," said Dan Randolph, president of Personal Creations. "Our 48-page catalog offers a wide variety of exclusively personalized gifts that are manufactured here in our Illinois facility and then sent out, sometimes that same day, to the customer. We bring many unique products to market that the consumer did not even realize were personalizable."

More popular gift items for the 1996 holiday season range from custom-etched wine bottles to a wide variety of keepsake items such as "Baby's First Christmas" romper or a "Couple's First Christmas" ornament.

The following are some of the more popular and best-selling personalized holiday gift items for this year:

• Custom bags — certainly a lot easier than trying to wrap a bottle. It's sure to make

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• Baby's First Christmas — for the littlest elf on your list. This baby romper features a festive stocking design with the child's first name at the top in wintry, snow-capped letters.

• Cookies for Santa plate — What better way to serve Santa's traditional late-night snack than with your child's own personalized cookie plate with their personal Santa note baked into the plate? There is also a ceramic "Milk for Santa" mug that completes the set.

• Celebration wine bottles — This special gift item is an excellent hostess or corporate gift. Each design is individually hand-etched and painted with a personal greeting. Festive Christmas or Hanukkah wine bottles contain California Monterey Cristal Cabernet, or for New Year's Eve, select the sparkling Monterey Cristal Champagne. Wine bottles are also available in birthday, wedding and anniversary themes.

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Fraud never takes a holiday, so learn to protect yourself

Thirty-three percent of all credit card purchases take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas each year. Along with the hordes of shoppers comes a heightened potential for fraud.

This season is a peak time when people are vulnerable, according to Charlotte Rush, a vice president of Consumer Affairs for MasterCard International.

"Although new technologies such as encrypted security codes and computers that uncover atypical charge activity have reduced fraud losses, shoppers continue to be at risk during this time of year as billions of dollars nationwide are charged to credit cards for gifts and travel expenses," Rush said.

Protect yourself. Criminals are ready to take advantage of the holiday surge in credit card spending, so Rush urges cardholders to take the following steps to help protect themselves before and during their shopping trips:

- Sign new cards as soon as you receive them.
- When leaving home, take only the cards you need.
- Keep cards in your wallet or purse, not in your pocket.
- Keep a list of account and issuer phone numbers in a safe place.
- Check sales receipts for accuracy before signing.
- Make sure the sales clerk returns your card.
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- Keep all credit card receipts.
- If your card is lost or stolen and you don't have the issuer's phone number handy, you can call MasterCard at (800) 247-4623, or call collect for out-of-the-country calls at (314) 275-6690. If necessary, a replacement
- MasterCard offers three free brochures that shoppers will find helpful: "Defending Yourself Against Credit Card Fraud," "Shopping With Your ATM Card" and "How To Be A Smart Shopper." To order, call (800) 999-5136.

If you become a victim:

- Contact the card issuer through its 800 number immediately. With MasterCard's Cardholder Protection Program, consumers are not responsible for unauthorized credit card charges if they report a card lost or stolen within 24 hours of discovery.

- Follow up with the issuer in writing, stating that an unauthorized charge was made, to distinguish it from a billing error. Cardholders are protected in a dispute with creditors by the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act only if they report the incident in writing.

- Call the issuer if a new or reissued card does not arrive.

- Pay at least the minimum of all undisputed charges.

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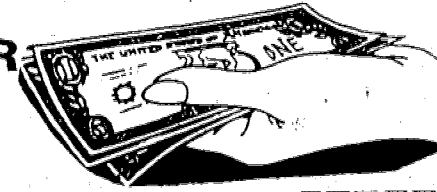
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Thinking ahead will keep up your spirits this year

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The secret to comfortable holiday entertaining is planning ahead and stocking up your pantry for any surprise. One well-planned trip to the store and you're ready for anyone who drops by. Here's a shopping list and one surprisingly terrific, no-fail recipe for creamy Pina Colada Cheesecake — a golden tropical treat to serve expected or unexpected guests. First, remember:

- To serve with the cheesecake, keep some good coffee on hand — both decaffeinated and regular.

- Stock up on teas, mineral water, sodas and hot chocolate with miniature marshmallows.

- Buy some nice blocks of cheese to enjoy with fruit and nuts. Bleu cheese, cheddar and a soft, flavored dessert cheese are basics.

- Stock up on canned pineapple. Mixed with other premium canned fruits, such as Tropical Fruit Salad, which makes a wonderful fresh salad that keeps. If you like fresh fruit such as sliced apples and pears in your salad, add canned pineapple in its own juice to keep other fruit from browning.

- To serve treats, add some colorful napkins, holiday mugs and candles. Polish and dust favorite serving trays and glasses, then sit back, relax and enjoy.

Pina Colada Cheesecake:

- 1 1/2 cup vanilla wafer crumbs
- 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted
- 1/3 cup margarine, melted
- 1 can (6 oz) Dole Pineapple juice
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 3 pks (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup dark Jamaican rum or 2 tsp. rum extract

1/4 tsp. coconut or vanilla extract
2 cups frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed

1 can (20 oz) Dole Crushed Pineapple
1 tbsp cornstarch

Combine crumbs, coconut and margarine in medium bowl. Press mixture on bottom and sides of 8 or 9 inch springform pan. Chill.

Pour juice into small saucepan. Sprinkle gelatin over juice, let stand 5 minutes to soften gelatin. Cook and stir until gelatin dissolves, remove from heat. Set aside.

Beat cream cheese and 1/4 cup sugar in large bowl until smooth. Beat in gelatin mixture until well-blended. Beat in rum and coconut extract until blended. Gently fold in whipped topping. Spoon into prepared crust. Chill 6 hours or until set.

Combine undrained pineapple, cornstarch and remaining 2 tablespoon sugar in small saucepan. Cook and stir until mixture boils and slightly thickens. Chill. Spoon over top of cheesecake. Garnish with additional toasted coconut, if desired.

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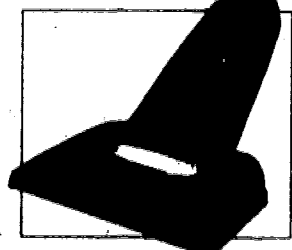
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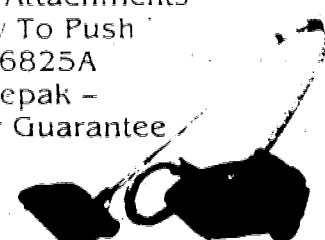
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Millions of holiday shoppers will dust off their credit cards and hit the malls this month, happily charging everything from toys to tinsel. Unfortunately, many a shopper's holiday glee will become holiday gloom once their January credit card statements arrive.

The American Collectors Association, Inc., the trade association for professional debt collectors, offers the following advice to help consumers avoid post-holiday payment shock.

- Limit spending. Determine how much you can afford to spend on holiday gifts before beginning your shopping excursion. Stick to your budget.

- Make a list and check it twice. Create a list of people for whom you need to purchase gifts and how much you will spend on each one, making sure not to exceed your allotted budget. As you shop, record each gift and its cost next to the receiver's name, then add up your expenses so your credit card bill won't take you by surprise.

- Use cash whenever possible. If it is necessary for you to charge a number of gifts, put them all on one credit card, so you won't be juggling several bills in January. Look into applying for a special holiday card

with a credit line that equals what you have to spend, and that can be destroyed after the holidays.

- Be interest-conscious. Be wary of department store cards and cards offering deferred payment plans since most charge hefty interest rates. Use a deferred interest card only if interest will not accrue until the first payment is due, and if you will be able to pay off all or most of the bill immediately.

- Be a savvy shopper. Take advantage of outlet malls and holiday sales. Rather than buying expensive wrapping paper, ribbon and bows from department stores, pay cash for those items at a dollar store. Also, consider giving gifts that are easy on the pocket-book such as an enlarged snapshot capturing a memorable event or a goodie basket filled with homemade treats.

- Prepare for next year. Start a holiday savings account and add to it each month. Then, throughout the year, hit retailers' clearance sales — you'll find great deals on gifts and, by buying a little at a time, you'll avoid last-minute shopping next year.

Consumers who are experiencing problems paying their holiday bills should contact ACA for information on working through their financial difficulties. For a free informational brochure, write to Solving Payment Problems, American Collectors Association, Public Relations Department, P.O. Box 39106, Minneapolis, MN 55439-0106.

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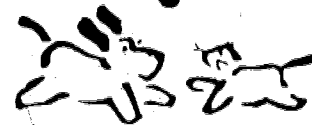
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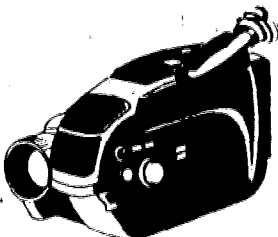
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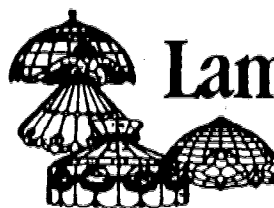
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MADD guides holiday drivers safely home

Hoping to put more drivers on the road to safety, Mothers Against Drunk Driving is offering a free Safe Party Guide to help prevent alcohol-related traffic crashes, which too often go hand-in-hand with holiday celebrations.

The guide, which includes great non-alcoholic drink recipes for Mild-Eyed Margaritas and Holiday Punch, is part of MADD's year-long Designated Driver campaign, which focuses on four of the deadliest holiday periods of the year: New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day and the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Approximately 272 people were killed in traffic crashes during the 1993-94 New Year's holiday period, and of those 200 — 53.9 percent — were alcohol-related deaths.

Using the theme "Make Your First Resolution to Designate a Driver," MADD chapters and AAMCO Transmissions dealers across the country will be working together to promote prevention strategies such as the use of designated drivers.

For a free copy of the guide or more information on the Designated Driver program, contact your local MADD chapter or AAMCO dealer.

Pearls are a 'cultured' holiday gift

Looking for the perfect gift can be confusing. There's so much to choose from. Smart shoppers stick to the classics — gifts that never go out of style.

Few are immune to the charms of such classic gifts as Chanel No. 5, red roses, champagne or, for special occasions, cultured pearls.

The pearl, with its warm inner glow and shimmering iridescence, is a perfect complement to any wardrobe. Cultured pearls are versatile, always in fashion and have an understated elegance matched by few precious jewels.

How do you choose the perfect pearl gift and get the best value for your money? Here are some tips from the Cultured Pearl Information Center:

- Consider luster, a combination of surface brilliance and a deep sealed glow. The luster of a good quality pearl should be bright, not dull. You should be able to see your own reflection clearly on the surface of a pearl. Any pearl that appears too white, dull or chalky indicates low quality.
- Check the surface for disfiguring spots, bumps or cracks. The cleaner the surface of the pearl, the more valuable. If you find cracks on the surface of the pearl or chips near the drill-hole, its durability will be severely diminished.
- Shape is important. Since cultured



Looking for the perfect gift can be confusing. There's so much to choose from, but a pearl necklace never goes out of style. For a free booklet on pearls, write to the Cultured Pearl Information Center, 321 E. 53rd St., New York, NY 10022.

pearls are grown by oysters, it is very rare to find a perfectly round pearl. The rounder the pearl, the more valuable it is. Baroque pearls, which are asymmetrical in shape, can be lustrous and appealing, and often cost less than round pearls.

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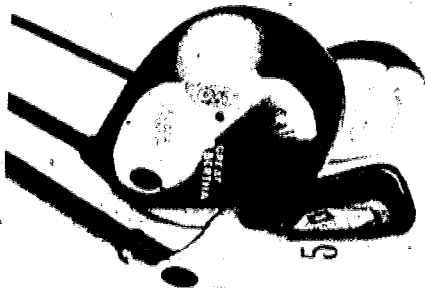
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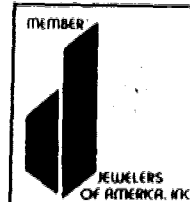
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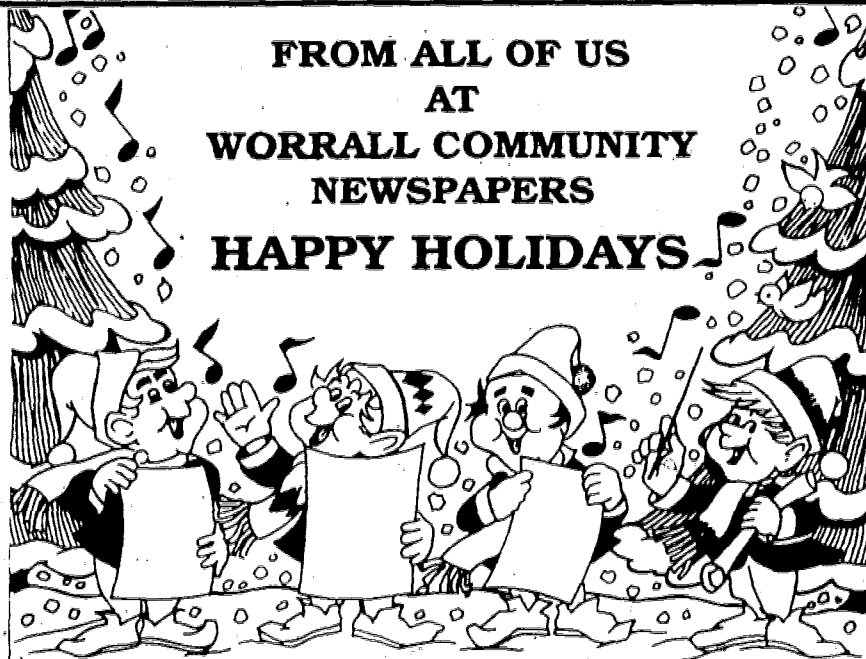
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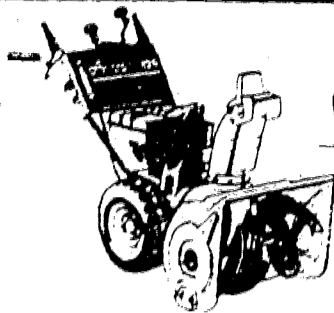
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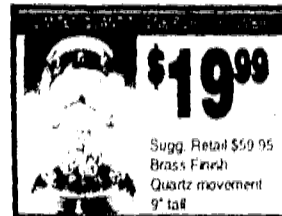
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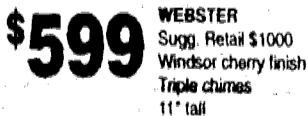
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With the holidays close at hand, the pressure of buying the perfect gift for your man is paramount.

Gifts for husbands, dads and boyfriends need not be extravagant, but should reflect his personality or interests. And you should be able to get a big hug of appreciation for your selection.

"The best gifts remind people of shared fun times, intimate understanding or recurring "themes" in a relationship," says Ann Gottlieb, creator of popular scents from Faberge's Brut Actif Blue to Calvin Klein's CK One. "Fragrance is as personal as it is affordable, because evaluating the "personality" of a scent to match that of a special man is perceived to take great thought."

The makers of Brut, the #1 international men's fragrance and toiletries brand, and Ms. Gottlieb, fragrance expert, offer value-hungry shoppers these reasons to consider fragrance and toiletries the perfect he-gifts for the holiday.

• For the traditionalist: If you can't afford season baseball tickets or a new grill, fragrance is a great way to move beyond socks, ties and flannel pajamas. Typically, traditional men feel most confident in fragrances that include combinations of spice and musk, such as Original Brut for Men, because they are classic scents that complement without overpowering.

• For the adventurer: "Fresh" is the fragrance buzzword for a younger generation

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of men who engage in or fantasize about rugged adventure. Clean, energizing scents, the year-old Brut Actif Blue among them, are generally created from varying combinations of fruit skins, and might include French grass and musk notes as well. "The gift of a fresh fragrance tells a man that's he's exciting

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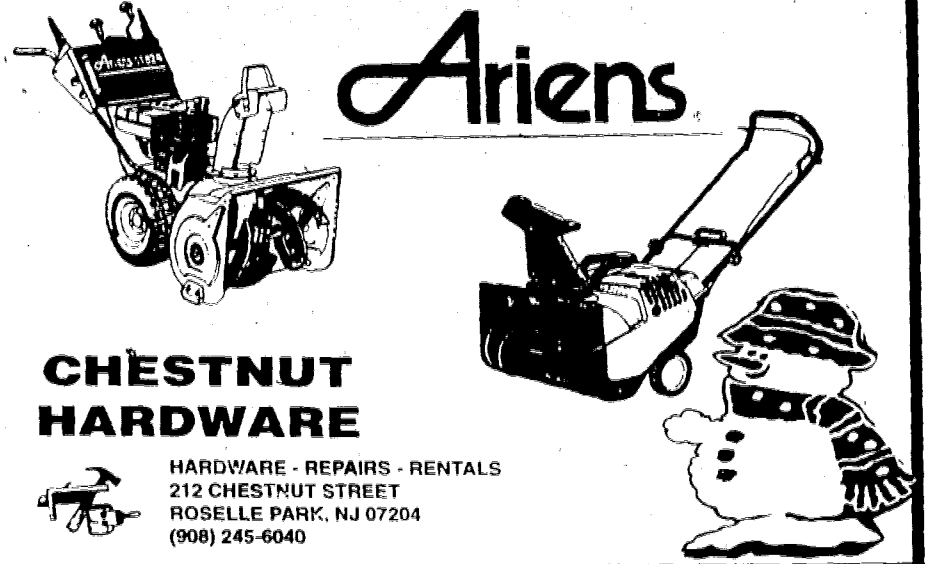
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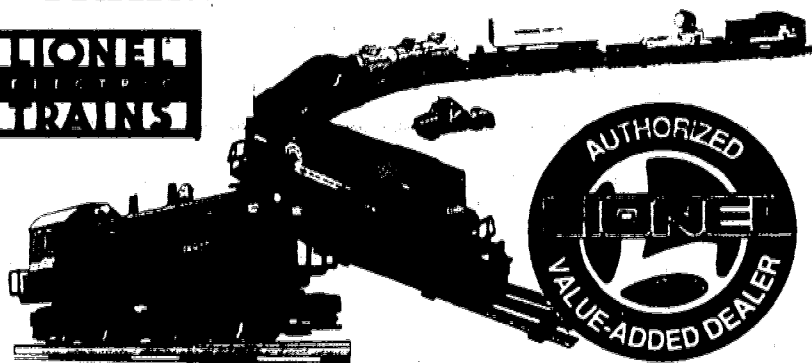
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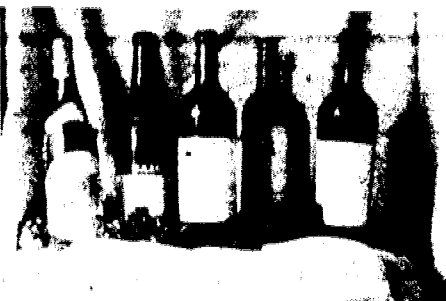
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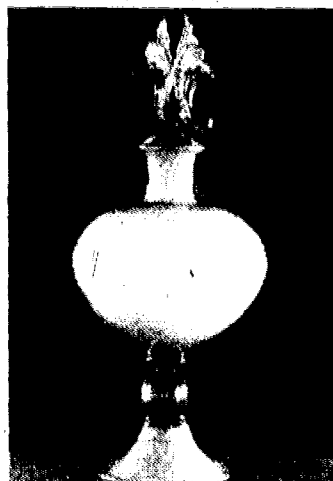
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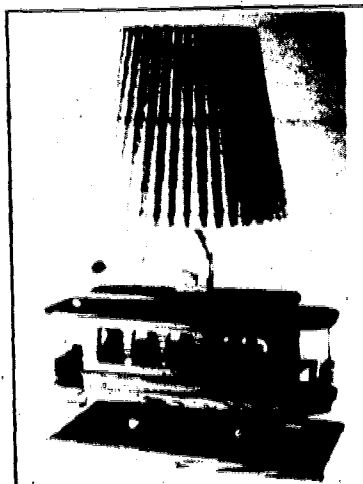
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No matter where parents turn today, it seems there are toys, toys, toys, all vying for their little one's attention.

Even after the holidays, you always seem to be trying desperately to make your way through the maze of play-things. What kind to get? What will be a passing fad? Are there any that are more than just some flashy Hollywood movie promotion?

There are a lots of toys that stimulate children's minds, encourage social development, nurture creativity and even help physical development. Some of the best names in childplay have toys designed just for those growing infants and toddlers. They are virtually indestructible and keyed into just what children do when they are allowed to play naturally.

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Toy story



The holiday season has become synonymous with giving gifts, especially to the children in our lives. While your choice of toys doesn't have to be the same story every year, some gifts are perennial favorites — especially bicycles and others relating to outdoor activities.

Bicycles are fun and healthy gifts for kids

For generations, bicycles have been at the top of the holiday wish lists of many children, and recently, parents have begun to view bicycles as not only a fun gift, but one that encourages healthy habits.

"I'd much rather see my sons outside riding bicycles than sitting in front of the television or playing video games," said Sherry Niemeier, a mother of two boys, ages 4 and 7. "My older son already spends most of the day sitting in a classroom."

Since many parents share Niemeier's sentiments and are choosing gifts that promote a healthier lifestyle, bicycle manufacturers and retailers are preparing for a busy holiday season.

"Parents have become increasingly concerned about how children spend their leisure time," said Steve Richman, vice president of marketing at Murray Bicycles. "As a result, they are purchasing more bicycles for their children, because biking offers a healthy alternative to many other activities."

Many doctors agree that the resurgence in bike usage among children is a positive development in today's television-oriented society. "Children tend to stay fit naturally, unless they aren't given the opportunities to exercise," said Nashville pediatrician David Moroney. "Lack of physical fitness during development years contributes to obesity and other poor health habits in later years."

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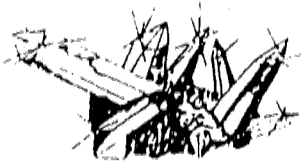
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Holiday season begins with the perfect tree

The joy of visiting a Christmas tree farm, choosing and cutting the "perfect" tree in a family outing is just the beginning of a wonderful holiday season.

The gifts must be wrapped, labeled then placed under the tree; festivities must be planned and the guests invited to house for dinner and cheer.

The centerpiece for the entire season will be the Christmas tree you so lovingly and painstakingly chose. The recent trend of setting up cut trees earlier in the season makes proper care and handling very important to insure the tree will be as fresh at the end of the season as it was in the start of the season.

Fresh-cut trees will be the perfect decoration if cared for properly. The steps to provide a prolonged life of the tree are few and simple.

- When the tree is brought home, cut ¼-inch off the base of the trunk.

- If not taken into the home immediately, keep the tree in a bucket of water outdoors or in an unheated area, protected from the sun and wind.

- When brought into the home, make another ¼-inch cut at the base of the trunk.

- Do not place the tree near a heat source.

- Use a tree stand that holds a minimum of one gallon of water. Do not allow the water level to drop below the fresh-cut because a seal will form that will slow water uptake.

- Refill the reservoir with tap water. Research has shown that no special additives are required.

- Inspect the water level daily and insure that the reservoir is full.

When the season is over and the tree must be removed, consider recycling the tree in a manner that will improve the environment. Most municipalities will chip the tree into mulch for use around plants and on park paths. Some municipalities will allow the resident to take the chips for use on home grounds. That's the beauty of a natural tree, it continues to serve the buyer long after the season ends.

For information on a local Christmas tree farm, telephone the New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers' Association hotline at (800) 407-0487.

with the floor and step over the threshold. Be especially careful if you are wearing high-heeled shoes.

- Stay calm. In the unlikely event that an elevator stops between floors, use the alarm button or the elevator's telephone or intercom to request assistance. Never attempt to climb out of a stalled elevator. Unless a trained emergency crew assist you, the safest thing to do is wait for help.

- In case of fire, take the stairs. If there is a fire or power failure, do not use the elevator. Leave the building by way of designated emergency exits.

Most elevators and escalator accidents can be prevented by proper ridership. For a free copy of a brochure on elevator and escalator ridership guide-lines, write to Schindler Elevator Corporation, Mail Stop UL305, P.O. Box 1935, Morristown, NJ 07962-1935.

Rushing through your shopping can be hazardous to your health

During the holiday season, at last minute shoppers hurry to complete their gift-buying or return their gifts later on, shopping becomes an increasingly serious undertaking.

Navigating your way through a mall or store is also serious business — especially with coats, bags and boxes in your arms as you use crowded escalators and elevators. Schindler Elevator Corporation has developed some "rules of the road" so holiday shopping stays festive and safe.

Escalators:

- Don't overload your trip. If your hands are full, take the elevator. Placing packages on the steps or balancing them on the handrail may endanger you or other passengers. Shopping carts, strollers, or wheelchairs should never be taken on the escalator.

- Watch children. Never allow children to use an escalator unattended. When traveling with a small child, hold his or her hand, and help children to step onto and off the escalator. No matter how tempting it is to make that distinctive "squeaky noise," do not let children drag their feet along an escalator's side. A shoe can become caught between the step and the side panel, causing serious injury.

- Never sit on the escalator. Serious injury can result if clothing, shoelaces or fingers get caught between the closing stair steps.

between the escalator step and side panel, or in moving parts at the top and bottom of an escalator. The best way to ride an escalator is to stand squarely on the center of the step, facing forward, with feet slightly apart and without touching stationary sides.

- Hold the handrail. The handrail can provide stability and balance for passengers. Always hold the handrail when riding the escalator. When boarding or exiting an escalator, step — don't slide on and off. After exiting, move away from the end of the escalator to leave room for other exiting passengers.

Elevators:

- Don't try to force or pry the elevator doors open. Press the "door open" button to keep the doors open. It can be hazardous to use your hand, briefcase or even an umbrella to prevent the doors from closing.

- Passengers closest to the doors exit first. Don't worry about gender or age. If the elevator stops before your floor, step aside to let other passengers enter or exit easily and safely.

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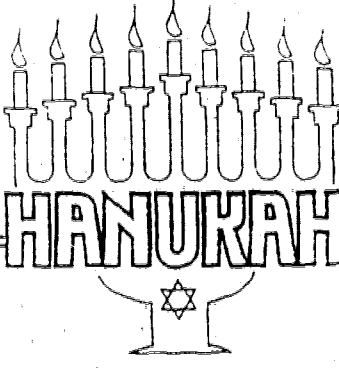


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Fill stockings with goodies for flyers

Is there a frequent traveler on your holiday gift list? Fill a cosmetic bag or shaving kit with small, travel size bottles of lotion, shampoo and conditioner, disposable razor, shaving cream, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush. Since most European countries consider washcloths to be a personal item and do not provide them, an inexpensive pack could also be included.

Most frequent travelers would also appreciate a compact, telescoping umbrella, a travel alarm clock, rolls of film or a one-use, disposable camera — especially those designed for underwater or panoramic pictures. And don't forget a photo album for those vacation shots. A small flashlight and sewing kit also come in handy. Keeping airline tickets, passports and odd-size foreign currency organized can be easy with a travel wallet large enough to accommodate everything.

How about a current road atlas or a deluxe, coffee table-size world atlas? Even "armchair" travelers will enjoy a subscription to a travel magazine.

When in doubt about your recipient's preferences, check with your favorite travel agent for a gift certificate which can be used toward a future trip.

Capture the joy of the holidays with great photos

Gifts, gatherings and a roll of film featuring Uncle Ned's thumb are holiday traditions shared by families nationwide. Is there anything more disappointing than having photos of your family's previous moments spoiled by imperfect photographic technique? Fortunately, many of today's point-and-shoot cameras feature metering systems, autofocus and autoflash, enabling anyone to take great pictures. This year, Mike Corrado, a photo expert from Nikon, offers some other tips to ensure the best holiday photos.

- Avoid dark facial shadows. Use your camera's flash when taking people photos. Turn the anytime flash feature on, and revelers will be perfectly fit.

- Use the right film, usually 400 speed film indoors and 100 speed outdoors. For a good general film, 200 speed is an excellent choice.

- Turn on as many room lights as possible to eliminate red-eye. This, combined with the red-eye reduction feature on many cameras, will prevent the devilish glow that comes with flash photos.

- Candid holiday photos look best. Grandma's spontaneous look of delight is better than any posed photo could be.

- Move the subject out of the center of the frame. To make photos more interesting, try moving the subject to the side of the photo. Cameras with focus lock make this easy.

- Subjects read better when you are a few steps away. Kids opening gifts look more natural if you stand a few feet away and let a zoom lens bring them to you.



The holidays offer rare occasions when entire families can gather. Isn't it worth preserving those moments on film? Although many new cameras allow for 'point and shoot' photography, there still are some basic rules to follow for quality photographs.

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- **Golf Illustrated**

With useful how-to articles, interviews with golf's most colorful personalities, product reviews and quick tips to shave strokes from your game, this informative bimonthly will suit the golfer on your list to a "tee." A recent issue examined one of the oldest commands in golf swing instruction — keep your left arm straight — and showed that the opposite, a soft left arm, is actually better.

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Whether it's an indepth review of the four basic shooting positions or an informative article on how to hunt unfamiliar territory, this beautiful bimonthly for hunters and sports shooters is right on target. R & SS gives easy-to-understand information on trap, skeet, clays, hunting and all other forms of shooting sports.

- **BASSIN'**

In a recent article, BASSIN' revealed that anglers who stop fishing in autumn may miss the year's fastest action.

Turkey carving is as easy as one-two-three

Take the terror out of turkey carving by combining three basic ingredients used by experienced chefs:

- A cooled turkey

After the turkey is done, a meat thermometer should read 180 degrees when inserted into the thickest part of the thigh. Remove from the oven and let it cool for 10 to 15 minutes. This makes the meat firmer and easier to slice.

- A sharp knife

While the turkey is cooling, sharpen your carving knife. A sharp knife will cut smoothly and won't shred tender meat. A new, easy-to-use, manual knife sharpener from EdgeCraft has built-in angle guides

that take the guesswork out of sharpening. The Chef's Choice Manual Diamond Hone, Model 450 uses 100 percent diamond abrasives to put a quick, sharp edge on even difficult-to-sharpen stainless blades.

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- Carving know-how

Start by removing the turkey legs and the last joint of each wing. Then make a deep, horizontal "base cut" into the breast above the wing. Finally, slice down through the breast to the base cut. This will release perfect, even slices.



In addition to having the skills needed to properly carve a turkey, there are basic elements that sometimes are forgotten. Keeping the carving knife sharp and letting the bird cool before carving are among the steps that can lead to an impressive carving every time.

AAA has tips for holiday motorists

This holiday season, motorists will not only need a few extra dollars when they fill up their gas tanks, they'll need an abundance of patience traveling to their destination.

AAA New Jersey Automobile Club estimates 31.8 million Americans will travel 100 miles or more during the holiday period, up 3 percent from last year and a 12-year high. Approximately 26.4 million of those travelers will go by auto, light truck or recreational vehicle. Another 5.4 million expect to travel by airplane, train or bus.

Travelers in the Essex area will also find the price of gas has increased six cents per gallon since Labor Day and 16 cents since last Thanksgiving.

Automobile Travel

According AAA, one of the most important safety tips for those traveling by automobile during the Thanksgiving holiday is to be sure everyone is buckled-up and seated in the proper position.

"While no one likes to think about a holiday trip being interrupted by an automobile crash, it's vital that motorists take steps to make the most out of their car's airbags and other safety equipment," explained Pam Fischer, assistant vice president of public and government relations for the Florham Park-based club.

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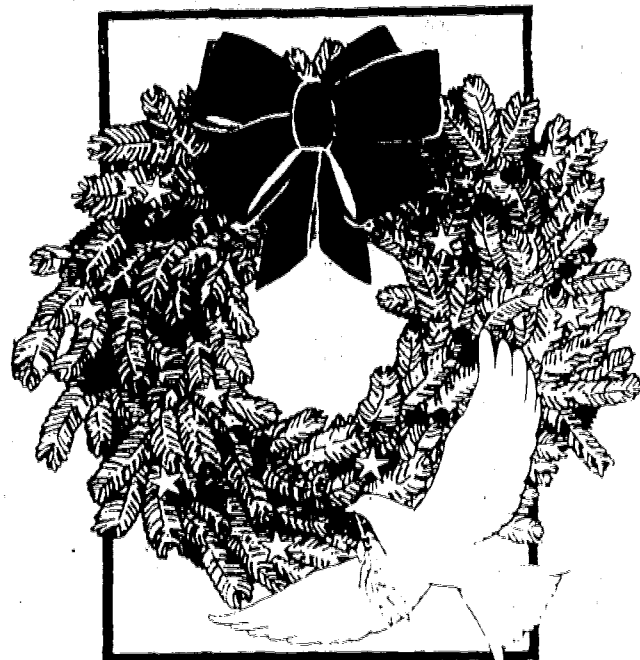
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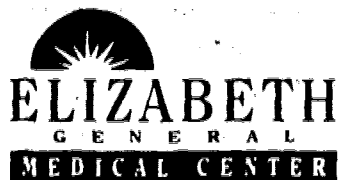
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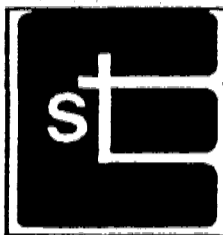


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St. Elizabeth Hospital
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St. Elizabeth Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute care Catholic facility with 325 beds, 24 well-newborn bassinets, and seven intermediate-care bassinets.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth,
it is eastern Union County's teaching hospital.

Providing:

- **Diabetes Management Center** —
utilizing in-patient and out-patient programs to help people develop skills to cope and live successfully with diabetes.
- **Family-Oriented Maternity Services** —
a modern, medically advanced maternity program featuring Labor, Delivery, Recovery Rooms (LDRs); a full Midwifery Program; and specialized services for high-risk moms.
- **Health and Rehabilitation Center** —
providing a full range of fitness, therapeutic exercise and wellness programs.
- **Heart Center** —
offering an interdisciplinary approach to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease.
- **Parkside/Seton Center for Chemical Dependency** —
providing a variety of levels of care including detoxification, partial hospitalization (day treatment), intensive outpatient services and outpatient recovery programs.
- **Radiological Services** —
offering full radiological services including open gantry MRI; CT scanner; ultra sound services; and accredited mammographic imaging services.
- **Additional Specialities Include:**
 - 24-Hour Emergency Care Center
 - Complete Oncology Resources
 - Outpatient Clinic Serving 26 Medical Specialties
 - Same-Day Surgery
 - Physician Referral

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