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Food drive

Fleet Bank of Mountainside, located at 855 Mountain Ave., is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Foodbank of New Jersey. Items needed include non-perishable foods such as canned fish, meats, fruit and vegetables, soups, cereals, grains and powdered milk. Donations can be left in the bank at designated locations. For more information, contact Judith Barr at (908) 654-2440.

Home program

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will hold a fall training series for the volunteer-based Master Home Repair Program. Participants receive technical training in simple home repairs. Each training session consists of a lecture and hands-on experience. Classes are from 7 to 9 p.m. at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield on Jan. 6, 13 and 27. The cost is \$40, which includes the cost of supplies and a manual. For more information, call Elizabeth Levin at (908) 654-2440.

Dinner scheduled

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 to 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 Westmann at 302 Delaware Ave. Union, 07083 or fax to Jacqueline Carr at (908) 247-2256. For more information, call Carr at (908) 247-0900. Ext. 5882.

Singles events

Interfaith Singles, a supportive group for single adults over 45, sponsors weekly discussions on successful single living as well as occasional social activities. A continental breakfast will be held every Sunday during January from 9 to 10:30 a.m., donation \$2. A special buffet will be held Jan. 12, and movie nights are scheduled for Jan. 19 and 26. All events will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For more information, call (908) 233-2278.

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 Wednesday 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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Web site announced

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Your community newspaper is now open for business on the World Wide Web.

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New law will aid first responders

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

There's a new law in town and it may be the difference between life and death to residents of the state. Under legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-Union, that was signed into law this week by Gov. Christine Whitman, police and firefighters will be permitted to perform emergency cardiac defibrillation.

"This legislation will enable police and firefighters to be certified in cardiac defibrillation so they may act to save a victim's life when no other emergency medical personnel is present," said Bagger.

The previous law only allowed certified emergency medical technicians with the proper defibrillator training (EMT-Ds) and paramedics to perform cardiac defibrillation. However, according to Bagger, police and firefighters are often the first to arrive at an emergency scene and are the first people available to perform the procedure.

"The technology for defibrillation has improved substantially in the last few years where they have these portable electronic defibrillation units that are pretty easy to use. This means that someone with a few hours of training could learn how to use them," said Bagger.

He noted that the legislation will enable police and firefighters to administer cardiac defibrillation immediately, without having to wait for a certified EMT-D to arrive. "In

many communities when there is a 9-1-1 call or a call to a rescue squad, the police or firefighters usually get there first because they are usually already out on the streets. It was in the past, believe it or not before this law, not legal for a police officer to be trained to use defibrillation machines," said Bagger. Technological advances have made administering cardiac defibrillation easier, making it possible for many more people to learn the procedure.

"Each defibrillation is an important standard of care for cardiac arrest patients," Bagger continued. "With the availability of the automated external defibrillators, the range of people capable of providing cardiac defibrillation has broadened."

"Often, police and firefighters are the first to reach a person in cardiac arrest," he said. "This is a situation where minutes really count, and if the police or firefighters got there two minutes ahead of the rescue squad, that two minutes could make all of the difference. This legislation will help them save more lives."

The idea stemmed from Bagger's contact with some of the local police departments. "A lieutenant with the Chatham Police Department who is very involved in first aid training brought it to my attention and said that the technology has advanced beyond the law, so let's make sure that the first responders have the ability to use this life-saving equipment," said Bagger.

Incinerator access ramps to be constructed on Turnpike

By Jason Gitlin
Staff Writer

Despite protests from the city and area residents, commissioners from the New Jersey Turnpike Authority decided it would be feasible to build access ramps leading to a proposed hazardous waste incinerator in the Tremley Point section of Linden.

The ramps would be constructed northbound and southbound on the Turnpike, and lead to an incinerator constructed by ISP Environmental Services Inc., formerly GAF.

The decision came during a meeting held two days before Christmas, and received a negative response from a number of people attending the event. Complaints from citizens revolved around the authority's decision to hold a meeting concerning such a sensitive issue during the holidays, and their failure to consider the effects an incinerator would have on the people living in proximity to the Arthur Kill Bay.

However, Edward Gross, acting executive director of the NJTA, was quick to point out the meeting did not produce a final vote. "This was only a first step," said Gross. According to him, residents will be free to address the issue at a public hearing that has been scheduled for the end of January, although a final date has yet to be set.

"After we have considered everyone's comments and thoroughly

investigated all concerns we will make a final ruling," he added.

Beatrice Bernzoff, the former commissioner of the Union County Hazardous Waste Cleanup Commission and a community activist, said residents will attempt to postpone the upcoming hearing and request additional time to organize. Bernzoff also said it will take a three-pronged approach, involving state and congressional representatives, local council members and residents, to make an impact.

According to Mayor John Gregorio of Linden, the results of last week's meeting did not surprise anyone.

"It was obvious all along what they were going to do," Gregorio said. Officials are awaiting the public hearing where the city's attorney will speak on Linden's behalf.

"We are prepared to take every legal tactic possible to block construction," Gregorio added.

Concerned Citizens of Union County member Kerri Blanchard, said the mayors and council members of surrounding towns have failed to act in the best interests of their constituents.

"There has been a total betrayal on the part of every elected official in Union County," Blanchard said.

A resident of Rahway, Blanchard attended the last meeting but considered the event a mere formality, and

said NJTA officials made a decision well before arriving at the meeting.

According to her, nothing short of a drastic action will stop the incinerator from being built, and she is urging residents to take that sort of a step at the public hearing.

Gross said much of the animosity directed toward the NJTPA is unfounded, and said opponents of the proposed incinerator are venting their anger at the wrong party. According to him, the Turnpike Authority focused on three points whenever a project arises. Is it feasible from an engineering standpoint? Is it environmentally sound? And is it safe? After reviewing the application for this project, the commissioners believed all three of these to be the case. Where the ramp is going is not their first concern.

However, Bernzoff said the authority is overstepping its boundaries by attempting to build a private ramp. Gross on the other hand is labeling the proposed exit a limited use ramp for public use.

In addition, Gross dismissed charges that the ramps will contribute to traffic problems, and has said projected figures estimate a maximum of 20 trucks a day on the exit routes.

Bernzoff has called upon the residents of Linden to put aside their differences and work together for a beneficial outcome.

Borough Hall renovation to be completed by summer

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Renovation of Mountainside Borough Hall, the hub of the borough's municipal activity, should be completed by early summer.

"The builders are telling me that the job should be finished by June, and we will then move back into the old section of Borough Hall," said Mayor Bob Vigilanti.

According to the mayor, the new section of Borough Hall is for the most part completed, and the builders are now concentrating on the renovations to the old Borough Hall. "There are some minor little things in the new part of Borough Hall that need to be completed. They have a little punch list here and there, but 99 percent of the new portion is done," said Vigilanti.

For the time being, all of the borough's business offices have relocated to the new section of Borough Hall, as well as all of the Police Department offices and communication center. The Borough Council has been utilizing what used to be an upstairs attic, which has now been

converted into a fully functional meeting room for their council meetings. The room will become available to community groups and other organizations in the borough once renovations to the old courtroom and council chambers have been completed.

The borough's Municipal Court has been relocated to Westfield's Municipal Court while the old courtroom in Borough Hall awaits completion. All persons who have business with the court have been alerted that their cases will be heard in the court in Westfield. Once the renovations are completed, all of the court's activities will return to Borough Hall in the new courtroom as will the Borough Council meetings.

The Borough Hall renovations are part of the council's ongoing plans to refurbish many of the public buildings in the borough. Some of these improvements include a new roof for the fire house and a new roof and minor renovations to the borough's public library. The council also has been working on improving many of the municipal and county roads in town.



The addition to Borough Hall is nearly completed. The next step in the project is the renovation of the building's old sections.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared each week by the *Mountainside Echo* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, please mail your schedule to Managing Editor Kevin Singer, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Sunday
• Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside continues its family program with a hike at 2 p.m. Participants will look for birds nests, insect homes, wildflower skeletons, and fruits. The program will be indoors if the weather dictates. For more information call (908) 789-3670.

Trailside will conduct an exploration of constellations and planets starting at 2 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. This program will continue throughout January.

Wednesday
• Musikgarten Family Music, an early childhood music program, begins today at the Walton School Early Childhood Education Center in Springfield. Classes will allow children aged 18 months to 3 years, accompanied by an adult, to explore a variety of music experiences. Each class meets for 30 minutes beginning at 8:50 or 9:30 a.m. Tuition is \$60 for the 10 week session. For additional information, call (201) 376-1025, ext. 2505.

coming events
Jan. 15
• Springfield will hold its first annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observance. The communitywide event

will be held in the Jonathan Dayton High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Participants will include the Jonathan Dayton H.S. Choir and the Antioch Baptist Church Gospel Choir. Skits, multimedia presentations, and recollections of King's speeches will be presented by the school's African American Club and the Diversity Class. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Samuel Wright of the Antioch Baptist Church. For more information, call (201) 376-1695.

• 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.

Jan. 18
• The Arbor Chamber Music Society continues their season at the Unitarian Church with a performance by harpist Mariko Anraku, accompanied by flutist Michael Parloff and cellist Rafael Figueroa. The program is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17, \$14 for seniors, and \$7 for students. The Unitarian Church is located at the corner of Waldron and Springfield avenues in Summit. For further information, call (908) 232-1116.

Jan. 31
• Hatzolah of Staten Island is sponsoring a weekend getaway at the Fallsview Hotel. Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. Guest speaker Dr. Sydney Toyaker will speak on "Marriage 101." Activities include indoor pool, children's day camp, racquetball, dancing, and ice skating. For more information, call (201) 467-9673.

University plans child psychology program

The School Psychology Association at FDU will present a social skills training specialist on Jan. 30 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Hackensack Campus, Wilson Auditorium in Dickinson Hall, Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack.

Parents, what do you do when your child won't listen to you, or do what you ask? His other children, or takes away their toys?

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behaviors, and who are having difficulty making friends, are at risk for later, more serious problems such as drug use, teen pregnancy, school dropout and depression.

Dr. Myrna Shure, renowned trainer and author of "I Can Problem Solver," will be helping parents and teachers learn skills to help children become better able to cope with frustrations and disappointment, and become better problem solvers. Direct from her lecture circuit of many popular radio and television programs, including The Oprah Winfrey Show, Dr. Shure will explain her empirically tested and highly effective program. It helps children resolve problems and can prevent antisocial behaviors.

Her latest book, "Raising a Thinking Child," was chosen by the Nation-

al Association of School Psychologists as a model prevention program and recognized as a model program for strengthening America's family by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Order tickets now at the discounted price of \$10. Make checks payable to: School Psychology Association, 39-07 Taylor Rd, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

If unable to attend the program and would like an autographed copy of Raising a Thinking Child, send a check for \$25 for a book or \$30 for a parent workbook.

Wedding, engagement announcement policy

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

Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and the date of marriage.

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where located, job title, and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. Pictures of one person standing and the other seated present design problems, so, if possible, side by side is better.

For more information call Managing Editor Kevin Singer at (908) 686-7700, ext. 345.

Service offers help

The New Jersey Division of the American Cancer Society has a toll-free 800 number.

To reach this service, call 800-ACS-2345, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Feliz Navidad



Students in Barbara Hemmings' seventh grade class at Deerfield School celebrated the holidays with hand-made Spanish greeting cards.

Baseball registration announced

Mountainside Youth Baseball will hold its registration for the 1997 season on the following dates: Saturday and Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Deerfield School. Youth between 7 and 14 as of Aug. 1, 1997, are eligible to participate.

T-Ball clinics on Saturday mornings will be held for 7-year-olds. The American League will consist of 8- and 9-year-olds; Major League, 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds, and the Pony League will be for 13- and 14-year-olds.

Registration fees are \$65 per person, \$55 for each additional child in

the family. T-Ball is \$35 each each. First year participants are asked to bring a copy of his/her birth certificate to the registration. Parents of participants are required to volunteer four hours of time during the season. Participants from 1996 who have not yet returned baseball pants from last season are asked to do so when registering.

If you cannot attend these registrations, call (908) 232-2088 before Saturday. Anyone signing up after that date will be placed on a waiting list and will be allowed to play only if space exists on a team.

Interviews set for rape crisis center

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups:

- a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Avenue East, Westfield, 07090

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Slicing and dicing



Rena Ostry and Keren Bezner, students at Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union in Cranford, clean and cut vegetables for the pasta primavera they are preparing as part of a cooking workshop.

Congregation mourns leader's death

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The end of the calendar year for Congregation Israel of Springfield has taken a somber air since the death of founding father Rabbi Israel E. Turner Dec. 18.

"We were shocked and saddened by the sudden and untimely passing of Rabbi Turner," said a Congregation release.

"Rabbi Turner was a unique man in the American Orthodox rabbinate," said current Congregation Leader Rabbi Alan Yuter. "He taught by example as well as word. His was a life of loving kindness, impeccable manners, pious attention to the requirements of Torah and the needs and emotions of fellow human beings."

Turner's story began in Denver, Colo., where he was a student at the city's Talmud Torah. Turner moved to Brooklyn when he was 13-years-old to attend Yeshiva Torah Va Dass. He became an ordained rabbi and gra-

duated from Brooklyn College with a BA in Classics.

"There wasn't a large Jewish community in Denver at the time," said Yuter, "so he came to Brooklyn."

After serving congregations in Detroit, Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del., Turner returned to the metro area in 1958 as Rabbi of Congregation Adas Isreal Mishnayes in Newark. Within 10 years, however, the synagogue would merge with Congregation Isreal of Newark and face locational challenges.

"The demographics of Newark were changing during the 1960s," said Rabbi Yuter. "There was an opportunity to move to the Springfield area."

Turner and 50 families founded Congregation Israel of Springfield in 1971 and began holding services from the rabbi's home on the corner of So. Springfield Avenue and Shunpike Road. The assembly grew to where the current synagogue was built on the site in 1978.

Turner was also a founding mem-

ber of the MetroWest Joint Chaplaincy of Essex County in 1958. From the Council of Orthodox Rabbis to the Jewish Education Association, Turner's other involvements read almost like a directory of local Hebrew institutions.

"His life was the synagogue, its members and the entire Jewish community," said congregant and distant relative Isadore Heller. "He was the first one to visit the sick in the hospital and was concerned with Jewish people in Essex and Union counties and Jews throughout the world."

Turner was interred at Beth David Cemetery in Kenilworth Dec. 19. He is survived by nephew Allen Appelbaum and niece Bonnie Frankel of Long Island and brothers-in-law Morris Appelbaum of Long Island and Ben Goldstein of Denver. The congregation is to hold a memorial service Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

UCC offers extra-terrestrial glimpse

Adults and children alike can enjoy the atmosphere of learning in an observatory, while gaining knowledge about the solar system and celestial phenomena through five, non-credit, courses offered during the spring semester at Union County College's Sperry Observatory.

The Sperry Observatory is located at the college's Cranford campus, and features two, high-powered telescopes, with other state-of-the-art viewing instruments.

"Astronomy: Discovering the Universe, Part I," is designed for adults to explore the universe. They will learn about the physical laws of space, astronomical instruments, the nature of light time and celestial coordinates, the earth-moon planets, the sun and solar eclipses, stars, and peculiar stars.

The courses will be held from 8:10 to 9:40 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 4 through March 11.

"Astronomy: Discovering the Universe, Part 2" will probe into the mysteries of the sun, moon and inner and

outer planets. Students will learn new information about comets, asteroids, and meteors, and be introduced to new findings about star clusters, galaxies, black holes and quasars, the evolution of stars, and theories of cosmology. They also will receive an updated account of what astronomers know about the universe.

The course will be held from 8:10 to 9:40 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 18 through April 22.

Young people ages 11 through 14 will learn similar information tailored to their age group through "Astronomy" offered as part of the "Academy" cluster. The course will focus on Mars as students learn about the planets and satellites, and explore some constellations.

It will be held from 11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Saturdays, March 1-22, and again on Saturdays, May 3-31.

"Mini Astronomy," for ages 7 through 10, is tailored for that specific age group as part of the "College for Kids" cluster. It will cover the

planets and satellites, and explore some constellations.

It will be held from 10:10 to 11:10 a.m., Saturdays, March 1-22, and again on Saturdays, May 3-31.

"Pee-Wee Astronomy," a "College for Kids" course for ages 4 through 6, will explore the stars and planets. It will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, March 1-22, and again on Saturdays, May 3-31.

For more information, call 709-7600.

Interviews set

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is interviewing for the following groups:

- a group for teenage female survivors of rape age 13 to 17.
- a group for adult female survivors of rape.
- a group for young adult survivors age 19 to 30 addressing different kinds of sexual assault.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center is located at 300 North Avenue East, Westfield, 07090.

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Not just dollars

At the 11th hour, the Legislature finally approved an education funding and curriculum plan. Mandated by the New Jersey Supreme Court, this plan represents the state's best attempt to provide a "thorough and efficient" education for all students in the public school system. Some have criticized the ability of the plan to do just that. However, those people are idealistic, if not wrong, in their criticisms.

The crux of the problem has been to find a balance between successful districts, which spend an exorbitant amount of money, middle class districts, which receive little state aid, and poor districts, which rely heavily on state funds. Critics have complained that wealthy communities have an advantage because they can rely on community resources, whereas other districts are limited by the amount of aid they receive, or with the middle class districts, the amount their citizens can afford to contribute in tax revenue.

The main concern of the more affluent districts was whether or not school budgets would be vulnerable to severe cuts based on the \$7,200 per pupil spending cap as set forth in Whitman's original version. Luckily, the present piece of legislation provides protection from such drastic cuts, allowing districts to continue their successful methods.

Critics claim that this will perpetuate a disparity in spending amounts, which would lead to a higher level of education for children from wealthier districts, and thus create an unfair advantage.

Yet this argument misses a vital point. Dollars cannot always be linked to a successful education. If that were the case, then Catholic schools, which spend a much smaller amount per pupil, would be educational failures. The opposite is true.

Instead, critics should shift their focus from dollar signs to other influences, such as curriculum, parental involvement, and the effectiveness of the individual educators.

We support the new plan because it shifts the focus away from money and toward curriculum. It provides a minimum spending amount per pupil, and does not slash budgets which may be arbitrarily deemed exorbitant. While many have been focusing on the magical funding formula, few have been paying attention to the core curriculum guidelines, which Governor Whitman rightly believes are essential to fulfilling the court's thorough and efficient requirement. We agree that while finances are important, the focus should be on exactly what is being taught in the classrooms.

Nobody can accurately predict how the Supreme Court will view this newly approved piece of legislation, and such predictions would serve no purpose. Instead, all school districts should focus on the new curriculum and ensure that their children receive the most thorough education possible. The governor can approve a plan, but she cannot sit in each classroom to oversee the curriculum in action. That is the responsibility of superintendents, principals and, most importantly, parents and teachers.

New Year's resolutions

1997 may only be three days old, but the wind of change is already gusting. From the hundreds of reorganization meetings at the municipal level on Wednesday to the swearing in of the president of the United States, the month of January always brings a plethora of political stagnancy and revolution.

However, the new year also traditionally represents an opportunity for people to better themselves. Millions view this particular passage of time as a new beginning. It's a chance to break bad habits, set new goals and generally put right what once went wrong.

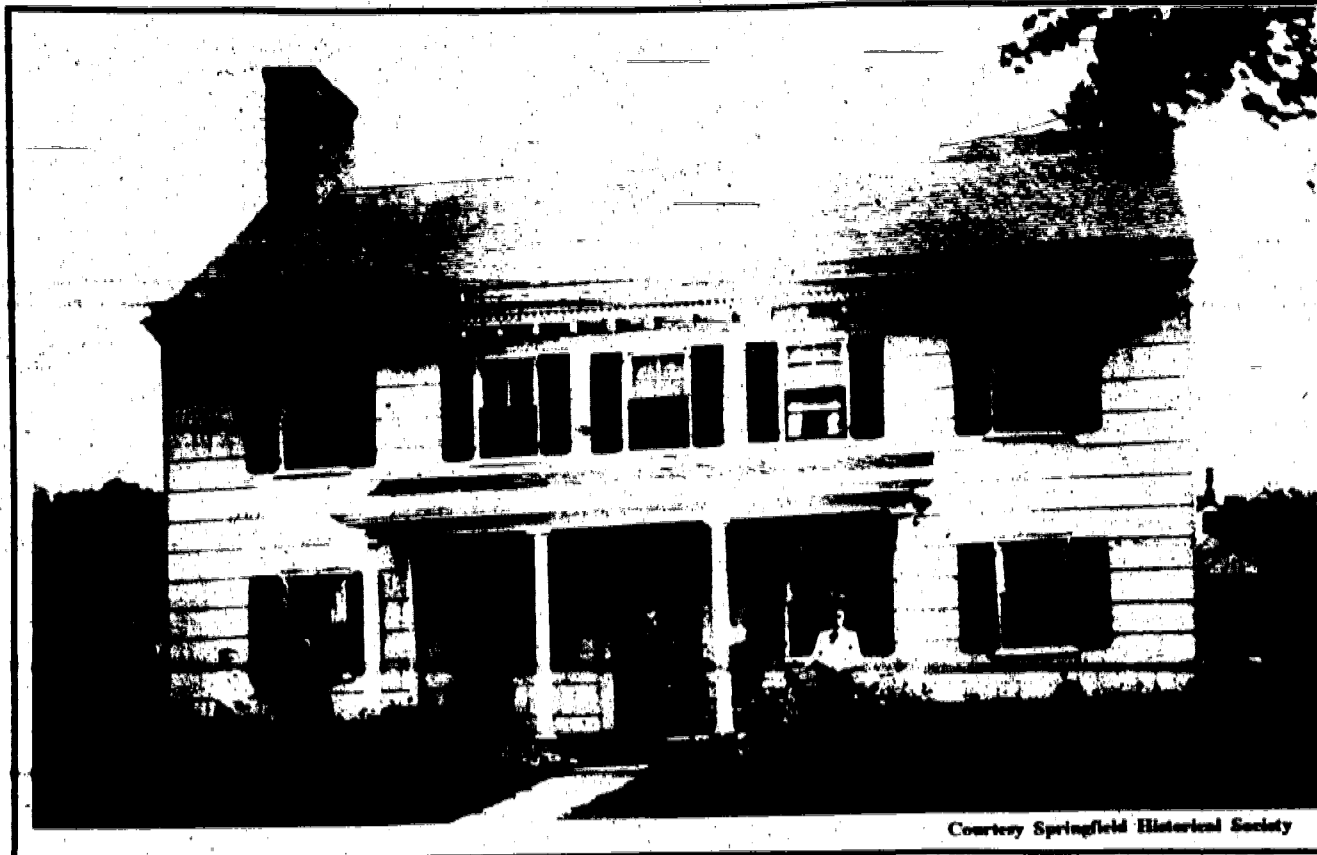
The New Year's resolution is a common form of such a procedure. Whether it's losing those extra pounds, kicking the smoking habit or cleaning out the basement, resolutions can be just about anything one wishes. And that's really the point. The difficulty and severity of the resolution lies in the hands of its creator. Ultimately, it is a contest of will versus temptation and we are the judge, jury and executioner.

But in politics, our elected officials make different kinds of resolutions. They are designed to better the lives of the constituents and are intended to be upheld. But too many times, political promises and resolutions are frivolously drafted and later ignored.

Clearly there are more than enough problems to tackle in the individual municipalities and at the county level. Thus, in 1996, the people selected their champions for 1997 for one reason — to right what once went wrong.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

—First Amendment, U.S. Constitution



Courtesy Springfield Historical Society

ONCE UPON A TIME — The Heard family, circa 1897, occupied the house now known as the Cannon Ball House on Morris Avenue in Springfield from 1893 until the 1930s.

Don't look back in regret, look ahead to '97

With 1997 still in its infancy, as we edge ever closer to the third millennium and all the significance of that once in a lifetime event, we pause to sort things out.

First, how did you make out in 1996? Did you stop smoking. As you know it's politically incorrect to smoke these days; but you'd never know it with all the smoking going on and the opening of more tobacco shops. Did you swear off large consumption of fats and fried foods? How many times did you lose your temper over some idiot who cut you off on Route 287 or Springfield Avenue? Did you take these insults in stride and forgive the bum? Or did you do what most do, open the window and hurl out an obscenity or make a rude gesture? Did you make any money last year and did you save it for that proverbial rainy day or did you spend it on something you already have forgotten about. Have you made any resolutions for 1997, or are you going to pass for this year?

Which brings me to the point of this column. All those who made resolutions, raise your hand. How many will you keep, if any?

Making resolutions can be fun because nobody will be the wiser if you do, except if you bought a full

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher

page advertisement in the *Summit Observer* and publicly proclaimed your resolutions and promised not to break them, at least not in public.

As they say, laws are meant to be broken, as are resolutions. So why do we make resolutions when we know we're not going to keep them? I once had a friend who made resolutions and kept them. They weren't inane resolutions, meaningless and silly, such as not wrestling with hungry alligators or jumping off the Empire State Building. No, these were well thought out, simple and easy to follow. They included not to overeat, not to jog in 100 degree heat, not to drive 95 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone or beat out a little old lady for the last parking space in town. Now these are simple, gentle and friendly resolutions which do not take much temptation to break. Anyone with an ounce of self control can easily keep these resolutions. These are the kind of resolutions my friend made and kept. I hated him.

However, making resolutions can be very important for other reasons than to get your act together for the new year. While making them, you're not doing anything you shouldn't. You are thinking seriously and that's enormously important. It is hoped that when making resolutions you are not sitting in a bar getting slowly loaded, or thinking ill thoughts of your mother-in-law or plotting to steal hubcaps or making obscene calls to your former wife. No, resolution-making time should be done in a relaxed mood, free of mundane thoughts. Be positive. Most important, however, is to promise yourself that these resolutions are real, this is hardball since you are making plans to get your life in order. This is not a time to kid around.

Think about this: By the time 1998 rolls around, the year 2000 will be two years away and with it, the third millennium. It will be the last end of century most of us will ever see. The boomers will have become grandparents and great-grandparents and all might have to worry about where their next Social Security check will come from.

There'll be other concerns to go along with the above. Will the air be clean, will the water be potable and will there be a tree here and there?

Will more noise drive us all stark, raving insane? Will we find ice on the moon and a Barbie doll on Mars? Will the Internet learn of our most deeply kept secrets and will they become public for all to see?

A most important aspect of the 21st century is the question of whether the New Jersey Giants and Jets will ever make another playoff?

But the most important aspect of today is to enjoy 1997 to its fullest. It won't ever come around again. Make something of yourself this year. Prepare for the future and try to make every second count.

Employ the Golden Rule in your everyday life. Be honest, especially with yourself, and think of 1997 as the start of a new life. Also, forget resolutions. Let your conscience be your guide and I bet you'll do the right thing.

Don't look back and make excuses for your failures in 1996. That's over and done with. Look to the future and make plans to make it a pleasant one for yourself and your family.

Life can be pleasant, if you work at it. Work at it in 1997.

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

Bradley might settle score with Christie

Frankly Speaking

By Howard Freund

Another scenario of what could happen in the gubernatorial election of 1997 could pit former Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley against incumbent Republican Gov. Christine Whitman in the race as the best of each party.

Bradley has a score to settle and a case to prove before he can become the Democratic presidential candidate. Vice President Al Gore does not have the lock on the nomination in the year 2000, even though he is the frontrunner and has earned the nomination.

In 1992, the then-unknown political upstart Whitman had the nerve to challenge Bradley at the height of his popularity. Nobody thought she had a chance against this dynamo in the prime of his career. Whitman shocked all the smart money and almost beat Bradley on her popular ideas, which were ripe for New Jersey. She so impressed everybody, including the Republican Party leaders, that she was given the nomination to run against Democratic incumbent Gov. Jim Florio and defeated him on her pledge to reduce taxes and spending.

Her victory was the beginning of her meteoric rise in the Republican Party as a future presidential candidate. She paid her dues in 1996 in Bob Dole's ill-fated campaign. She has campaigned all over the country for Republican Senate, House and gubernatorial candidates. Whitman became the most sought-after speaker the Republicans could boast and has earned enough chits to put her in contention as the country's first woman presidential candidate.

The only way she can be stopped is if she loses her bid to be re-elected in 1997. There is nobody on the scene right now who would even come close

to Whitman, who is riding at the height of her popularity. She has lowered taxes and created more jobs in New Jersey, although property taxes are rising because the state no longer funds programs that must be paid for at the municipal and county level. She has made the idea of privatization in New Jersey popular.

If he could be induced to run for governor, Bradley is the only one who could beat Whitman and stop her career right in its tracks. With New Jersey primed for the Democratic Party after the victories of President Clinton and Senator-elect Robert Torricelli, the Republicans could lose control of the governor's office, the state Senate and the Assembly in 1997.

The timing is right and, in my opinion, only Bradley could pull off the upset needed to stop Whitman.

I can remember back in 1978, when Bradley — then a basketball star from Princeton — challenged Democratic frontrunner Richard Leone and a little-known, but very popular state senator from Hillside named Alex Menza who'd made his fame as a proponent of help for the mentally handicapped. The three fought it out in a primary won by Bradley, who developed into an excellent candidate and man of the people. Bradley, a former Rhodes Scholar like President Bill Clinton, had support from the right people and prevailed.

I always liked Union County's candidate, former Hillside Mayor Menza,

who was an excellent speaker and candidate. The state senator went on to become a Superior Court judge and has made his name on the bench, from which he will retire in March.

Barring Bradley's decision not to run against Whitman, I could well see an equally strong candidacy from Judge Menza, who has impeccable credentials. I do think that Bradley will be induced to run for many reasons, least of all to settle his score with Whitman. Bradley now needs a victory over her if he is ever to become president.

New Jersey has always been in the forefront of national politics and gave

the country one of its most popular presidents — Woodrow Wilson.

Both Bradley and Whitman are young enough to wait out a match for the presidency until the year 2004.

Bradley can wait but his reward might be running against Whitman in 1997 to take the edge off her becoming the first female presidential candidate.

Whitman could very well beat Gore, who is a very bland candidate, when Bill Clinton returns.

Howard Freund is a writer and former interviewer for the cable television show "Elizabeth Newsmakers."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the support

To the Editor:

The scouts of Troop 73, sponsored by St. James Church, thank all who purchased wreaths during the past three weeks. Selling the wreaths is part of the troop's annual fund drive. The money raised is used to fund troop activities as well as the service projects the troop performs. The most recent project was a trip to East Orange Veterans Hospital where the refreshments and prizes were provided by the troop.

Sean Bubh
Ryan Farrell
Troop 73

End insurance double jeopardy

To the Editor:

The governor announced that 1997 will be the year to prioritize auto insurance reform. Reducing the premiums is the issue. Having more equitable ratings is a matter of concern.

For example: Why must we pay the penalty for a traffic citation once, then pay an increase in premium for another three years? Sounds like double jeopardy to me.

Joseph Chieppa
Mountainside

VIEW POINT

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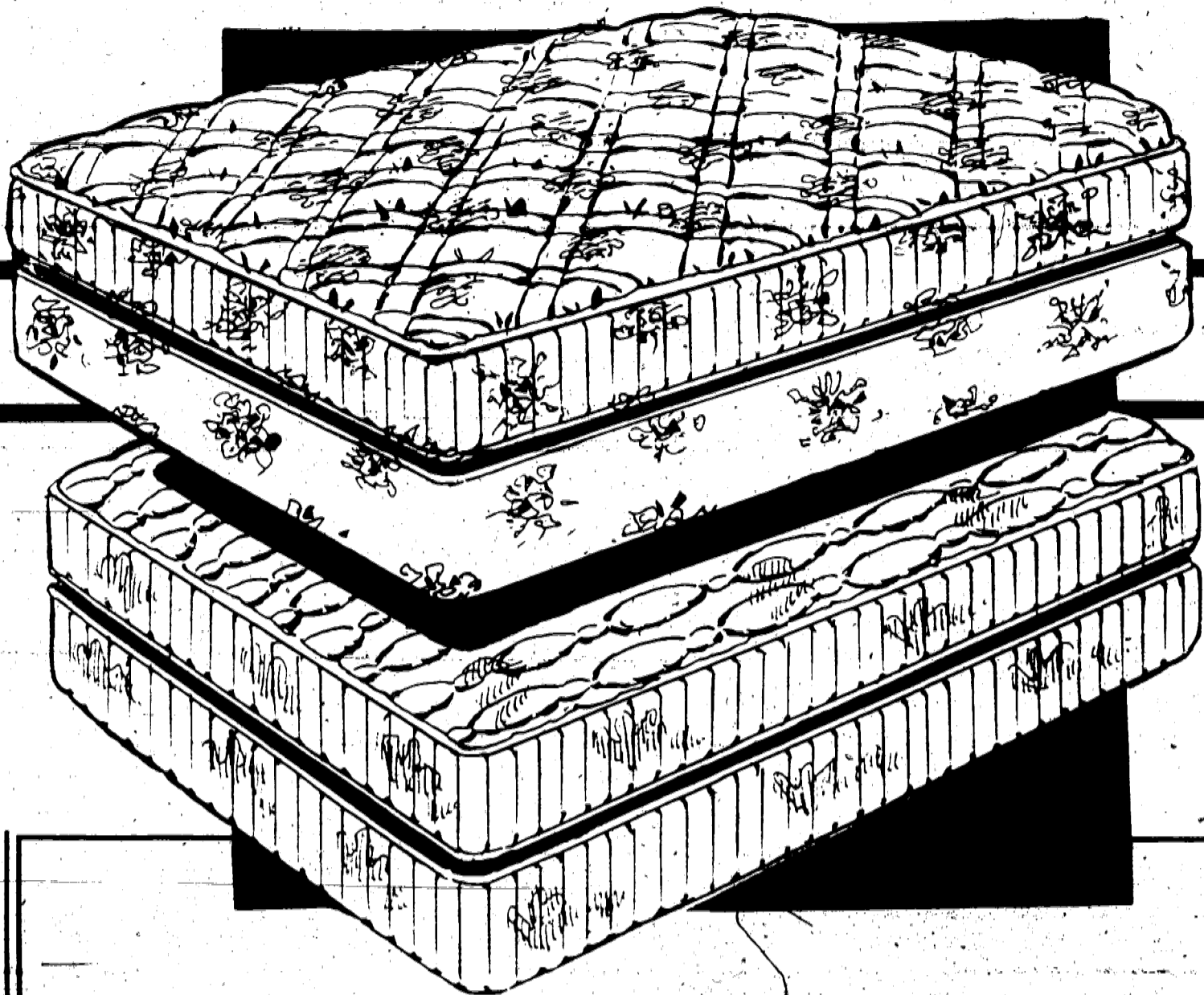
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Katie Murphy

Katie Murphy celebrated her sixth birthday on Dec. 15. Celebrations included her parents, sister Caroline, brother Jonathan, grandparents and friends.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 TAKE NOTICE that on the 21st day of January, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #96-14 on behalf of Sharon Uchital for a variance or other relief so as to permit the building of an addition which violates the Coverage Code on the premises located at 13 Outlook Way, Springfield, and designated as block 3208, lot 15 on the Springfield Township Tax Map.
 The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection.
 Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Sharon Uchital Applicant (\$9.00)
 U2770 SLR January 3, 1997

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF ROBALIE MILLMAN, Deceased.
 Pursuant to the order of ANN P. CONTI, Surrogate of the County of Union, made on the 20th day of December A.D., 1996, upon the application of the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within six months from the date of said order, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscriber.

Norton Millman Executor
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 Kramer & Fradkin
 101 Eisenhower Parkway
 Roseland, NJ 07068
 U2750 SLR January 3, 1997 (\$8.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY, N.J. RESOLUTION NO. 88
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO M. DISKO ASSOCIATES, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

It is in need of contracting for the services of engineering design and related services for the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey.
 WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: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 Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute any and all documents, including but not limited to an agreement with M. Disko Associates, Inc. for the services of engineering design, preparation of specifications for bids, and construction observation for bathroom renovations and related work at the municipal pool, Township of Springfield at a fee of 10% of total contract price, pursuant to proposal of December 20, 1996. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services contract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in the Springfield Leader as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.
 TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Resolution was adopted 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 23, 1996.
 HELEN E. KEYWORTH
 Municipal Clerk

U2781 SLR January 3, 1997. (\$19.50)

Bill would mandate coverage for mastectomy hospitalization

Health insurers would be required to pay for 72-hour hospital stays after mastectomy surgery under legislation sponsored by Assembly members Kevin O'Toole and Joel Weingarten, R-Union, that was released by the Assembly Health Committee today. Representatives from several women's organizations, prostate cancer survivor support groups and doctors have given their support for the legislation.

The measure, a committee substitute for A-10, A-2524, A-2551 and A-2575, would require health insurers to provide a minimum 72 hours of inpatient care following a mastectomy. It also would require providers and employers to notify the patient if her health coverage is not subject to the 72-hour mastectomy law. "Women should be allowed to stay in the hospital until a medical professional — not an insurance representa-

— decides they are fully recovered and ready to be discharged. They should not be forced to go home and rely on their family members or friends to monitor their medical condition," said O'Toole. "It seems that some health management organizations are requiring patients to obtain breast cancer operations on an outpatient basis. Requiring health insurers to cover a minimum 72 hours of inpatient care following this procedure would protect patients from the dangers of a reduced hospital stay."

Scouts honor veterans

The scouts of Troop 73 of Springfield participated in several events honoring veterans. In November, a color guard from the Troop was present at the Springfield Veterans Day Memorial Observance. The scouts that took part were Altay Vigilante, Tony DeAngelo and Bobby Laurencelle. In December, Senior Patrol Leader Sean Bubb led fellow scouts Matt Fisher, Adam Gebauer, Chris Behar and Jeff Fantini in honoring the servicemen who died in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7. It was a solemn occasion with the scouts playing taps.

veterans had been scouts in their youth, one being an Eagle Scout from Newark and another from North Carolina. The troop provided refreshments and prizes to the bingo winners. Troop fund raising activities throughout the year helped facilitate this program.

Later in the month of December, thirteen scouts from the troop went to entertain the veterans at the VA Hospital in East Orange. This has become an annual trip for the troop. The scouts played bingo with the veterans. It was discovered that many of the

The scouts that participated were Sean Bubb, Ryan Farrell, Ian Cordoni, Adam Gebauer, Mike Quick, Sean Cordoni, Altay Vigilante, Chris Steitz, Ryan Yospin, Mark Yospin, Bobby Laurencelle, John Cottage and Drew Decagna. Arrangements for the visit were made by Sanford Drucks of the Jewish War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans organizations. Other adults that were with the scouts included Tom Bubb, Dennis Cordoni, Mike Yospin, Lou Melkowitz and Gerry Gebauer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
 TAKE NOTICE, the Municipal offices of the Township of Springfield will be closed on the following holidays in 1997. These holidays are in accordance with the Municipal Employee's Contract.

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| New Year's Day
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January 1st | Washington's Birthday
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February 17th | Good Friday
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September 1st |
| Martin Luther King Jr.
Monday
February 24th | Memorial Day
Monday
May 26th | October 13th
October 13th | October 13th
October 13th |
| Lincoln's Birthday
Monday
February 17th | Election Day
Tuesday
November 4th | November 11th
November 11th | November 27th
November 27th |
| Washington's Birthday
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March 28th | Christmas
Friday
December 25th | | |
| Memorial Day
Monday
May 26th | Employee's Birthday | | |

HELEN E. KEYWORTH
 Township Clerk/Administrator (\$19.00)
 U2780 SLR January 3, 1997

STUDENT UPDATE

Delbarton names honor students

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

- Highest Honors**
- Grade 9 — Joseph Andrasko, Springfield
- Grade 10 — Dennis Tupper, Springfield
- High Honors**
- Grade 10 — Patrick D. Collins, Mountainside
- Grade 12 — Kenneth H. Fisher, Mountainside
- Honors**
- Grade 12 — Tasos Hatzakis, Springfield

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Lazicky appointed to post

Greg Lazicky, CPA, has been appointed an AgriPlan/BizPlan Provider in the Springfield Area.

AgriPlan/BizPlan allows qualifying farmers and small business owners to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance premiums and uninsured medical, dental and vision care expenses. Last year, AgriPlan/BizPlan saved the average participant over \$1,800 in taxes.

Sapersteins celebrate anniversary

Harold and Dr. Phyllis Saperstein of Springfield celebrated their 50th anniversary at a gala ballroom dance party at the Short Hills Caterers on Dec. 21. The couple was married Dec. 21, 1946 in Brooklyn, NY. Attending the party were their children, Ellen Leavitt of Springfield and David of New York City, Harold's brother Leo of Virginia Beach, VA, and Phyllis' sister Davida Sappol of Port Chester, N.Y.

Mr. Saperstein is self employed as a civil engineer in Union. Dr. Saperstein is retired as a Psychology professor at Kean College of New Jersey. The couple are involved in ballroom dancing, and have won numerous awards in competitions throughout New Jersey.

Watchung Stables troop registration set

According to an announcement issued by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, registration for Spring Troop at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, will be held during the month of February. Classes will be held for beginners through advanced students.

Junior Troop, for children at least 9 years of age, will begin the week of March 15 and consists of 10 one-hour weekly lessons. Classes are available every day of the week except Sunday. Beginning students, those who have

never ridden before, are especially encouraged to participate. The fee for Junior Troop participation is \$180 for county residents, \$220 for out of county.

Registration will be held Feb. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for all troopers who rode in 1996. New members may register beginning Feb. 15. County residents may register from 8:30 to noon, while out of county registration will be 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All new members must bring a birth certificate and proof of residence. Applications must be presented in person; no mail-ins will be accepted. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis; full payment must accompany all applications.

All students will be required to purchase specified uniforms and helmets. A sale of used riding clothes will be held March 1. For further information on lessons or the sale, call (908) 789-3665. The Watchung Stables is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

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Child care tax workshop offered

Parent Line, a corporate child care resource and referral service, will sponsor a tax workshop for Essex and Union County home-based child care providers on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Millburn Public Library, 200 Glen Ave. Robert Mauriello of H&R Block will discuss preparation of tax returns pertaining to home-based family child care. The event is geared towards providers caring for infants through school-aged child-

ren, emphasizing methods of organizing and recording income and expenses records, possible deductions and tax saving tips.

Parent Line is a department of Summit Child Care Centers, Inc. in Summit, a non profit organization that has been meeting the child care needs of working parents for more than 40 years.

Family child care is defined as the care of up to five children for a

fee in the provider's home. Family child care providers listed with Parent Line in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Union counties receive referrals, technical support and workshops at no cost.

To register for the tax workshop, or to request additional information on becoming a Parent Line family child care provider, contact Gloria Brown at (908) 277-2273.

Museum to celebrate Epiphany holiday

The Miller-Cory House Museum will open its winter season on Sunday by celebrating the legend of La Befana with Vera Lough. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield and will be open to visitors from 2 to 4 p.m.

La Befana is associated with Epiphany. Represented as a misshapen old woman, she was really not the witch that she resembled, but a good fairy searching for the lost Babe of Bethlehem, and a friend to all children. In Spain, Italy and throughout southern Europe, she distributes pre-

sents at the Feast of Epiphany.

The museum gift shop will sell "Twelfth-Night" cookies and miniature brooms decorated with herbs all made by museum volunteers. The cookies represent the legend that to this day, Befana wanders every Twelfth Night from house to house in search of the Holy Babe. The decorated broom is appropriate to the legend since Befana was a dedicated housekeeper.

Admission to the museum is \$2 for adults and .50 cents for students over six years of age. On Sunday, Jan. 12,

the museum will feature sausage making with Mae Frantz. Open hearth cooking will resume in March. For information about the museum and its schedule of events, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

Festival searches for volunteers

The Union County Teen Arts Festival has a volunteer position open for volunteer recruitment coordinator. Duties include community outreach, communication with interested volunteers, scheduling and volunteer management at the festival.

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Division of Parks and Recreation, is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 26 and 27, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in the county.

At the festival, 3000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in visual arts, music, creative writing, theater and dance.

Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites, and staff information stations.

Anyone interested may call (908) 558-2550.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLE

Florida man given honorary Rotary membership

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Milton Keshen, who spent a lifetime writing about Springfield, received the township's Rotary Club honorary membership for covering the service group's past.

"The Springfield Rotary Club's board of directors met earlier this month and decided to honor Milton

Keshen with a lifetime membership," said former President Ken Scowen. "What Milt has done for Springfield and the club despite living far away shows he still has a lot of good feeling for both."

"I've been writing histories since I retired to Florida," said Keshen, 84. "I wrote a book about the club and its past presidents and gave copies out to

the current members. This is the first time it has given out a lifetime honorary membership."

Keshen has been a writer on historical subjects since moving to Coconut Creek, Fla. in 1983. He wrote a series on the town and its retirement communities in the local *Voice of Wynmoor* which garnered congratulatory letters from President Clinton and Florida Governor Lawton Chiles. His essays about the township's bicentennial have since been compiled into a limited edition book.

Keshen frequently witnessed Springfield's history first hand. Keshen founded *The Springfield Sun* in 1929. He continued in an editing or publishing capacity until 1965.

Keshen was involved in the local Rotary Club from the start. He was present at the June 14, 1948 incorporation and served as first president into 1950. His service includes a 36 year perfect attendance streak and receiving the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1981.

The Rotary Club movement was founded by Harris and a group of Chicago businessmen in 1905 to improve conditions around their community. Although similar in function to their Kiwanis and Lions counterparts, Rotarians tend to stress educational and health related efforts.

"The Rotary intends to be a service organization on four fronts: club service, community service, volunteer service and international service," said Keshen. "One of our functions is in giving scholarships to underprivileged students."

"There are Rotary clubs around the world," said Scowen. "Each club is



Milton Keshen

giving an allocated amount of money to eradicate polio from Earth by 2005. Any money left over from the Polio-Plus program is to be returned to the locals."

When asked of his ongoing historical chronicals, Keshen said, "I guess if you want to get something done, you give it to someone who's busy."

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New program will facilitate senior information services

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"NJ Ease will allow senior citizens and their families to get information about needed services, or to enroll in programs such as Meals on Wheels or Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled," said Freeholder Walter McNeil, liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging. "Through the Union County Division on Aging, designated as the lead agency in the county, individuals and their caregivers can gain a broad range of information, an array of service options, individual screening and assessment, service planning and care management."

The NJ Ease vision statement identifies itself as a "Consumer focused statewide system that aids access to services for older New Jersey Citizens, that promotes informed personal choices, dignity and use of high quality and cost-efficient services."

The single-entry system for senior citizens is scheduled to be in place in Union by the end of this year.

Key county personnel attended a two-part, one-day orientation on NJ Ease at the county Administration Building in Elizabeth, and were introduced to an overview of the program and its implementation utilizing service delivery models, core services and technology.

Twelve counties are designated as demonstration counties, including Union, which means their offices on aging are the designated area agencies

on aging and the focal point for advocacy and coordination of services for older adults. Each demonstration county must also have a working relationship with the County Welfare Agency.

"This is a natural fit to the one-stop shopping concept we have initiated in county government," said Union County Freeholder Ed Force. "Our Total Quality Management program has instilled more of a sense of teamwork in our employees, and having one of our divisions as the lead agency for NJ Ease is right up our alley."

Demonstration counties were chosen to represent the state as a whole, and include the full range of geographic areas, population densities, racial and ethnic mixes, and counties with a high percentage of senior citizens. Local officials had to be strong supporters of the project and had to show a desire to improve their senior citizens services system in order to participate.

For further information on NJ Ease, contact the Union County Division on Aging at (908) 527-4866.

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Two hit and runs reported

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Two hit and run auto accidents occurred within two hours each other on the afternoon of Dec. 26.

The first incident occurred at about 3:36 p.m. involving a black 1995 Pontiac two door in the Summit Bank parking lot at 275 Morris Ave. A witness approached the owner saying she saw a silver and black Chevrolet Suburban with New Jersey plates back into the Pontiac and drive off. Damage to the parked car was mainly in the middle of the driver's side.

The second car hit and run incident occurred at about 5:25 p.m. on southbound Lawrence Road. The driver of a red Chevrolet was waiting to merge onto Route 22 E when he was hit from behind by a follow-

POLICE BLOTTER

ing car. Both vehicles traveled on Route 22 E for a time before the second vehicle — a silver and black Chevrolet with New Jersey plates — was lost in traffic. Neither the first car's driver nor its passengers reported any injuries at the scene.

The manager of the Checkers restaurant on the Route 22 center island reported to police at 7:50 a.m. Dec. 26 that three parking lot fixtures had been vandalized some time between closing time Dec. 23 and the early morning. The damaged items — one entrance sign, a garbage can and a caution pedestrian ahead sign — were valued at \$500.

Union County unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program.

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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 nearby 35 surrounding towns. Shabbat Friday services are held at 8:30 PM. Saturday Shabbat Services are at 9:30 AM and Shabbat Mincha and Havdalah are held at sundown. Weekday 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 through 12. The SJCC also offers a complete pre-school program including a morning and afternoon Nursery School, WeeTwo, designed for children 18-24 months and a parent/caregiver and a Parents and 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.

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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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Milton Mintz

Milton Mintz, 89, of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Springfield, former newspaper publisher of the *Union Leader*, the *Vailsburg Leader*, the *Suburban Leader*, the *Roselle and Roselle Park Spectator*, the *Springfield Leader*, the *Mountainside Echo* and *The Suburbanaire*, died Dec. 20 in Columbia Aventura Hospital in Florida.

Born in Newark, Mr. Mintz lived in Newark, Irvington and Springfield for 28 years and moved to Hollywood 23 years ago. He graduated from West Side High School. Mr. Mintz married the former Margaret Horowitz on Sept. 3, 1933, and worked as a bookkeeper for Kusy Market in East Orange before going into the newspaper business. Mr. Mintz became the director of The Suburban Publication Corp. in Union.

He had worked for his brother-in-law, Sam Howard in 1941, who was publishing the *Irvington Herald*, Mr.

Mintz became publisher of the family-owned weekly newspapers after Mr. Howard died in 1967, and after his wife, Trudina, became publisher, from 1967 until 1971. He continued to run the chain until his retirement in 1973. His son, Asher, then became publisher. He sold the chain to Worrall Community Newspapers in 1982. Mr. Mintz had also been a founding partner of Howard, Mintz and Venet Advertising, the firm that handled advertising for the grocery stores that would become the Pathmark and ShopRite chains.

He became active in newspaper trade and other civic organizations and was a member of the New Jersey Press Association, the Linden Chamber of Commerce, the Irvington and Union chambers of Commerce. Mr. Mintz also was a member of the United States Suburban Press Inc. He was a member of the United Family of Htzroch Engel Association, East Brunswick and had been vice president and director of the Irvington and

Michael Jakubowski

In addition to his wife and son, also surviving are three grandchildren.

Rabbi Israel Turner

Rabbi Israel Turner, 76, of Springfield, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Israel of Springfield, died Dec. 18 in his home.

Born in Denver, Colo., Rabbi Turner lived in Springfield for many years. He was a graduate from the Yeshiva Torah Va-Daas Seminary and had received a bachelor of arts degree in the classics from Brooklyn College. Rabbi Turner served for 38 years as rabbi for Congregation Israel of Springfield and its other New Jersey locations before retiring in 1987. Earlier, he had served congregations in Detroit, Philadelphia and Wilmington; Del. Rabbi Turner was a member of the Rabbinical Council of America and the Jewish Chaplaincy, a group of rabbis serving hospitals.

G. Williston French

G. Williston French, 85, a lifelong resident of Springfield, where his ancestry goes back to 1692, died Dec. 23 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Mr. French was the owner of the French Florist in Springfield for many years and retired 20 years ago. Currently, he was superintendent of buildings and grounds for the Springfield Board of Education for 25 years until 23 years ago. Mr. French, whose family began in Springfield in 1692, was the last of the French family residents in Springfield. He was named grand marshal of the bicentennial celebration in Springfield in 1994. Mr. French was a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

Surviving are two sons, Robert A. and Raymond E.; a daughter, Lorraine Olsen; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Dr. Senerchia

Dr. Robert Senerchia, 65, of Springfield, a dentist, died Dec. 18 in Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex.

Born in Newark, Dr. Senerchia lived in Livingston before moving to Springfield 10 years ago. He had a dental practice in Springfield for the past three years after having maintained a practice in Livingston. Dr. Senerchia was a graduate of Rutgers University and the Temple University School of Dentistry. He interned at Martland Medical Center in Newark and did his residency at Jersey City Medical Center. Dr. Senerchia was chief of staff at United Hospital in Newark and was a pioneer in performing surgery on cleft palates on newborn babies. He was a member of the Essex County Dental Society and the American Dental Society.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; two daughters, Toni Ann Senerchia and Melissa Makin; a son, Robert Makin; two sisters, Betty Ann Macaluso and Marilyn Nelson, and two grandchildren.

Mary Ann Andahazy

Mary Ann Andahazy, 57, of New Providence, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 24 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Andahazy lived in Springfield before moving to New Providence.

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SPORTS

1996-97 Area Girls Basketball Guide

By Andrew W. Campbell
Correspondent

The following is a preview look (despite the season already being underway) of the girls basketball teams in parts of our South and West Zone coverage areas.

MT. VALLEY CONF.

Roselle

Head Coach: Herb Domond, 1st season
Last Year's Record: 4-14
Returning Starters: 2 — Zakieyah Roberts, 5-7/Soph.; Dana Lake, 5-6/Soph.
Other Returnees: Amber Crawford, 5-10/Jr.; Alexa Smith, 5-5/Jr.

Newcomers: Tiara Thomas, 5-9/Sr.; Raphaela Baker, 5-8/Jr.; Carine Simeon, 5-4/Soph.; Letaya Arrington, 5-6/Jr.

Outlook: Roberts and Smith will be looked upon to fill the scoring void left by Cherrone Thomas, the area's second leading scorer last season. Newcomer Thomas will help bolster the lineup. Lake should provide leadership as she continues to develop her game. Domond would love to press full-court and play tight defense, but depth may alter those plans. The Rams, off to a 1-2 start as of Monday, will shoot for .500 this season.

Roselle Catholic

Head Coach: Joe Skrec, 1st season
Last Year's Record: 3-14
Returning Starters: 3 — Jen Geddes, 5-3/Jr.; Chrene Isidora, 5-10/Soph.; Dawn O'Grady, 5-8/Jr.

Other Returnees: Robyn Iungerman, 5-0/Sr.; Amy Kane, 5-4/Soph.; Laura Palmerezzi, 5-11/Jr.; Christina Llano, 5-7/Jr.; Jaime Rizzo, 5-3/Jr.; Danielle Braithwaite, 5-10/Soph.

Newcomers: Amanda Rodriguez, 5-7/Jr.; Melinda Susa, 5-4/Jr.; Kim Toliver, 5-8/Jr.; Anarea Brazil, 5-8/Jr.

Outlook: Skrec takes the helm of the girls program after eight seasons with the freshman boys team. Among his priorities: enthusiasm, confidence and aggressive play. Stressing conditioning and commitment, this young team should not lack hustle. Geddes is the sparkplug. She and Isidora will be offensive focal points. Iungerman, the lone senior, will be called upon for leadership and speed. The team has an excellent balance of size and speed and their depth will be a key asset to their full-court style of play. Skrec, along with Assistant Coach Jacky Cunningham, have worked this team hard in practice. Consecutive losses in the Cranford Tournament have placed the team at 1-2, but look for them to make noise and compete for a state bid as the season moves on.

Johnson Regional

Head Coach: Walt Hennessy, 7th season
Last Year's Record: 9-11
Returning Starters: 3 — Nicole Gable, 5-8/Sr.; Karen Kolmos, 5-7/Jr.; Meredith Qualshie, 5-10/Soph.

Other Returnees: Adrienne Kosmoski, 5-11/Sr.; Jen Evans, 5-3/Sr.

Newcomers: Jessica Gosdoski, 5-5/Jr.; Lindsey Carriek, 5-3/Jr.; Kelly Sretenovic, 5-5/Fr.; Justine Kosmoski, 5-9/Jr.; Jessica Kramer, 5-5/Soph.

Outlook: Team size may be a problem, but speed is abundant. Look for the Crusaders to press full-court and play aggressive defense. Kolmos is a strong outside shooter and Gable has improved a great deal in her all-around game. Newcomer Gosdoski is a scorer who will see lots of time. Hennessy will rely heavily on the newcomers who had success at the JV level last season. After opening with two consecutive losses, the Crusaders got into the win column with a 59-58 overtime thriller against Iselin Kennedy. The Crusaders feel .500 and a state berth is attainable.

Oak Knoll

Head Coach: Tom Elliot, 8th season
Last Year's Record: 14-8
Returning Starters: 4 — Liz Boccella, 5-7/Sr.;

Grace Jehara, 5-11/Sr.; Libby Keneally, 6-0/Jr.; Meghan Brodbeck, 5-6/Soph.

Other Returnees: Megan Ritsch, Jr.; Jessie Vogt, Sr.; Brenna Supple, Jr.

Newcomers: Melissa Lopez, Jr.

Outlook: Elliot returns to the helm following a three year absence. The Royals have four starters returning to a team that won the Prep A Championship last season. Lopez, a transfer from Mountain Lakes, is an impact player who will start at point guard. Boccella is a sharpshooter who will take pressure off the inside twosome of Jehara and Keneally. The Royals are a true contender for the conference and beyond. After an impressive victory over Roselle Park, the team suffered a setback with a loss to tournament host Union Catholic.

WATCHUNG CONF.

Linden

Head Coach: Stephen Yesinko, 2nd season
Last Year's Record: 9-10
Returning Starters: 3 — Fatimah Burnam, 5-6/Sr.; Tara Dillon, 5-7/Sr.; Gillian Riley, 6-0/Sr.

Other Returnees: Sky Pippin, 5-4/Jr.; Alicia Chapman, 5-7/Soph.

Newcomers: Solaris Ortiz, 5-6/Fr.; Anneesah Walker, 5-8/Soph.; Bea Porter, 5-6/Soph.; Nicole Lipari, 5-3/Soph.; Sally Cantalupo, 5-2/Fr.

Outlook: Burnam is a legitimate scorer from the perimeter and will be looked upon to guide the offense. Dillon will provide added scoring punch from outside. Riley and Chapman will anchor the defense in the paint. Newcomer Ortiz has solid fundamentals and will see action. The Tigers, off to a disappointing 0-3 start, will look to stay competitive.

Rahway

Head Coach: JoAnn Zwiebel, 9th season
Last Year's Record: 16-4
Returning Starters: 2 — Tanya Galiszewski, 5-8/Sr.; Kerry Shiner, 5-9/Sr.

Other Returnees: Jessica Sweatt, 5-5/Sr.; Arielle Ray, 5-8/Soph.; Kasey Petroski, 5-3/Jr.; Kelly Petroski, 5-3/Jr.; Jennifer Glaser, 5-8/Jr.

Newcomers: Shondell Bradshaw, 6-0/Soph.; Shawnte Jenkins, 5-8/Jr.

Outlook: The Indians will have to fill the void left by three impact players to match last season's successful campaign, one which saw them make the finals of the Union County Tournament. The young team will be bolstered by newcomers Bradshaw and Jenkins, who will see more time as the season progresses. Galiszewski and Sweatt are scoring threats. With losses in the opening three games, the Indians will have to put the pieces together quickly for a .500 season.

IRON HILLS CONF.

Summit

Head Coach: Dana Farinella, 2nd season
Last Year's Record: 7-12
Returning Starters: 2 — Ayesha Burney, 5-5/Sr.; Erica Berger, 5-7/Jr.

Other Returnees: Jill Standing, 5-9/Sr.; Kelly Fiore, 5-5/Sr.

Newcomers: Danielle Proper, 5-4/Fr.; Erin Beaumont, 5-10/Soph.; Odette Memes, 5-4/Soph.; Marissa Kellogg, 5-8/Soph.; Christina Curiale, 5-6, Soph.; Franny Krom, 5-7/Jr.; Meghan Butler, 5-10/Jr.

Outlook: After losing six seniors to graduation, this is a very different team. To compound matters, the team moves into a new conference this season. Farinella has a very positive outlook on the season and will look to play pressure-filled man-to-man defense. Burney and Berger are back and should provide leadership. Beaumont is an impact player who can score in bunches. Standing and Proper round out the starting five. Fiore and Curiale will be sparks off the bench. The Hilltoppers should compete around the .500 mark.

Kent Place and Mother Seton previews will appear as part of next week's girls basketball roundup.

Several open hot out of gate

Roselle, Rahway, Summit moving, ALJ bounces back

By Keith Agran
Assistant Sports Editor

The early season has been good to some, tough on others as the holidays pass us by and boys basketball teams in the area bite into the meat of their schedules following the new year.

Roselle was off at 4-0 earlier this week after winning the Cougar Classic at Cranford last weekend. It smoked St. Mary's 70-39 in the opening round last Friday and slipped by host Cranford 63-57 Saturday.

Samont Washington hit for 14 and A.J. Warren 12 to lead the blowout over St. Mary's, while Warren and Conroy Sykes each netted 12 in the final.

The Rams posted a pair of solid road wins to open the season, besting Roselle Catholic in the opener Dec. 20 84-73 and West Orange three days later 74-44.

Warren had a career-high 24 and Washington scored 20 in the win over the Lions, with Washington and Simeon Noel-Juene combining for 27 in the win over West Orange.

Linden, breaking in new faces across the board, dropped its first game in the Hoop Dreams Classic in East Orange to the Orange Tornadoes last Friday 57-46.

They faced Clifford Scott in the seventh-place game Monday night.

Roselle Catholic had the unfortunate pleasure of facing top local clubs Roselle and Rahway in its first two games Dec. 20 and 27, falling 84-73 to the Rams and to the Indians in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament at J.P. Stevens in Edison.

Daryl Palmieri hit for 21 in the opener and Ryan Benoit added 18. Corey Green was also in double figures with 17.

The Lions tackled Stevens in the consolation game of the Tri-County Monday night.

With a premier tournament set to tipoff tonight, Rahway has settled in nicely in the early going, having knocked off Union Catholic 64-39 Dec. 20 and Roselle Catholic in the opening round of the Tri-County Tournament last Friday.

Keith Duncan led the way with 14 in the opener, with Robert Lester and Louis Campbell adding 12 and 10 respectively.

They faced Union Catholic for a second time in 10 days in the finals of the Tri-County Monday night.

Boys Basketball

SPECIAL NOTE — The first annual Rahway PAL Basketball Classic is set to tipoff tonight beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Rahway High School.

The tourney features four top teams from the northeast. In the opener, St. Benedict's of Newark, featuring two of the best players in the state in 6-9 Sieve Branch and guard Bernard Barrows, faces Redemption Christian Academy of Troy, NY, which features one of the premier recruits in the country in 6-9 Lamar Odom. Their frontline can rotate four players 6-7 to 6-10.

The second game has two of the area and state's best matching up, when host Rahway bangs heads with St. Patrick's of Elizabeth. The host Indians, the defending Group III sectional champ, feature two-sport star and state top 25 player Louis Campbell and 6-7 sophomore Keith Duncan. The Celtics have become a national power over the past few years, and have five players 6-8 or

taller, including junior star Harrington.

Tickets will be \$6 apiece.

After a pair of opening losses, Johnson posted back to back wins in the Saddle Brook Tournament last week.

Opening setbacks to Hillside Dec. 20 and 56-39 to Roselle Park Monday were followed by two exciting 59-57 wins over Elmwood Park and Hawthorne.

Scott Shekitta put in a layup at the buzzer to beat Elmwood Dec. 26 and Don Sretenovic fired home a three-pointer with two seconds to go to top Hawthorne Saturday. Nick Wray had 18 in the first win and 15 in the second, while Chad Carrick chipped in 13 and 15.

They played the fifth-place game again with Elmwood Park Monday afternoon.

Summit was out of the gates at 2-0 earlier this week before a championship date with Chatham Monday night in the Suburban Classic.

With new Iron Hills competition, the Hilltoppers showed little signs of apprehension in topping Parsippany 56-48 Dec. 20 and Hanover Park 58-55 last Friday in the opening round of the Suburban.

Chas Carey had 21 in the opener, with fellow returning starter Bob Adams throwing in 15. Dan Johnson added 10. Carey added 20 more against Hanover with John Foushee the only other double figures scorer with 10.

Oratory Prep dropped its first game Dec. 20 to Roselle Park 57-49, and has its next game today at New Providence.

Derek Wlasuk had 14 and Marco Medina 12 in the opener.

Kent Place 2-1 in early going

Other locals sputter as holiday tourneys come and go

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It's been a rough opener for area teams. Just one team, Kent Place, has posted a winning record during the opening week of the season. Holiday tournaments for area teams brought no joy this season, with only Johnson Regional coming away with a victory in games through Sunday.

Kent Place is rolling after a 2-1 start. The Dragons downed Lacordaire 48-35 behind a balanced attack. Host Newark Academy handed the Dragons a close 36-33 loss last Friday, despite 18 points from Kristin Osborne.

They rebounded from the loss with a 40-22 victory over Wardlaw-Hartridge in the tournament consolation game on Saturday. Osborne led all scorers with 11. Kristin Anderson added nine in the win.

Oak Knoll opened the season with a runaway victory over Roselle Park 46-19 on Dec. 20.

Melissa Lopez led three scorers in

Summit opened the season with a tough loss to Parsippany 46-40 on Dec. 20.

Erin Beaumont led the Hilltoppers with 10 in the loss. Summit was to play in the Suburban Classic last Friday and Monday.

Roselle Catholic opened with an impressive conference victory over Roselle 47-26 on Dec. 20. Chrene Isidora led all scorers with 17 and Jen Geddes chipped in 12 as 13 players saw action in the contest.

Roselle lost its opener to Roselle Catholic 47-26 on Dec. 20, with Dana Lake leading the Rams with 11 points.

Alexa Smith led a balanced scoring attack with nine as the Rams defeated

Johnson Regional opened the season with consecutive losses, losing to Hillside 88-32 in the season opener Dec. 20 and Westfield 52-31, the host school in the Westfield Tournament on Dec. 26.

The Crusaders managed to get into the winning column in thrilling fashion via a 59-58 overtime victory against Iselin Kennedy in the Westfield Tournament consolation game last Friday.

Girls Basketball

St. Patrick's next 38-18 on Dec. 23. They then dropped the opener of the Panther Pride Tournament in Roselle Park, losing to Dayton Regional

Dayton has successful holiday run

The Dayton Regional High School basketball teams were both winners in holiday tournament action that took place last week.

Dayton also had a wrestler win a championship.

The boys' basketball team improved to 2-0 by routing Parsippany 62-24 in the first round of the Leonard P. Sepanek Tournament held at Ridge High School last Friday night in Basking Ridge.

Saturday's semifinal matchups included Dayton vs. Bernards and Ridge vs. Parsippany Hills. The final consolation game was scheduled to take place Monday afternoon and the championship game Monday night.

In the win against Parsippany, Ryan Nelson scored a game-high 28 points. Chris Salvato added 10 for the Bulldogs.

The girls' basketball team won its first game of the year when it bested Roselle 44-33 last Friday in the first round of the Panther Pride Tournament at Roselle Park.

Dayton was then bested by Roselle Park 46-25 in Saturday's championship game.

Dawn Woodruff, Dayton's leading scorer, had 24 points against Roselle and 12 vs. Roselle Park.

Woodruff had 54 points in three games as the Bulldogs stood at 1-2 as of Monday.

Handler handles foe

Dayton standout senior wrestler Eric Handler won the 140-pound championship at the Raider Invitational that took place last Friday.

Dayton finished seventh among 15 teams with 94 points. West Windsor won the tournament with 225 points.

Handler edged Joel Benjamin of Essex Catholic 2-1 in the 140 final. Last year Handler was 22-5 as a 135-pound junior, finishing second in District 10 and reaching the Region 3 quarterfinals.

Hoops tourney in Elizabeth set for Jan. 25

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.

A tripleheader will take place beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

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.

Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be reserved by calling 908-687-6963 or 908-964-8103.

Advance ticket purchases are

encouraged as a sell-out is expected.

The first game at 5 p.m. has Group 4 powers Elizabeth and Teaneck squaring off; the second game, scheduled to begin at 6:40, pits St. Patrick's of Elizabeth vs. Christian Brothers Academy of Holmdel; game three, set for 8:15, features two of the nation's top teams — St. Anthony of Jersey City and Rice of New York City.

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