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Borough Highlights

School registration
 Deerfield School announces its registration for 1997-98 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be held by appointment Feb. 11, 12 and 13. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Parents are requested to call Susan Nugent to make an appointment for the screening that will be conducted by kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, Deerfield's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Deerfield School at 232-8828 to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by October 1, 1997. A birth certificate and proof of residency need to be presented to Nugent at the time of the appointment.

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 Wortmann, 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.

Scholarships available
 The Harold and Dorothy Snyder Foundation has announced the availability of scholarships to aid Union County students in college or 1997 high school seniors pursuing careers in nursing or construction.

Applicants are judged on achievement, need, extracurricular activities including community service, and evidence of character.

Applications may be obtained by calling (609) 273-9745. The deadline for submission of applications and all supporting materials is March 14.

Blood drive
 The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, in cooperation with New Jersey Blood Services, will be holding a Blood Drive today at the First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad St., Westfield, from 4 to 9:30 p.m. The blood supply is at a critical level, please help by donating during this drive. For more information, call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090.

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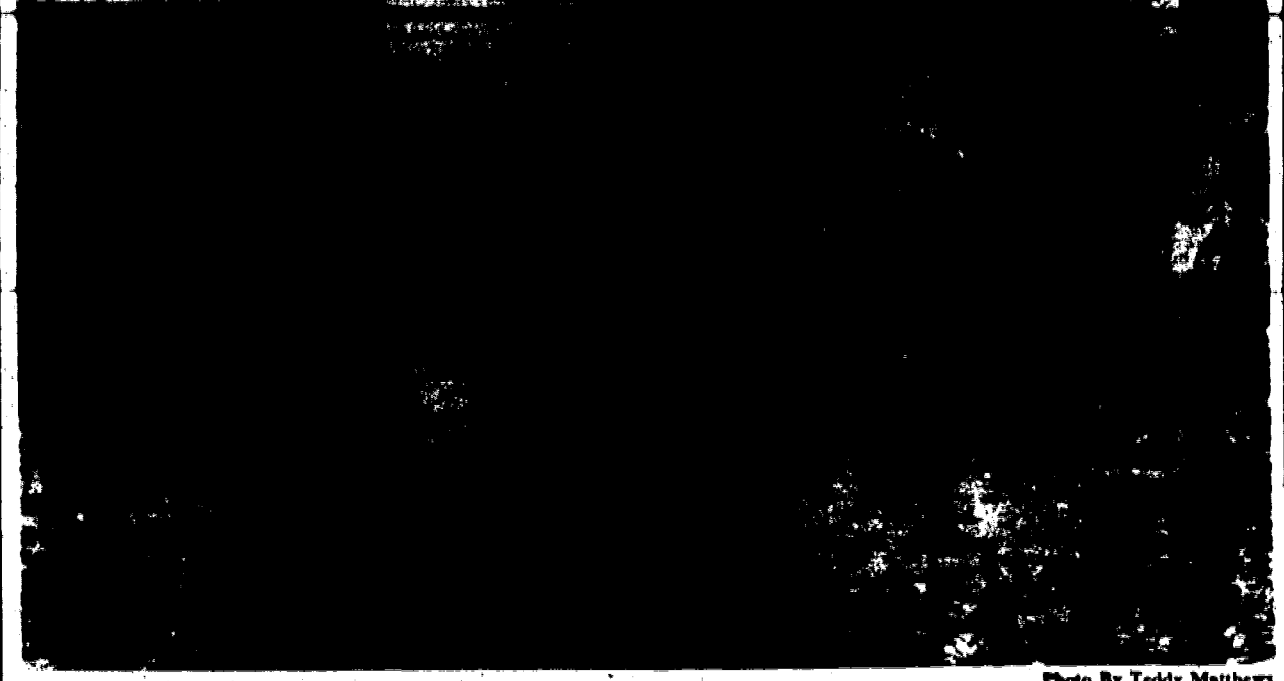


Photo By Teddy Matthews

The Patriot District of the Watchung Area Council Boy Scouts of America held a Klondike Derby last Saturday in the Watchung Reservation. Team members employed a variety of skills as they raced to complete a predetermined course through the reservation. The Panther patrol of Troop 77, pictured above, tied for first. Members include from left, Marc Castells, Jordan Rodriguez-Dunn, Josh Zawislak of Mountainside, Danny Rea, Bill Subjack, and John Carpenter. The Panthers tied with the Phoenix patrol of Troop 73. In the senior scouts division, the Gopher patrol of Troop 72 placed first. The Best Appearing Sled award went to the Vikings of Troop 235. Winners received miniature sleds and award ribbons.

Changing of the guard takes place at school

**By Walter Elliott
 Staff Writer**

Governor Livingston High School underwent a quiet change of principals as Rosalie Lamonte made way for Benjamin Jones during the weekend.

Although the transfer officially takes place March 1, Lamonte was clearing her office so Jones could step in Tuesday. The early helm change allows the outgoing principal to use her accrued vacation time while her successor adapts to the post.

Lamonte leaves to become Superintendent of Schools of Hackettstown after six-and-a-half years of service at GLHS. Jones moves up to the top spot

after 18 years as an assistant principal at the school.

"It's beginning to sink in while I've been taking down portraits and other things I've accumulated over the years," said Lamonte of her departure Thursday. "People have been coming in throughout the day, thanking me and wishing me well. It's hard to leave such a high quality staff and student body."

Lamonte took a few moments to reflect on her efforts and effects on the school's students.

"Governor Livingston already had a very good performance level with its students," said Lamonte. "It was a matter of maintaining and improving

that level. Our students have done well in terms of academics, competitions, and in college admissions."

"Principal Lamonte has done a very good job with our students," said Michael Sorrentino, GLHS physical education instructor and an official of the local teachers' union. "Then again, her two predecessors, Dr. Fred Aho and Ron Festante, were also very good."

"Being in the principal's office is actually comfortable and nothing new for me," said Jones of his new place Tuesday. "As assistant principal, I would act in her place whenever she was away."

Jones said there's little time to reflect on the move. In addition to the job's daily tasks, he is working on the school budget and the spinoff of GLHS from the dissolving Union County Regional High School District to the Berkeley Heights school system.

"It's been very busy," said Jones. "I've been working closely on the budget with the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, which is something a principal didn't get so involved with in the regional district."

Project Graduation plans in full motion

**By Blaine Dillport
 Staff Writer**

Starting Feb. 1, fundraising for the ninth annual Project Graduation at Governor Livingston Regional High School will kick-off in the hopes of raising enough money to provide a full night of festivities for the graduating class of 1997. Project Graduation is an all-night drug and alcohol-free party for the entire senior class held on the night of graduation. The purpose of the party has two main concerns, to provide a safe environment for the class to celebrate, and to demonstrate that it is possible to have a great time without the use of drugs and alcohol.

This year's party will be held at Rutgers Sports Complex at Rutgers University, which will provide facilities for swimming, racquetball, volleyball, wallyball and basketball. Additional special activities will include a fortune teller, karaoke singing and a disc jockey. Snacks, pizza, subs, ice cream, desserts and soda are to be served all night, and a light breakfast will be provided before the graduates return at dawn.

"It may seem early to start thinking about graduation, but we start planning the next Project Graduation after we get home from the last one. We try to provide things for the kids that they seem to like. Generally the kids seem to like the fortune tellers that we have had in the past, as well as photo mirages where the kids have their picture taken and then can have them placed on the cover of Time Magazine or something like that, as well as lip sync contests and videos starring the kids," said Gayll Fischer, publicity chairperson for Project Graduation.

Each year, the communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside join together in raising funds for Project Graduation. The major source of income is contributions from local businesses and the senior class parents. Red and blue canisters will be available in many local stores to collect spare change for the fund drive. In addition to donations of money, gifts of food and services are also sought. Prizes such as telephones, Walkmen, small televisions and answering machines are given out during the course of the night.

Project Graduation is looking to raise \$10,000 for this year's party for the 175 graduating seniors. It has been successful over the past nine years, and has proven to be a deterrent to students going out to celebrate on their own, where they may wind up drinking and driving or partaking in other dangerous activities which may end in tragedy. Anyone wishing to contribute to this year's Project Graduation can make a check payable to GLRHS-Project Graduation and mail it to Ruth Siksnius, 45 Inwood Road, Berkeley Heights, 07922, or call Gayll Fisher, publicity chairperson, at (908) 665-9319 for more information.

New speed limit to hit Deer Path

**By Blaine Dillport
 Staff Writer**

A lowered speed limit will be imposed by the borough and strictly enforced for the length of Deer Path. The new speed limit is in response to new homes being built along that roadway and the fact that Deer Path is considered a dangerous roadway that can present traffic hazards if travelled too fast.

"We have received approval from both the state Department of Transportation and the county to lower the speed limit along the length of Deer Path from 45 miles an hour to 30 miles an hour in the interest of safety. There are several new homes that are being built along that road, and we were concerned that if the speed limit were to remain the same, we would

encounter some problem in that area," said Mayor Bob Viglianti.

The new ordinance has already had two readings before the Borough Council and is expected to be passed by the council in the near future.

Once the ordinance is officially passed, there will be a short grace period before the new speed limit will take effect. "As I understand, there will be 20 days after the ordinance is passed until the new speed limit takes effect. We are going to start to monitor that stretch of road once the new speed limit takes effect to be sure that people are complying with the new limit, and if there is a problem we will concentrate on that area until it becomes unnecessary," said Police Chief William Alder.

GLHS announces selection results

**By Blaine Dillport
 Staff Writer**

With the dissolution process still under way for the 1997-98 school year, one important step in the process has been completed for Governor Livingston Regional High School. The staffing for Governor Livingston has been completed for the 1997-98 school year, now that the teachers from the regional district have made their decisions concerning which school's staff they would like to join. A total of 20 new staff members and supervisors in the other regional high schools have selected Governor Livingston.

William Van Tassel, business administrator/board secretary for the Berkeley Heights Public Schools, has stated that the recently completed staff selection process was the result of months of planning by the districts involved with the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District.

"The teachers and support staff in the regional district had the right to pick any high school position they were qualified for in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Kenilworth and Springfield based upon their seniority," said Van Tassel.

The administration at the high school will consist of Rosalie Lamonte as principal until March 1, 1997, when Ben Jones will take over as acting principal until June 30, 1997. Nick Serritella, John Christiano, Katherine Vendetti, Mary Ann Kjetsaa, Marian Haase, Clarissa Koch and Jane Laustsen will serve as supervisors at Governor Livingston for the upcoming school year.

The teaching staff for the English Department will be made up of: Donald Logan, Donna LeSage, Lenore Born, Sandra Dols, Arthur David, William Howard, Cheryl Rosania, Mary Ellen Verschuren and Timothy Sexton.

The Mathematics teaching staff will consist of: William Jones, Mary Hamfeldt, Carol Dragon, Marianne D'Alessio, Mary Paddon, and Barbara Stauber.

The Social Studies staff will be: Gail Shaffer, James Comiskey, Elaine Campana, Mary Howell, Thomas Gioino and Ronald Fernandez.

The Science staff will be: Joseph Martino, Jerome Mandel, Joseph Mark, Robert Nagel, Michaela Quinlan, Shirley Patette and John Penna.

Teaching in Business Education, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts will be Karen Rusin, Joseph Hubert, Maureen Toth, Daniel Gomula, Frank Bihon and Walter Wiatr.

The Physical Education teachers who selected Governor Livingston are Michael Sorrentino, William Gorski, Richard Iacono, Nancy Dougherty, Steve Petruzzelli and Jeremiah Britt.

The Foreign Language teachers will be Barbara Hedges, Santina Tripodi, Miriam Slipowitz, Gail Giacobbe, and Carol Fahrman. Art teachers will be Paula Ehrich and Janice Metzger.

Welcome to the club



The Mountainside Newcomers Club has elected the following members to their executive board of directors. Seated from left are Donna Pinto, treasurer; Marianne Jennings, president; Kim Choma, vice president; and Andrea Vitale, secretary. The Mountainside Newcomers Club is a social and charitable, non-profit organization designed to introduce new residents and current residents, who recently had a change in lifestyle, i.e., new baby, marital or employment change, to the community. For information on any Mountainside Newcomer Club activities contact: Arlene Haggar at 654-7853 or write to: Mountainside Newcomers Club, P.O. Box 1115, Mountainside, 07092.

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Prompt snow removal urged by postmaster

"Local authorities and the general public can help the U.S. Postal Service deliver the mail as timely and as safely as possible following a snow storm," said Postmaster Kenneth Brown of the Westfield Post Office and Mountainside Branch. Brown emphasized the need for ice and snow removal from walkways as a major aid in preventing slips and falls to letter carriers. Slips and falls can result in fractures, broken bones or sprains. Other winter hazards that can impede mail delivery are ice and snow on sidewalks, driveways, stairways, and porches. The postmaster asked that all business and residential customers keep approaches to mailboxes clear.

Attention social clubs

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

to deposit mail into street collection boxes or express mail boxes when obstructed by snow and ice. Instead, customers should give their mail to any letter carrier or deposit it at the local post office to minimize unnecessary delays.

The cost of winter accidents is high on the list of human suffering. Equally high is the cost to taxpayers for payments covering lost time resulting from these accidents. Of further concern to the public is the financial burden that postal customers may have to bear due to liability for a letter carrier's accident resulting from hazardous conditions on private property. The safety of all is greatly increased when walking driving hazards are prevented.

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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

Friday
• Dr. Leo Klugholz, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, will speak at the January meeting of the Union County Employer Legislative Committee at L'Affaire Restaurant, Route 22, Mountainside. Doors open at noon, and a luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$23 per person. For more information, call (908) 522-1700.

Saturday
• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold a Winter Valentine's Day Gala. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

Sunday
• The Calvary Chorale continues their 1996-97 season with a Choral Evensong. The performance will be held at 4 p.m. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 31 Woodland Ave, Summit. A free will offering will be accepted. The building is handicapped accessible. For further information, call (908) 273-1814.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature an exploration of winter constellations at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, and each family will receive a winter star map. This program will continue throughout February. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Also at 2 p.m., Trailside will celebrate Groundhog Day with a program on the life and habits of the groundhog.

At 3:30 p.m., Trailside will examine the dinosaur extinction-outer space connection. Admission is \$3 per person.

Tuesday
• The Mountainside Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center.
• The TV-36 cable program "Managing Your Money" will feature "Corporate Downsizing" at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Coming events
Feb. 9
• Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature an exploration of winter

constellations at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, and each family will receive a winter star map.

At 2 p.m., Trailside will feature a "Wildlife Valentine" day with the decoration of an over-sized heart with an animal picture to hang in the center's discovery room. The fee is \$1 per child.

At 3:30 p.m., Rodney the Rocket returns to Trailside to introduce preschoolers to the planets.

Feb. 10
• The Mountainside Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Feb. 11
• The Mountainside Borough Council will hold a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• St. Stephen's Church is sponsoring a pancake supper from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House Undercroft. A donation of \$5, \$3 for children, will be collected at the door. Proceeds will be used to finance church projects. The church is located at 119 Main St. in Millburn.

• The TV-36 cable program "Managing Your Money" will feature "Women and Investing" at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 14
• Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues van will appear at the Mountainside Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The van dispenses information about stress, parenting, cancer prevention and treatment, respiratory problems, health screenings, and other health related topics. The services are provided free, and are open to the public. The library is located at Constitution Plaza.

Feb. 18
• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Feb. 20
• The Mountainside Recreation Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

Feb. 26
• The Suburban Chamber of Commerce will host their fifth annual Bridal Show at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact the chamber at (908) 522-1700.

Feb. 28
• The Newcomers Club is sponsoring a "Mommy and Me" field trip to Discovery House, a hands-on museum in East Brunswick. For more information, call (908) 654-7853.

Enrichment teachers sought for Deerfield

The Deerfield School needs instructors for its year-round Enrichment Program. The spring and winter programs meet after school for one hour a week over a five-week period. There are three consecutive summer enrichment

sessions that meet daily for two weeks for a total of ten classes, each lasting one hour. Instructors are paid \$25 per class and reimbursed for any materials and supplies.

The next session will be the Spring Enrichment Program and will begin the week of April 7. For more information, contact Beverly Ellenport at the Deerfield School at (908) 232-8828.

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At 14, young scout earns highest rank

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A Springfield resident's distinguished work is to be recognized by the Boy Scouts of America when Ian Cordoni receives his Eagle Scout badge at St. James Church on Feb. 9.

Cordoni's rise to Eagle Scout is remarkable by itself. He becomes the first member of Troop 73 in three years to be so honored, continuing the troop's record of achievement. What is most outstanding about Cordoni's feat, however, is that he reaches scouting's highest rank at the age of 14.

"Ian's very young to become an Eagle," said Troop 73 Scoutmaster Gerry Gebauer. "The average age for a scout to pursue an Eagle rank is 16 or 17, coinciding with the junior or senior year of high school."

"A scout usually joins when he is 11- or 12-years-old," said Dennis Cordoni, Ian's father. "They go through five levels before attempting an Eagle badge. There is no minimum age, however, in making Eagle."

Both Gebauer and the elder Cordoni said that the first three ranks — Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class — teach the basics of scouting. Once first aid, cooking, shelter-making and related subjects are mastered, a scout may try for merit badges enroute to becoming a Star or Life Scout. The latter two levels involve seeking a community member who can counsel the scout on a particular subject and test him before awarding a badge.

"Becoming an Eagle Scout requires initiation and organization," said Gebauer. "The scout must identify a need in the community and act on a project. The action includes planning, fundraising, materials gathering and managing younger scouts."

"To become an Eagle, one has to do almost the whole thing by himself," said Dennis Cordoni. "A scout has to be highly motivated."

Apparently motivation and a love for the outdoors comes naturally to Ian Cordoni. His Eagle Scout project involved creating a wildlife habitat planning area for over 30 formerly indigenous trees and shrubs in the Watchung Reser-



Ian Cordoni

vation. The effort included creating a 200-foot long woodchipped trail and construction of benches and signage.

"While other recent projects involved promoting organ donation or a house by house map of Springfield for the EMS," said Gebauer, "Ian asked the people at Watchung Reservation what was needed to be done. When he hunts, he does it properly and his family uses what he catches. His father can tell you that he studies hard and is very aware of his behavior before the troop and his classmates at Jonathan Dayton High School."

BSA statistics show that about one out of 100 scouts becomes an Eagle, let alone at 14-years-old. There is a tendency, however, to have relatives who are or were in scouting to encourage a prospective Eagle Scout. In Ian's case, Dennis was a member of an Irvington troop, cousin Brendan was an Eagle and younger brother Sean is up to Star.

The induction itself, called the Court-of-Honor ceremony, draws attention beyond troop and family members. Public officials, former scouts and veterans groups usually come out for the rare honor.

"I think Ian is beginning to grasp the importance of what he's done," said Dennis Cordoni. "He was looking at the list of 100 people expected at the ceremony and asked, 'Are all of these people coming to see me?'"

Springfield's first baby braved ice and a cold

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A coat of ice wouldn't keep Springfield residents Lorraine and Stuart Katz from delivering son Brian at the St. Barnabas Medical Center Jan. 2.

"Lorraine woke me up at about midnight about her contractions and we started timing them at about 5 a.m.," said Stuart Katz. "When we got to the car, everything was covered in ice."

"I remember Stuart sliding through some red lights on the way over," said Lorraine. "What would be a 10-minute drive took 25 minutes."

Brian Andrew Katz was delivered about 35 minutes later at 6:37 p.m. The seven-pound, three-ounce infant became the family's second son — and Springfield's first newborn of 1997.

The Katz family settled in Springfield over six years ago. Stuart, who used to live in Maplewood, wanted to commute to his marketing analysis job with Dow Jones. Lorraine, formerly of Amherst, N.H., also worked as a technical compliance officer for Merck.

"We picked Springfield because I came from a small town," said Lorraine. "It has a small town feeling without having a bad section."

The couple had their first child, Eric, almost two years ago.

"Eric arrived about five days later than what the doctors expected," said Lorraine. "Brian was first expected at Christmas, then Jan. 19, but arrived about three weeks early."

The parents had spent a quiet New Year's Day, watching the Rose Bowl Parade and turning in early, when Brian decided to enter this world. When Lorraine's contractions were coming at three-minute intervals, Stuart put his plan in motion: call Dr. Anthony C. Quartell, have mother Stephanie Angelis come over to watch Eric, and drive to the hospital.

The Katzes, however, didn't consider the ice outside.



Photo By Teddy Matthews

Brian Andrew Katz was welcomed to Springfield by Lorraine, Eric, and Stewart Katz.

"My mother was coming over from Maplewood, but with the ice, she was taking a long time," said Stuart. "When she was running about 25 minutes late, I asked some neighbors across the street to watch Eric and we left for Livingston."

"The same neighbors who Stuart woke up told us about the firstborn contest they read in the paper," said Lorraine. "Up to then, we had no idea that Brian was Springfield's first baby."

Any celebration was postponed, however, when Brian and the rest of

the Katz family caught a cold. Although Brian briefly returned to the hospital as a precaution, all parties shook off the bug by Tuesday. "Except for the lack of sleep and the crying, it's been normal," said

Stuart about life with Brian. "Eric has begun to cry in sympathy whenever Brian cries."

"It's funny," said Lorraine, "but I once saw Brian crying after Eric cried."

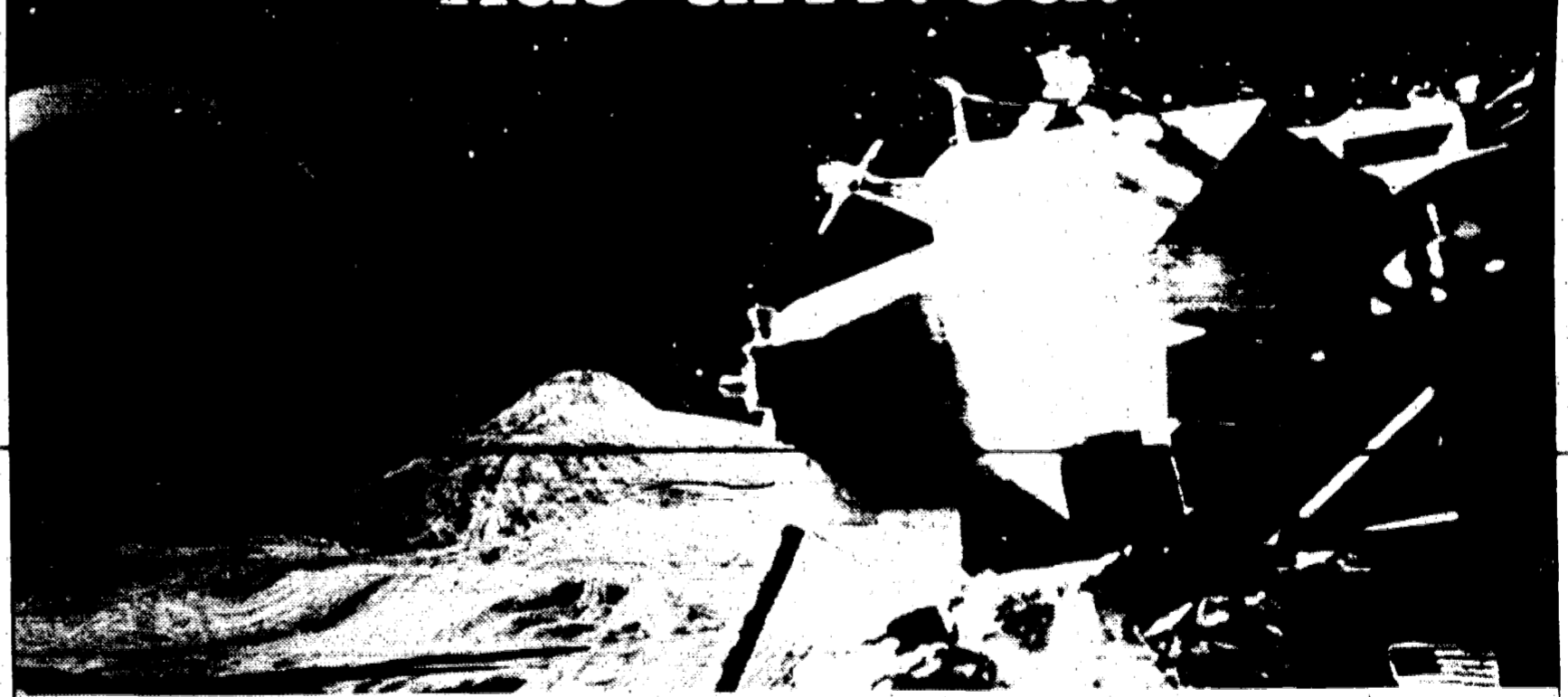
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Disappearing act

In 1996, the Springfield Recreation Department had to endure the pool fiasco, allegations of mismanagement at the Township Committee level, and the firing of the previous Recreation Department director, George Rague, followed by bribery charges leveled against him by now Mayor Roy Hirschfeld. With the hiring of Linda Kinel, a veteran of recreation departments in the state, it appeared that stability would soon arrive in Springfield.

However, it was too good to be true. After a few months, Kinel will be riding off to what are literally greener pastures. Starting Feb. 6, she will head Parks and Recreation in Toms River. Once again, the Recreation Department will have to deal with a search for a new director, as well as the resulting adjustment period that will inevitably follow.

After Kinel had been hired, we thought she would bring some order back to the beleaguered department. Indeed, things were looking bright for a while. The Chisholm School renovation project moved forward, money was allocated for the investigation of the pool leaks and subsequent repairs, and more importantly, a director with a clean slate was at the helm.

For much of 1996, the Recreation Department was a mess. To the credit of the Township Committee, they have been working to rectify the situation, perhaps a little late in the game, but they are trying to restore credibility to the department nonetheless. Now they need to continue this effort by hiring a competent department head who will stick around for longer than three months.

In with the new

In the topsy-turvy world of deregionalization, anything can happen, and not always for the better. At Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, Principal Rosalie Lamonte chose to end her tenure with the school, leaving Berkeley Heights and Mountainside students and parents to wonder just how long they would be without a head administrator.

Would the Union County Regional Board of Education even bother to find a replacement, since their duties will no longer be needed come July 1? Would the Berkeley Heights Board of Education be forced to find an administrator on its own, in addition to adjusting to a K-12 district? Are there any worthy candidates left following the teacher selection process?

But all questions were soundly answered with the appointment of an acting principal during last Tuesday's meeting. Benjamin Jones will now fill the position for the period of March 1, through June 30 at Governor Livingston.

Granted, the appointment is only temporary, but this should serve as a trial period. It is an opportunity for the Board of Education, teachers, students and parents to gauge Jones' performance and decide whether or not to hire him permanently.

Jones is no stranger to administration, having served as the assistant principal of the school for the past 18 years. Prior to that, he was also a teacher of mathematics at the same school, and served on several school and districtwide committees.

Lock them up

Recently, a measure known as Megan's law, named for Megan Kanka, who was assaulted and killed at the hands of a convicted sex offender neighbor, has been stirring up a fair amount of controversy. The law, which requires that a community be notified when a convicted sex offender moves into the neighborhood, is being called into question on the basis of whether or not it violates the civil rights of the supposedly rehabilitated ex-convicts.

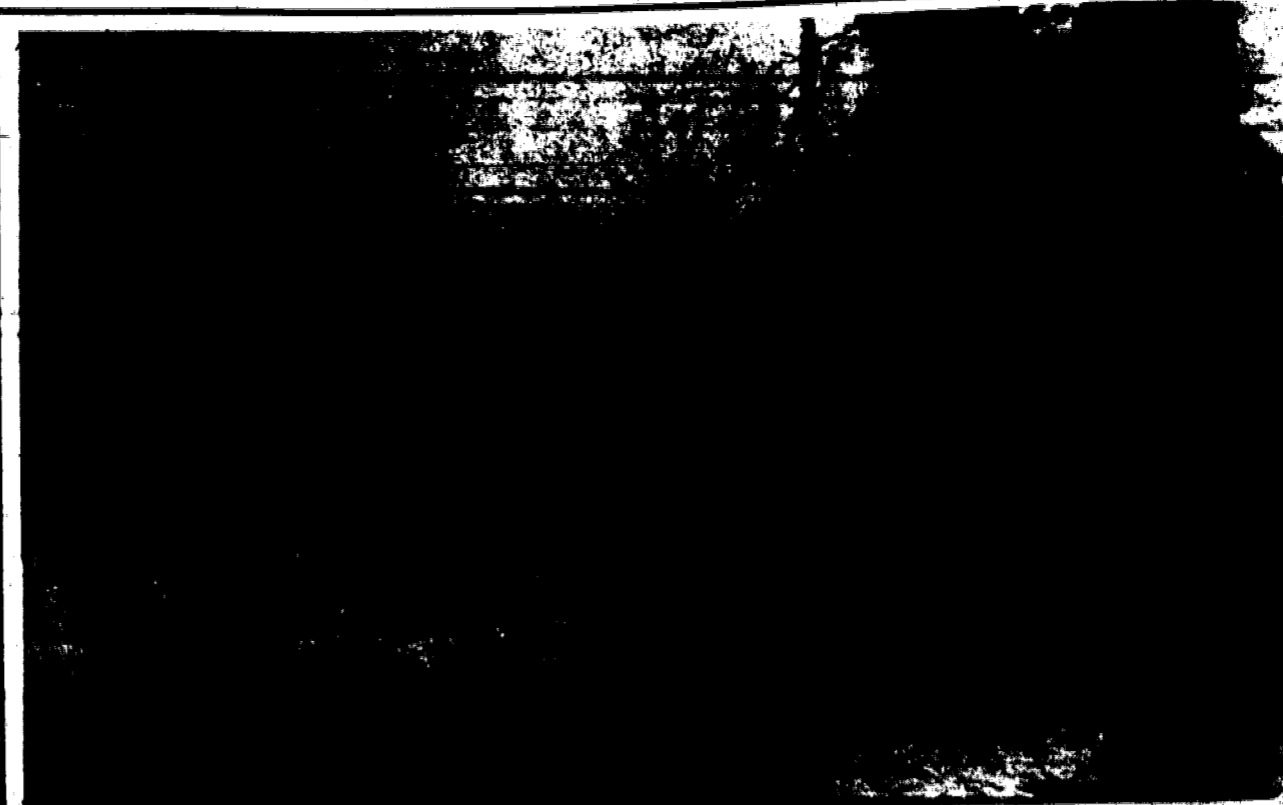
The main problem with this style of justice is that it promotes vigilantism among the populace. While it is difficult to sympathize with anyone who would commit such heinous acts against children, or anyone else for that matter, it is also a mistake to sanction, and even foster, the idea that people should take the law into their own hands. Take for instance the case in which two men broke into the home of a convicted sex offender and beat him only to discover they had the wrong man. Even though the law was not designed to promote such actions, it is an inevitable outcome.

Instead, what the legal system needs to do is to provide these predators with harsher sentences.

These people should be considered criminals first, and mentally ill second, and be treated accordingly. A bill sponsored by Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole, R-Union, would require offenders to serve at least part of their terms in a state prison, and then be transferred to the center. However, bill A-1876 is presently stalled in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

We urge the committee to release this bill and allow the offenders to be treated with true justice. A visit to a rehabilitative facility is not a sufficient deterrent to those contemplating such actions. And Megan's Law, however well intentioned, cannot guarantee the protection of the state's children from these felons.

The best course of action would be for the state to lock up these people, and then deal with rehabilitation.



Courtesy Springfield Historical Society

ONCE UPON A TIME — In 1896, the Springfield Academy occupied a prominent space on Academy Green. Today, Academy Green is known as Black's Lane.

Whitman can boast of her accomplishments

Gov. Christine Whitman gave her State of the State message Jan. 14 in the Assembly Chambers in Trenton and she painted a rosy picture of accomplishments and plans for the future.

She claims 400,000 new jobs were created during her administration. Three years ago, she promised to cut the state income tax, which she claimed would increase jobs in New Jersey. Many believe she accomplished her goal of economizing the cost of state government.

Her opponents believe her cutting of state spending has shifted the burden of many functions formerly performed by the state to the county and municipal level, which will no doubt be the biggest issue in this year's election.

The people like her overall philosophy of letting the people keep more of their own money. She leans toward privatization of functions that were formerly performed by government and are now run at a profit without the benefit of taxpayer dollars.

In her message, the governor took on another issue that is paramount to the people of New Jersey: the high cost of auto insurance. New Jersey drivers pay the highest prices in the

Frankly Speaking

By Howard Freund

nation to drive their cars. The litigation and medical costs connected with auto insurance, not to mention the rampant fraud that exists, has ballooned the cost of insurance out of control.

Whitman promises to lower insurance prices and admits this will mean less coverage. You will have to give up your right to file an automobile negligence lawsuit for lower rates. Her plan is opposed by the trial lawyers, who have the most to lose in drivers being unable to sue for an accident in which pain and suffering are at issue.

In addition to the governor's office, also at stake this year are the General Assembly and the state Senate, where the Democrats control 16 seats and the Republicans 24. In the Assembly, the Democrats have 27 seats and the Republicans 51. The election will swing on the governor's race and

might change control of the Senate and Assembly.

Whitman probably will not have a primary fight on June 3 while the Democrats will have a battle royale. The likely Democratic candidates, none of whom can beat Whitman, are Congressman Robert E. Andrews of Camden County, state Senator and Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey, former Morris County Prosecutor Michael Murphy, former Gov. Jim Florio and Hudson County Executive Robert Janiszewski.

Only former Sen. Bill Bradley can beat Whitman in New Jersey and he owes her the race to square the slate for her near-defeat of him in 1990. It was that contest that propelled Whitman into the contest against Florio and she has been rising in stature ever since.

If she wins her seat this year, she will have to be reckoned with in the year 2000, when President Bill Clinton leaves office. Bradley may owe it to the Democratic Party to come out of retirement and take on Whitman.

1997 is the 50th anniversary of the New Jersey Constitutional Convention, when the Constitution of 1844 was revised to reform the court sys-

tem, the governor's office and the duties of the Legislature.

The convention was called by Gov. Driscoll. The purpose was to do away with machine control of the state by certain unsavory political bosses who, in effect, ran New Jersey.

Under the 1844 Constitution, a simple majority in both houses of the Legislature could nullify the governor's veto of a bill. Under the new rules, it required a two-thirds vote.

There were 81 delegates to the convention and one of the two living delegates is Superior Court Judge Milton A. Feller, who was a delegate from Union County.

Feller was a wonderful delegate just as he was a fine judge in Union County and baseball player for the Philadelphia Phillies. I hope this governor honors him for his accomplishments on behalf of New Jersey.

There is talk of another constitutional convention at the federal level to right the wrongs that need changing. If that convention is half as successful as New Jersey's in 1947, then we can look forward to it.

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

Winter makes us find hidden consolation

"In winter's tedious nights sit by the fire with good old folks and let them tell thee tales of woeful ages long ago betid." So advised Shakespeare's hapless King Richard II.

I do what I can to keep winter at bay. The drafty seams of the back door are sealed. There are extra bright light bulbs in the lamps and ceiling fixtures. I take two books at a time out of the library and don't wait to finish one before starting the other. I console myself with coffee and phone conversations with friends. Some of these conversations go for hours, past the borders of boredom, into something like a trance in which the day's most trivial details are meditated upon and dissected.

I also write a lot of letters, a disappearing art. The recipients of these letters become uneasy because they believe a personal letter demands an answer.

Winter don't. I send roughly the same letter demands to three or four people, using word processing functions to perso-

Free Form

By Bob Rixon

nalize them. In the longest, darkest winter night, receiving a letter from me is a bit like getting a message from the lower regions of Dante's Hell, where souls are entombed in eternal ice. Some of these souls, aren't even officially dead yet.

Some of my friends cope with winter by hosting parties. This upbeat approach attempts to dispel the awful season through warmth, laughter and food. Nothing really works much for me except for a kind of emotional hibernation. Acquaintances meet me on the street and ask where I've been hiding. I'm hiding at home, of course. Hiding from winter.

Winter is not only a matter of cold, but of a general sense of numbness. My world consists of everything alive

and growing. I'm lonely without the company of green leaves and grass, flowers and weeds, egrets, sandpipers, robins, frogs, and turtles. Nights are too quiet without beetles and crickets.

I miss driving to my favorite bay shore hangouts at Morgan Creek, Keyport, and Sandy Hook. These places are beautiful in winter. During a cold spell, ice forms close to shore and up through the estuaries, cracking and creaking with each rise and fall of the tide. The ice is often a bluish-white color that reflects a blinding glare from the sun, but glows eerily at night.

There are plenty of sea gulls, not to mention the ducks and geese, behaving more like real water fowl in the absence of summer's abundant garbage. All kinds of interesting things litter the shore, from shells to pieces of cars.

However, the constant, stiff wind has an edge that cuts through clothing and makes the eyes water. Serious naturalists are used to this torture. I'm just a beach bum. The surfers who

ride the stormy winter waves are plain crazy, but I'm not one to argue about someone else's religion.

Mostly I stay inside and listen to lots of music. To sufferers of cabin fever, I recommend albums of ballads and standards by John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Chet Baker. Also slow reggae that pumps at the pace of a hibernating heartbeat. Cool '50s singers like June Christy and Chris Connor are smoldering fires, and the album covers ain't bad to look at either. I've been bumming out on good recent albums by Tricky, Low, Barry Adamson, and Microstoria.

I'm sorry that I can't offer more substantial and comforting advice to fellow members of the Society of Winter Haters. But that's why we take our motto from poet Thomas Nashe: "From winter, plague and pestilence, good Lord, deliver us!"

Bob Rixon is a resident of Rahway and columnist for this newspaper. He can be reached at rix@wfmj.org.99

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the coverage

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Gemini Group, our "home grown" theater troupe would like to extend our thanks to the *Mountainside Echo* for the extensive coverage — from the pre-publicity article and the advertising, to the rave review of our "Not Seriously Folks" December production.

Thanks very much to the Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church, and to the Rev. Chris Beldon for allowing us to use the auditorium to stage our night of comedy.

We'd also like to thank our door prize sponsors, the J & M Market, Mountainside Deli, Mountainside Drug Company, Mountainside Shoe Service, Rejuvenation's Hair & Body Spa and the Mountainside 7-Eleven. The generosity of these local merchants greatly enhanced the evening.

Despite the stormy weather, the turn-out was fantastic and we couldn't have asked for a better crowd. Residents can look forward to another Gemini Group production in the near future.

The Gemini Group
Mountainside

Credit where it's due?

Dick Morris is doing the usual book peddling tour. Morris is not shy about his claims. One thing he tries to take credit for — but can't — is Clinton's reelection.

The election was Bob Dole's to lose.

Joseph Chieppa
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DIEHARD FANS — Zach Links and sister Lex enjoy a New Jersey Nets game with NBA great Willis Reed and his wife Gale. Zach's exhibit of Nets memorabilia is currently on display at the Springfield Public Library.

Library museum features photographers

Photographic artists, Nancy Bernhaut, Helen Luecke and Anne King will be exhibiting their work at the Donald Palmer Museum of the Springfield Public Library through March 6.

Nancy Bernhaut, a photographic artist who resides in Livingston, specializes in nature, landscape and still life color photography. With her Nikkormat camera she catches the interplay of color and light which is critical to the overall effect of each print. Bernhaut is currently a freelance photographer and teaching assistant at the International Center for Photography in New York City. Bernhaut's work has been published in *Best of Photography Annuals* 1992 and 1993. As a member of the Livingston Camera Club she has earned numerous awards, most notably Color Print of the Year. In 1995 she received the H. Jirgen Thiek Award at the NJ Center for Visual Arts Members Show.

Photographic artist Helen Luecke from Westfield has always been inspired by natural subjects. From her earliest work of oil paintings of flowers to her current photographs of the natural world, she finds nature to be a compelling subject. "I am intrigued by the variety of nature, by how much there is to see. In just one subject, like a pile of leaves or the bark of a tree, there are a dozen ways to see the subject and so many ways to photograph it," said Luecke. The photographs that appear in this show demonstrate the processes that Luecke used, including Cyanotype, Palladium and hand colored photographs. Her works have been exhibited at museums, galleries

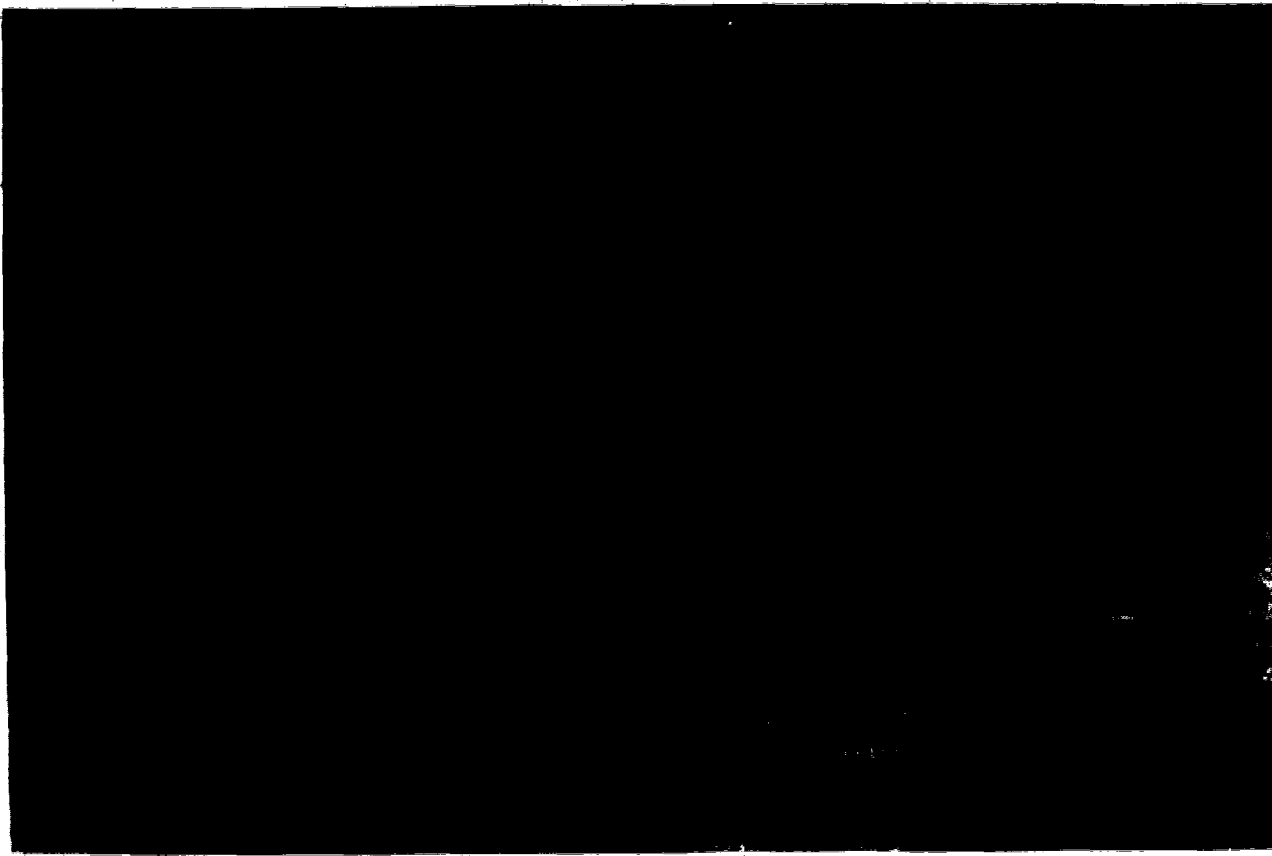


Photo By Helen Luecke

Photographic artist Helen Luecke's works will be on display at the Palmer Museum until March.

and colleges including Seton Hall University and Pennsylvania State. She has a studio in Westfield. Anne King of Springfield has loved her hobby of photography for over twenty years. She feels photographs offer a challenge for others to view life's humor, beauty and everyday living looking through someone else's eyes. Some of her accomplishments

include acceptance into the 1986 New Jersey and You photography contest for the state's official calendar. King's photo taken in Seaside Heights was selected for the month of September titled "Love and Romance at the Jersey Shore." Another photograph won 1st prize in the NJ State Park Photography Contest in 1988. She has won numerous awards and ribbons

from over twenty-five art shows over the past fifteen years. The Donald Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Hours for the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Woman arrested for disorderly conduct, assault

Springfield
A late afternoon scuffle at Scotty's Diner Jan. 21 resulted in the arrest by Township Patrolman Chris La Fragoia of a Summit resident. The suspect, identified as Cheryl A. Maiello, was charged at 5:30 p.m. for resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assaulting a police officer.

Two rear end accidents highlighted the Jan. 22 motor vehicle incident blotter. The first hit occurred at about 8:15 p.m. when the driver of a Saturn on So. Springfield Avenue was attempting to turn onto Lynn Place when he was struck from behind by a

POLICE BLOTTER

northbound BMW. A driver of a white Chevrolet along Route 22 East was about to turn onto Fadem Road when he was rear-ended by a gray Hyundai in the right lane. Only the Hyundai required towing.

Two NJ Transit bus runs didn't make their destinations as planned when they traveled through the township.

The route 52 run was halted on Jan. 23 when the bus was struck in the front door by a projectile along Morris

Avenue at about 4:22 p.m. The object shattered one of the door's two-foot by seven-inch window panes.

The second incident, which started as a car versus a Newark bound Route 66 bus on Jan. 27, was a little more serious. The driver of a red Ford Escort struck the rear of the stopped Flexible along northbound Mountain Avenue at Shunpike Road at about 3:15 p.m. The Escort driver said the driver had waved her on and proceeded home. Six of the bus' 11 passengers, however, began complaining of neck and/or back pain as the bus continued.

The bus driver parked on westbound Caldwell Place and reported the traffic incident while the Escort driver retraced her steps to meet the bus. Three first aid units transported the complainers to Overlook Hospital in Summit for examination, three Springfield Township and NJT patrol cars investigated the matter and a NJT road supervisor put the remaining passengers on the next bus. The bus driver left the scene with a summons and a scrape on the rear bumper's left corner while the Escort driver departed with a broken left front tail-light lens.

A second projectile hit was recorded by a driver who was driving along Bottlehill Avenue at about 6:15 p.m. Jan. 23. The rock dented the red Jeep Cherokee's left rear quarter panel.

The driver of an Oldsmobile Cutlass wished he wasn't operating without insurance after being involved in two accidents within blocks and minutes of each other Jan. 23.

The chain of events began at about 2:22 p.m. The vehicle struck the back of a Toyota Corolla as the two were trying to merge onto westbound Morris Avenue from Meisel Avenue. The Toyota operator told police that both parties were about to park at a nearby lot to exchange information when the Olds left for Black's Lane.

The Olds was attempting to park between two other cars when he backed into a stationary Isuzu pick-

up's passenger side two minutes later. The Olds driver, who said he got "scared" and knew he shouldn't be driving, had his insurance expire 10 days earlier and received three summonses by police.

The I-78 overpass on Springfield Avenue during afternoon rush hour wasn't the place to be Jan. 24.

The chain of events began when the southbound driver of a Nissan Sentra lost control on the slick surface and went off the right shoulder at about 4:22 p.m. The driver of a northbound Honda Acura saw the accident and stopped, only to be struck by the Ford behind her in the right hand lane. Skidding to avoid further damage, the Ford also collected a Nissan in the left lane.

No one was hurt but southbound Springfield Avenue was blocked for a time and tow trucks were called by the first Nissan and the Acura drivers.

There are some evenings, like the overnight of Jan. 24-25, where not even street signs seem to be safe. A driver was heading south on So. Springfield Avenue at Lynn Drive when he slowed to avoid a northbound Toyota Camry trying to enter the side street. Both cars collided at 7:25 p.m., taking down a corner stop sign in the process.

One driver, heading north on Meisel Avenue, failed to make the turnoff before Morris Avenue at about 4:37 a.m. and flattened traffic island lights. The operator, who said he was responding to a family emergency, had his Nissan towed by police.

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Israeli video series set

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On Feb. 4, viewers will see and hear the experience of Geshe and his family who came to Israel as part of Operation Moses, the mass exodus of Jews from Ethiopia. He is enjoying luxuries they did not have there, like running water and electricity. On the same day, viewers will see the story of ten-year-old Tamar who plays the horn in the Jerusalem Youth Orchestra. She is helping her newly arrived Russian cousins integrate into Israeli life. She visits her brother on a kibbutz in the West Bank, and we meet another brother who is on leave from the army. Lastly, Yacoub, a nine-year-old Palestinian boy, lives in the Christian quarter. His parents don't allow him out alone to play with his friends because they worry about his safety.

three more children will be screened. These include twelve-year-old Asya, an immigrant from Moscow. The family received government assistance through a relocation program for Jewish immigrants. Ten-year-old Yehuda is a Hasidic boy who lives in an orthodox neighborhood in West Jerusalem. Yehuda and his family maintain ancient Jewish traditions. At a religious market, his father shows him how to select palm leaves to decorate the Sukkah hut for the joyous Sukkot Festival. Neveen is an eleven-year-old Palestinian girl. She lives with her parents and six brothers and sisters in a small house in the Shufat Refugee Camp where she was born. Neveen loves science and dreams of becoming a doctor to provide health care for poor people.

Both programs start at noon. Participants are invited to bring their lunches. Coffee and dessert will be provided. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 65 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For more information, call (201) 376-4930.

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Assembly seeks to create river committee

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

What do many of the municipalities in Union and Essex County have in common?

The answer from Assemblyman Rick Bagger, R-Union, may surprise you — the Rahway River.

It seems that the Rahway River winds and twists through a number of municipalities and extends watersheds and tributaries into others. So Bagger is co-sponsoring a bill that, if approved, could unite these various communities.

Called the Upper Rahway River Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee Act, or Assembly Bill A-665, this bill would create voluntary committee composed of appointed members from all of the municipalities that

the Upper Rahway River winds through.

"The idea is to bring together the communities in the watershed and various voluntary measures that they might take to improve the water quality and aesthetics in the area," said Bagger, who is co-sponsoring the bill with Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union.

According to Bagger, the bill was originally pushed by two Union County municipalities, Cranford and Rahway. Rahway was concerned about the quality of the river's water and Cranford was concerned about "part of the whole character" of the town.

The current bill, which Bagger took over from a now-retired Assembly member, now includes 11 municipali-

ties in Union County — Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, Rahway, Springfield, Summit, Union, Westfield and Winfield — and five Essex municipalities — Maplewood, Millburn, Orange, South Orange and West Orange. The committee will also include two county representatives, one from Union and one from Essex, and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

According to Bagger, such a committee is part of a shift in focus at the Department of Environmental Protection; from point sources of pollution like manufacturing plants and towards non-point sources, such as fertilizer runoff, which promotes uncontrolled water weed growth, and runoff from roads.

These committees already exist throughout the state — in Sussex County for Lakes Hopatcong and Musconetcong and in Morris County for the Great Swamp watershed, among others.

According to Bagger, the governing body of each municipality would appoint the representatives to this committee. Other municipalities could also join with full voting privileges if approved by a majority of the committee. Bagger added that

municipalities would not be forced to join the committee.

The Union and Essex County committee would not have the power to force member municipalities to take any sort of action. But Bagger said that the committee could have discussions on issues facing the river, such as oil and salt runoff from streets, fertilizer runoff and litter control.

There would also be discussions on land use, but Bagger said that this is not as important as it is in other watersheds because of the greater degree of existing development here. But these discussions could lead to measures against runoff.

All of these discussions could lead to model ordinances that could be passed along to municipalities along the river and recommend legislation in the state government.

The committee would also be empowered to seek grants from state and federal governments. These would be used for programs such as dredging and weed control and for the purchasing or renting of equipment for these programs. It would also be able to draw from state, county and local employees and services to carry out its duties.

Science program set for parents and tots

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the return of Super Science Discovery Days. Bring your child, ages 3-8, to Trailside's Nature & Science Center on Coles Avenue and New Providence Road in Mountainside and discover scientific wonders together at the 11th annual Science Fair. The fair encourages team learning as adult and child play and experiment together at five discovery stations. Each station is supplied with activities, information and experiments related to the specific theme. Parent/caregiver and child, ages 3 years-2nd grade, "discover" together at each station for 10 minutes.

Although the time spent at each station is timed, "scientists" and their "lab partners" will work at their own pace. Activities will be color-coded to identify those suitable for preschoolers and those appropriate for older children. Each hour long session admits only one team, parent and child, per station, allowing for a quality hands-on experience.

This year Discovery Station themes will be: Kitchen Chemistry, Animal Adaptations, Amazing Astronomy/Crazy Craters, Symphony of Sounds and Crazy Colors/Cool Camouflage.

Parents can choose from several one-hour sessions offered Saturdays: March 1, 8 or 15. Session times for these dates will be 9:30-10:30; 11-noon; 1-2, and 2:30-3:30. Sunday: March 2, 9 and 16. Session times for these dates will be: 1:15-2:15; 2:30-3:30, and 3:45-4:45. Tuesdays-Fridays: March 4-7 & 11-14. Session times for these dates will be: 10-11; 1:30-2:30, and 3:30-4:30. To accommodate working parents, new Friday evening sessions are scheduled for March 7 at 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required and there is a limit of 2 children/adult. Each session is limited to five teams, adult and child, ensuring a one-on-one experience between adult and child. In person and mail-in registration is acceptable, but call ahead. (908) 789-3670, for space availability. Make checks payable to: Union County Division of Parks & Recreation.

This program is a National Association of Counties Organization award recipient and is co-sponsored by Schering-Plough Corporation.

Trailside Nature & Science Center is a facility of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

Hebrew crash course offered

Temple Beth-El of Cranford and Westfield announces a five-week free Hebrew reading crash course opened to all. The course runs through Feb. 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Through the sponsorship of the National Jewish Outreach Program, Liela Bernstein, a reading specialist, is now offering this program to the community at large. Bernstein has been teaching the Hebrew alphabet to adult congregants of Temple Beth-El for the past three years. Several of her students have gone on to celebrate their bar/bat mitzvahs, reciting their Haftorahs and even reading the weekly Torah portion. "Reading the five books of Moses in Hebrew — there's no power like that," she said.

"Imagine being able to read the prayer book at services or the Haggadah at your Passover seder, or taking a trip to Israel and actually reading the posters and street signs. It's so easy and so convenient to go to a local syn-

agogue and learn to read Hebrew in just five short weeks," Liela further explained.

NJOP is a national non-profit organization that offers a variety of courses in which tens of thousands of Jews are learning about their heritage. Any Jew can be a part of this national movement. All of Bernstein's classes will be held at Temple Beth-El, located at 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Temple Beth-El is equipped with a lift for the handicapped. For more information or to register, call the Temple office at (908) 276-9231 or NJOP at (800) 444-3273.

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Choral Director Sherri Strauss Williamson, who recently starred in "The Pirates of Penzance," coaches Cara Gelber, Laura Sargent, and Jonathan Viguers. These young stars are cast members in the upcoming Summit Franklin Elementary School production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Museum to feature colonial valentines

The Miller-Cory House Museum will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with Historic Valentines.

St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated at the Miller-Cory House Museum at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, on Feb. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. The last tour of the historic farmhouse will begin at 3:30.


Evelyn Kennelly will demonstrate how early Americans made valentines using the techniques of the period. A variety of prepared valentines will be on display for visitors to enjoy. Visitors to the museum will be able to enjoy the beauty of Valentine's Day and capture the spirit of the holiday.

Named in honor of St. Valentinus, a Roman martyr priest of the third century who was known as the patron saint of lovers, this festive occasion became a welcome winter treat. The custom of exchanging valentines was brought to America by the English settlers but was not widely celebrated during the 1700's. Lace paper and hearts produced in England and Germany often were assembled by hand and sold in America in the 1800s.

The Miller-Cory House is a living museum that offers visitors the opportunity to step back into the past and experience life as it was in early New Jersey. Every room in the house beautifully captures the atmosphere of the colonial era complete with volunteers dressed in authentic period clothing to regale visitors with stories of the past.

Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students over six years of age. If you are interested in becoming a Miller-Cory volunteer contact the museum office at (908) 232-1776. On Sunday, Feb. 16 the museum will feature a presentation on applejack production in New Jersey by Rosemarie Lewandowski. For information about the museum and its calendar of events, call the museum office.

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Y's owls plan open house

The Summit area YMCA's Owl Nursery School will host an open house for prospective students and their parents on Monday at 6:30 p.m. Daily activities challenge children ages 3 and up to develop physically, intellectually, and socially. One aspect of this program is that the Y's Owls participate in swimming and gym instruction.

Key members of the staff include Rochelle Singley, child care director. Singley holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Kean College. Assisting Rochelle this year is Michele Bouerrosse, fresh from St. Josephs College in Maine. Providing continuity to the program is Theresa Niehoff, nursery school educator.

The Y's Owl Nursery School has an open door policy where parents are welcome to come in and observe our program at any time. In addition to this, parents are encouraged to become involved in their child's school.

For more information call Roselle Singley at (908) 273-3330, the YMCA is located at 67 Maple St. in Summit.

SAGE offers winter companion service

The winter blues affect almost everyone. We spend more time indoors; the cold, snow and ice make it more difficult to get around and we don't see people frequently.

For the elderly, these problems escalate. Regardless of the health of an older individual, getting out of the house in the winter can be especially daunting while companionship becomes a very real concern. SAGE can provide a solution to this problem with its Companion Program.

The SAGE Companion Service enriches the lives of the elderly in Union, Morris and Somerset counties by providing fully trained companions who offer non-medical support

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According to Ronni Smith, director of SAGE's Home Health Care department, "Our companions are mature adults who are individually selected for each assignment and are supervised by registered nurses."

This attention to individualized placement benefits both the companion and the caregiver. Since companions are scheduled, trained and supervised by SAGE, clients are ensured dependable and trustworthy area residents as companions.

Quimby Robinson, a SAGE com-

panion for four years, thinks of himself as more than just a companion for his elderly clients. "They are my friends," he said. "The time we spend together is just as stimulating and enjoyable for me as I hope it is for them."

In addition to camaraderie, SAGE companions are also trained to assist with shopping, cooking, light house-keeping and excursions for the elderly who do not need hands-on assistance.

The SAGE is seeking mature adults with a compassionate nature to become companions; call (908) 273-8400.

In addition to Companion Service, SAGE offers a broad range of ser-

vices for the elderly and their caregivers. Some of these other services include Meals on Wheels, Home Care by certified home health aides, Telephone Assistance, weekday phone calls to seniors, PREP, caregiver support groups, InfoCare, an information and referral service, Spend-A-Day Adult Care Center, SAGE Resale Shop and SAGE Workshop, a woodworking shop staffed by volunteers.

For more information on SAGE's Companion Program, or any of its other eldercare programs, call (908) 273-5550. SAGE is a non-profit organization and is located at 50 DeForest Ave., Summit.

Get healthy at Overlook's free Cardiac Health Fair

More than one in four Americans have some form of cardiovascular disease — the number one killer in New Jersey and the nation. To help individuals identify risk factors and develop a healthy lifestyle, Atlantic Health System hospitals will offer free screenings and educational lectures throughout February in recognition of

American Heart Month. Overlook Hospital will host a free Cardiac Health Fair on Feb. 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Overlook's Wallace Auditorium. The program will include refreshments and a raffle, a full range of health screenings, including blood pressure and blood glucose, as well as informative talks on heart disease by an expert panel of Overlook physicians.

Featured speakers and topics will

include: William Tansey, M.D., Overlook cardiologist, "Maintenance of Your Heart," 10-10:45 a.m., and Joseph Rempson, M.D., rehabilitation and physical medicine, "Exercise and Your Heart," 11-11:45 a.m.

Participants may also visit Healthy Avenues, Overlook's new health information/community resource van, which will be parked in front of the hospital.

Space is limited and preregistration

is required. For more information or to register, contact Overlook Hospital's Health Promotion Department at (908) 522-5353. In the event of snow, health screenings will be held Feb. 16 from noon to 4 p.m.

Overlook Hospital is part of Atlantic Health System, one of the largest health care systems in the state. Atlantic also includes Morristown Memorial and Mountainside Hospital in Montclair.

St. Rose plans fundraiser

St. Rose of Lima School's fundraising gala, Wish Upon a Star, will be held on Saturday, March 22, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Back by popular demand, Mayfair Farms will provide food and service. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. with a cocktail hour, during which guests may bid on a wide array of silent auction items to the musical accompaniment of Jerry Marinelli. The live auction, which will be conducted by Carolyn Remmey of Remmey's Consignment and Auction Galleries in Summit, will take place following dinner.

To reserve space, call Jane Cebula at (201) 376-5175, Lisa Di Tommaso at (201) 379-4249 or Nancy Campi at (201) 762-5217.

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Transportation honors

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Opera singer to appear at library

Soprano Linda Heimall will appear at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on Sunday at 2 p.m.

presented her with a gold and diamond medallion. Jeriza personally advised the soprano to further pursue her career in Europe...



Linda Heimall

Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. The program is free and open to all.

For more information, call library at (201) 376-4930 or Heimall at (201) 933-8832.

Chapel plans workshop

Mountainside Chapel will be working on a 50-day Spiritual Adventure designed to make their church a better place. Entitled, "The Church You've Always Longed For: What You Can Do to Make it Happen," this spiritual growth event will run from Feb. 9 through March 30.

The church joins thousands of congregations across North America working on this very same topic during the same eight weeks.

The 50-day Spiritual Adventure was created by the Chapel Ministries, a national, nondenominational Christian outreach. An annual event, this year's topic was developed with the input of hundreds of pastors and lay people across the country...

Gregory Hagg, Andrew Bonaventura and the whole Mountainside Chapel family invite the community to visit a weekly service Sundays at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountainside, directly behind Manor Care on Route 22 West. Call the chapel office at (908) 232-3456 to find out more.

Asthma center opens in area

Pulmonary and Allergy Associates announces the opening of their comprehensive asthma management centers, AsthmaCare, centered in Springfield and Morristown.

Asthma is an increasingly common disease, with symptoms that include wheezing, cough, shortness of breath and chest tightness. Although easily diagnosed when symptoms are constant and profound, it is a great deal more difficult to diagnose in people with intermittent or mild symptoms.

PAA is the largest pulmonary subspecialty practice in northern New Jersey, comprised of eight board certified physicians — seven pulmonologists and one allergist; a nurse practitioner, respiratory therapists, and other healthcare professionals extensively experienced in the care of asthma and other breathing disorders.

Working as northern New Jersey's associates in the National Asthma and Allergy System, a limited partnership with National Jewish Center, they have developed an innovative system for the diagnosis and management of asthma.

Paramount to the program is AsthmaCare's educational program. Following completion of the educational program, patients will learn about potential triggers of their asthma, better understand medicines available for treatment of asthma, and ways to monitor the activity of asthma over time.

Coordinated treatment plans that stress avoidance of asthma triggers, using medications properly, with the lowest doses that maintain the patient's personal best, as well as treating asthma exacerbations early and aggressively have resulted in the best outcomes for the management of asthma.

For further information regarding this new approach to the control of asthma, contact the AsthmaCare team in Springfield at (201) 467-3334 or Morristown at (201) 267-9393.

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.

Information requested for weddings are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place, who officiated, who attended the bride and groom, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. For more information call Managing Editor Kevin Singer at (908) 686-7700, ext. 345.

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For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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 - Keeninger Bible Study, Thursday: 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 in for information. For FREE information packet please call 687-9440.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH "CHRIST OUR HOPE AND PEACE" 242 Shuapack 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 A.W.A.N.A. 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 Thorax Terrace, Union. Rev. Robert S. Damrau, 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 bi-monthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30-9:00 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bell choirs; orchestral 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 - ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL 330 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 7:30-8:30 P.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.-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 minyan and non-observant. 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 SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (201) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor; Irene Bolton, Education Director; Holly Newler, Pre-School Director; Bruce Pitman, President. Temple Sha'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 mitzvah students. Pre-school, 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 Pine Street, Union, 686-6773 Harold Gottesman, Cantor; Dr. Allan Renkoff, 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 Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

MORAVIAN BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH 777 Liberty Avenue, Union, 686-5262. Pastor John Jackson, 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 Chrysanthe-

um Society second Friday of month 8:00 p.m. (except Jan., Feb., & Aug.). For more information call the Church Office.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL, Corner, Lexington, Tucson, and Burnett Aves. (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. A 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTICUT FARMS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH established 1730, Strycevan 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 Thursday of the month. Quiet Circle - a young woman'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 688-3166. Serving Church Community for 266 years. Rev. R. Sidney Finch, Pastor, 688-3166.

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 personal 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 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatch - 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., Intern Pastor.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Hagenston 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 choirs, yours 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. JOSEPH'S PARISH, 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood (1 blk. S. of Springfield Ave.), 201-761-5933. Rev. Tom Wisniewski, Pastor. Rita Bonin, Pastoral Council Chair. We invite you to join our growing faith community for worship, service opportunities, and spiritual support. Masses celebrated in our beautiful Church on Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and noon; and Saturday at 5:30 pm. Children's word service at 9 a.m. Choir at 10:30 a.m. Weekly bulletin lists week-day and special schedules and activities. Please talk to a member of the parish or pastoral staff to learn about our parish school, Sunday religious education classes, youth group, and varied adult ministries.

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 - Wednesdays, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm. Holy Hour for vocations and special intentions. Share His powerful intercessions.

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OBITUARIES

Maybelle Lynch

Maybelle Lynch, 88, of Berkeley Heights, formerly of Springfield, retired as a high school teacher for the Newark Board of Education, died Jan. 17 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in New York City, Miss Lynch lived in Springfield before moving to Berkeley Heights in 1993. She was a high school social studies teacher and guidance counselor for the Newark Board of Education at East Side High School, Newark. Miss Lynch was a 1929 graduate of Hunter College in New York and earned a master's degree from New York University in 1931.

Harriet Flood

Harriet Flood, 79, of Springfield died Jan. 19 in the Gettysburg Lutheran Nursing Home in Pennsylvania.

Born in Kearny, Mrs. Flood lived in Springfield for many years. She was an administrative assistant at Sherman Williams Paint Corp., Newark, for 20 years until 1958.

Surviving are two sons, Jack and David; a brother, Ted Sinock; and five grandchildren.

Joan B. Cadmus

Joan B. Cadmus, 80, of Springfield died Jan. 18 in the Holly Manor Nursing Home, Mendham.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Cadmus lived in Springfield for many years. She was a legal secretary for Tolten Limited Partnership, New York City, for many years. Mrs. Cadmus graduated from Centenary College, Hackettstown, and Columbia University, New York.

Surviving is a brother, David Bennett.

Lottie VanBuskirk

Lottie VanBuskirk, 75, of Roselle Park, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 20 in the home of her daughter, Marianne Faria, in Union.

Born in Newark, Mrs. VanBuskirk lived in Springfield before moving to Roselle Park 10 years ago. She was a telephone operator for New Jersey Bell, Newark, for 15 years before retiring many years ago. Mrs. VanBuskirk was a member of the Casano Center Senior Citizens Club and the Casano Community Center, both of Roselle Park.

Surviving are two sons, Gilbert C.

and William E.; five daughters, Ruth Guarriello, Betty Turpin, Carol Palmer, Rita Stiles and Marianne Faria; two brothers, Frank Rutkiewicz and Chester Grabowski; two sisters, Helen Powers and Alice Gorka; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Margaret McGurgan

Margaret J. McGurgan, 93, of Springfield died Jan. 13 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. McGurgan lived in Springfield since 1958. She was a member of the Senior Citizens Club of Springfield.

Surviving are three daughters, Joan C. Noonan, Marilyn Haggerty and Jacqueline French; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Edward A. Mueller

Edward A. Mueller, 104, of Hazlet, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 20 in Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Mueller came to the United States in 1893 and lived in Springfield until moving to Hazlet four years ago. He was a tool and dye maker for Elastic Stopnut, Union, for many years and retired in 1968 at the age of 75-years-old.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte M. Grant; six grandchildren, 11 great-

grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

David Schwartz

David Schwartz, 42, of Springfield died Jan. 20 in his home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Schwartz lived in Springfield most of his life. He was a prosecutor for the city of Newark for five years after having a private law practice in Springfield for 15 years. Mr. Schwartz received a bachelor's degree from Drew University and his law degree from the Seton Hall Law School.

Gertrude M. Keller

Gertrude M. Keller, 77, of Springfield died Jan. 20 in Cornell Hall Convalescent Center, Union.

Born in Newark, Miss Keller lived in Union before moving to Springfield 27 years ago. She was a paralegal with Schering-Plough, Kenilworth, for seven years and retired 10 years ago. Miss Keller was a member of the National Secretary Association.

Marie Brewton

Marie Brewton of Winston-Salem, N.C., formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 21 in Forsyth Memorial Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Born in Roselle, Mrs. Brewton lived in Springfield for 20 years before moving to North Carolina six

years ago. She was a financial administrator at the Nine Sixty-Six Club in Newark before her retirement. Mrs. Brewton served on the Missionary Circle of the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Wilbert; a daughter, Carolyn Brewton-Haynes, and a grandchild.

John D. Demovic

John D. Demovic, 83, of Mountain-side died Jan. 24 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Dunellen, Mr. Demovic lived in Glen Gardner and Newark before moving to Mountain-side 47 years ago. He was employed for 10 years with Cosmar Inc., Clark, in the maintenance department before retiring in 1976. Previously, Mr. Demovic had owned Birch Hill Dairy, a milk delivery company, in Mountain-side, for 20 years. He was an exempt fireman with the Mountain-side Fire Department, a founder of the Mountain-side Little League, a past member of the Glen Gardner Volunteer Fire Department and a licensed pilot with the Civil Aeronautics Association.

Surviving are a son, Thomas C.; a brother, Alex; three sisters, Rose Mingone, Helen Reynold and Ann Susman; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Layng

Elizabeth "Elsie" Roos Layng, 90, of McLean, Va., formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 23 in Loudon Hospital in Virginia.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Layng lived in Florida, Springfield and Virginia. She graduated from Queensboro Business Institute and worked throughout her career in the accounting field. She first worked for an import-export business on the East River. Later she worked with her late husband, Wilbert Willis, at Layng and Co., a construction equipment firm located in Springfield. Mrs. Layng later was assistant receiver of taxes for Summit. She worked for her son at Layng and Co. Greenhouses before her death. She had knitted hats for children at the Mission in Sunset Gap, Ky.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Carson; a son, W. John Layng; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must be in writing. This newspaper cannot accept obituaries by telephone. Obituary notices must be typed and include a telephone number where writer may be reached 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 686-7700.

Sagan remembered at Trailside program

According to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, on March 2 at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Trailside Nature & Science Center will present "Remembering Carl Sagan." 1934-1997. The show will highlight the accomplishments of one of the most popular astronomers, Carl Sagan. A former Rahway native, Sagan was most noted for his PBS-TV series and book, "Cosmos," aired in 1980. Throughout the series, Sagan took his audience on an easy to understand journey into space and examined how "earthlings" fit into the universe scheme.

Sagan was the director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies and was awarded the title of the David Duncan Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. He played vital roles in the Viking, Voyager, Mariner and Galileo missions, as well as the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. He published more than 400 scientific and popular articles and authored over a dozen books including "Cosmos," "The Dragons of Eden," "Intelligent Life in the Universe," "Comet," and "Murmurs of Earth." In 1978, Sagan won the Pulitzer Prize for Literature.

Included in this voyage in Carl Sagan's "Spaceship of the Imagination" will be a visit to the current night sky and excerpts from the "Sounds of Earth," a recording which was sent into space with the Voyager spacecraft. Admission to "Remembering Carl Sagan" will be \$3/person or \$2.55 seniors, payable at the door. Children under 6 years of age will not be admitted. For more information call Trailside Nature & Science Center at (908) 789-3670. Trailside is a facility of Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountain-side, New Jersey, in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountain-side, New Jersey on the 21st day of January, 1997.
ORDINANCE 954-97
ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$150,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGH HALL AND BY THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY.
JUDITH E. OSTY
BOROUGH CLERK
U3179 MEC Jan. 30, 1997 (57.50)

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ORDINANCE 954-97
ORDINANCE TO SET SPEED LIMIT ON DEER PATH
JUDITH E. OSTY
BOROUGH CLERK
U3178 MEC Jan. 30, 1997 (\$6.00)

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-752904
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1867891
PLAINTIFF: NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.
DEFENDANT: LEONARD A. KAVEBERG AND KATHLEEN J. KAVEBERG, HIS WIFE ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: OCTOBER 22, 1995
SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D. 1997

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall introduce and file by public vendue, in the FREEHOLDERS MEETING ROOM, 6th FLOOR, in the Administration Building in the City of Hillside, New Jersey, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, the property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey, commonly known as 17 Cottler Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.
Lot No. 38 in Block No. 72.
Dimensions of Lot (approximately) 125 X 80
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the westerly sidewalk of Cottler Avenue South 50 degrees 44 minutes west 60 feet to the point and place of beginning of said JUDGMENT AMOUNT: TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$23,932.10)
ATTORNEY: LEVY LYBECK BERTELE & BECK 306 MORRIS AVENUE SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081
SHERIFF: RALPH FROELICH FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-THREE CENTS TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$23,969.83)
Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1997 (58.00) U2786 SLR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after public hearing, the Zoning Board of Adjustment took action on 12/9/96 on the following application:
Jonathan C. Younghans, 9 Rodman Ln., Block 22 A, Lot 32, to permit an addition to a dwelling and an addition to a non-conforming structure, together with yard encroachments in the R-2 Zone contrary to Sections 1003(a)(1)(f), 1003(h) & 1009(c)(4) - GRANT.
Valerie A. Saunders
U3197 MEC Jan. 30, 1997 (\$11.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO LEO J. ECKMANN, P.E. FOR WASTE WATER COLLECTION OPERATOR SERVICES BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for the services of a licensed Waste Water Collection Operator to comply with the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts 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, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and enter into an agreement with Leo J. Eckmann, P.E. for Waste Water Collection Operator services at a fee of \$200.00 per month, which services may be terminated upon notice to Leo J. Eckmann, P.E. at the termination of any given month. 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.
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, January 28, 1997.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH
U3198 SLR January 30, 1997 (\$17.75)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of February, 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 #97-1 on behalf of Richard and Sandra Walsh for a variance or other relief to be granted to their property, 2nd full bath, and 1 additional bedroom which violates the Schedule of Limitations, Rear Setback, on the property located at 2nd full bath, and designated as block 605, lot 1 on the Springfield Township Tax Map.
Any interested parties should appear in person at the hearing on the day and date set forth above, and in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
Richard and Sandra Walsh Applicants
U3163 SLR Jan. 30, 1997 (\$9.75)

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<h3>Attorneys</h3> <p>Christopher Luongo, Esq. General Practice ★ Personal Injury: auto accidents, slip & falls, worker's compensation & food poisoning cases. ★ Municipal Court: DWI, traffic, disorderly, juvenile & criminal cases. ★ Consumer & Commercial Litigation. Free Consultation - Summit - (908) 522-1898</p>	<h3>Psychotherapy</h3> <p>Phyllis A. Karon, M.S.W. Specializing in: • Individual • Family • Group Psychotherapy • Counseling Adults & Adolescents 908-277-1009 or 277-0991 86 Summit Ave. Summit, NJ 07901 By Appointment</p>
<h3>Chiropractors</h3> <p>Dr. Stephen Levine South Orange Chiropractic Center Sports injuries, head, neck and back pain. If you're a chiropractic case, we will tell you. If not, we will tell you too. 15 Village Plaza, South Orange, 201-761-0022</p>	<h3>Speech Pathologist</h3> <p>Monica Millin M.A. CCC/SLP Comprehensive Speech and Language Services Specializing in Children's Articulation and Language Disorder Afternoon Evening and Saturday Hours 595 Ashwood Road Springfield 201-467-3805</p>



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BABY NEW YEAR— Brian Andrew Katz was delivered on Jan. 2 at 6:37 p.m. at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston. The seven-pound, three-ounce infant became the family's second son — and Springfield's first newborn of 1997. Above, Brian Andrew is joined by his family Lorraine, Eric, and Stewart Katz.



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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Division of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the ARC of Union County and the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Five Points Branch, will present a Volleyball Program for people with developmental disabilities.

The program will be held at the Five Points YMCA — located on 201 Tucker Ave. in Union — on Wednesdays from March 5 to April 9 from 7-8:15 p.m.

Emphasis will be placed on teaching the fundamentals of this growing sport and provide fun and exercise. It's possible that a Union County Special Olympics team will be formed by the participants.

Registration is on a first-come first-serve, mail-in basis only. Pre-registration by Thursday, Feb. 27 is required. The fee is \$3.

Applications can be requested by calling the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900. Funding for the program is made possible by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs through the Recreational Opportunities Grant for Individuals with Disabilities.

The Union County College Foundation will conduct its fifth annual Golf Tournament, an excellent opportunity for businesspersons and educators to network in an atmosphere of friendly conviviality.

The tourney is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at the Shackamaxon Private Country Club held in Scotch Plains.

Proceeds will benefit UCC students and programs.

The tourney will take on a similar format as last year, with a late morning buffet brunch followed by a noon shotgun start. After the tourney, participants are invited to attend a cocktail hour and dinner, with raffle prizes, plus an awards ceremony to recognize outstanding tournament players in various categories.

Sponsorships are also being sought for the dinner, cocktail reception, brunch, golf carts, corporate foursomes, program, photo souvenir, tees, greens or hazards.

The tourney was inaugurated in 1993 in memory of the late Richard O. Luster, a former member of the school's Board of Governors, who died the previous year. He was an avid golfer.

More information about the tourney may be obtained by calling Nadine Brechner, the school's executive director of development, at 908-709-7505.

Local runners, race-walkers and aspiring marathoners who would like the exhilarating and perhaps once-in-a-lifetime experience of participating in the world-class San Francisco Marathon July 13 are invited to join the Arthritis Foundation's "Joints in Motion" Marathon Training Team.

"Joints in Motion" team members will receive free entry in the marathon, 18-20 weeks of training by certified athletic trainers, travel and hotel accommodations and running gear — all at no cost to them — in return for raising \$2,500 for arthritis research and Quality of Life Programs for people with arthritis in New Jersey.

More information may be obtained by calling Liz Giardinia at the Arthritis Foundation at 908-283-4300.



Photo by Ted Matthews

Ed Ryscavage resigned from his post as the Dayton Regional High School head football coach last week after refusing to sign an evaluation he felt included unwarranted negative comments.

Ryscavage disagrees with coaching critique Resigns as Dayton grid coach

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

When Ed Ryscavage took over as the Dayton Regional High School head football coach two years ago he started from scratch.

Recently he was left scratching his head after reading several negative comments once his program was evaluated after the 1996 season.

That prompted his resignation.

"I resigned because of a disagreement with the principal and athletic director," said Ryscavage, who guided Dayton to a 6-3 mark last season, the school's first winning record in five years.

"I felt that the negative comments about me and my staff were unfair and that it would be better for me to resign. I was not fired and will apply to coach elsewhere."

Ryscavage had a 7-11 record in two years at Dayton, taking over a squad that had one returning senior in 1995. Dayton had managed only five wins the previous three seasons before Ryscavage took over.

He officially resigned last Tuesday (Jan. 21), refusing to sign the evaluation he was given.

"It was very disheartening," Ryscavage said. "We rebuilt this team and I thought we did a great job this year. Once I read the evaluation and the negative comments, I didn't look forward to working with the school anymore."

Ryscavage previously served as a head coach at Irvington and Rumson and as an assistant at Red Bank Regional, Shore Regional, Irvington and Rumson. He said he never received an evaluation with negative comments before about the way he and his staff handled their coaching duties.

After going 1-8 in 1995 with a cast made up mostly of sophomores and just a few juniors, this year's Dayton squad took off after an 0-3 start produced better football, just close losses.

Dayton turned its season around by winning its last six games, shutting out Bound Brook, Middlesex and Ridge, whipping playoff-bound Johnson Regional 34-7 on the road and defeating Immaculata for the first time in the 1990s by a 23-14 count, another impressive road win.

The Bulldogs outscored their nine opponents by a 218-99 margin, their last six by a 190-34 count.

"We started with sophomores two years ago and last year finished with six wins, including beating quality teams in Immaculata, Johnson and Ridge," Ryscavage said. "If the kids we had this year were going to remain for next year, we'd have some kind of team."

With the disbanding last year of the Union County Regional system, almost three-fourths of last year's team, many of them Kenilworth residents, will jump to Brearley in Kenilworth, which will re-open next school year.

"I've had success rebuilding programs at Irvington and Rumson and will do it again somewhere else," said Ryscavage, who plans on applying for vacant positions at Kenilworth and Belleville.

"The kids were great and we did receive a lot of support from the parents and from within the school," Ryscavage said. "It's an unfortunate circumstance."

Dayton will have a tough time fielding a varsity team next year because the number of athletes will drop due to the Kenilworth residents going back to Brearley.

Dayton girls' hoops excels by winning three straight

Bulldogs began week with excellent 8-4 mark

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

The Dayton Regional High School girls' basketball team continued to excel this year by winning all three of its Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division contests last week.

The Bulldogs first bested Manville 64-49 Jan. 21 at home behind 16 points from Theresa Lyle and Lucy Cuccinello.

Dayton then won at Mt. St. Mary 57-37 in Watchung Thursday, Cuccinello scoring 19 and Dawn Woodruff 15.

The Bulldogs improved to 8-4 and 7-3 in the MVC-Valley with a 57-34 win against St. Mary's of Elizabeth at home Friday. Woodruff scored 15 and Cuccinello 14.

Dayton's boys' basketball team had a seven-game winning streak snapped last Friday when it fell to St. Mary's 47-33 in Elizabeth. Dayton had previously topped St. Mary's 54-52 in overtime back on Jan. 3 behind a 21-point effort from senior guard Ryan Nelson.

After suffering from migraine headaches and missing six games, Nelson returned to the lineup against St. Mary's and scored nine points.

Dayton began the week at 10-3 overall and 7-1 in the MVC-Valley (tied for first with Roselle Park with just one loss in the Valley) after suffering a 46-35 non-conference loss at Union Catholic Saturday.

Junior forward Chris Loeffler paced Dayton in scoring in the St. Mary's and Union Catholic games with 10-point efforts in each. Nelson had eight against UC.

The cutoff date to qualify for the state playoffs is Saturday, Feb. 8. Teams must have records of .500 or better through games played on that date to qualify in their respective section.

The Union County Tournament seeding meetings will take place in two weeks, with the girls' tourney to commence Saturday, Feb. 15 and the boys' Monday, Feb. 17.

The title games will take place at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth on Saturday, March 1. The girls' go first at 1 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 3.

Wrestling

Dayton slipped to 4-3 as it was defeated by Roselle Park 71-6 in Roselle Park last week. The Bulldogs' only points came from senior 160-pounder Vince DeCicco, who pinned Roselle Park's Albert Munoz in 3:31.

H.S. Roundup

Dayton was scheduled to host Newark Central last Saturday; face Governor Livingston at home last night and tonight has a match scheduled at Millburn for 7.

Dayton has a match scheduled for Saturday at Manville at 1 p.m. and next Wednesday night at New Providence at 7. The Bulldogs will then compete in the Union County Tournament.

The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference, serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50 years, is sponsoring the 22nd annual Union County Wrestling Tournament.

The Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth will be the site for this highly competitive tournament, scheduled for Feb. 14-15.

The schedule of rounds is as follows:

Friday, Feb. 14:
5 p.m. — Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary

7:30 p.m. — Quarterfinals
9 p.m. Consolation Preliminary

Saturday, Feb. 15
10 a.m. — Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals

11:30 a.m. — Consolation Semifinals
2 p.m. — Consolation Finals (3rd, 5th, 7th places)

3:30 p.m. — Awards Presentation
3:45 p.m. — Finals

Participating teams include (in alphabetical order): Cranford, Dayton Regional, Elizabeth, Governor Livingston, Johnson Regional, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Catholic, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union, Wardlaw-Hartridge and Westfield.

All 14 weight classes go up two pounds as of Feb. 1, thus the slots will look like this: 105, 114, 121, 127, 132, 137, 142, 147, 154, 162, 173, 191, 217, 277.

The following guidelines are the Format of the Tournament:

A. Form of Wrestling: 1st and 2nd Place winners will have four matches, while all other place-winners could have five to six matches with an additional match (7) if they draw a pre-preliminary match.

B. A loss in the pre-preliminary round (the out bracket) will eliminate a contestant from further competition.

C. A wrestler who loses in the preliminary round will only be eligible for the consolations if his opponent makes it to the semifinal round.

D. All matches in the consolations (wrestlebacks) will be one minute, two minutes, three minutes.

E. Team scoring will continue throughout the wrestlebacks.

F. Team scoring will be up to eighth place.

Seeding Eligibility

All wrestlers with a .500 record will be considered for a see. (Not including duplicate losses to same opponent or in a higher weight class).

Seeding Procedure

1. All wrestlers will be listed.

2. Wrestlers will be seeded by applying criteria 1-3.

3. If seed is not resolved by criteria 1-3, then criteria 4 will be applied and a vote by the coaches will be taken if necessary.

4. Byes will be drawn, if necessary.

5. Lines for pre-preliminaries will be drawn, if necessary. No seeded wrestler will receive a pre-preliminary bout.

6. All other wrestlers will be drawn.

7. The last two wrestlers (if bracket exceeds 16) will be drawn for pre-preliminary bouts.

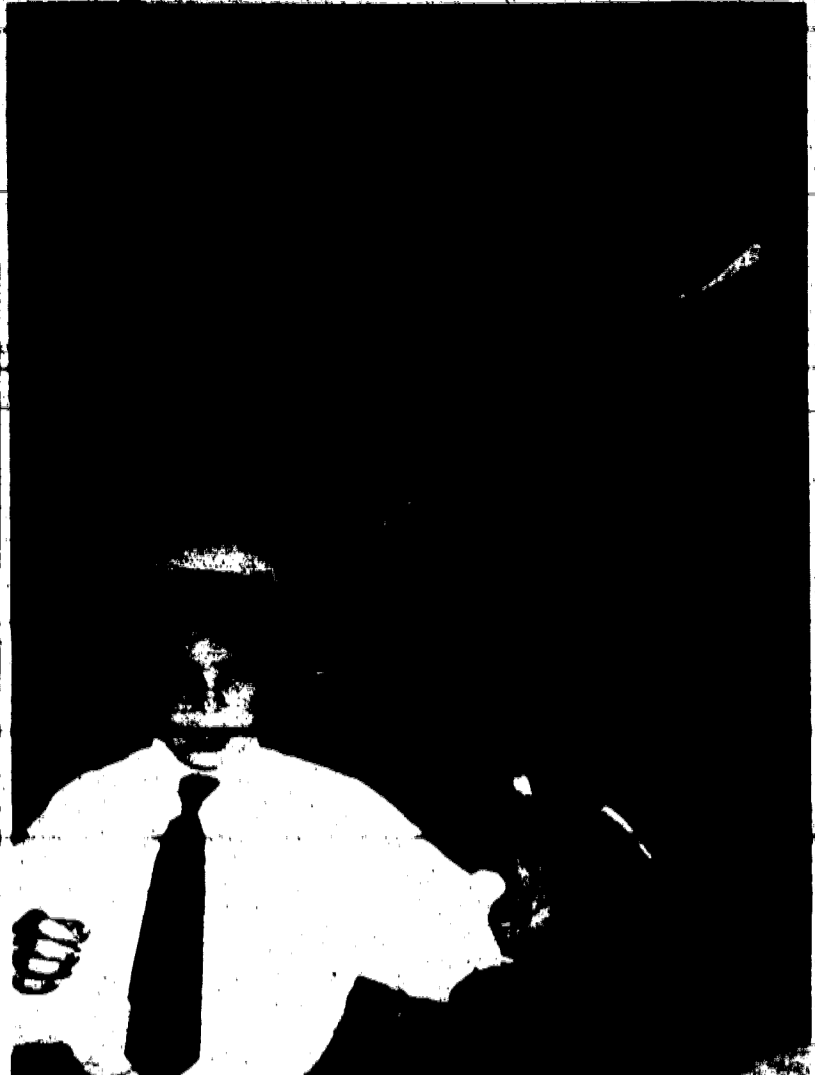


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Dayton Regional High School senior 160-pounder Vince DeCicco pinned Roselle Park's Albert Munoz in 3:31 during their match last week at Roselle Park.

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Holy service



Third graders at Solomon Schechter of Essex and Union joined for the Havdala, a brief ritual that ends with the Jewish Sabbath and ushers in the next week. After making a cup of wine, a spice box and a braided candle, the ritual objects used during the Havdala service, the children sang songs and led their families in the ceremony. From left are Aaron Kaplan of Springfield with his parents Navah and Gabriel Kaplan.

Deer meat to feed homeless

The second of the county's five-year plan to reduce the size of the Watchung Reservation deer population began Jan. 14.

The county's state-approved program is intended to reduce the population of white-tailed deer in the reservation to 20 per square mile. Surveys conducted in 1993 from an airplane with infrared photography, and from the ground with spotlights, have revealed approximately 180 deer per square mile.

Thirty marksmen, chosen by lottery from among licensed hunters who have demonstrated a proficiency in shooting, have been selected. One half of the agents are police officers. The hunters will be supervised by the Union County Police and the state Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

There will be an average of eight, but no more than 12, in the reservation at one time. Working in teams, with a law enforcement officer, they will use shotguns with telescopic sights, and will shoot in areas which have clear and open views of deer.

The killed deer will be processed at a USDA-approved butcher, and the venison will be distributed to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside.

In 1996, 5,600 pounds of donated venison provided meals for more than 22,000 people.

Hours of the program will be from dawn to 11 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to dusk, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only.

The program will conclude after 30 days of hunting, or when 189 deer are taken, whichever comes first.

Anyone found hunting on any county property, outside of this program, will be prosecuted.

The Watchung Reservation will not be closed during the program, however, some roads in the park may be closed, if necessary.

The shooting program conducted last year has resulted in a reduction in the deer herd size. The Plan for Long Range Action, which was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 1995 and became the first program of its kind ever approved by the state, encompasses 12 recommendations, including scientific studies and efforts to restore the forest and reduce car accidents through traffic engineering.

The county's goal is to reduce the deer population from 400 to 60 in the park. Alternatives to shooting have been explored and debated by the Deer Management Subcommittee.

Additional information about the Deer Management Program can be found in a June 1996 report that is available in all public libraries in Union County, the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside, the Union County Customer Information Center in Westfield and the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation offices in Elizabeth.

For more information, call the Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.

Flower show trip planned by arboretum

From creating valentines in a family workshop to an adult education stroll to "Name That Tree," winter programs are in progress at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Also planned are three visits to the Philadelphia flower show in early March.

Children from 4- to 10-years-old can learn how to make valentines from recycled paper and pressed flowers in the Feb. 8 "Family Fun" workshop. Book marks, greetings, and wall decorations are among the options to choose. Family fun continues on March 15 with "Native American Plants and Dyes" and March 22 with "Native American Crafts". Each workshop runs on a Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and fees for each are \$13, \$10 members. Children ages 4 and 5 should be accompanied by an adult; others may attend on their own or with parent, grandparent, or other adult.

Adult education programs in February include "London's Calling" on Wednesday with a slide lecture by Mary Liz Lewis of Summit from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for fees of \$29 for nonmembers, \$23 for members. Lewis, who holds a certificate in horticulture from Longwood Gardens, will discuss the splendors of English gardens and flower shows. She returns on Feb. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. with "Gardening Sources," to provide tips on finding or exchanging the best annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Fees are \$24 for nonmembers, \$18 for members.

Thomas M. Ombrello, Union County College Biology professor, author of Horticultural advisor to the arboretum will "Name That Tree!" as he leads a tour on the arboretum grounds and gives tips on what to consider planting for wintertime color and texture. A slide program and

refreshments are included on Feb. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for fees of \$15 for nonmembers, \$12 for members.

The arboretum sojourns to the Philadelphia Flower Show are scheduled on March 4, 6, and 8. On March 4 only, departure is at noon, with dinner and guided tour included for fee of \$114 for nonmembers, \$99 for members and return expected at 9 p.m. On March 6 and 8, departure is 8 a.m.,

returning at 4 p.m., with fees of \$50 for nonmembers, \$54 for members. All trips include admission and refreshments enroute.

Advance registration is required for all events by calling Susan Foule, programs director, at (908) 273-8787 at the office. The arboretum, a national and state historic site specializing in environmental education, is located at 165 Hobart Ave., near Rt. 24.

Students learn religious ceremony and meaning

The Summit Jewish Community Center recently held a consecration ceremony for the third grade class of the SJCC Religious School.

"Consecration is an important milestone for our students," explained Rabbi William Horn, spiritual leader of the SJCC. "It not only marks our students' formal entry into our program of Jewish Education, but also dedicates each student to a life-long pursuit of knowledge and commitment to study."

Participating in the consecration ceremony were Berkeley Heights residents Stacy Seigel, Stefanie Tuder and Stephen Yellin; New Providence residents Neal Ashinsky, Liza Demby and Julia Veloric; Charlie Freundlich of Short Hills; Summit residents Dana Halpern, Lauren Magness, Evan Rosen, Arielle Salomon, Rachel Talbert and Sam Zukoff; Samantha Grindlinger of Mountainside and Sarah St. Lifer of Westfield.

As part of the preparation for consecration, each student had to identify a Jewish individual in history whose life made a difference, research this hero's work, and during the consecration Shabbat services, present the lessons of each person's life. The student's work covered a wide range of Jewish heroes, from Rebecca Gratz who introduced the first Jewish Sunday school, to former Israeli Prime Minister and Nobel peace laureate, Yitzchak Rabin.

Throughout the evening service, SJCC Cantor, Jeanet Roth Krupnick, led the class in a number of songs which also highlighted the program's theme of "Jewish Heroes through the Ages."

To commemorate consecration, each student received a personally inscribed Siddur, the Jewish book of common prayer. "It is particularly appropriate for our consecration class to receive a Siddur," said Cecile Seiden, director of the SJCC Religious School. "For the Siddur is the blueprint of Jewish Life and has meaning for every aspect of the Jewish living experience."

The SJCC provides classes for K through 7 grades and post-graduate classes once a week for grades 8-11. For further information, call the SJCC office at 273-8130.

Auction will benefit library

Remmey's Consignment and Auction Gallery will be holding an auction Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. at the gallery located at 83 Summit Ave., Summit. A percentage of the net proceeds to the gallery of this auction will be donated by Remmey's to the Summit Free Public Library for the Building Renovation and Expansion Fund.

The auction will feature rare books, maps and ephemera as well as furniture from a south Jersey estate. Other items to be sold include, decorative accessories, doll houses, fine art and coins. Consignments on behalf of the library are also welcome. Donations to the library are welcome and can be appraised. Prior arrangements need to be made for large items. Call (908) 273-5055 for more information. In conjunction with the auction there will be a lecture titled "How to Buy at Auction" given on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at 83 Summit Ave. Resident Carolyn Remmey, president of Remmey Galleries, will speak on the "nuts and bolts" of buying at auction, covering how to preview, the "mystery" of bidding understanding the auction catalog, payment terms and picking up purchases. Call (908) 273-5055 for more information and reservations. The lecture is free of charge.

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Union's SID, chamber push unification effort

By Maddy Vitale
Staff Writer

The Special Improvement District and the Chamber of Commerce have united in a collaborative effort for the betterment of Union.

While the SID has primarily focused on filling vacancies in Union Center and at former industrial sites, the Chamber of Commerce has worked on projects to create a safer and more easily traveled roadway along Route 22 with the creation of a booklet designating new U-turns on the highway.

The SID, which was created in 1993, has worked along with the Union Township Committee and the departments of Health, Education and Building, to fill vacant properties with retail establishments, offices and residential complexes.

The work and effort of Director of Economic Development Michael Minitelli and SID may be paying off. The total number of industrial properties is 217, totaling more than 9 million square feet. In October 1995, there were 25 industrial buildings with vacancies.

In October 1996, the number dropped to nine totally vacant buildings with six only partially vacant properties. These vacancies include Carpenter Technologies and Harvard Industries, with the latter under

contract with developer K. Hovnanian for residential and senior housing.

Several new projects are under way for industrial property such as property on Route 22 that is slated to become a Target store. Home Depot has also attained the necessary board approvals to occupy the vacant property once home to the Union Market Place, located on Springfield Avenue.

The SID underwent "streetscape" and "facade" programs, which were a major factor in filling vacancies with new businesses, which increased consumer participation.

Minitelli said another goal of the SID is the creation of uniform business hours.

He also said it is important for the SID and the chamber to work together.

"I would expect the chamber is an integral part of Union and we should work together. Cooperation and partnership is important for the community to progress," Minitelli said.

He said the communication wasn't always as good as it has been in recent months between the two groups.

Each group sends a representative to the other group's meeting each month, to keep both parties abreast of upcoming plans to improve the economic situation.

The chamber and the SID could not be combined and create one tax to the mer-



One reason for the growth of Union Center is the annual street fair, which draws thousands of people to the shopping area.

chants because by state statute, the SID is a separate entity.

He did say, however, that the groups do work together on many successful projects such as a circus, the street fair, and a car show. "We could do these things on our own, but to show a cooperative effort, we work together," he said.

Minitelli has his work cut out for him and realizes even though many vacancies have been filled throughout the township, the problem still remains.

"The first step was coming to the realization that the type of industry that once

thrived in this area of the country is gone and will not return," he said.

Union Township Mayor Greg Muller said of the economic development in the municipality:

"Each and every project must be scrutinized to ensure that at no time will any project negatively affect the quality of life of our residents."

Muller added that he is confident that the township "has the right people in the right places to guarantee there will be no overdevelopment at the expense of Union's most important commodity — its residents."

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Summit plans for a 'banner year' for the city

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The new year is upon us and Summit has many exciting improvements and ideas on the horizon for the city as far as the downtown shopping district and the overall business community are concerned.

Summit Downtown Inc., and the Chamber of Commerce know that there are certain issues that must be addressed, as well as some ideas that they are looking forward to getting under way.

"If we are looking at what has to happen, the top of the wish-list is that the Common Council and the businesses and residents come to a decision and a direction for some type of solution to the parking problem in the city," said Joe Steiner of Summit Downtown Inc. "Midtown Direct is a wonderful success. It is doing exactly what New Jersey Transit wanted it to do except that it did its four-year projection in four months. We now are faced with Christmas parking situations 365 days a year, and none of the presents that go with it."

With the well known woes of Summit's parking headaches as one of the main focuses of the city, they are also taking on major tasks to try to come up with other ideas to improve the downtown.

"We are looking forward to getting the results of the study of the downtown which has been commissioned. We expect to receive it by early spring, and it will give us

'It is going to be a very good year with lots of potential and hope for the future.'

— Joe Steiner
Summit Downtown

a very good lay of the land as to just what we are looking to do and where we are going to be in the future." Steiner said. "In addition to that, we are looking at the mayor's beautification initiative of redoing downtown from top to bottom for 1999. There is a lot of planning and effort that has to go into that. So from an economic infrastructure position, it is going to be a very good year with lots of potential and hope for the future."

The business landscape of the city is also looking forward to resolving the 71 Summit Avenue situation, or, as it is known, the old town hall building, as well as welcoming some new neighbors into the community.

"We are looking for a resolution to the old town hall issue which will impact what goes on downtown. Summit has not suffered the way some of the neighboring communities have as far as decline in retail business, and Summit has always made sure



Springfield Avenue businesses should expect a banner year this year.

that the business community is what it needs to be to ensure the success of the city," Steiner said. "The other thing that we are looking forward to is establishing a continuing relationship with one of our largest employers in town who, although it's an old friend, has a new name, Novartis. We

have a whole new corporation bringing its worldwide headquarters into the city and that is a prestigious position for Summit. We have also started to welcome the new First Union facility on River Road, so the focus is not just on the downtown area, but rather on See SUMMIT, Page 5

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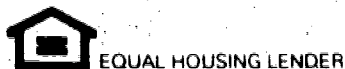
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Roselle Park striving to maintain business

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

Roselle Park Borough Council members are hopeful about the economic status for the town in the upcoming year.

In 1996, the mayor and council were able to boast only a minimal tax increase. According to Council President Bob Milici, officials will make every effort to match such a figure in 1997. This will be despite the expected loss of state funding, such as the similar financial loss which occurred in the previous year.

"This year, we can again expect a loss of \$225,000 in state aid," explained Milici. Therefore, duplicating last year's zero-point effort may be quite a task, although there is always a possibility. In addition, the council promises to make every effort to prevent any detrimental tax increases. They remain optimistic that it will not be necessary for the town to generate funds for any additional spending outside of the proposed budget.

"Hopes are high that we can minimize any tax increases for the upcoming year," said Milici.

At the present time, the council is still in the process of reviewing the forthcoming budget for Roselle Park. Also, in an effort to maintain current businesses in town, and to attract new ones to the community, Milici explained that "the mayor and council will be attempting to regulate spending as much as possible." In this way, businesses that are still trying to emerge, as well as those already in operation, will have the opportunity to prosper without the burden of additional tax-inflicted expenses.

While Finance Chairperson Melanie Selk and other members of the council agree that it is still too early in the year to make any major predictions concerning the proposed budget for 1997, they remain optimistic about the town's financial forecast.

"The mayor and council are committed to making the best tax impact possible for the residents of Roselle Park," Milici said.



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Kenilworth is on right track for business growth in 1997

Master plan, chamber seem promising

By Christopher Toohey
Staff Writer

While many municipalities throughout Union County are suffering from a declining economic base due to an industry exodus or general unattractiveness, the Borough of Kenilworth seems immune to such unfortunes.

For months, Mayor Michael Tripodi and the Borough Council have been developing plans to establish a chamber of commerce for the 2.1-square-mile borough. This notion has culminated into a breakfast meeting that will be held tomorrow at the Kenilworth Inn on the Boulevard.

According to Councilman and Finance Committee Chairman Richard Falcetano, approximately 20 borough business owners are expected to attend, as well as borough and county officials.

If successful, businesses throughout the borough will have the opportunity to pool their resources and create a synergetic union. Tripodi said businesses would be able to advertise together, thus promoting themselves as a whole.

Like many other counties, industry is slowly migrating south, leaving behind unoccupied buildings and parcels of land. "The days of big industry coming into Kenilworth are probably gone," said Falcetano.

However, Falcetano views the forecast for Kenilworth as positive.

The borough recently adopted a new Master Plan that will help convert industrial sites into a "hybrid" zone that can blend residential and commercial areas comfortably, Tripodi said.

In addition, efforts are being put forth to keep the borough businesses where they are and to attract new businesses — a strategy that can become complicated.

Falcetano said that there is a danger that attracting businesses of a particular market already present in town may create competition that may force out the original business.

"We have to be very careful what we allow to come in. We don't want to bring in competition that will undermine their profits and force them out," he said.

Falcetano said the interest in Kenilworth among out-of-town businesses is "very high." In fact, Tripodi said he receives daily inquiries from businesses requesting information about the borough.

But just what is it that makes Kenilworth so popular with the private sector? Tripodi said it's due to the low taxes, good location and business-friendly atmosphere that the borough possesses.

But with a new Master Plan in effect and the possibility of a chamber of commerce looking very promising, it seems Kenilworth is on the right track for 1997.

Seminar targets retirement

Citizens are invited to attend a free investment workshop, "How to Realize Your Retirement Dreams: Mistakes to avoid when planning your future."

The seminar will be held March 11 at the Westifeld YMCA or on March 13 at the Scotch Plains Library. Both programs are at 7:15 p.m.

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Following the seminar, citizens will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment to receive a free consultation to address their personal financial concerns.

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Summit plans for banner year

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the whole community."

It promises to be an exciting year for the Summit business community with many new plans and improvements already under way to bring a rejuvenated feel to the city. It looks as if both the city government and the business community are dedicated to making Summit one of the state's most popular communities for living and working, with what will eventually be a first class retail business district for those in and out of the community to visit and enjoy. 1997 should be a banner year for the city of Summit.



The mayor's beautification initiative for businesses is expected to begin 1997.

Tosco, Bayway predict growth

Tosco Corp. and its Bayway Refinery in Linden both saw a number of significant changes in 1996, and 1997 is sure to bring additional growth.

To illustrate Tosco's rapid expansion: in 1992, the company had 2,000 employees and \$2.2 billion in sales. During the next four years, Tosco grew into a refining and marketing powerhouse with 25,000 employees working in more than 4,000 company-operated convenience stores and four refineries, raising annualized revenues to \$11.5 billion in 1996.

After purchasing Bayway in 1993, Bayway became a major catalyst in the company's rapid growth when Tosco effectively doubled refinery production rates. In fact, if all of Bayway's gasoline production were marketed exclusively in New Jersey, the refinery could supply more than one out of every two gallons of gasoline sold in the state.

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DELAIRE GARDENS MOVES FORWARD WITH ASSISTED-TYPE LIVING

The Residents of Delaire Gardens in Linden, New Jersey, have been enjoying a carefree, independent style of living for years. Now that Delaire Gardens is licensed by the state to offer assisted-type living, Residents will continue to maintain their life-style and know that they can truly "age in place".

This is the underlying philosophy of assisted living. However, it does have other advantages. Just ask Theresa Hughes, a long time resident. "After my husband died, I decided to stay here at Delaire. It was easier, no housework, no cooking, I do what I want to do and when I want to". When the seasons change, the folks at Delaire Gardens don't have to worry about moving, raking or shoveling. There are no maintenance or housekeeping worries and three meals a day are served in the comfortable and newly decorated dining room.

There's no confinement here. Many of the Residents are on the move everyday. For example, Mike Walano and Nick Carbone walk to town almost everyday. They like the fresh air, do a little personal shopping and in Mike's case, he visits his brother, who lives close to town. Nick is the first one with a tan: Starting with the first day of warm weather, Nick can be found outside taking in the sun's rays.

"You can be as active as you want to be", says Theresa. "It just depends on what you like". Theresa has found a few people who enjoy playing cards, as well as, bingo and other games. Eleanor Sonders and Mike Walano are jigsaw puzzle wizards. Some of these puzzles have been framed and sold. They like the challenge but Eleanor also delights in reading and spending some quiet time with a good book.

Belle Sirohm, who is an avid fan of the Yankees and Notre Dame football, can be found on the patio looking for different types of birds that venture into the yard. The baby birds take to Belle, as they do their own mother. They practically eat out of her hand. "I was really excited this past summer, a hummingbird was feeding from the flowers. It was the first time, I've seen one that close".

Whether its walking to town, reading or just relaxing in front of the TV, the lifestyle is what you want it to be. Choice makes the difference. The idea of "aging in place" gives people the comfort of knowing they don't have to leave Delaire Gardens, even if they do become a little more dependent for help with their activities of daily living. There are certified personal assistants to assist with bathing, walking and if the need arises, eating.

A registered nurse is always available for any medical needs. Pat Sally and Millie Hamill share this role. The residents rely on them for assurance and medical information. "They just need to know that someone is watching out for them and we do", says Ms. Hamill. "Our role is to keep them as well and as independent as possible", added Ms. Sally. "We encourage them to be active, in whatever form they choose but we also give them reminders when they need to watch their health".

Residents also have peace of mind that if they do need complex nursing care and/or rehabilitation, they can receive it without moving to another facility. Delaire Nursing and Convalescent center is as close as the elevator. "We have everything that the Residents need to stay healthy and independent but if a serious illness takes place that results in hospitalization, the Residents are comforted in the fact they can come back "home" and not have to go anywhere else", this statement by Tom Bejgrowicz, Administrator of Delaire and Delaire Gardens.

Mr. Bejgrowicz, a former resident of Linden, conducts the day to day administration of duties and responsibilities of Delaire. "There principal factor of my position is to see that all residents receive the very best care and along the way have some fun. I enjoy talking with the residents and their families; you never stop learning". Tom also has stories and experiences to share. His office contains actual photographs from a scuba diving adventure and of course, he faces immediate controversy when people see his Dallas Cowboys souvenirs prominently displayed.

There is no controversy when it comes to the advantages of living at Delaire Gardens. Warm, comfortable and worry free. "This is my home" says Mike Walano, other residents express the same feeling. "I've been other places, says Belle Sirohm, "but this is the best and the only place I want to be."

delaire Gardens is conveniently located with easy access to Route 1, the garden state Parkway and the turnpike. It is also a member of the Atlantic Health System, which is comprised of Morristown, overlook and Mountainside hospitals. This gives Residents the added advantages of extensive availability of services.

Theresa Hughes says it all about living at Delaire Gardens, "everything is here that I need, why would I want to be anywhere else, the people are nice, its comfortable and I don't have to cook; I like coming home to delaire".

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DELAIRE GARDENS • WHERE CHOICE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Springfield and Mountainside see positives for business

By **Walter Elliott**
Staff Writer

When it comes to predicting local economic health, the public and private sectors of Springfield and Mountainside offered a tempered optimism.

Whether the future includes a distinctive chamber of commerce, however, is a question of debate.

"I think we're already seeing improvements over last year concerning Springfield's business district," said Township Mayor Roy Allan Hirschfeld. "We have a speed readout sign posted on Morris Avenue as the first step in a speed limit enforcement campaign and there are the improvements made at the Duffy's Corner parking lot. The Township Committee intends to work with the business community in making the downtown business district more attractive."

"I'm seeing improvements around Mountainside which could lead to a better economy," said Borough Mayor Robert F. Vigilanti. "Along Route 22 and in the industrial area, there are storefronts opening up and new companies moving in. The Planning Board, for example, is considering the application by the LESCO lawn maintenance wholesale company. The Sony Movie Theater replaced the former Echo Lake Bowling Alley, Jacobson's store and the Tower Restaurant."

However, businesses tended to be more cautious concerning this year's prospects.



These stores along the Morris Avenue corridor in Springfield hope for better business in 1997.

"We measure our progress on a quarterly basis, not yearly," said Eyclab/Pearle Controller Ray Rausa, who has an outlet in Springfield. "The northeast region tends not to have great growth lately, so we're satisfied if we're doing pretty well this year."

"We hope to do about the same," said Kay Hardware manager Ron Kravitz. "or slightly better than last year."

Both municipalities have memberships in regional chambers of commerce. There are Springfield businessmen who are members of the Suburban Chambers of Commerce, of Summit, and the Elizabeth-based Union County Chamber of Commerce. Mountainside merchants are open to joining the above pair or the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I opened my gallery in March and waited

until August to join the Suburban Chambers of Commerce," said Summit Vox Gallery owner Vicki Ferentinos. "They do a lot of good for businesses about the community."

"The chamber here keeps us in touch," said J.B. Winberne manager Michael Cole. "I do read their newsletter."

Opinions on the function of the chamber, at this point, diverge. Some favor a

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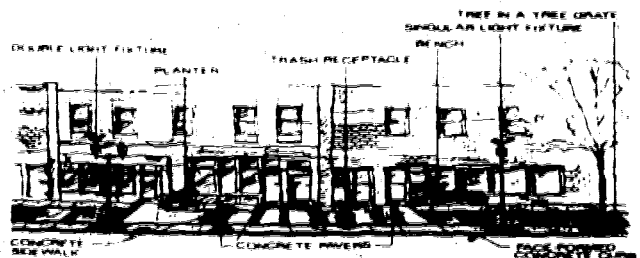
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Rediscover Linden is the theme adopted by the SID Committee as the landscaping and sidewalk design begins.

The SID Committee, which was initiated by Mayor John Gregorio, has been working for nearly a year and a half on this project and as one member stated, "The fruits of our labor are about to begin."

The theme of Rediscover Linden was the recommendation of Board member Morris Rattie. When Mr. Rattie made the recommendation it was immediately approved by the board. It was consistent with many of the different factors and an spark that over the years have been forgotten and with a couple these factors with a new look for the downtown area the theme is so appropriate.

The landscaping design is only a part of what work will occur in the district. Restored, new sidewalks, trees and new lighting the second phase which is the facelift of the facades of the buildings in the district will also begin soon. All of this work will be done as a new street and curbing is being done by the County.

Another major project is a new parking lot for the train station, this has been previously approved by New Jersey Transit and final funding and plans should be approved shortly.

Mayor John Gregorio was named as the chairman of the SID project. "Our city will have a new look, one we can be proud of. Ask the people of our city to support the merchants and business owners

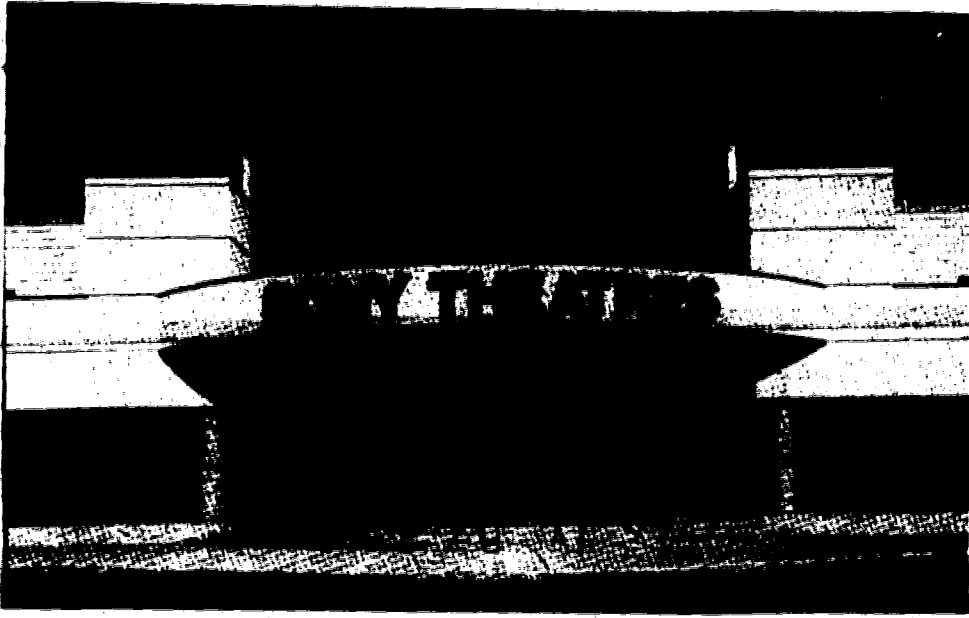
our City." The Mayor went on to say, "The City of Linden remains strong when you look at the number of vacancies on Wood Avenue which is only one or two. It is apparent that our City is a desirable place to locate. Because of that fact this project will maintain and sustain those economic factors and our business district will continue to grow."

Michael Bono, the Director of the SID project stated, "The magnitude and scope of this project only occurred because of the tremendous cooperation and interest of the Mayor and City Council. They were willing to undertake all the aspects of improving the district and not settle for just some improvements that really would not have the impact both economically and aesthetically that the current plan has." Bono went on to say, "The City of Linden can be proud of every member of the SID Committee. They have worked diligently over the last eighteen months. They are dedicated, sincere and the result of all their work will be apparent soon."

Director Bono also reported that the Committee will now be focusing on a marketing plan that will include television, a "Resident/Customer Appreciation Day" and a brochure that will carry the theme "Rediscover Linden."

Letter From The Mayor's Office

MAYOR JOHN GREGORIO



Sony Theatres on Route 22 in Mountainside has been a boon to the borough.



The lobby of the Sony Theatres shows an attractive movie house ready to seat people from throughout the county.

Towns debate merits of chambers

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distinctive association to promote the town's business interests. Others see either no need or participation problems.

Hirschfeld, for one, favors a Springfiled chamber and notes that the nearest recent body was a business improvement district group.

"There was a business improvement district group around the time I started on the committee about three years ago," said Hirschfeld. "I think the problem with it was that it wasn't legally well structured

and faded away. Having a chamber of commerce affiliated with the Union County Chamber of Commerce could be helpful in improving the downtown area."

'Kravitz finds interest hard to build, however, recalling one recent attempt.

"About three or four years ago, I sent out about 100 letters to storeowners inviting them to a meeting about setting up a chamber of commerce," said Kravitz. "Nine people showed. What would help is to get the landlords working with the storekeepers in sprucing up the storefronts."

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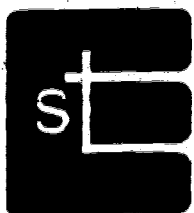
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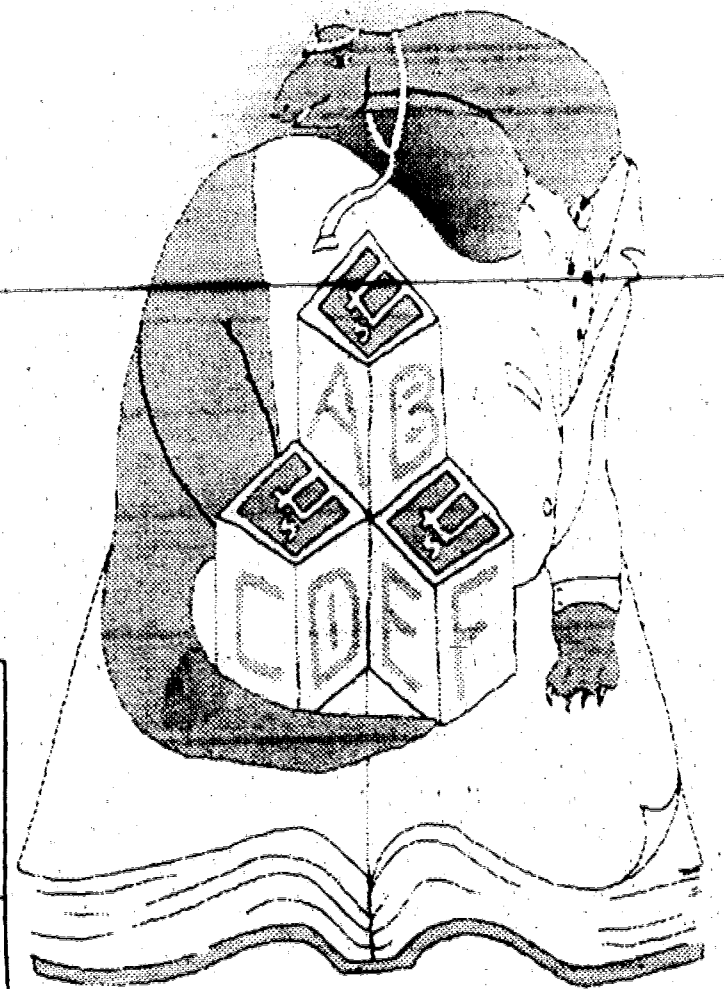


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Linden sets time frame for airport redevelopment

By Douglas William Metz

Within the past year, the negotiations for the redevelopment of Linden Airport have had more turnabouts and setbacks than one could have thought possible. Throughout the changes, the Linden City Council has maintained its agenda to redevelop the airport and its surrounding property.

Negotiations with contractor Edward Cantor were on and off several times before a contract was signed between the city and Linden-Philips, but not without a setback from the Clinton administration.

In February, the City Council was expected to vote on a tentative agreement

with Cantor for the redevelopment of Linden Airport. Just a week later, talks between the city and Cantor had broken down because of alleged fallout over the semantics of the contract. City Councilman Charles Crane insisted that he still hoped to get Cantor back to the negotiating table.

When the Clinton administration cut approximately \$3 million in federal funding that had been slated for the redevelopment of Linden Airport, the city was left to search for another source of funds to make up the difference. By April, negotiations between the city and Cantor were renewed and terminated once again. Cantor allegedly

wanted to renegotiate the entire deal, forcing the Redevelopment Committee to terminate any and all prior agreements.

In June, the search for a new developer was nearly over as the list of proposed developers had been reduced to the top four proposals. By July, after a total of five years of research, the City Council had selected the firm of Linden-Philips, a partnership owned by the Manhattan-based Philips International, to develop the land. The firm was expected to pay the city \$20 million to redevelop the airport and surrounding territories.

October saw the finalization of the plans

with a \$2 million payment from Linden-Philips, including a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$100,000.

Once construction begins, approximately 100 acres of the airport property will be turned into a shopping complex to be known as Aviation Plaza.

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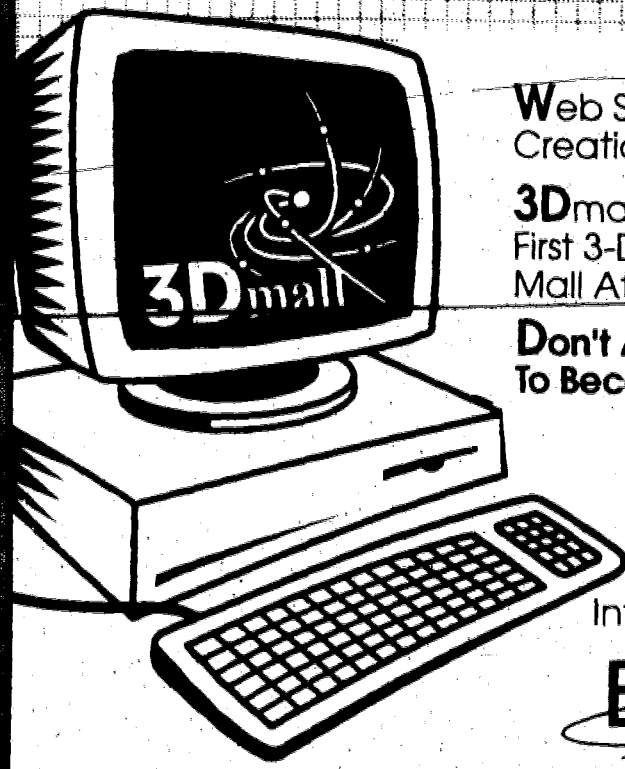
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Sears Hardware slated to be boost to Roselle

By Jason Gitlin
Staff Writer

Residents of Roselle are hoping the construction of a Sears Hardware and garden center on Raritan Road will supply the nuts and bolts necessary to improve the borough's image and attract additional shops.

A Dec. 31 groundbreaking ceremony marked the imminent arrival of the long-awaited 22,000-square foot superstore, and garnered enthusiastic response from the borough's council members and project organizers.

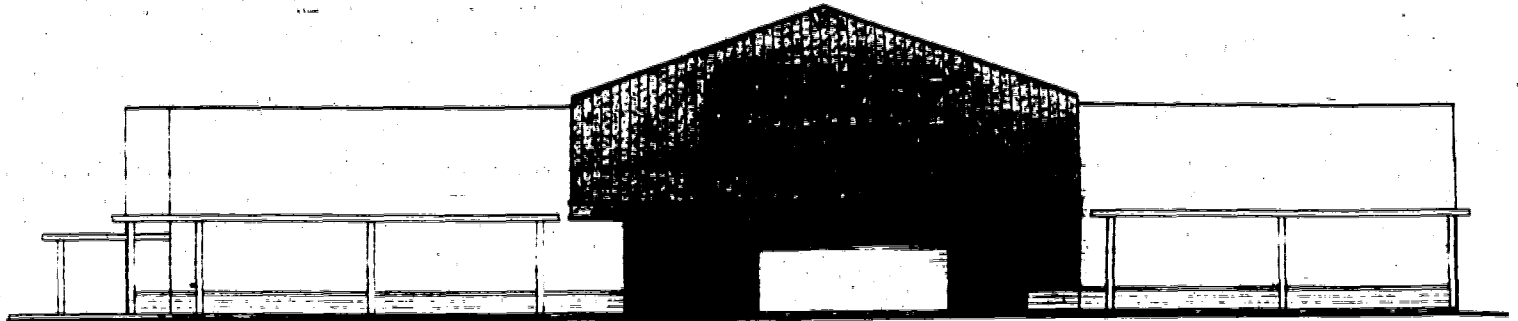
"It has taken us two years to put the deal together in its final form," said William Ehrlich, president of the Roselle Shopping Center. "I am personally very excited to reach this point, and I believe the town will benefit greatly from the store's presence."

Fred Snyder, Sears Construction project manager, said he expects the store will be open to the public sometime in the middle of September.

According to him, the construction process will begin with the the demolition of several of the store's exterior walls in an effort to double the location's current size, and change its shape.

Additional modifications will include the refurbishing of a parking lot behind the store on Douglas Road, and the rearranging of parking spaces near the front entrance.

Along with the construction of Sears, the



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When Sears is built on Raritan Road in Roselle, it is expected to improve the borough's image and attract additional shops.

project will include a full scale facade renovation to the entire shopping center, said Ehrlich.

Originally completed in 1951 by Milton L. Erlich, William's father, the shopping center was one of New Jersey's first, and easily recognizable for its unique design. Two semicircular strips bisected by Raritan Road.

Although the center has been refurbished several times, the latest renovation will make improvements to the 1972 facade.

The consturction team is being led by

Gordon Construction of Linden, while the design and engineering is being handled by Woolley-Morris Architects and Innovative Engineering.

In response to the renovations, and the decision by Sears to move into the shopping center, representatives from Silbert Realty and Management said they are looking to attract additional retail outlets to the center. More than 90 percent of the property is leased now, but the center is still hoping to fill four or five vacancies.

According to Ehrlich, by the time Sears

opens and the renovations are completed, he expects the shopping center will be at full occupancy.

The Roselle Shopping Center is currently home to a number of local tenants, as well as some businesses with regional or national identities.

Among the latter, there is a Dunkin' Donuts, Foodtown supermarket and Haband. Local tenants include: Roselle Pharmacy, Hairshapers Plus, Khim's Hallmark, Lun Wah Chinese Restaurant, Frank's Pizza and The Washbasket.

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1997 expected to be good for business in Clark

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Marc Kiempisty, the owner of MSK Enterprise, has been a Clark resident for 20 years. But not, he said, his entire life.

"When I was young, I lived in Jersey City so it's a... a big change," he said.

MSK Enterprise, which he opened in August, is a Create-A-Book dealership and produces personalized children's books. The "MSK" in MSK Enterprise are his initials. This is the first business that he has ever owned.

"Going into business takes a lot of time and determination," he said, "and you have to consider the market, customers and the economy."

So was there any reason he decided to locate in Clark? "Nah. It's just my hometown and I'd rather stay."

It turns out that his decision to stay in Clark has been good to him. MSK Enterprise has been "productive, fruitful, enjoyable. I have not met one dissatisfied customer."

"And we're still new and hopefully it'll grow," he added.

The year of 1996 has been a good one for businesses in Clark, according to Mayor Robert Ellenport, and 1997 is shaping up to be a good one as well.

The building of new structures in Clark "started at a high level last year" and hopefully will carry over to this year. The Zoning Board of Adjustment already has a

three-month backlog of requests for variances and other permits and the town has issued 1,050 construction permits — a first.

Two large projects in Clark are also slated to be completed this year.

Work has started filling in a number of tunnels under the GM-Hyatt site on Raritan Road, he said. These tunnels must be filled with clean soil in preparation for General Motors building the Hyatt Hills golf course there, which should be completed this year.

The site plan for the golf course, including a driving range and a clubhouse, has been approved by the Cranford and Clark planning boards. Approval is still pending from the state Department of Environmental Protection for GM's plan to "cap" several acres of contaminated soil on the site.

Work is also expected to be completed this year on a new 14,000 square-foot ShopRite supermarket on Central Avenue. According to Ellenport, this supermarket will result in more jobs for Clark.

Commercial space is almost full in Clark, with only one or two vacant retail stores in town. Existing businesses have also been expanding, he said. L'oreal is expected to bring production of its new children's shampoo to the Cosmair plant here.

"We're working very closely with the business community as well as the Union County Economic Development Corporation to keep up commercial development," said Ellenport.

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Mayor Robert Ellenport

This has not gone as far as being intrusive, said Kiempisty. He has not reported problems with the Planning Board and no complaints with taxes or fees.

"Mostly it's a mail-order business and I have no association with them," he said. The

only thing that "I have to work with," he said, is state sales tax.

"I haven't had any problems and I don't anticipate any," he said.

Anyone who wants to order a personalized book can call Kiempisty at 382-0623.

Income tax assistance offered

Catholic Community Services and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Union County are providing free volunteer income tax assistance countywide from Feb. 3 to April 15.

Assistance in filing federal and state income tax returns is available to all having a low to moderate income, the elderly and handicapped.

Individuals seeking assistance should bring pertinent tax documents, such as last year's return; W-2 forms; bank interest statements and the tax package received in the mail.

Taxpayers are encouraged to contact one of the following sites to make an appointment.

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Steve Thorpe Sr., senior communications technician with the Bureau of Voice and Print Communications, second from right, receives a resolution and plaque from Freeholder Edwin Force and County Manager Ann Baran for being named 'Employee of the Month' recently. Looking on is Jack Tuite, director of the Division of Telecommunications and Information Systems.

File income taxes over the telephone

One million taxpayers statewide will be able to file their 1996 state income tax this year by touch-tone phone. Information packets and worksheets for the new TeleFile program have been mailed to eligible taxpayers, offering major benefits, including tax refunds mailed within two weeks of filing.

Richard Gardiner, director of the New Jersey Division of Taxation, noted that the TeleFile packet includes a simple worksheet for the taxpayer to prepare before calling the toll-free TeleFile number. Based on information provided from the worksheet, TeleFile will perform all of the math calculations and advise the taxpayer of the amount of the refund or taxes due, over the phone.

It is estimated that a toll-free TeleFile call will require less than 10 minutes to complete, with no forms to mail or other papers to fill out. Each taxpayer will receive a personal confirmation number during the TeleFile call, which will verify that the return was successfully filed, and tax refunds will be mailed within two weeks.

Taxpayers can access NJ TeleFile by calling 1-888-235-FILE from any touch-tone phone within New Jersey 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the tax filing period, which ends April 15.

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Projects in Rahway offer potential for businesses

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Mayor James Kennedy is in a unique position to look at business in Rahway.

A small business owner, he has been in the city since 1978 and had owned Kennedy Jewelers on St. Georges Avenue before moving to Main Street in the downtown commercial area, both established and major commercial areas in Rahway.

True, there are some qualifiers for his experiences — the fact that he is mayor, the fact that "I'm probably the only higher-ticket luxury item store" in Rahway. Still, he has some interesting outlooks on business here.

"From my perspective, it was a decent year," he said, with sales generally up around 9 percent from last year and his profit margin going up with it.

Possibly of more significance is the fact that his growth in sales marks a general year long trend, with improved growth in longer-term, quarterly business.

Coming out of the recession several years ago, he said, he could rack up one good month or so but not put together a consistently good quarter. Now, he sees consistent growth from January on with one "blip" during the year. "And that's a good, healthy sign," he said. "It's a consistency that we haven't seen in the past."

It seems, to hear Kennedy, that Rahway is moving in the right direction, with new construction and "fairly high" occupancy rates of commercial space in town.

"I'm realistic," he said. "I've been here since 1978 and I knew once we committed to it, it'd take a while. And we're right on target."

There are at least three major construction projects in Rahway and other potential activity at a number of other sites, he said. These sites include the Amon Buick lot and another parcel on St. Georges Avenue and another on Essex Street.

One of these major projects has already been completed — a new research facility on the Merck and Co. campus that will result in 90 new jobs. This is one of the largest investments that Merck has made in Rahway in years, according to Kennedy.

Two others are still in the works. Renovations continue at the New Jersey Transit station on East Milton Avenue. This project, worth about \$12.5 million, is expected to be completed next year and is, according to Kennedy, on schedule.

Work is also slated to begin in the near future on an 18,000 square-foot recreation center behind City Hall on West Milton Avenue.

According to Kennedy, the city met with the developers to revise the site plans earlier this week.

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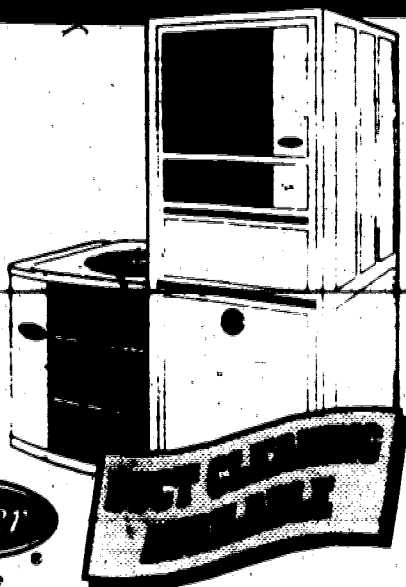
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Grant aids college's interactive television efforts

Union County College has received a \$192,000 grant from the State Equipment Leasing Fund Project, which was administered through New Jersey Intercampus Network Inc. to offset the cost of a recently established, interactive television classroom at the Cranford campus.

The ITV classroom has been integrated into the Union County ITV Network, and has been designed to enhance the college in its continued quest to expand its distance learning opportunities.

The Equipment Leasing Fund award actually was for \$7.5 million and was distributed in allocations to 39 NJIN member institutions that are acquiring state-of-the-art video and data systems to enhance teaching and learning on and between college campuses. UCC's allocation was for \$192,000.

The Cranford campus ITV classroom is an adaptation to the Union County ITV

Network, which consists of receiver sites also at UCC's Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses, the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth, and the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains.

All sites are interconnected via a Bell Atlantic Tariffed Service designated as IDLS. This service has been deployed in New Jersey on a county-by-county basis, and provides for connectivity among four simultaneous interactive classrooms with a variety of other options, including point to multi-point transmission.

By using classrooms featuring interactive television, a single instructor can conduct sessions for students at multiple sites, with opportunities available for dialogue between remote sites.

Through use of such an interactive television network, several possibilities exist:

1. Two-way, full motion, color video and

A single instructor can conduct sessions for students at multiple sites, with opportunities available for dialogue between remote sites.

audio for each site is available.

2. All receiver sites can join in a single interactive videoconference.

3. One site may broadcast to all others non-interactively.

Numerous separate two-way videoconferences may operate on the system simultaneously.

At the Cranford campus ITV classroom, the college has added integrated services digital network connectivity, making it equipped to conduct high quality video interactive sessions with similarly equipped facilities worldwide.

Earlier this year, the Plainfield and Elizabeth campuses established identical ITV installations, with each room consisting of two Sony 53-inch rear screen color video projection systems — one at the front of the room for students and the other at the rear for the instructor.

Two VHS videocassette recorders are included to provide a means to play videotapes while recording the signals emanating from all four sites.

The instructor's sound can be picked up by a podium microphone with an infrared tracking system that allows the instructor's camera to follow him/her while moving about the room. Student sound is picked up by six desk-mounted microphones positioned two per student, enabling up to 12 students to participate at each site in a fully-interactive mode.

Each classroom also includes an integrated fax/plain paper copier for the distribution of written materials to the other sites, as well as a telephone line for set up, confidential communications, and troubleshooting.

While the Cranford campus ITV classroom is similar to the others, it also features a 40-inch monitor for students capable of a quad split to four receiver sites three, 32-inch monitors with a full screen of each remote site for the instructor's use; the capability of having video/audio exchange via ISDN; a wireless remote control for the instructor, and a videodisc player. A PC also included.

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Overlook opens Endoscopy Suite

The new Overlook Hospital Endoscopy Suite was formally opened with an open house for employees and physicians recently. Dozens of employees and physicians toured the unit, which is the most modern in New Jersey. The Endoscopy Unit of Overlook Hospital has been rated as the No. 1 center in central New Jersey and the third best in the state in a recently published study by US News and World Report. The unit is also one of the busiest in the state, performing more than 5,600 procedures last year. The center has been totally redesigned based upon input from physicians in an effort to better meet their needs and the needs of their patients. There are now five endoscopy suites, one fluroscopy suite, and pre-operative and recovery areas, all located within an attractive, customer-focused center.

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Smart Electronics offers good prices and service

By Jason Gitlin
Staff Writer

Offering a rare combination of competitive prices and personal service, the recently opened Smart Electronics is living up to its name.

A one stop electronics shop, the store offers everything from cellular phones to stereo equipment, and promises to match or beat the competition's price.

Among the store's many departments are: a communications corner, a car audio wing, and one of the few DJ departments in the area.

According to store manager Gus Eldeen, customers at Smart Electronics are given the personalized service that is missing from the gigantic electronic department stores.

"Everytime we make a sale, our goal is a satisfied customer," added Eldeen.

In an effort to obtain this goal, the staff at Smart Electronics has been working hard to create a long and lasting relationship with their clients.

"Any technical assistance that is needed we offer," said Eldeen. "We never tell someone to call the 800 number on the back of the product."

The owners, residents of Linden, operate stores in both Newark and Passaic but recently decided they would like to work

Smart Electronics is located at 700 W. St. Georges Avenue.

within their own community, and take a more active role in promoting business in the city.

Praising their professional neighbors, and calling the area's residents friendly people, Eldeen said the response to the store's opening has been even better than expected.

According to him, customers can still take advantage of specials being offered as part of the shop's grand opening.

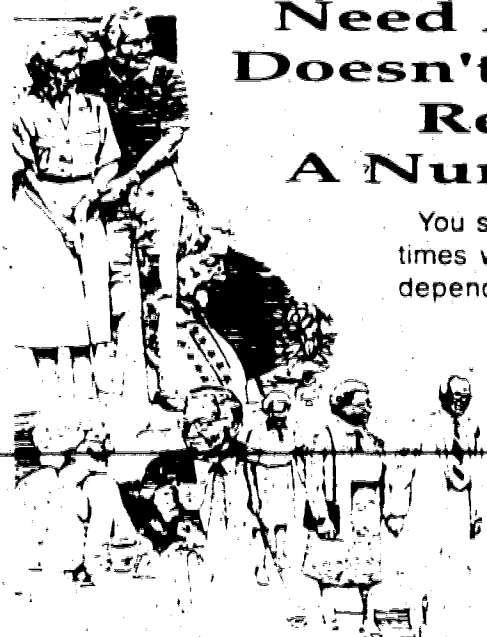
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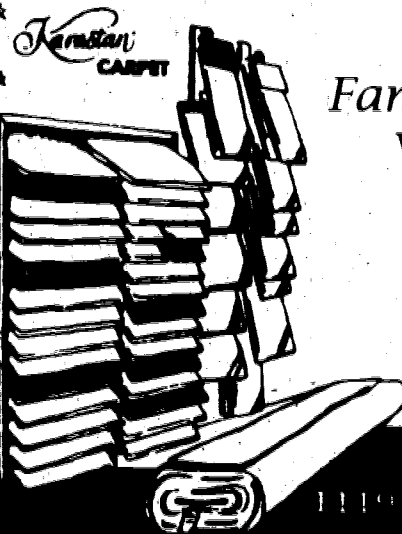
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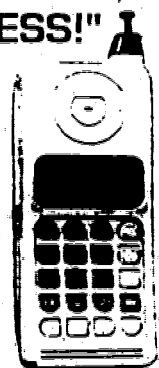
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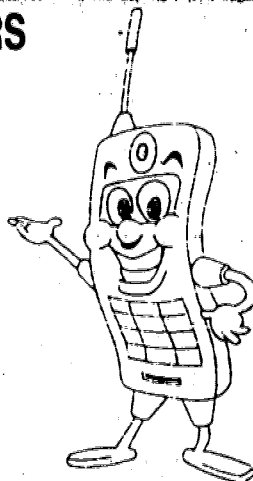
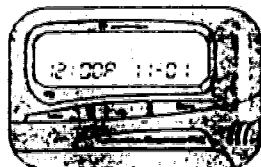


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The firm has once again received national accolades. For the second consecutive year, it was named by Harcourt Brace Professional Publishing as a winner of the 1996 Digest 50 Awards. The Digest 50 program recognizes the finest CPA firms across the country. The firm was chosen for, among other things, its excellence in developing and implementing innovative strategies to overcome obstacles facing small to medium-sized firms nationwide.

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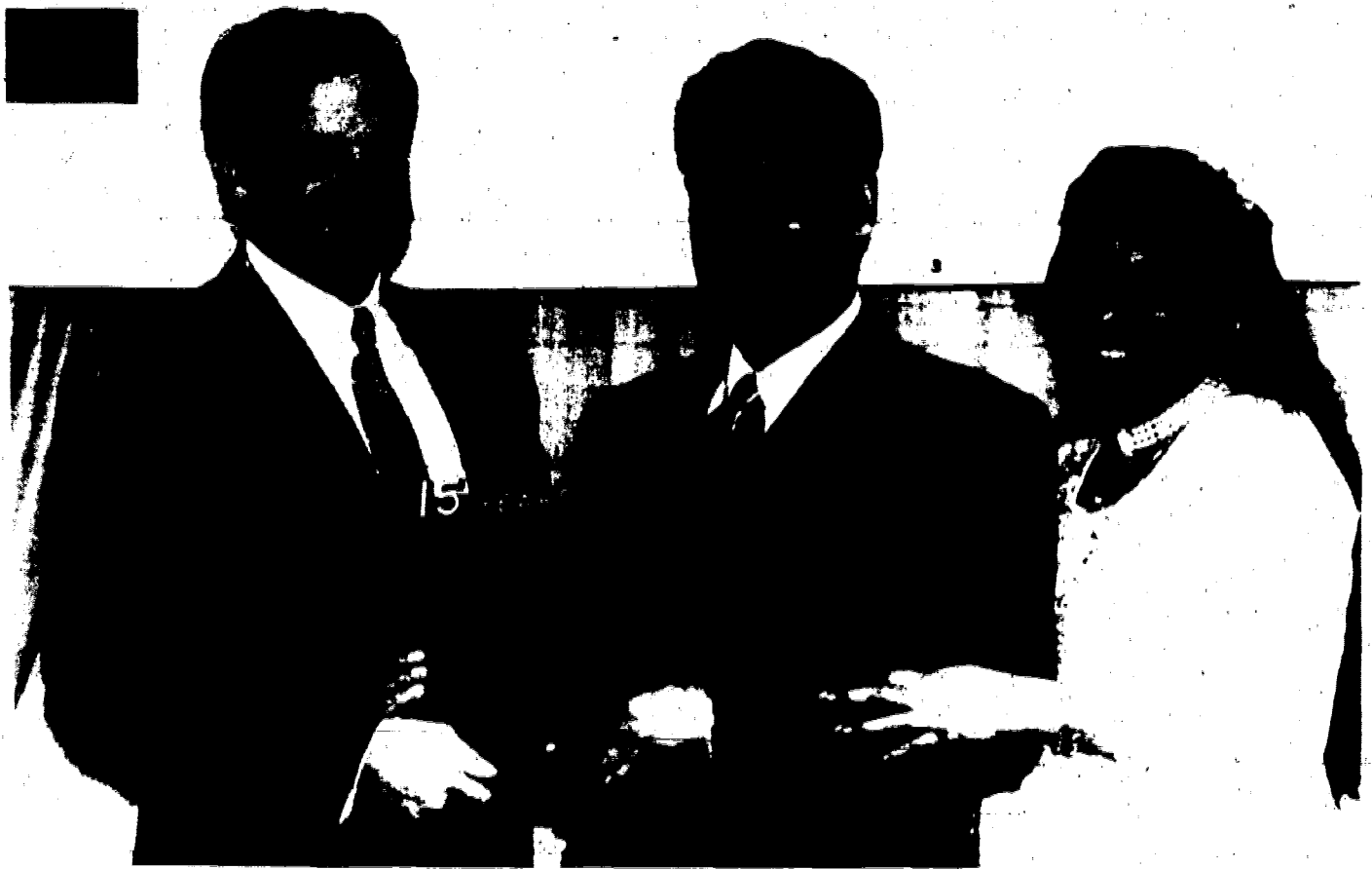
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Customer always right

Jacobson, now president of Elizabeth-based Jacobson Distributing Co., an appliance and electronics retailer with a wholesale division that does business with builders, landlords and local schools, hospitals and governments, goes on to say: "I stress to my sales personnel that the customer is always right, even if they're not. We don't argue with a customer, and will take back a product if they're unhappy. Word-of-mouth is our business. It's less expensive for me to throw a machine in the garbage than to offend a customer."

\$5.5 million annually

This philosophy works very well, according to Jacobson, who points out that they have a steady increase in volume every year. The store does an annual volume of about \$5.5 million and despite a very tough winter, and a cool summer that's put the damper on air conditioning sales, overall sales are still up about 15 percent for the first half of 1996.

Located on a busy four-lane thoroughfare that gives the business good exposure, the store has still retained its name of Jacobson.



Jacobson's in Elizabeth has found success during the last 50 years through customer satisfaction.

Distributing because it used to be a picture tube and auto parts distributor in the past. "People think we're more wholesale than retail, so the name is a plus and that's why we continue to use it."

The store was originally started in 1949 by Jacobson's parents, Nathan and Mae. Nathan had once owned a gas station that also sold Motorolas, and an auto parts store that also sold TVs. Nathan, who died two years ago, "retired" in 1985 but continued to come into the store until the age of 84. Allen Jacobson, who has worked there since he was a teen-ager, now carries on the tradition of the family name.

Draws from NJ and NY

Within its location just over the border from Staten Island, New York, Jacobson Distributing draws customers from all parts

of New Jersey and also from New York.

Word-of-mouth accounts for the large majority of the business, and this is helped by the fact that the area is very stable. One of the advertising themes that Jacobson's uses frequently emphasizes this point: "Buy where your great-grandparents, grandparents and parents bought."

The retail operation sells not only appliances and electronics, but also mattresses. Appliance lines include: Amana, Caloric, Magic Chef, Maytag, Tappan, Whirlpool, Frigidare, Jenn-Air, General Electric, Sub-Zero, Thermador, Viking and Gibson. Electronics lines include: Sony, RCA, Mitsubishi, Zenith, Hitachi, Toshiba, Quasar, Panasonic, and Goldstar. Mattress lines merchandised are Serta Perfect Sleeper, Simmons Beautyrest and Therapedic.

Niche Marketing

One of the reasons for the store's success, according to Jacobson, is its entry into niche markets such as bedding. He adds that mattresses are the most profitable item carried by the store. And even though there are only two mattresses on display, Jacobson's still manages to move more than 1,500 sets a year. The strategy that has led to this impressive accomplishment is simply to make the customer aware. "Every customer who comes into the store, even if they come in only to get an empty box, we tell them, 'By the way, we do carry mattresses.' We've made a lot of sales that way." Because they do such a big volume, they buy mattresses direct from the manufacturers by the truckload.

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Finding a niche marks success for Jacobson's

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The emphasis is also on merchandising other profitable lines. "We try to push the lines that aren't being killed in the newspaper, and where we can make a decent markup." For example, the store carries the Gibson line, which is bought directly from a local distributor, not via the buying group. It's a restricted line, and Jacobson's is the only retailer in the area to merchandise it. The benefit, said Jacobson, is that "we don't have to be constantly worried about our competition taking potshots at us."

Small showroom

With a showroom size of 2,300 square feet, one of the challenges is finding enough display space, and this means using whatever space is available, including wall shelves. There is an additional room where ovens are displayed, and a room in the back of the warehouse where refrigeration products are displayed. "Wherever we find space, we put a product," Jacobson explained, adding, "When your salespeople have to be very proficient, they have to be able to sell the product when it's not in front of them." Consequently, they sell a lot from catalogs, as well as by determining customer needs.

The entire building, owned by Jacobson, encompasses 3,500 square feet and across the street, which used to be the location of a competitor who has since retired, Jacobson's maintains an additional 2,000 square feet of

warehouse space, including a "scratch and dent" showroom for clearance sales on damaged products.

Sidewalk merchandising

Of course, limited space can have its upside, and one of Jacobson's best advertising tactics for the past 40 years developed from just such a restriction; leaving merchandise out on the sidewalk just about every day. Jacobson credits his father with the idea, because "whatever came in yesterday, we would have to put out on the sidewalk to make room for today's merchandise."

Fortunately, the store now has attractive awnings to alleviate the weather problem when putting out merchandise. Better yet, the awnings were paid for by the city as part of the statewide Urban Enterprise Zone program. Location in an Urban Enterprise Zone brings Jacobson's another advantage. "In this area we only have to charge half the sales tax. So while the store down the street charges 6 percent, I'm only charging 3 percent." The program is available in areas with a lot of unemployment, and Jacobson adds that "it's been very beneficial for us."

Job out of service and trucking

Preferring to put its efforts strictly into sales, Jacobson's leaves the service to factory warranty service locations. Trucking and installations are also contracted out because they are less costly that way. However, that doesn't mean that

Location in an Urban Enterprise Zone brings Jacobson's a tax advantage. The store only has to charge 3 percent sales tax.

they won't go out of their way to make sure the customer gets satisfactory service. "Recently, we delivered a range and the customer smelled gas. We sent one of our salespeople who also knows how to install, and solved the problem right away," Jacobson recalled. That kind of "emergency service" eliminated the need for factory service, kept the customer happy, and kept the appliance in the house. Jacobson says that he compensates his staff separately for that kind of work. An additional service provided is removal of old appliances and old bedding for the customer.

The store now has 11 full-time employees, including four salespeople, three warehouses staff who doubles as drivers, four office staff, plus Jacobson's brother, Ron, who serves as controller.

Extended warranties

Salespeople are compensated well for selling extended warranties, which has resulted in an impressive ratio of sales that include a service contract. However, this is achieved strictly through a low-pressure

approach. "We recommend extended warranties, but we only ask once. If they say no that's fine, and then we go on to the next item because you can lose a sale by pushing it."

'Customers believe us'

Jacobson emphasizes that his business is based on the credibility of the Jacobson family name. "Customers believe what we say. We tell them it's a real value for them because it is; for a moderate price we sell a four-year extended contract. And when we sell a big screen TV, we almost always sell a service contract with it."

Advertising for the retailer consists entirely of a full page black and white ad in a local weekly newspaper that services 12 communities extending about 20 miles in all directions. The store gets good results, using weekly coupons that offer discounts off the price of the product after the sale is made. The rationale for choosing this newspaper over the Star Ledger where all the heavy

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Collateral Loans	2,358,345.35
Other Loans	78,500,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	216,020.71
Banking Premises	1,718,064.60
Interest Accrued on Investments	7,759,853.05
Other Assets	1,478,871.26
	\$ 563,156,503.65

LIABILITIES

Due Depositors	\$ 458,905,690.64
Official Checks Outstanding	1,264,826.94
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First Bank Americano is the only commercial bank headquartered in Elizabeth, a city that some years ago was headquarters to 11 banks.

First Bank Americano plans to invest and promote economic opportunity and growth to the residents and businesses of the city of Elizabeth and surrounding communities. The bank's building at 339 North Broad St., in Elizabeth, the former Union County Buick, includes more than 20,000 square feet of space with an indoor parking facility for more than 20 cars.

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The bank has incorporated "Cafe Americano" in its spacious lobby, where

customers can enjoy various types of coffee and hot chocolate, while watching televised news programs of financial and local interest.

A "conciierge" will greet customers and guide them through the many product options. First Bank Americano offers, as well as provides information of local, national and international interest. The bank's staff is multi-lingual.

The senior management team of local bankers is headed by Philip A. Gonzalez, president and chief executive officer of the bank, whose financial career includes the National State Bank of Elizabeth; Bank of America N.J.; Ironbound Bank, and The Union Center National Bank.

Gonzalez is also a member of the Board of Governors of Union County College, The Elizabeth Development Company, The Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce and other civic and local organizations.

Senior Vice President Armando Rodriques, a lifelong resident of the city of Elizabeth, and previously associated with Harmonia Savings Bank, City Federal Savings Bank, Summit and Elizabeth Trust Company, Ironbound Bank and Fleet Bank, is also the chairman of the Elizabeth Development Company, and has served on the board of many local organizations.

David G. Matrisciano, also a senior vice



Celebrating the grand opening of First Bank Americano in Elizabeth are, from left, Luis Rodriguez, Sen. Raymond Lesniak, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, bank President Philip Gonzalez, David Matrisciano and Joseph Keenan.

president and responsible for lending operations, was previously with The Union Center National Bank, City Federal Savings Bank, First Morris Bank and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Matrisciano is also a member of various local organizations.

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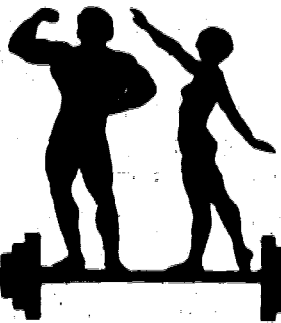
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"In fact, the cruise ship has become the resort destination itself," said Amabile. "Today's cruise liners are filled with entertainment options such as top quality Broadway-style shows, numerous dining choices, lavish gambling casinos, sports activities, movies and more."

It's these entertainment options and programs designed specifically to meet passenger needs that are attracting people from all walks of life to cruising. For example, many cruise liners today offer an extensive array of supervised children's activities, making a cruise ideal for a family vacation.

Gone are the days when cruising was a vacation only for the wealthy. According to a recent study by the Cruise Lines International Association, 53 percent of first-time cruisers earn less than \$60,000 per year, per household. In addition, today's first cruisers are getting younger. In fact, CLIA defines the "Baby Boomer" category, roughly between the ages of 35 and 55, as the hottest prospects in the cruise industry today.

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'We plan to build Cruise Holiday into one of the top cruise markets in the country.'

Joe Amabile

JACOBSON'S MARKS SUCCESS

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hitters advertise, is a combination of visibility and value. "I've found it's better to be a big advertiser in a small newspaper," Jacobson advised, "than a small one in a big paper that you can get lost in."

ADC member

Jacobson Distributing is a member of Appliance Dealers Cooperative of the AVB Buying group, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter. The ADC, based on East Brunswick, consists of 80 stores in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Jacobson has been a member since 1982, and he has served as secretary of ADC the past three years. The store also is a NARDA member, through which it utilizes credit card and insurance programs. Jacobson says he finds both affiliations to be very helpful in his business.

Jacobson calls it a "tough marketplace" in his area, with a lot of advertising either at cost or below cost, and bait and switch when customers come into the store. The competition, which had mostly been regional up to now, including Tops and P.C. Richard, includes national chains such as Best Buy and Incredible Universe. Jacobson foresees a real war between the regionals and nationals. As to his strategy for surviving the conflict, he says he intends to employ another of his father's words of wisdom. "Hopefully, I'll do what my father used to say: 'walk between the raindrops.' We'll take our share of the market, and perhaps a little bit more, and keep on growing."

This article was reprinted from Retailer News.

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St. Elizabeth Hospital advances pediatric care

The continuum of family-centered health care is further enhanced for young patients this year when St. Elizabeth Hospital opens an Inpatient Pediatric Unit this spring.

Plans to open an inpatient, six-bed, pediatric unit were recently approved in a Certificate of Need. Bed size for the unit was determined based on trends in bed utilization and length of stay for pediatric patients in the hospital's demographic area.

Planned for location on the seventh floor of the North Wing, the unit will have secure doors where visitors to the unit are buzzed onto the floor. The pediatric unit is being designed for a child's point-of-view with a low-walled play area located in full observation from the nurse's station. The low walls, designed so that little ones can easily see into an area, are repeated around the nurse's station. The corridors and rooms will be furnished in light-colored woods and brightly decorated in themes pleasing to children. Room furniture will include cribs and youth beds.

Staffed with nurses trained in pediatric care, the unit will be equipped with a treatment room where any type of invasive exam or procedure will be done, even the simple starting of an intravenous medication. This is so the child does not associate his or her room with unpleasantness or pain.

In order to lessen the child's anxiety of separation, parents will be allowed 24-hour

access to the pediatric unit and will be encouraged to "sleep over" if they, or the child, so desire.

The pediatric unit was planned in response to the community's needs and in response to the current trends in hospital insurance plans. Current managed care plans look more favorably at hospitals where clients can receive full health care services for all family members. And based on the utilization of the hospital's Pediatric Health Center, more and more community members are looking toward St. Elizabeth Hospital for their family's health care needs.

Surgical services for pediatrics are expanded as well as the new pediatric unit in place, children can now come to St. Elizabeth Hospital to have general or orthopedic surgery that requires a stay of overnight or more. Currently, only same-day surgery is available for pediatric patients.

With the opening of the new Pediatric Unit, the continuum of family-centered health care comes full circle. This continuum of health care "begins" with Family Centered Maternity Care at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where maternity services are provided in a high-tech yet home-like atmosphere.

The highlight of this program is the hospital's Labor, Delivery, Recovery rooms — birthing rooms that enable expectant moms to give birth in a setting that looks like home yet provides the up-to-date,

technologically advanced environment necessary to give each baby the best possible introduction to his or her new parents.

A Midwifery Program is available for women anticipating a normal delivery who chooses to have their care delivered by a certified nurse midwife. Midwives deliver babies at St. Elizabeth Hospital with the full support of the Labor and Delivery resources including attending obstetricians on-site.

A home-like setting of brightly painted rooms with coordinated drapes, bedspreads and wallpaper borders, is provided in a technologically advanced environment. Offered here are sophisticated birthing beds, advanced surgical lights which are recessed into the ceilings; around-the-clock obstetric services supplemented by an OB/GYN Residency Program; a staff of around-the-clock neonatologists — physicians who specialize in the care of new borns — around-the-clock anesthesiologists for pain management during delivery; two high risk labor rooms; two C-section rooms; a licensed Level 2 Intermediate Care Nursery which provides specialized care to sick and premature infants; and a myriad of other preventive, diagnostic and treatment services.

Service for the new borns continues at the Pediatric Health Center, which operates under the medical direction of St. Elizabeth's Acting Chairman of Pediatrics

Dr. Zeng-Shan Chen, and is staffed by Dr. Xenia Lamzaky and Dr. Kwame Asante-Nkansa. The pediatricians are supported by a team of bilingual registered nurses and clerical staff.

The Pediatric Health Center serves children from birth through adolescence and provides immunizations, preventive, well child, sick child and follow-up care. It is also an approved Pediatric HealthStart Provider. The center works closely with the hospital's family centered maternity program, the Women's Health Center, the maternity clinic and the WIC Program.

Prior to discharge from St. Elizabeth Hospital, all newborns who don't already have a pediatrician are scheduled for an appointment at the Pediatric Health Center within the first few weeks following birth. Well-baby visits to the Pediatric Health Center are routinely scheduled for all Health Center children at two months, four months, six months, nine months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months and 24 months. To help prevent the spread of illness, the Pediatric Health Center has two separate waiting areas, one for sick children and one for children being seen for preventive, well-baby or follow-up care. The Health Center also has five private exam rooms.

Education is built into every visit and much assistance is provided for parents, especially first-time parents. Instruction on See HOSPITAL, Page 23



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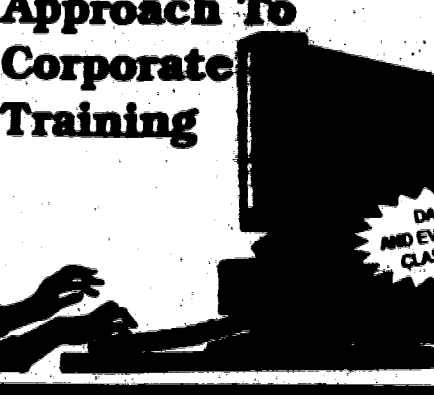
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Tosco and Bayway predict additional growth in 1997

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During 1996, Tosco continued its growing ways. In February, Tosco acquired British Petroleum's northeastern assets, including a 15-year license to the BP brand-name and logo, Trainer Refinery in Pennsylvania, a pipeline system, and terminals in Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Revere, Mass., and Linden — Tremley Point — as well as distribution rites to 500 independently owned, BP-branded gas stations in the region.

The Tremley Point Terminal in Linden has been linked by way of piping with nearby Bayway Refinery, adding a second marine terminal and truck loading rack to the refinery's existing facilities. Tosco also purchased BP's one-third share of the Harbor Pipeline, which runs from Delaware Bay to New York Harbor. Both Trainer Refinery and Tremley Point Terminal are linked to the Harbor Pipeline, further enhancing Tosco's role as a major fuels distributor in the New York metropolitan area.

Then, in May, the company bought The Circle K Co. and its 2,500 convenience stores, making Tosco the nation's largest operator of convenience stores in the country. November brought news that Tosco intended to buy the refining and marketing assets of Unocal's 76 Products Co. in the

Tosco is selling about 2.75 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel at more than 4,000 stores.

Western United States.

The proposed Unocal refining and marketing purchase includes the license for worldwide use of the 76 Products brand name and logo, as well as 1,350 "76-branded" gas stations. Additionally, there are three refineries in California with combined production rates of approximately 10.5 million gallons per day, 1,500 miles of associated pipelines, 13 terminals, Unocal's worldwide lubricants, commercial, and industrial petroleum products businesses, and three US flag oil tankers.

On an annual basis, Tosco is now selling about 2.75 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel at more than 4,000 stores under the Circle K, BP, 76 Products and Exxon brand names. After the Unocal acquisition is finalized, Tosco will become the largest independent oil company in the United States.

Hospital advances pediatrics while furthering health care

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parenting is provided including nutrition, how to properly bathe a baby, safety instructions and child development. Also, a child's development — when he or she begins to smile, sit up, walk — is tracked at the center to ensure that the child is growing appropriately.

The Pediatric Health Center is one of three services at St. Elizabeth Hospital's Health Centers which opened in early 1996. The Health Centers offer services in family practice, women's health and pediatric health, all of which accept most insurances. All of the services of the centers are operated by physicians who see patients by appointments and physicians are on call 24 hours to provide 'round the clock care.

Here for the first time, a seamless continuum of care was provided in private, medical office settings: The health centers concept is unique in that it offers "one-stop" health care services for most families. The Centers — Family Health, Women's Health and Pediatric health — are co-located in one building at 65 Jefferson Ave. This location is conveniently located in midtown Elizabeth with easy access to the city's parking garage and a major bus route.

Another unique aspect is the inclusion of additional services, available at the same building located at the corner of East Jersey and Jefferson streets in Elizabeth. These services now include the hospital's WIC — Women, Infants and Children — Program, a federally funded supplemental nutrition program which also provides a pediatric immunization program; Obstetric and Pediatric HealthStart services, a joint program of the Department of Health and Human Services to improve accessibility and scope of maternal and child health services available in New Jersey; minor radiology services, and laboratory services. Future plans include pharmaceutical services for clients of the Health Centers.

St. Elizabeth Hospital is a private, not-for-profit, acute care Catholic facility with 325 beds, 24-well-new born bassinets and seven intermediate care bassinets. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, it is eastern Union County's teaching hospital.

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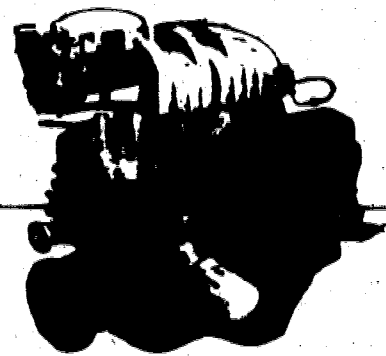
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Union County Savings ends a profitable year

Union County Savings Bank concluded another profitable year in 1996 and reported earnings of more than \$9 million, it was announced by Donald C. Sims, president of the bank.

"This amount was transferred to the bank's surplus and reserve account, which now stands at just under \$100 million. The fund represents 18 percent of the bank's assets — triple the 6 percent requirement set by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1990 as a safeguard for depositors," Sims said.

The capital to assets ratio is considered a benchmark for determining the health of a financial institution. Since 1988, Union County Savings Bank capital ratio has been at least double the minimum requirement.

Sims, who has been with the bank for more than 30 years, emphasized that conservative lending policies and prudent investing have allowed the bank to achieve this standing.

In his remarks during the bank's annual meeting, Sims also noted that assets had increased almost 7 percent in the last year and had doubled in the last 10 years to more than one-half billion dollars.

"Union County Savings Bank has been quietly growing and prospering in a very competitive environment," Sims said. "In a year which saw several New Jersey banks involved in mega-mergers led by much larger regional institutions, we were pleased

to welcome new customers eager to return to a true community bank. People are always pleased — and surprised — to learn that Union County Savings Bank has never merged with another bank or even changed its name since it was founded in 1883.

"Each of our four offices continues to attract new customers, some perhaps dissatisfied with the size and services from their present bank, or maybe they are aware that Union County Savings Bank offers them the highest interest rates and the lowest fees of any bank in the county," Sims continued.

"We take pride in being a neighborhood bank with a long history of good customer

relationships, some of which go back three generations," Sims added.

Today, as the only bank headquartered in Elizabeth, said Sims, Union County Savings Bank plays an important financial role in the community — first as a reliable and stable depository which has never missed a dividend payment in its 113-year history, and second as a source of real estate mortgage loans.

"Every cent of the bank's mortgage portfolio is invested in New Jersey properties with at least 80 percent of those monies relegated to homeownership in Union County."

Sims concluded: "Union County Savings

Bank is first and always a neighborhood bank committed to our customers' needs. We take the time to listen to our customers and provide them with the services they want. We will continue in 1997 to adhere to the same high values and sound policies which have brought the bank to its position of strength, stability and high regard within the banking industry and to offer the services and personal concern our customers have come to expect."

Union County Savings Bank has offices at four locations: 320 North Broad St. and 61 Broad St., Elizabeth; 642 Chestnut St., Union; and 201 North Avenue West, Cranford.

Kean sponsors business workshops

"Fundamentals of Exporting" will be the topic of a workshop sponsored by Kean College's Small Business Development Center on Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Highlights of the workshop will include: how to research the international market; how to enter the export market and who can help; and an overview of export marketing.

The workshops will take place at the college's East Campus, Room 158-A. There is a registration fee of \$10 per person. Pre-registration via phone or mail is required.

"How to Develop and Use an Effective Business Plan" will be the topic of another workshop sponsored by Kean College on Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include: components of a business plan; assessing cash requirements; preparing cash flow projections; and setting and describing goals, among others.

Joel Krinsky, president, J.L. Krinsky & Co. of Manalapan will facilitate.

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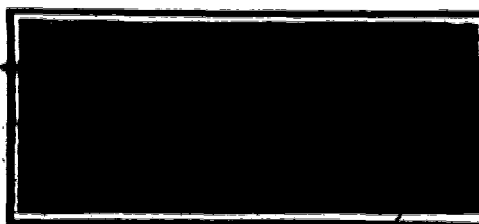
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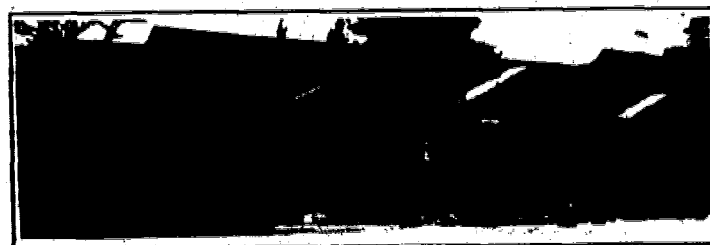
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According to Freeholder liaison Walter McNeil Jr., "Runnells is fortunate to have so many volunteers. They are a tireless, devoted group of people, some of whom are here almost daily. We are thankful that Union County and the surrounding area has such a wealth of thoughtful, generous people."

"The Volunteer Guild is a nonprofit organization. A group of these volunteers formed some 20 years ago to raise funds for certain volunteer activities aimed at making life a little more pleasant for the residents of Runnells," said guild President Tommie Kelhoffer. "A number of the volunteers have become guild members. Everyone is welcome."

According to Kelhoffer, the Volunteer Guild's mission is to enhance the lives of the residents and patients of Runnells Specialized Hospital. Over the years, the guild has organized, run and financially supported innumerable weekly, monthly and annual hospital parties, musical performances, gifts, picnics and musical performances. They provide the flowers for religious services. Each month, they obtain gifts for residents who are having a birthday, wrap and deliver it. They have purchased amenities and equipment for the benefit of the residents including TVs, VCRs, and prizes for bingo. They run the annual picnic and holiday party/gift distribution with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club.

'Runnells is fortunate to have so many volunteers. They are a tireless, devoted group of people.'

-Freeholder Walter McNeil Jr.

Through monthly vendor sales, the guild raises funds to support their efforts. They also run the "Guided Cage" gift shop and the coffee shop at the facility which is open to employees, patients and residents, and visitors each morning and afternoon. The guild has set the schedule for its 1997 product sales. All sales are held at the hospital at 40 Watchung Way, one block south of Mountain Avenue in Berkeley Heights.

A portion of the income from each sale is returned to the guild, which will use it for the direct benefit of the residents. The public is invited to shop at discounted prices from a variety of vendors throughout the year.

New people who are looking to join The Volunteer Guild and those who wish to volunteer to give a few hours are welcome. Those interested should contact Runnell's Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5848.

The 1997 schedule of vendor sales sponsored by The Volunteer Guild is as follows:

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March 27, Pots-N-Pans, Multi Purpose Room; April 25, Bagomania (handbags, totes), Multi Purpose Room; May 22, Applause Fashions, Multi Purpose Room; June 19, Flea Market held in auditorium. Call the Volunteer Guild to rent a table at (908) 771-5848; Sept. 26, Sox Lady, Multi Purpose Room; Oct. 9, Jewelry, Multi Purpose Room; Nov. 6, Sweaters, Multi Purpose Room; Dec. 19, Christmas Boutique held in Auditorium. Call the Volunteer Guild to rent a table at (908) 771-5848.


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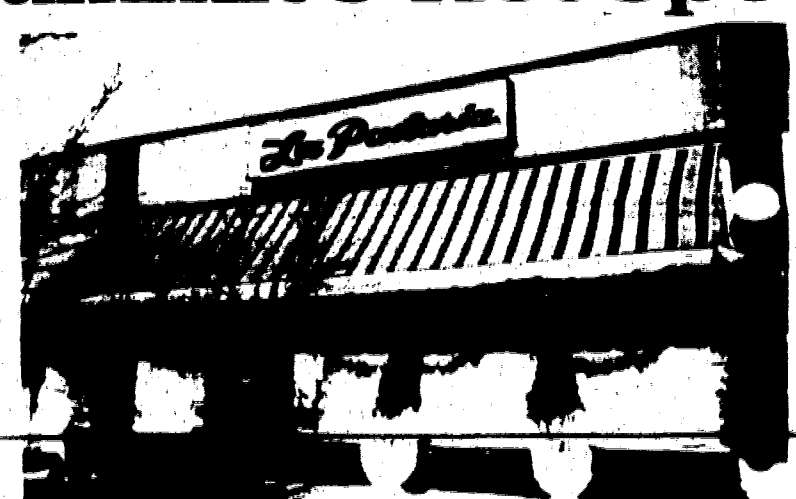


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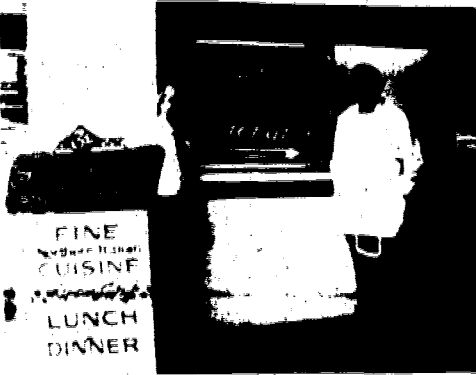
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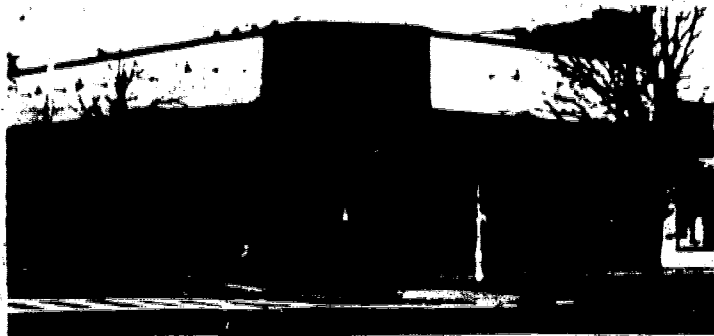
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First Community Bank Comes to Union!

First Community Bank, a locally owned and managed commercial bank has been serving families and businesses in Central Jersey for over five years. We are delighted to bring the convenient and friendly banking services that make us so successful to our new friends in the Union area. We believe that First Community's personalized approach to banking will satisfy the demand for a community bank that puts your needs first.

The familiar faces at your new community bank will help you make the right financial choices - - from the safety of an insured CD to the satisfaction of FREE ATM transactions, or from the money your business saves with Low-Cost Checking to that SBA Loan that enables your business to earn more.

These are only some of the advantages of community banking. Please stop in and get acquainted with our branch staff.

We're celebrating with these special offers:

Certificates of Deposit

9 Months

5.75%
APY

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5.90%
APY

The minimum deposit required to earn the annual percentage yield (APY) is \$1,000. APY is effective December 31, 1996. Yields offered are subject to change at the discretion of the Bank. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal.

Free Checking

- **NOW Checking:** an interest bearing checking account with no minimum balance and no monthly service charges. FREE 50 personalized checks.
- **Prosperity Plus Checking:** an interest bearing checking account for customers 55 years of age and up. No minimum balance, no monthly service charges and an unlimited supply of FREE designer checks.

Member FDIC

At First Community Bank, Your Small Business is #1.

SBA Loans

Whether you're looking to expand, relocate, buy a building, equipment or a business, our "Preferred Lender" SBA-Team has the competitive advantage to approve your loan *fast!*

For more ways we can help your business stay #1, call 1-800-618-BANK and ask for Pete Schoberl.

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