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Fashion show

The Deerfield School Parent Teacher Association of Mountainside is hosting its 11th annual Dinner Fashion Show on March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at L'Affaire restaurant on Route 22 in Mountainside. The ticket price will be \$25 per person.

The committee is looking for gift donations. Proceeds from the event go to the Educational Enrichment Program at Deerfield School. This year's fashions will be sponsored by the Gap of Short Hills.

For more information, contact Donna McAdam or Susan Winter at (908) 232-8828.

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, 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.

On the trail

Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation will feature an exploration of winter constellations on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person, and each family will receive a winter star map. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

Astronomy Sunday at Trailside features lectures, a rocket launch, exhibits, displays, and children's workshops for grades K-5. The event begins at 2 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m., Trailside will hold an exploration of the day and nighttime sky for preschoolers. Admission is \$3 per person.

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The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross announced its 1997 Golf Tour, sponsored by GlenGate Apparel, Inc., of Mountainside. Golfers who participate will play in four events over the course of the season. The tour opens May 8 at Metedeconk National Golf Club. The next event will be on May 29 at Shackamaxon Country Club. The third leg of the tour will be on July 10 at Echo Lake Country Club. The finale of the tour will be on Sept. 29 at Baltusrol Golf Club. The tour costs \$1,000 which includes lunch and an award reception after the finale in September. Call (908) 232-7090 for further information. From left are Golf Committee members John Tabachnick, Ernest S. Winter, George Gatsy, and Dennis Kinsella.

School looks past dissolution

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Community members from Mountainside and Berkeley Heights are invited to participate in the transition process as the Berkeley Heights Board of Education prepares to assume responsibility of Governor Livingston High School as of July 1.

The board stated that it is committed to maintaining the excellence of the high school program as well as implementing enhancements to the program. The board is looking for community volunteers to assist the board in its planning process by identifying improvements to meet the expectations of taxpayers in both communities.

The organization meeting for all community volunteers will be tonight at 8 p.m. in the Clausen Administration Complex at 345 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

The meeting will include an update

on the dissolution process by the superintendent of schools and a review of the high school facilities by the secretary of the Board of Education. Volunteer committees will be organized to review topics including building rededication, orientation events, technology, and program and facility improvements.

According to Gayll Fisher, vice president of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, the board is looking forward to a successful year with input from the two communities.

"The ideas and energy of community members are of great value to the board as we move forward in planning a high school to meet the needs of our students from Berkeley Heights and Mountainside. We encourage citizens from both communities to attend the meeting on the 20th," said Fisher.

According to Fisher, the meeting tonight will be an extension of

surveys that were sent to both communities.

"The communities of Berkeley Heights and Mountainside had sent surveys to their communities six or eight weeks ago, and asked for volunteers. We did get a group of about 25 or 30 people from the two communities who volunteered to help with the process. So we already have a core group of these people, but we are hoping that more people will be able to come to this meeting and lend a hand," said Fisher.

The meeting will also have a presentation about what the upcoming year will have in store at the high school as far as curriculum and programs that will be offered at the high school since the upcoming year's curriculum is basically established.

"What we are going to be looking for is to let us know the kinds of things they are interested in changing as time goes on," said Fisher.

Mayor highlights heart awareness

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

Mayor Robert Vigianni declared February "American Heart Month" in the borough.

During the Borough Council meeting Tuesday night, Vigianni signed a proclamation to bring the topic of heart disease and stroke to the forefront of discussion among borough residents.

The proclamation reads: "The American Heart Association's mission is to reduce disability and death due to cardiovascular disease and stroke; and whereas the American Heart Association is designed to promote healthy heart practices, as well as raise money in support of the American Heart Association's research efforts, cardiovascular education programs, and public awareness activities; and whereas previous American Heart Association research efforts resulted in significant advancements, open heart surgery, artificial hearts, the developments of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and improved cardiac rehabilitation techniques; and whereas these and other heart-related discoveries have saved and prolonged countless lives throughout the nation and within the Borough of Mountainside."

Signing the proclamation, Vigianni encouraged all citizens and business owners to support the lifesaving mission of the American Heart Association during American Heart Month by supporting activities to continue the fight against cardiovascular disease and stroke.

In other business, the council passed several resolutions, the first of which was to enter into an agreement for 1997 with the Visiting Nurses Affiliate of Elizabeth to provide nursing care for borough residents who may need such attention. The cost of the contract for the year will be \$1,764.

Another resolution passed by the council was to appoint Councilman Thomas Perrotta to the Historic Preservation Committee, this being a result of the committee's wish to have him return for another term based on his performance.

The council passed a motion to accept Karl S. Kelber as a member of the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department, a motion the council was happy to pass because of the borough's shortage of volunteers.

In a related note, the council had the second reading of an ordinance that would amend the rule about officers on the squad having to be from within the borough. This is a result of a similar ordinance that passed allowing volunteer firefighters to live outside the borough.

Deer control efforts are on target for '97

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

The Watchung Reservation deer hunt is well under way as the county continues its effort to prevent the reservation from being overrun by the four legged residents. The Union County Parks Department is quickly approaching its target number of deer for the year, which is 189, as laid out in its five-year deer population control plan.

As of Tuesday, the number of deer taken by the authorized hunters for the county was 119, leaving the hunters 70 deer left to harvest before the end of the hunt, scheduled for March 31. With the relatively mild winter that the county has experienced, it appears that the target number will be reached, possibly even ahead of schedule.

The deer hunt, which has been a topic of discussion for the past few years, was determined to be the best solution to controlling the deer population in the Watchung Reservation. The five-year plan set forth by the Union County Parks Department may not take the entire five years if it continues to harvest the maximum number of deer per year, which is 189. The plan could take as little as three years if the hunts are as successful as they have been in the past.

Feeding the hungry is borough resident's mission

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

One of Mountainside's own is on the front lines of helping those in need, and although the work is long and hard, Sigrid Patsch has found the time to help make the lives of those less fortunate a little better.

What had once started as a small endeavor to bring a little amount of food to Elizabeth and Newark to be distributed to families in need has turned into a full-time job in the quest to help those who are hungry.

Patsch has been involved with the charity work since 1993, and has seen the numbers of both volunteers and those in need grow throughout the years.

"What got me started in this charity work was the Catholic church in Mountainside, Our Lady of Lourdes. The group I work with is called Circle of Compassion, and we started out to cook a casserole for six to eight people and we had 12 cooks. Today we have 90 cooks who prepare food for various organizations," said Patsch.

Once the food is prepared, those who have prepared the meats bring them to Patsch so she can get them ready to bring to Elizabeth and Newark.

"The volunteers bring the food to me and every week I bring the food to various shelters so it can be distributed to the families," said Patsch.

With the growth of the amount of

food that is being collected, some of which has to be rewrapped, and other food that requires containers, Patsch has been experiencing a shortage of basic supplies to help get the food to those who need it.

"The Spanish Tavern in Mountainside gives us six to eight gallons of soup a day, but we do not have enough plastic containers to put the soup in to bring to the shelters. With eight gallons of soup a day, we need more than 10,000 quart-sized containers with lids a year, which I cannot afford to buy myself. I already buy gallon and half gallon Ziplock bags to hold some of the donated food and it becomes expensive after a while," said Patsch.

St. Joseph's Church in Elizabeth is one of the main recipients of Patsch's work along with the Aid Center in Newark and St. Rocco's in Newark. According to Patsch, the shelter at St. Joseph's needs more food donations as well to help feed the many people in need who come to the church for meals.

"We need more food in Elizabeth at St. Joseph's. Every week, they feed 600 families, and often they have very little or no food at all," said Patsch.

So now that the numbers have grown to overwhelming proportions, Patsch is looking for those in the community to help wherever possible.

"I hope people will be able to help us with some type of donations so we



Sigrid Patsch prepares a trayful of food to be delivered to needy families in the county.

can continue to feed the families who are in need, especially since many of them have small children," said Patsch.

Donations of food or supplies are appreciated by Patsch. In particular are casseroles that could feed six to eight people, quart-sized plastic con-

tainers with lids, gallon or half gallon Ziplock bags, or any other type of food donations.

Patsch already receives donations from local restaurants and businesses such as the Spanish Tavern in Mountainside and the Blue Ribbon Bakery in Union, but she is always on the

lookout for other businesses that may be able to lend a hand.

Since many people are too busy to cook something, Patsch also accepts monetary donations, which are tax deductible. Anyone interested in donating food, supplies or money can contact Patsch at (908) 232-5809.

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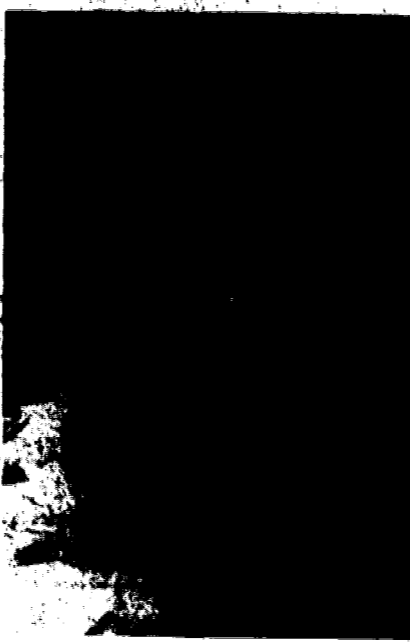
Author will appear at council luncheon

Author Belva Plain will be the principal speaker at a luncheon at noon on Saturday at the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield. The luncheon, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Essex-Union Interbranch Council of the American Association of University Women.

Plain's first novel, "Evergreen," published in 1978, was at the top of the New York Times bestseller list for 41 weeks and was made into a television mini-series.

Since then she has written 11 best-sellers including "The Carousel," "The Golden Cup," "Random Winds," "Tapestry," "Blessings" and others. Her most recent book, "Promises," published in July of last year is on bestseller lists across the country.

The Interbranch Council is comprised of ten branches of the AAUW in Essex and Union Counties. This is an association of women and men with an opportunity to promote lifelong learning and positive societal change. The state president of the AAUW-NJ, Dianne McKay, will also be a luncheon speaker.



Belva Plain

Reservations for the luncheon at \$25 per person may be made by calling either (201) 379-4634 or (201) 761-0262.

Washington exhibit set

The Springfield Historical Society will display an original letter written by George Washington just before the Battle of Springfield during the American Revolutionary War. This event will take place on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., Springfield. Free guided tours will also be available at this time.

Margaret Bandrowski, Society president, stated, "As we commemorate the 265th anniversary of our nation's first president, everyone is invited to see this famous document, and parents are particularly urged to bring their children to view our proud acquisition written by General George Washington during his travels around this area."

The letter, which is normally kept in a bank safety deposit box, was penned by George Washington him-

self and not by a scribe as was usually his custom during wartime. It is dated June 18, 1780, a few days before the Battle of Springfield on June 23, 1780. In it, Washington is writing about a presumably confidential matter involving the chain of command in the Continental Army. During this period, he had passed through Springfield several times which was then a small farming community located on present Morris Turnpike stretching from his headquarters in Morristown to Elizabeth.

The letter was donated by Springfield resident Howard Casselman, who is a charter member of the society and serves as a trustee on its executive council.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (201) 376-4784.

Kidney Foundation to meet

The Kidney Research Foundation of New Jersey — Ruth Papier Chapter will hold its regular meeting at the Springfield Library on Mountain Avenue on Monday at 12:30 p.m. Coffee will be served.

The Kidney Research Foundation of New Jersey supports pediatric nephrology research at the University

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Coming events
Feb. 27

• The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold their luncheon meeting at noon at Congregation Israel in Springfield. Following the regular meeting, Evelyn Panish will present a program "Exercises for Seniors." Panish first started teaching senior exercise classes for the Township of Springfield; then went on to teach at the J.C.C. of Central N.J. in Scotch Plains.

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.

March 3

• The Springfield Board of Education is scheduled to hold a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the education conference room at the Gaudineer School.

March 4

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School media center.
• The TV-36 cable program "Managing Your Money" will feature "Divorce and Financial Strategies" at 7:30 p.m. The program will be rebroadcast Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

March 5

• The United States Air Force Air Combat Command Heritage of America Band will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Jonathan Dayton High School Halsey Hall auditorium. The school is located on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. Admission is free, but seating is limited to 800. To reserve tickets and for any additional information, call (201) 376-6300, ext. 300.

• The Sisterhood of Congregation Israel of Springfield will hold a Spring fashion show presented by Nordstroms at 8 p.m. The show will take place at Congregation Israel, 339 Mountain Ave., with a fee of \$20 annual membership dues payable at the door. \$10 for guests. Reservations are required by Wednesday. For more information, call (201) 467-9666.

March 10

• The Mountainside Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

March 11

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in a workshop session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.
• The Springfield Township committee will meet in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

March 16

• The B'nai B'rith of Springfield will sponsor a trip to the Forum Theater in Metuchen to see a performance of "Schmulnik's Waltz" at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22. Contact the lodge for reservations.

March 18

• The Mountainside Borough Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

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Garciano is first woman to receive honor

By Walter Elliott
Staff Reporter

What Springfield resident Maria Garciano and George Bush have in common sounds like a trivia question — but holds a far from trivial concern.

Garciano, current assistant vice president of First Community Bank, and Bush, former president of the United States, have been named as recipients of the B'nai B'rith International Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award. While the group's national headquarters in Washington, D.C., has awarded every president since Harry S. Truman, Garciano's selection is the first of a woman by Lodge 2093 of Springfield.

"It's unusual for us," said Lodge official Herbert Ross, "but Maria Garciano's an exemplary person. She's been helping the community in unselfish ways for decades."

"I'd see Herb Ross and lodge member Joe Tenenbaum when they do business here for a long time," said Garciano. "I got a call last November from Ross saying 'We've nominated you,' and didn't hear from him about

it until he called me again last week."

Ross said that he, Tenenbaum, Lodge President Irving Rosen and other key local members nominate someone who has helped the community. The nomination goes to the national office in Washington for verification. When the headquarters gives the official blessing, the local announces the award and sets a banquet date.

"We've been holding an annual ICCAA presentation for over a decade," said Ross. "The lodge named me last year for the senior citizens housing project and my son, Mark, got it the year before for his work with Temple Beth-Ahm."

The presidential selection is done at the national level, said Ross, and usually after the chief executive has left office.

The lodge cites her membership with the Suburban Chamber of Commerce and the St. James School Home School Association. She's also vice chairperson of the Union County Heart Association Heart Walk, which held its inaugural run Oct. 5.

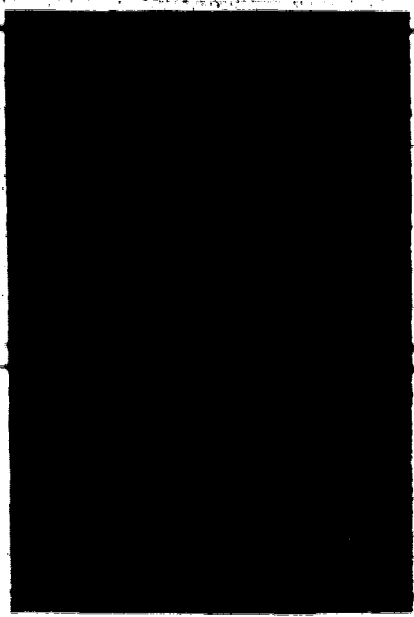
"Mrs. Garciano has the unique ability to interact with people which has earned her the accolades of all the organizations she works with," said Ross. "She's always ready to help any cause of a humanitarian nature and has earned a following of friends who appreciate her professional and interpersonal skills."

Garciano herself said that her networking abilities enable her to be so effective as a leader and a humanitarian.

"I started working here when this was the InterCounty Bank 20 years ago," said Garciano, "and I live here. By networking, I'm able to know what people need and want."

InterCounty was absorbed by CoreStates Bank three years ago, however, and the Philadelphia-based company sent her to an office in Cranford.

"I wasn't happy there," said Garciano. "It would take me two years to develop the contacts I had in Springfield, so I left after six months. But InterCommunity, out of Clinton,



Maria Garciano

wanted to open a branch here — and I'm back."

B'nai B'rith Local 2093 is set to hold the award presentation at the Short Hills Caterers June 18 at 6:30 p.m. Call Tenenbaum at (201) 379-9306 for details.

Regional district views test scores

By Chris Saewal
Staff Writer

For the first time, the results of the New Jersey High School Proficiency Tests are those from tests taken in the month of October.

On Tuesday, the Union County Regional Board of Education reviewed an HSPT test results report given by Kenneth Mattfield, supervisor of curriculum. Mattfield disclosed the results and made comparisons to the Early Warning Test procedures and design.

"If you look at the mean scores for each of the sections, in general it has been trending upward," he said. "In fact, most of our students fall into the high range of scores on each section of the test."

The districtwide results show that 479 students attempted all three sections and the number that passed all three sections was 439, which equals a 91.7 percent passing ratio. The passing percentage for reading was 93.7 while 96.9 percent passed mathematics. A total of 98.7 percent passed the writing portion.

The EWT is taken by students in grade eight and is intended to ascertain which students need remedial learning. The HSPT has a similar function, as it examines the skills level of students before they complete high school. Mattfield indicated that the HSPT tests are designed for students in grade 11, although it can be taken through grade 12.

"The theory behind the test is that these are skills a high school graduate should have in order to receive a high school diploma," Mattfield said.

The test results differ from the EWT scores because the HSPT does not score via a Level I or Level II breakdown of outstanding passing scores and medial passing results. Therefore, the results for the HSPT encompass a percentage of those who either passed or failed, but there exists a lack of further breakdown.

"The categories are similar in that the sections of the test include Reading, Writing and Mathematics scores," Mattfield said. "Those who failed will get another opportunity in April as tests will be administered on April 8, 9 and 10."

The remedial learning course of action for those who do not pass any section of the HSPT is known as Special Review Assessment. This allows the student who does not pass to demonstrate proficiency through other means, Mattfield said.

"These students do not get a break," he said. "In fact, it's much more difficult to pass the SRA in terms of the time it takes and the effort the student puts into it."

Mattfield said there have been various changes in the test from year to year. For example, the variations include altering the type of essays or reading samples. Some samples include reading assignments of driver manuals or a page from an insurance text with which the students are not familiar, he said.

He also indicated that most of the concepts in mathematics utilize the fundamentals taught in Algebra I. This does not mean that students who have not completed Algebra I cannot take the test, he said.

Resident keeps spirit of invention alive

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Springfield resident Michael J. Scott, through his unique eyeglass holder, is helping to keep the tradition of the American inventor alive.

When one thinks of "inventor," one tends to picture an individual coming up with a device alone in a laboratory or a garage. Thomas Alva Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Seth Boyden and a few other faces from history comes to mind.

While invention thrives to this day, however, the inventor seems to have become invisible. Teams of engineers or faceless corporations, with rare exceptions, have taken the solitary originator's limelight.

Michael Scott's stand for the individual inventor began innocently during a car ride two years ago.

"I was driving along and was fumbling about the dashboard for a pair of sunglasses," said Scott. "I had a pair of reading glasses and, being a neat-

ness nut, I didn't like to have two pairs or their cases floating around."

Scott suddenly stopped reaching for his glasses and picked up his pocket tape recorder and notebook instead. Within minutes, he sketched a dual compartmental pocket glasses holder.

The Union County College graduate and current dental technician was actually at the first step of the invention process. Ahead of him and his "Double Vision" device was the patent application — a perilous journey which sifts original ideas from those already thought up. After that are the marketing and manufacturing final cuts.

"While I kept sketching and drawing manufacturing details," I started to look around for a company which

can help me with the patent search," said Scott. "After talking with several firms, I came across National Invention Services, Inc. and looked at their record with the Better Business Bureau."

NISI, of Pawleys Island, S.C., conducts a patent search for the inventor apparent within the U.S. Patent Office's files and reports its findings.

If the search indicates the device's uniqueness, NISI provides patent application forms and, later on, assists with licensing arrangements.

"We've been in business since 1992 and have offices in Washington, D.C. and other locations," said NISI General Manager George Schiessl. "A patent search, whereby we see if anyone else has claim to the idea or some-

thing approaching it, can take seven or eight months by an individual. While the Patent Office gets about 100,000 applications a year, there's a one year backlog due to their staff shortage."

If the Patent Office determines the idea's uniqueness, it will file a patent, giving the inventor exclusive rights for 17 years.

"What we can't do is represent the inventor in legal hearings," said Schiessl. "That would be a conflict of interest. Still, working with Scott and others like him show that the individual inventor is alive and well."

While Schiessl and Scott await the Patent Office's blessing, they are licensing "Double Vision" as a patent pending product.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Walking a tightrope

As you read this, the Board of Education is formulating the school budget for the 1997-98 school year.

This is by no means an easy task, especially as the district must grapple with Governor Whitman's new funding formula and core curriculum plan. Superintendent of Schools Leonard Baccaro stated that, due to the complexity, Whitman's plan is indeed presenting problems for the district. "The problem is the new budget format sent by the state. That is the nightmare. It is rather confusing and complex," he said. To compound the matter, the legislation is being challenged in the state Supreme Court, and if overturned, all financial figures emanating from the state will be up in the air, including the level of state aid.

In addition, the district previously compiled a budget primarily aimed at Deerfield School, but as a result of the break-up of the Union County Regional High School District, Mountainside now has to formulate a budget for students from kindergarten through high school. Berkeley Heights will charge Mountainside tuition for students who attend Governor Livingston, and while nobody expects the fees will be exorbitant, this remains a variable that is largely in their hands.

A third consideration is the recent call for an expanded technology program, a program which is vital to ensuring that the children of Mountainside remain competitive with those throughout the state, country and the world. Even though a technology fund is being established to help cover expenses such an ambitious project will generate, there are other costs that will arise, which the district will have to finance, such as technical staff.

As if there wasn't enough for the board to consider, there is also the perennial cry of citizens who accuse government agencies of overspending, as well as those voices who say that the borough is not doing enough for the community's children.

With all this in mind, we join the fray by asking the board to carefully contemplate all these issues as they compile and prepare to release the budget. Mountainside, as with many other communities in Union County, has seen a steady rise in property taxes in recent years. While Mountainside is arguably a wealthy community, it is not fair for borough agencies to rely on tax increases to support their spending habits. Instead, they need to plan carefully and think prudently.

But education may be a different matter. For many residents, it is their No. 1 priority as far as tax spending is concerned. They would rather the money be funneled into educating their children rather than the renovation of a municipal building.

It is important that the education budget be formulated with an eye toward long-term stability. As the drawn out battle involving deregionalization proves, unexpected events are waiting around every corner. While the school board cannot foretell the future, it can continue to build upon the district's already solid foundation.

So to the Board of Education, we say spend what you feel is appropriate to provide the borough's children with the best education possible, and focus on what the ramifications of this budget will have on the borough 10, 20, and even 30 years into the future.

What's going on?

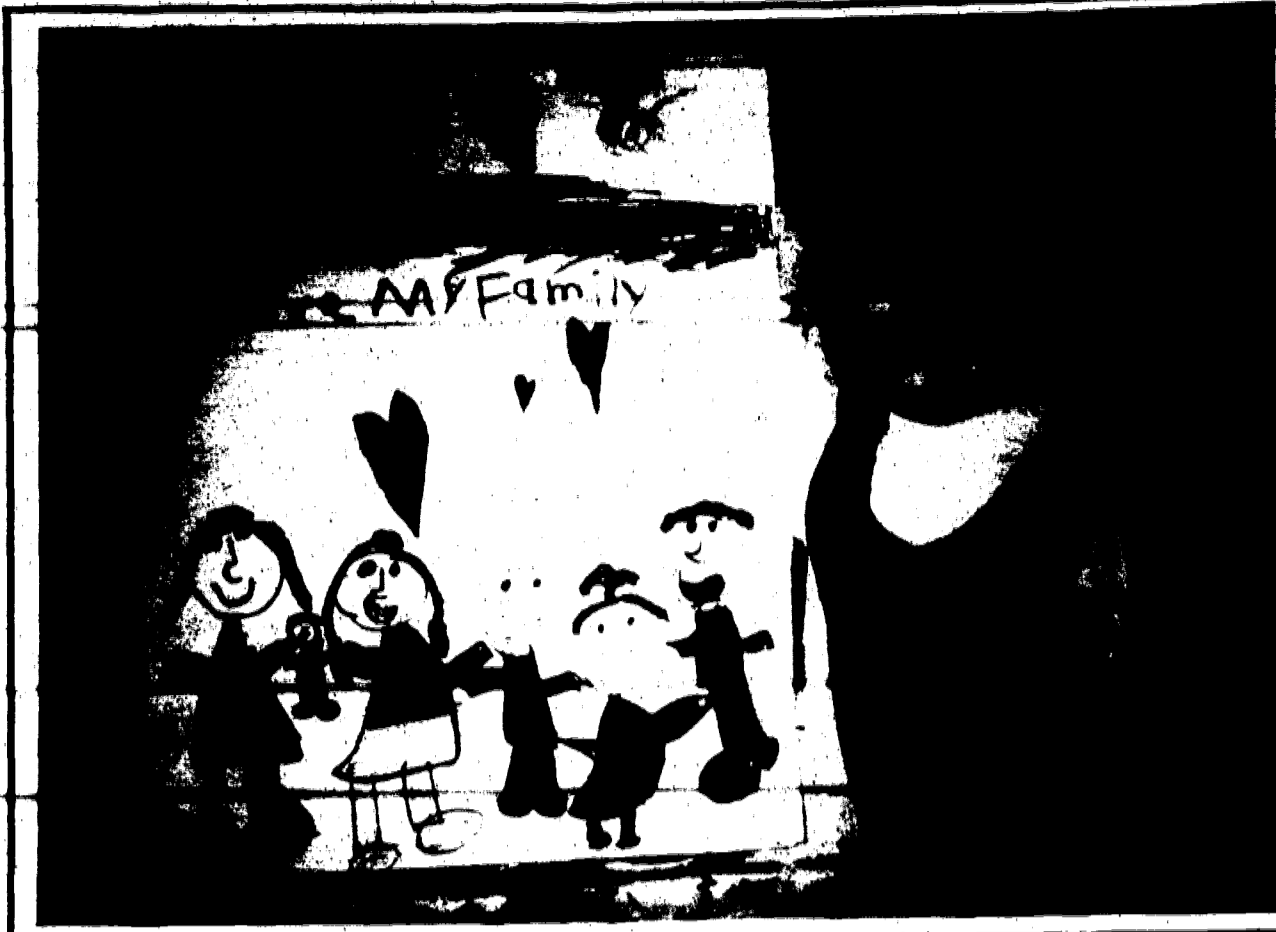
Mountainside is often painted as a quiet borough where little scandalous happens. Usually that is true, however, an incident that can best be described as bizarre is painting a different picture.

A conflict has arisen between the borough's Zoning Board and the Social Clubhouse, a facility for mentally challenged adults with drug and alcohol problems. According to Zoning Board member Valerie Saunders, an attorney representing the facility appealed numerous summonses before the board, which were given to the facility because they did not properly obtain a certificate of occupancy for the building. They had permission to occupy 3,000 square feet of space with administrative offices, but they used an additional space for daycare facilities, a move that was not part of the original agreement with the borough.

Saunders said they should have applied for a variance prior to utilizing the space. The fact they did not leads us to believe that they either did not know exactly what they were doing in dealing with the borough, or they did not care to be regulated. Either reason is unacceptable for a facility that is supposed to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. We believe the Social Clubhouse displayed a distinct lack of responsibility.

Perhaps there is a halfway reasonable explanation for this. We did try to get their side of the story, but they were not forthcoming. Perhaps they should reconsider, for now we, along with the rest of the borough, are left to suspect the worst.

What are conditions like in the center? The borough should investigate the matter further. Saunders also said the borough is not adopting a "not in my backyard mentality." However, this facility is already in Mountainside's backyard, and they need to make sure everything is as it should be.



FAMILY AFFAIR — Taylor Hoy, a student in Nancy Bonaventura's kindergarten class at Deerfield School, displays a poster about her family.

Black history has strongly shaped America

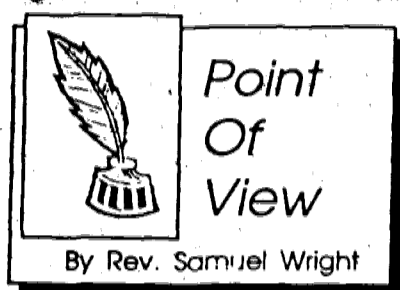
February has been designated Black History Month for many years. Our tradition has been to spend conscious time in reflection, observances and recognizing the many achievements of numerous black men and women.

The history of black people in America is a history that is unique; it is multifaceted. At the same time it is the single most one dimensional story of a people taken from a continent, brutally beaten and inhumanely brought to the shores of North America. No other group of people became acquainted with America the way the people of Africa had.

Arriving on American soil was void of an Ellis Island experience. There was no welcome wagon or Statue of Liberty to welcome the malnourished, chained, raped and disease-laden black person.

The strong, able-bodied, passive to a fault, black person did not have the luxury of changing his or her name or accent in order to escape the institutionalized prejudices that awaited them. The salt in the wound of a black person from Africa was they could not and were not allowed to "openly" maintain ties to their rich and noble African heritage. Somehow it is difficult to imagine such cruel treatment.

What is so awe-inspiring about the black experience in America, is that in spite of the grave injustices, black men and women have been and con-



tinued to be major contributors to the history of America.

From the beginning of the slave era to the present, black men and women have worked under unusual conditions, extremely long hours, without the benefit of the proper equipment — which gave birth to many of the tools and inventions we use today.

How many agricultural innovations were the ideas of black plantation slave workers? How many roads, bridges, schools and homes have been designed, framed, and furnished by the sweat of the black man's brow?

Wars have been fought and won by the courage and fortitude of young black men who were not allowed the benefit of equal status as white soldiers. Blacks could not vote but could suffer the loss of "their children for what we call pride in our country and in defense of democracy. Black women could cook, clean, and nurse white children but had to give their seat on a bus or train to a healthy, able-bodied white individual.

Nevertheless, black men and women have and continue to weather the storms of racism and inequality. History calls to mind Crispus Attucks, Benjamin O. Davis, Chappy James and Colin Powell to name a few of those whose commitment and heroics have helped make America a better nation. Just recently the Tuskegee Airmen have begun to receive the recognition due for their support and bravery during World War II. There are countless achievements in the medical, political, entertainment and business fields that have been made possible because of the vision of black Americans.

Without a doubt, the pivotal civil rights movement of the '60s stands as a modern testament to the courage and determination of black people. Had it not been for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, Ralph Abernathy and a multitude of faithful marchers and volunteers, where would America be today?

The civil rights movement brought the sin of racism to the nation's attention via non-violent protest with the help of the media. Our nation watched as human beings were beaten, hosed and bit by dogs.

Families witnessed the horror of people being taunted and spat upon because they wanted to be free to learn in schools anywhere in America, to live anywhere they could afford without fear of reprisal by the Ku-

Klux Klan, simply to be recognized and respected for being a decent human being.

Today, as we recognize black history, we must be careful to acknowledge that blacks in America have a history and a present. Our history had, and will continue to have, a profound effect on the shaping of these United States of America.

It is my sincere prayer that Americans of every ethnic background will begin to embrace our mutual histories as a contribution to our great society. Someone once said that if you are not free, I am not free. That statement speaks volumes about our undeniable link to one another.

As we the American people move toward a new millennium, let us move with the wisdom that history affords us. We are interdependent, we are connected by our past and committed to one another by our present. We win or lose, succeed or fail by what we do with the truth of our past and the reality of our present as it will help mold our collective future.

Lastly, it is the desire of the Sovereign God that we do as He had commanded: "These things I command you, that you love one another... and that you be one," John 15:17-17:21.

—The Rev. Samuel M. Wright, Jr. is associate pastor of Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield.

The federal budget needs a balancing act

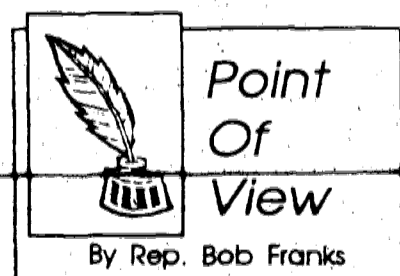
In the next 30 days, Congress will take historic action that could have a profound impact on every family in New Jersey.

Already scheduled for action is a vote on a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would finally put an end to deficit spending in Washington.

I support the Balanced Budget Amendment because I want families to enjoy a higher standard of living. I want to see every child have an opportunity to live the American Dream.

Thirty years of reckless deficit spending have taken a devastating toll. Washington's deficits have forced interest rates up, making it more expensive for every family to purchase a home. And when it's time to go to the bank for a car loan or to send a child to college, the federal deficit forces you to pay higher interest rates.

It is an undisputed fact that a federal



budget, which is permanently in balance, will lower interest rates substantially, increasing economic growth and creating new jobs.

For a generation — through Democrat and Republican administrations, and through good times and bad — Washington has come up with excuse after excuse as to why it can't, or shouldn't live within its means.

This generation-long pattern of deficit spending, with no regard as to who will pay the bills, is leaving our children and grandchildren with staggering debts.

A child born today already has a bill from the federal government for nearly \$200,000. That's a newborn's share of the interest payment on the \$5.1 trillion national debt. That child's bill will get larger and larger unless we act now to finally end deficit spending.

As New Jersey's only representative on the House Budget Committee, I'm proud of the recent strides we have made toward balancing the federal budget. Today, the deficit is at its lowest point in 15 years. And while I am very hopeful that Congress and the president will reach an agreement that will allow us to achieve a balanced budget in five years, that accomplishment, no matter how significant, is only the first hurdle.

The real challenge will be to keep the federal budget in balance in the years beyond 2002. If, by that time, we haven't made some fundamental changes in entitlement programs, if

we don't shift resources out of Washington and back into communities, and if we don't provide some real incentives for investment, the pressure to return to deficit spending will be overwhelming.

A budget only temporarily in balance will be of little lasting value.

Only with a Balanced Budget Amendment can we force Washington to honestly address the long-term fiscal challenges confronting our nation.

And only by enacting a Balanced Budget Amendment can the families of New Jersey be assured of a brighter future with their children having access to the American Dream.

Rep. Bob Franks, a Republican member of the House Budget Committee, represents New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

School plan doesn't fix problem

To the Editor:

In the Feb. 2 issue of the *Sunday Star-Ledger*, an article concerning the new school funding plan had state Attorney General Peter Verniero saying the court has no power over state school spending plans. Sen. Jack Ewing of Somerset County explained that the plan needs a chance because it defines a "thorough and efficient" education. My question is, if poorer districts cannot afford the faculty, staff and technology to facilitate these standards, what will happen to them?

In wealthier districts, teachers can be hired whether the need be a new core standard or overcrowding, a common urban problem. Newer buildings can accommodate the electrical needs of technology; many older buildings cannot accommodate the electrical needs of technology; many older buildings cannot even accommodate fans when classroom temperatures soar above 100 degrees. In wealthier districts with larger tax bases, if buildings can no longer provide safe, healthy environments for children, new schools can be built without overwhelming property owners.

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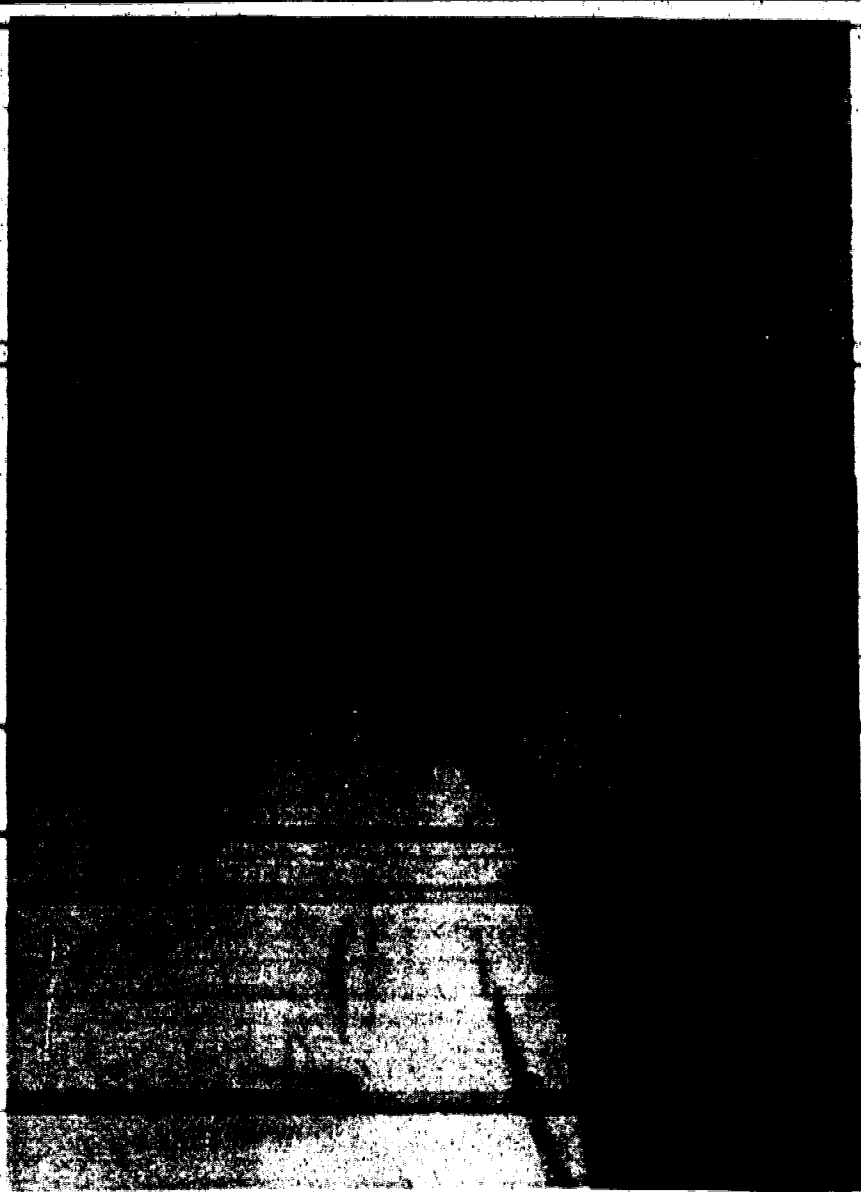
LIFESTYLE



Diane Barreiros and Michael Servello

Barreiros to wed Servello

Mr. and Mrs. Manny Barreiros of Mountainside announce the engagement of their daughter Diane Marie Barreiros to Michael Anthony Servello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Servello of Mountainside. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, and Wilkes University, Wilkes Barre, PA. She is employed by Danka of Springfield. The future groom is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Springfield, and is self-employed. An October 11, 1997 wedding is planned.



Kristin Viglianti and John Lusk

Viglianti to wed Lusk

Mayor & Mrs. Robert Viglianti of Mountainside announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Marie Viglianti to John Christopher Lusk, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lusk of Scotch Plains. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School and Katherine Gibbs Business School, and is employed by Sedgwick James of NJ as an account assistant. The future groom is a graduate of Scotch Plains High School and Kean College, where he received a B.A. in History. He is employed by New York Life Insurance Co. of Parsippany in the Mutual Funds department. A June 1997 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

STUDENT UPDATE

Prudente named to honor roll

The Academy of Saint Elizabeth announces the following honor roll student for the second quarter of the 1996-1997 academic year:
Grade 12- Honorable Mention: Laurie Prudente, Springfield.

Lamzutova named to dean's list

Mariya Lamzutova, a senior majoring in economics at the University of Rochester, has been named to the fall 1996 dean's list for academic achievement. Lamzutova, a graduate of Louis D. Brandeis High School in New York City, is a resident of Springfield. The University of Rochester is a university in the Northeast. Approximately 4,600 undergraduates are enrolled in its humanities, sciences, engineering, music, and nursing programs.

Pieja named scholar candidate

Michael Pieja, son of Bette & Michael Pieja and a graduating senior at Governor Livingston High School, has been named one of approximately 2,600 candidates in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from more than 2.5 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 1997. Now in its 34th year, the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities. The 2,600 candidates were selected for their performance on either the SAT or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in late March. Final selection of the scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the president. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Students living abroad; up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts; and 15 students at-large. The United States Department of Education will announce scholars in May.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION BOARD OF HEALTH
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE PAY OR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS AND CLERICAL EMPLOYMENTS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE YEAR 1997

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey as follows:
1. That the following enumerated officers or positions, clerical employments in the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, the respective salaries or compensation set out below are hereby fixed as the amounts to be paid for the year 1997, and until this ordinance shall be amended or repealed, to the respective officers, appointees to said officers, positions or clerical employment:
Health officer \$5,546.00
2. The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof according to law.
HELEN E. KEYWORTH, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday evening, February 12, 1997, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on March 12, 1997, in the Springfield Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HELEN E. KEYWORTH Secretary Board of Health U3390 SLR Feb. 20, 1997 (\$18.75)

NOTICE OF HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Development Application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by Kenneth J. Burroughs for (1) Minor Subdivision Approval pursuant to Section 900 of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance; (2) Variance Relief from minimum lot area, lot width, front yard depth, and maximum lot coverage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:550-70c; and (3) Site Plan Waiver pursuant to Section 900 of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance, all Sections referring to the zoning ordinance of the Township of Springfield. Applicant will also seek any other variance or approvals that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board. This application is made for premises located at 29 Battle Hill Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Block 904, Lot 23. This application is now Calendar No. 2-97-S on the clerk's calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 p.m., March 5, 1997, in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J., and when the calendar is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney, and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield, located in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Street, Springfield, N.J.
Rahim A. Munir, Esq. Attorney for Applicant, Kenneth J. Burroughs U3398 SLR Feb. 20, 1997 (\$15.75)

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. Take notice that the Local Assistance Board of Springfield Township, an advisory board to the Municipal Welfare Department, will meet on the following dates: Monday, April 28, 1997 at 4:30 p.m.; September 29, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. and December 8, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Welfare Director's office on the second floor of the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, N.J. The public is welcome to attend.
Maureen Melner Director of Human Services U3383 SLR Feb. 20, 1997 (\$8.50)

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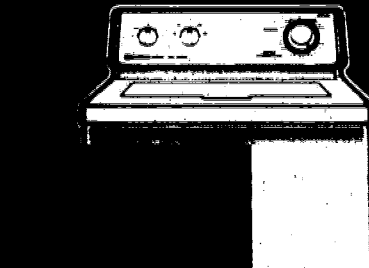
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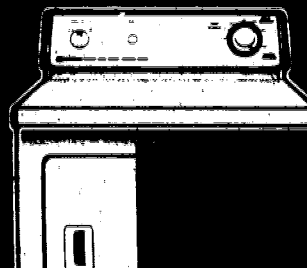
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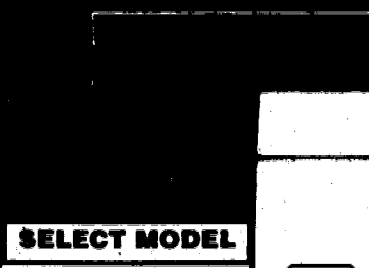
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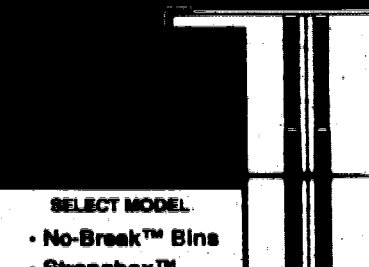
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YMCA ready to start fundraising campaign

The Summit Area YMCA announced the public kick-off of its \$6.3 million capital expansion at an event planned for March 11 at the Hilton at Short Hills from 7 - 9 p.m. The event will feature the first-time public display of the architectural plans that will virtually double the size of the facility in an effort to meet the growing needs of the community. The event will also mark the official start of the public phase of the Y's capital campaign.

At the upcoming event, Honorary Chairs Jon and Joanne Corzine, Judy Shipley, and Doug Watson of Summit will be on hand to introduce "the new expanded Summit Area YMCA...now more than ever" campaign. Roger Parsons, president of the Summit Area YMCA's Board of Directors and Tim Weidman, executive director, will present building plans for more than 30,000 square feet of new Y. "A new pool, new gymnasium and new family fun center are among the many more extras that make up what we call ours. We can add to our family programs, our state-of-the-art fitness equipment, comfortably hold swim

events with observation seating for 100, and continue to grow and improve programs that follow suit with our mission statement," said Weidman.

The Summit Area YMCA's mission is to provide programs needed in the community for youth, adults and families without regard to race, national origin, or individual differences. Programs are designed to encourage participation and to build spiritual, intellectual and physical well being, and to improve the community in which we live and the world at large.

In addition to full hors d'oeuvres and a dessert buffet and the presentation, there will be a 3-dimensional architectural model of the facility and renderings of each of the new and renovated areas, as designed by the architectural firm Biber and Associates of Summit. All are welcome to attend the event. Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting the Summit Area YMCA Office of Development at (908) 273-3330 by Feb. 28.

Elderly aimed SAGE begins annual membership appeal

SAGE, Inc., a non profit agency serving the needs of the elderly and their caregivers in Union, Morris, Essex and Somerset counties, has begun its annual membership appeal.

Funds raised from this appeal support a variety of SAGE programs, all of which are designed to keep the elderly independent and living at home for as long as possible.

According to Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE, "As the number of older persons in our communities increases, adult children are searching for services to assist with eldercare; SAGE delivers these services with a warm and caring touch by experienced professionals."

SAGE offers programs, many staffed by volunteers, in almost all areas of gerontological care. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, six-day a week delivery of professionally planned and prepared meals to individuals 60 years of age or older who are unable to food shop or cook for themselves; Home Care, which offers trained and state certified aides; Companion Service, providing non-medical support services; InfoCare, an information and referral service; Tel-Assurance, weekday phone calls to the elderly; P.R.E.P. caregiver support groups; Spend-A-Day Adult Day Care Center in Berkeley Heights; SAGE Resale Shop and SAGE Workshop, a woodworking and furniture refinishing shop staffed by volunteers. For more information, call (908) 273-5550.

Peeping Toms can now be prosecuted

To provide a greater level of personal privacy and security for New Jersey's residents and children, legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin J. O'Toole and strongly supported by Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union, that will make a "Peeping Tom" instance a fourth-degree crime was signed into law by Governor Whitman.

O'Toole said the measure was prompted by the murder of young Amanda Wengert of Manalapan. Her murderer, Kevin Acquino, had been caught peeping into a girl's bathroom at a school.

The new law, A-778, will amend the state's statute on criminal trespass to make it a fourth-degree crime if a person peers into a window or other opening of a dwelling or other structure for the purpose of invading the privacy of another. A fourth-degree crime carries a maximum penalty of 18 months in jail and a \$7,500 fine.

"A 1987 Law Division decision, in the case of New Jersey vs. Zarin, ruled that a defendant charged with peering into an apartment did not commit an offense under New Jersey state law regarding harassment, because it was not shown that the defendant acted for the purpose of harassing those in the apartment," said O'Toole. "The court further ruled that the defendant could not be convicted of criminal trespass under state law because the defendant did not intrude into the structure."

"Anyone who seeks to harass our citizens by threatening their privacy and well-being deserves to answer to the fullest extent of the law can provide," O'Toole added. "This measure will ensure that anyone who commits such a crime will be held responsible."

In a similar case, a 1989 Appellate Division decision in New Jersey vs. Fuchs found that a "Peeping Tom" instance did not fall into the state's harassment statute.

O'Toole said that the safety of New Jersey's residents is foremost and those found guilty should face stiff penalties.

"Each and every one of our residents deserves privacy and safety," O'Toole said. "This legislation will ensure that those who invade those rights will be punished."

"As the Amanda Wengert case unfortunately showed, is that 'Peeping Tom' incidents can escalate into much more, with tragic results. We should not and will not let that happen again," O'Toole stated.

Viewing of da Vinci work set

On March 5, the Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will sponsor a bus trip to the Tallix Foundry in Beacon, NY, to view "Il Cavallo," the colossal statue of a horse which a Milanese patron commissioned Leonardo da Vinci to create back in 1482. Through many twists of fate, "Il Cavallo" has only now become a reality, many centuries later, at the Tallix foundry. A tribute to the Italian people, their role in the Renaissance, and to da Vinci, "Il Cavallo" will be installed at a still-to-be-determined place in Italy and unveiled on Sept. 10, 1999.

Participants of the trip will be given a private tour of the foundry which has been used by artists like Frank

Stella, Claes Oldenberg and Willem de Kooning, and will have a chance to view the famous Il Cavallo before it leaves the U.S. Lunch will be at the equally famous Culinary Institute of America followed by a private tour of the institute.

The trip is open to the public. Bus leaves at 7 a.m. behind the A&P in New Providence. For reservations and further information call NJCVA at (908) 273-9121.

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Overlook offers CPR course

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Citizen CPR '97 is a special CPR training event being held by the American Heart Association tomorrow through Sunday. Courses are three hours long and will cost \$5 per person. There is no testing during the training and all participants will receive AHA CPR cards.

"Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation is one of the most important skills that a person can learn," said Judy Healy of the Overlook CPR Training Office. "Every day, hundreds of cardiac victims across the country are kept alive by friends, neighbors, or even strangers, who have learned CPR."

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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth B. Borbe

Elizabeth B. Borbe, 92, of Summit, a practical nurse, died Feb. 11 in her home.

Born in Kassel, Germany, Mrs. Borbe came to the United States in 1924, settling in Cedar Grove. She later moved to Maplewood and then to Summit. Mrs. Borbe was a self-employed nurse in Union and Essex counties before retiring in 1989.

Surviving are a son, Harry D.; two brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren.

Craig Townley

Craig Townley, 51, of Summit, a civil engineer and rescue squad volunteer, died Feb. 11 in his home.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Townley lived in Dunellen, before moving to Summit 11 years ago. He was a civil engineer with SCK Construction Co., Fairfield, for the past 11 years. Mr. Townley received an associate's degree in engineering from the Newark College of Engineering in 1969. He was a member, exempt member

and past president of the North Plainfield Rescue Squad, and during his 15 years with the squad, he often entertained youngsters playing Santa Claus.

Mr. Townley also was an emergency medical technician with Mercy Six of the Muhlenberg Medical Center in Plainfield. From 1963 to 1966, Mr. Townley served in the Navy as a sonar technician. He was a member of the New Jersey Submarine Veterans.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; two daughters, Wende Matejek and Amy Jo; a son, Andrew; his father, Charles W., and a sister, Gayle Ballard.

Yvonne Goode

Yvonne Goode, 55, of Summit died Feb. 14 in her home.

Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., Mrs. Goode lived in East Orange before moving to Summit. She was a secretary for Kemper Insurance Co., Summit, for several years. Mrs. Goode was a member of the Insurance Women's Club of America.

Surviving are two sons, James M.

and Jason S.; three daughters, Michelle G. Miller, Yvette and Claudette; her father, Jesse B. Parrish; two brothers, Jesse R. and William S. Parrish Sr.; three sisters, Winifred E. P. Lee, Deborah J. Wright and Dorothy A. Royster, and eight grandchildren.

Arthur Swanson

Arthur Swanson, 80, of Livingston, formerly of Springfield, a former editor of the Newark Evening News, died Feb. 7.

Born in Summit, Mr. Swanson lived in Springfield before moving to Livingston. He started his career as a reporter with the Denville Citizen. Mr. Swanson joined the Newark Evening News in 1947, where he worked for 25 years. He was head of the Elizabeth office, assistant suburban editor and assistant city editor, state editor, and by the time the newspaper closed in 1972, he was assistant managing editor.

Mr. Swanson then became the first executive editor of the Recorder Publishing Co., which publishes six weekly newspapers in New Jersey. He

retired in 1980. Mr. Swanson served in the Army during World War II in the Italian Campaign and saw action in the Battle of Monte Cassino. He helped to organize and was the first president of the Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; a son, Eric; a daughter, Jean Thompson; a brother, Robert E., and a grandchild.

William P. Maresca

William P. Maresca, 63, of Mountaintide, an industrial sales manager, died Feb. 11 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Maresca lived in Mountaintide for many years. He was employed by Culligan Water Conditioning Co., Union, in 1954. Mr. Maresca graduated from St. Peter's College, Jersey City. He was a member of the Union Rotary Club and the Springfield Book Discussion Group. In 1950, Mr. Maresca was class secretary for St. Peter's Prep School in Jersey City.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly S.; two sons, William P. Jr. and Christo-

pher; two daughters, Susan and Maria; a sister, Gloria Healey, and a brother, Robert J. Jr.

Louise H. D. Butler

Louise Hughes Dyer Butler, 89, of Jamesburg, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 14 in her home.

Born in Morganfield, Ky., Mrs. Butler lived in Summit before moving to Jamesburg in 1995. She was a hostess with the High Gate Hall Tea Room, Upper Montclair, for several years before retiring. Mrs. Butler graduated in 1929 from the University of Kentucky with a bachelor of science degree in home economics. She was a member of the Parish Guild, a choir mother and Sunday School teacher, all with Central Presbyterian Church, Summit.

Surviving are two sons, Edward Morris 3rd and William Langdon Sr.; a daughter, Willis Blue Butler Walker; a sister, Jane Elizabeth Dyer Arnold; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Donna Shaw

Donna Shaw, 40, of Dunellen, formerly of Summit, died Feb. 16 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Union City, Mrs. Shaw lived in Summit for many years before moving to Dunellen in 1990. She was a bookkeeper for Kings Supermarkets, Summit, for 21 years and retired last year.

Surviving are her husband, Rory; a

son, J. Nicholas; a daughter, Anne Forrest, and a brother, Wayne Forrest.

Hans C. Kraft

Hans C. Kraft, 90, of Springfield died Feb. 15 in the Berkeley Heights Convalescent Center.

Born in Ochtrup, Germany, Mr. Kraft lived in Springfield since 1943. He was head welder with Butler Corp., Union, for 15 years and retired 25 years ago. Earlier, Mr. Kraft had been a foreman with Weil Corp., Hillside, for 20 years. He was musician and played many instruments including the sousaphone. Mr. Kraft conducted the Hans Kraft Oompah Band throughout the state and retired five years ago. He was a member of the Federation of Musicians, Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife, Emma; a son, Walter H.; a daughter, Gretchen D. Kraft-Weil; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Dorothy L. Blake

Dorothy L. Blake, 77, of Green Valley, Ariz., formerly of Springfield, died Feb. 11 in St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Ariz.

Born in Hillside, Mrs. Blake lived in Morristown and Springfield before moving to Green Valley. She was a member of the Rockaway River Country Club in Denville.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Hoeming; three sons, Richard M. Jr., Frank J. and Robert J.; two brothers, Edward and John Duffy, and six grandchildren.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Colonial Avenue and Threave 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 bimonthly, October through May). Monthly meetings include: Couples' Bible Study, Women's Missionary and Service League, Men's Fellowship Breakfast every third Saturday (7:30 AM). Wide range of musical opportunities for children, youth and adults in choirs, hand bells, orchestra and instrumental ensembles. This church provides barrier free accessibility to all services and activities. A personal sound amplification system for the hearing impaired is available for use during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A cordial welcome awaits all visitors at all of our services and programs.

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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, 376-0539. Perry Raphael Rank, Rabbi. Richard Nadel, Cantor. Jack Goldman, President. Beth Ahm is an egalitarian, Conservative temple, with programming for all ages. Weekly services (including Sunday evening and Friday morning) are conducted at 7:00 AM & 7:45 PM; Shabbat (Friday) evening: 8:30 PM; Shabbat day: 9:30 AM & sunset; Sunday, festival & holiday mornings: 9:00 AM. Family and children services are conducted regularly.

Our Religious School (third-seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Nursery School, Women's League, Men's Club, youth groups for fifth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. A Seniors' League meets regularly. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

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

JEWISH - ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL 339 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 201-467-9666. Daily services are 6:30 A.M. and 7:15 A.M. and 15 minutes before sunset. There is one minyan on Sundays and civil holidays at 8:00 A.M. with Shabbat and Holiday services at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. We offer a full range of religious, cultural and social programming. On Monday evenings, we learn Biblical archeology from 7:30-8:30 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 minnah and ma'ariv prayers. We have a dynamic Sisterhood, vibrant Junior and Senior NCSY chapters, a Boy Scout troop, Karate classes for all ages, a Nursery School and Summer Camp. We are a family oriented modern Orthodox community and we welcome you to join with us for our programs. Rabbi Alan J. Yuter and Rabbi Israel E. Turner, Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Leonard Strulowitz, President.

JEWISH - REFORM TEMPLE SHIA'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 Shia'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Shabbat worship, enhanced by well-entertained, begins on Friday evenings at 8:30 PM, with monthly Family Services at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning Torah study classes begin at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7, and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school classes are available for children ages 2½ 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/AHAWATH AGIHIM B'NAI ISRAEL, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane Street), Union, 686-6773. Moshe Weisblum, Rabbi. Harold Gottesman, Cantor. Dr. Allan Renkoff, President. Congregation Beth Shalom/AABI is a traditional conservative synagogue. Daily Services - Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. Civil holidays and Sunday morning services - 8:30 A.M. Daily Mincha/Maariv Services 5:30 P.M. (call Synagogue to verify time). Shabbat Services - Friday - 8:30 PM., Saturday, 9:00 AM; Mincha/Maariv services according to sundown. Elementary Hebrew School meets Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF UNION 2372 Morris Avenue, Union, 682-2120. Meyer Korban, Rabbi. Esther Avnet, President. Hadassah Goldfisher, Principal. Temple Israel of Union is a traditional Conservative Congregation with programs for all ages. Friday Services 8:30 PM. Saturday Services 9:00 AM. Mincha 8:30

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

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

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 301 Tucker Ave., Union 688-0714. Rev. Thomas J. Bagel, Pastor. 10:00 AM. Coffee Hour 10:00 AM. We offer an 11:00 AM English Worship Service, with a children's sermon, to which everyone is welcome. Communion on first and third Sunday of every month. Sanctuary is handicapped accessible. Ample off street parking. Adult and Children Chorus. Adult Choir rehearsal every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation class every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets on first and third Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We have two WELCA circles. The Alpha circle meets every other month on Saturday mornings. The Alpha circle meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Trinity Adult Fellowship meets on the last Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Altar Guild meets on the second Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Four times a year Assembly #60 of the United Lutheran Society has a meeting.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 221 Kropfschwaie Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Krieger, Pastor. (908) 332-1517. Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:50 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will also be celebrated on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible.

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

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Chestnut Street & East Grant Ave. Roselle Park. Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Belsky, Pastor. Phone: (908) 245-2237; 245-8820; 241-1210. Worship Services: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. in our barrier-free Sanctuary. (Church school for infants through high school at 11:00 a.m.) Coffee & Fellowship Time: at 10:00. All are welcome!

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

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

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Morris Ave. and Church Hill, 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. - 10:15 a.m. - Communion first Sunday of each month; Ladies' Benevolent Society - 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.; Ladies' Evening Group - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; Kaffeeklatsch - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Choir - every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Charles L. Hale, Jr., Interim Pastor.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Salem Road at Huguenot Avenue, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have three children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. Our Presbyterian Women are divided into six circles which meet monthly. Worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. For information about upcoming events and programs, please call the Church Office, 686-1028. Dr. Braham 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 pm Sun. 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 am, 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 Boun, 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 p.m. Children's word service at 9 a.m. Choir at 10:30 a.m. Weekly bulletin lists weekday 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. Beggrowicz, 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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Groom and best man better be best dressed

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The groom, best man and guests of this year's wedding season, according to several area formal wear providers, can loosen up a bit.

One can still dress in the traditional tuxedo, complete with wingtip collars and cummerbund. Industry sources say, however, that it's acceptable lately to wear a high-cut vest or a shawl-type collar throughout the ceremony and reception.

"One of the trends has been since late 1996 is to go with a high cut vest," said David Steel, owner of David's Formal Wear in Springfield. "Low cut vests tend to get hidden when one buttons a jacket and the vest gets away from having to constantly adjust the cummerbund."

"One feature we're seeing more of are shawl collars," said Lee Goldfarb, a wholesaler out of East Hanover for Lou Casini. "They're not mandarin or Nehru collars. These collars are open and blend in with the silk of the shirts."

Steel said that a tie-less form of collar is making the rounds, along with a four- to six-button jacket. A lot of the trends, said Steel, comes down from designer fall fashion runways.

"It used to be just a spring show," said Steel, "but with the number of couples

wanting to wed in the summer and in the fall, a second show was recently added."

"The business is influenced by designers like Armani or Hugo Boss," said John Sheridan, manager of the men's department of Saks Fifth Avenue in the Mall at Short Hills. "The trend lately with the increase of nightlife is to be formal but not stodgy. It's permissible to wear a tuxedo at a 4 p.m. wedding."

Steel welcomes having two seasonal peaks instead of one. He estimated that about 80 percent of his sales and rental trade comes from weddings alone. But the range of store choices, Steel said, is shrinking.

"There has been a downsizing trend by chain stores following the department stores," said Steel. "Part of the problem is that some stores cannot sustain mall rents."

Steel's comment, however, may be in the eye of the beholder.

"We had some tuxedos here last year for the first time," said Lionel Joseph, men's clothing manager at the Clark Marshall's. "They had to be marked way down to sell them. We don't carry that line now."

"We have a year-round business," said Sheridan. "About 60 percent of our sales are wedding-related."

"I'm selling formal wear all the time," said Goldfarb. "I have a customer in East Brunswick who calls me every week for

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Travel agents make honeymoon plans easy

By Chris Suswal
Staff Writer

Area travel agents offer much when it comes to organizing travel or honeymoon plans. Among the many travel agencies two stand out for their customer satisfaction and experienced service.

• Trans Travel Inc. located at 226 Morris Ave. in Springfield offers several types of travel arrangements and promotes itself as a "full service agency." Trans Travel Inc. arranges corporate travel as well as honeymoons and family vacations.

Barbara Weinberg, store manager, explained the informative consultation process.

"When customers come in for a consultation we begin the planning," Weinberg said. "It is a way to find out what they need and what they're looking for."

Trans Travel Inc., established in 1961, provides customers with a unique way of purchasing their vacation arrangements. Trans Travel Inc. can be reached at a computer address 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The e-mail address is trnstrvl@intac.com.

"There are agents available that can book reservations at any time," Weinberg said.

Trans Travel Inc. specializes in international travel and has experience booking reservations for Europe, Asia, and Australia.

"Hawaii is probably the most popular spot

for honeymooners to go," Weinberg said. "We handle everything and can basically do whatever the customer want, even dinner or theater reservations."

Trans Travel Inc. can be reached at (201) 564-8000.

• Linden Travel Bureau at 422 Wood Ave. in downtown Linden has been serving the travel needs for more than 47 years.

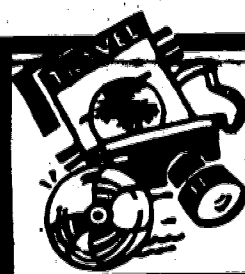
Howard Rosen, the store's founder, notes that his agency will save the customer time and money.

"We have sent people all over the world," Rosen said. "People rely on us because we represent all of the major airlines and give the customer their choice of fares."

Rosen explained that Linden Travel Bureau offers boarding passes for all major airlines, corporate travel, and agents for all cruise lines. Although the agency's primary business is family travel, honeymooners often plan their ventures through Linden Travel Bureau, he said. The lineage of customers includes making honeymoon arrangements for couples whose parents made their arrangements through the Linden agency.

"We are good at what we do," Rosen said. "We cover an awful lot of the world and aim to bring the best possible experience of those parts of the world to the customer."

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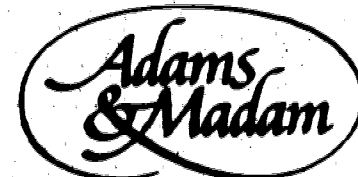
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Buying pressures may inspire creative gifts

By Kevin Singer
Staff Writer

Once the invitations have been received, the biggest question faced by many wedding guests is what to buy for the bride and groom. Sometimes, based on years of familiarity, the answer is simple. But if the guests are not as close to the couple, the question can turn into a problem.

However, there exist many specialty stores which offer a wide array of distinctive gifts, not to mention the mainstay of wedding presents — the bridal registry.

Distinctive gifts usually include collectible items such as porcelain figures. One store specializing in such goods is Prestige Collections located in the Mall at Short Hills. They carry brands such as Lladro, G. Armani, and Waterford Crystal.

According to store manager Debby Joseph, Lladro and G. Armani Porcelain bride and groom figures are popular choices. Prices for Lladro start at \$190, with the smaller love birds starting at \$150. Another popular choice is the special Waterford Millennium champagne flute series, with a different pattern issued each year. The store also carries a full line of the Trenton-based Boehm hand-crafted porcelain, which consist of finely sculpted porcelain flower arrangements and wildlife.

All items in their collections can be ordered, arriving anywhere from one day to four to six weeks. "But most bridal pieces we can get quickly, and can be sent directly to the

Many couples view a bridal registry as the best way to allow their guests to choose a gift. The Pottery Barn, which carries housewares ranging from table settings to furnishings, has a gift registry which allows the couple to register for a full range of home items.

customer or to the store," said Joseph.

Another distinctive gift idea is a personalized music box, courtesy of the mall's Rita Ford Music Boxes. The family-owned business can customize a music box with an inlay featuring the wedding invitation, a poem, or any similar item. In addition, the store offers a list of custom songs to choose from, as well as different box lining and finish colors. Prices start at \$95 for a small box, and personalized boxes should be ordered five weeks in advance. "This is a gift you have to plan ahead for," said manager Diane Tenore.

Traditional boxes can also be found at the store, as well as a new item which features a bride and groom dancing under a dome to music. All music mechanisms are manufactured by the Swiss based Reuge Company.

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ranging from table settings to furnishings, has a gift registry which allows the couple to register for a full range of home items. Through the Pottery Barn, gifts can be chosen from a catalog or from in-store merchandise.

Among the most popular items are those for the kitchen, including place settings, which start at \$29 for a four person setting, as well as accessories such as beddings, linen, rugs, mirrors, and frames. "There's a nice range," said assistant manager Allison Osbon. "You can mix and match a lot of our dinnerware."

For those who want to register for unique gifts, Neiman Marcus specializes in items that are not commonly found elsewhere. "The whole advantage is that you can get things here you can't get at other places," stated Carol Kahn, public relations manager.

Some of the most popular registry items include those by MacKenzie-Childs, an American husband and wife artist team who produce pottery, dinnerware, and even

furnishings. A limited edition "Hotel Silver" bone and silver tea service, direct from an Italian ocean liner, offers a nearly one of a kind gift. Table settings include Herend Hungarian porcelain, Waterford, as well as a wide selection of flatware and silverware.

The Neiman Marcus bridal registry also allows couples to register for gifts throughout the mall. The registry is computer linked with all 30 stores, and is updated.

All stores offer complete service in helping one choose a gift or enroll in a registry. For Prestige Collections, call (201) 376-7919. To reach Rita Ford Music Boxes, call (201) 379-6636. The Pottery Barn can be contacted at (201) 912-0060. To register at Neiman Marcus, call Emilie Pirrone, bridal consultant, at (201) 912-0080, ext. 2365.

New vests marks changes in tuxedos

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resupplies."

If buying or renting a tuxedo is not desired, then perhaps altering the formal wear on hand is an option. One may have to book soon, going by Irene Tailor, owner of Irene Tailor & Cleaners, of Union.

"I'm busy all year," said Tailor, "but the wedding season for me starts in March."



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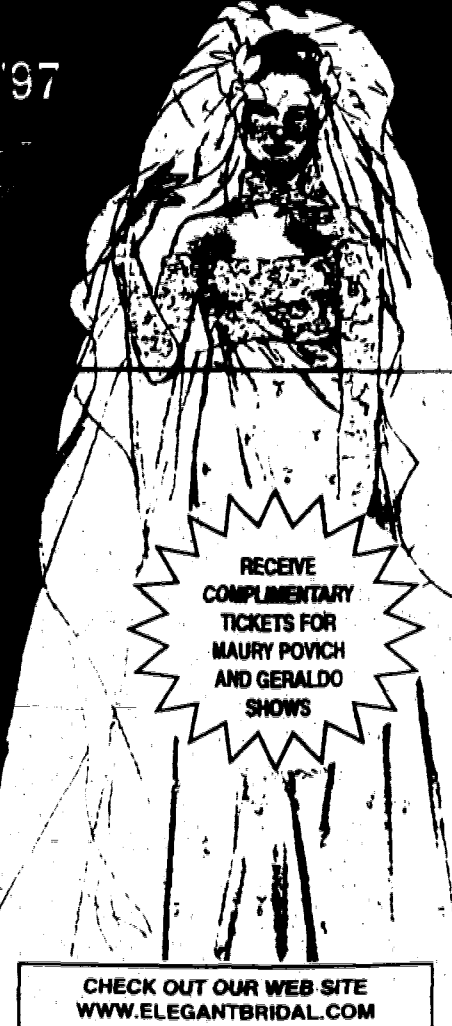
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Rollers, limos make the miles memorable

By R.J. Lehmann
Staff Writer

Riding in style is key to any wedding party. Every little girl fantasizes about one day riding to the chapel in a diamond-studded carriage drawn by white horses.

While not quite as elegant, substituting a silver Rolls Royce or white limousine suffices for most.

For the discerning couple that wants affordable luxury, Union County limousine rental agencies provide a variety of options to suit any wedding party's needs.

Although still a luxury item, limousine rentals are more affordable than one might think.

Basic packages of 6-8 passenger limousines average between \$300 and \$400 per hour per car. Special packages and rates are available at a number of local outposts.

J C Limousine Services in Clark, Final Touch Limo Inc. in Union, Beattie's Watchung Limousine in Elizabeth and Air Brook Limousine in Springfield are among those that offer discount rates for large parties and those that book events far in advance.

Tipping of limousine drivers is a trickier proposition. Tradition calls for a 15-20 percent tip. However, some companies include gratuities in the price and prohibit drivers from taking tips. Contact the company to find out its policy.

Standard limousines are white or black luxury cars — frequently Cadillacs or Lincoln Town Cars — that seat 6-8 passengers. Some services, such as the Chaves Limo Service in Hillside, also offer "super-stretch" cars that seat up to 16 passengers.

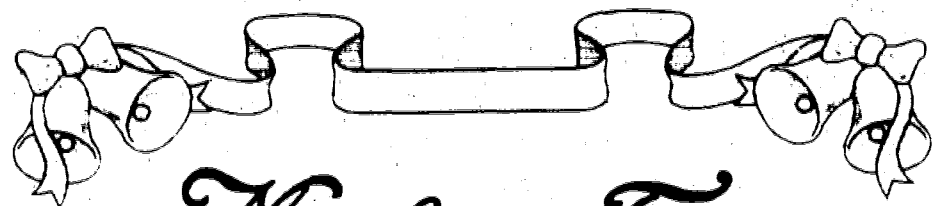
Fully equipped wedding cars normally include a divider between cab and driver and a television, video cassette player, icebox, bar, soda and complementary champagne. Most services also will provide red carpet to and from home, church, chapel or synagogue and reception area.

Booking should be done at least two months in advance for a small party or six months for a large party. Large, summertime Saturday weddings can be particularly troublesome and many agencies will be booked solid a year in advance.

Scheduling a wedding for a Sunday or Friday night will help trim at least a few dollars off the price of a limousine. Those rental agencies surveyed offered cars on those days at 10-25 percent cheaper than Saturday.

Rentals of Rolls Royces and other luxury cars remain popular options for those who can afford the steeper rate, Paula Cunha of Chaves Limo Service in Hillside said.

"Some people like to get that, or the Excaliber, but there's still more that just get the regular limos because of the price of the fancier models," she said.



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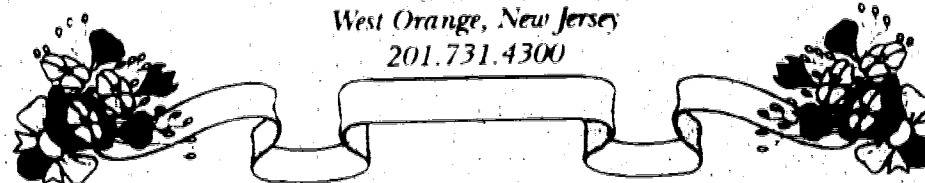
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Quiet or raucous, let the party begin

By Blaine Dillport
Staff Writer

One of the more lighthearted aspects to a big wedding is the tradition of throwing a party to celebrate the end of the groom's bachelorhood.

This responsibility usually falls to the best man, who is in charge of organizing the party and making sure that all of the necessary supplies are on hand to ensure a successful send off of the groom into the world of matrimony.

There are many options when planning a bachelor party. First one has to decide what type of party they would like to have. Parties can be held at a private residence or a facility can be rented out if the numbers warrant a larger venue. The bachelor party can also revolve around a certain event, such as a sporting event or other happening.

If a party is being held at a private home, then there are certain plans that have to be worked out before the big night. First an ample supply of beverages must be on hand to ensure that the guests do not get thirsty. Any local liquor store would be more than happy to suggest the proper amount of beverages based on the number of guests who plan to attend, and most stores will deliver to the site of the party. Next some food should also be available so that no one get overly festive on beverages on an empty stomach. A good idea for this is to have a cold cuts platter or, better yet, order a couple of sloppy Joe's, the Town Hall Deli in South Orange can put together a platter of sloppy Joe's at a reasonable price.

The bachelor party can also revolve around a certain event, such as a sporting event or other happening.

And of course, it would not be a bachelor party without cigars, so talk to the experts at Smoker's Delight in Union and they can suggest a box that will fit the bill.

The other option when throwing a bachelor party is to go some of the local gentlemen's clubs and let them handle the details of the party. This is much easier for whoever is responsible for throwing the party, since all of the essentials are handled by the club. The costs for such an event can range from reasonable prices to very expensive, based on what the requirements for the party are. Most gentlemen's clubs have private facilities available for parties, and can provide all of the food and beverages for the affair, not to mention the the evening's entertainment. Some factors that will determine the price of the event will be the number of guests, a cash or open bar, what type of food will be served, and

just how much entertainment will be required for the party.

Some clubs that would be more than happy to guide the would-be party thrower are Diamonds Gentlemen's Club in Linden at (908) 862-4040, Uncle Charlie's 22 in Union at (908) 851-0817, and the Hollywood Lounge in West Orange at (201) 672-8777. All of these clubs have the ability to handle small to large bachelor parties and will be able to take care of every aspect of the affair. So when it comes time to send a friend off into married life, keep in mind that as long as everyone has fun at the bachelor party, then the party is a success. Letting someone else take care of the details is a much easier way to go, although it may be more fun and unique if you plan the affair yourself.

Overall it is a time to enjoy, so let the good times roll.

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Married couples say 'I do' to home businesses

When a couple weds, their vows often seal more than a marriage pact. Nowadays, husbands and wives take their relationships a step further by going into business together.

For married couples, there are advantages to operating a business together from the home. In addition to savings in overhead, a home-based business offers married people, especially those with children, the flexibility to manage their lives easily.

Usually, one person is designated to handle the inside duties of taking phone calls, finishing paperwork, etc., while the other goes on sales calls and deals with suppliers and others.

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Wedding tradition takes a new turn

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

After the showers of happiness that rain down from a traditional bridal shower, many blushing brides-to-be are treated to what is rapidly becoming a new bridal tradition: the bachelorette party.

Entertainment possibilities for these functions range from a casual party thrown by family and friends to a night on the town with the girls. Whatever mode you choose, there are plenty of entertainment networks ready to help tailor the event according to your specific needs.

Just waiting for a call from a bachelorette in need is A.J. Campo of Union, public relations representative and exotic male dancer for Centerfolds, a professionally run male revue. Centerfolds appears every Friday and Saturday at Escape Supper Club in Long Island, where Campo reports that 90 percent of the crowd is bachelorette parties.

"It's the place to be for a bride," Campo said.

Groups can purchase a show and dinner package for \$37-per person, with the benefit of seeing a complete show featuring five dancers. Individual dancers are also available for private parties. Bachelorettes can choose different looks, ranging from construction workers to police officers, and can also choose the music for the performance. For

further information, contact Campo at (908) 687-4470.

Another choice for bachelorette entertainment is Fantasy Entertainment in Clifton, which offers a 24-hour hot line and 25 dancers on call for last-minute entertainment needs. According to co-owner Dennis Love, Fantasy Entertainment specializes in private parties, offering a range of personae from waiters to doctors. A bachelorette package is available for \$130, which includes one dancer featured in a half-hour performance, followed by champagne and a dozen red roses. Love will also schedule revues for \$250, consisting of four to six dancers each performing to a song, followed by a five or six song encore.

All programs can be tailored to meet the bachelorette's needs. Last-minute bookings are welcome. For further information, call (201) 345-6390 or (201) 478-2727.

Beauty and the Beast employs professional singers and actors. A bachelorette package includes an original song and a "roast," in which the entertainer will use information provided by friends and family to poke fun at the bride-to-be, before stripping down to comedic underwear. The guest-of-honor is provided with a souvenir kazoo, a silk rose, and a typed copy of the original song. Prices range from \$100 to \$120, and entertainer personae include a UPS delivery man, police officer, waiter, nerd and Tarzan.

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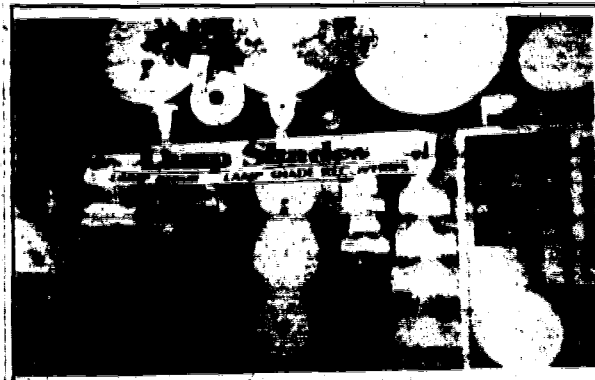
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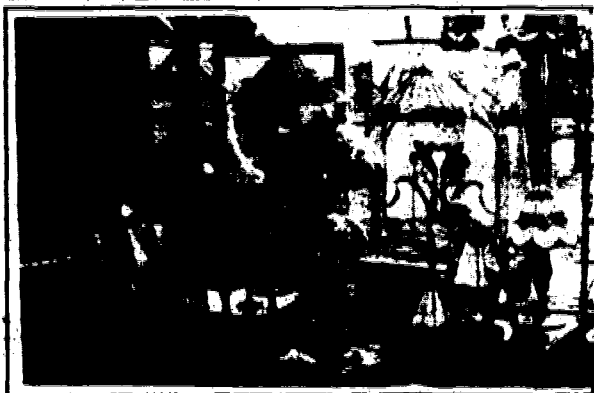
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After picking a gown, bride must find a groom

By Maddy Vitale
Staff Writer

When looking for a wedding gown, a prospective bride may feel a little overwhelmed. But with help from local bridal boutiques, the stress of preparing for that special day may be a little easier.

Luckily there are places she can go where she not only is greeted with friendly service, but also with an array of gowns to choose from all proceed very reasonably.

The Forum Bridal, located at 1770 St. Georges Ave. in Rahway, is one of those places. They provide hundreds of gowns, ranging from satins to the finest silks. They range in price from \$200 and up. The boutique also gives free alterations and according to employee Eileen Biancone, there is a wonderful seamstress on hand to give the best alterations.

The selection of gowns fits everyone's taste, from contemporary to vintage. The gowns come in short and long sleeved, straight, full and beaded. Everything a bride would need for her important day is provided at the boutiques.

There is also a wide selection of head pieces, hats, gloves, shoes and jewelry to choose from and bridesmaid gowns and children's gowns available.

There are sales regularly on many of the gowns.

"Right now we have sales on straight gowns

and gowns with detachable trains," Biancone said.

She said the owner is very fair when it comes to the layaway plan. "You can basically put down whatever you would like on a gown. The owner is always willing to negotiate."

Service with a smile is Biancone's forte. "Whatever the brides need, they get. Most girls that work here do pin-up alterations. The owner has been in business for 25 years and is always very helpful in assisting soon to be brides," she said.

The boutique carries famous name brands as well as private labels. Eve of Milady, Carmi and Bianchi are some of the selection of fine gowns.

"We carry hundreds of brands and we are friendly with our service. You don't need an appointment and all of the gowns are in full view for the bride to be," she added.

For more information about the Forum Bridal contact (908) 381-8308.

Bridal Boutique, located in the heart of Union Center at 982 Stuyvesant Ave., is a small boutique with a large variety of gowns and accessories for a bride, bridesmaid and mother of the bride.

Everything a bride may need will be found at the Bridal Boutique at reasonable prices. The gowns range in price from \$200 and up and are made of fine satins and silks.

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The perfect cake sweetens the day

By Toniann Antonelli
Staff Writer

The reception hall has been rented, the colors chosen, the gown fitted, and the flowers ordered. Now it's time to select the absolute centerpiece for the special day — the wedding cake.

When people look back on their own wedding, or one they've attended, they remember many things. They recall the way the happy couple looked, the bride's dress, and the music. But the thing they may remember most about the wedding reception is the food. More specifically, they remember the cake. This exceptionally large confection not only provides invited guests with dessert, but it also says something about the personalities of the bride and groom.

Traditionally, the wedding cake was once little more than a large white cake, possibly two tiers high, with a little plastic statuette of the bride and groom on top. In recent years, however, these cakes have taken on several different forms.

At Pinho's bakery, at 1027 Chestnut St. in Roselle, cakes can be made in nearly every size and shape imaginable. Currently, the most popular style for a wedding cake is a three-tier cake, draped with white lace and silk flowers. Cakes also can be customized. For example, many bakeries, such as Pinhos, can create what is called a floating tier

wedding cake. This is made up of several cake tiers of different sizes, arranged at different heights, and not necessarily one atop the other. Due to its uniqueness, this type of cake can be decorated in many different ways.

Another popular variation is a three-tier cake with a spiral staircase winding down the tiers, with a bride and groom statuette at the top, and an actual working fountain encircling the bottom. In addition, some cakes also can be decorated with fresh flowers, and may be iced according to the colors being worn by the wedding party.

Some couples also may choose to differentiate the top tier from others to keep with the tradition of freezing the tier after the wedding, and then indulging in it on the first anniversary of their marriage.

According to Mildred Zapata, who works at the North Avenue bakery at 1034 North Ave. in Elizabeth, the most popular flavor for a wedding cake is vanilla or yellow cake, filled with Bavarian cream, strawberries and bananas. However, due to the fact that most cakes are composed of several tiers, cakes can be made in many other flavors.

Chocolate is popular, as is rum flavor cake. Fillings too may vary, depending on the individual tastes of the bride and groom. Many bakeries are also offering lower-fat and sugar-free cakes, for those who choose to be health-conscious despite the special occasion.

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Whether sit-down or buffet, food is crucial

By Jason Gitlin
Staff Writer

For many people, a wedding is that once in a lifetime experience they have been waiting for. That one day you can make your fantasies a reality. Since everyone involved in the planning has envisioned an immaculate affair from beginning to end, it is hard to designate any one component the single most important. Nonetheless, choosing the right caterer to supply your guests with a meal that is both delectable and presentable is a priority.

According to Tino Mendes, owner of Costa Del Sol and Old Cider Mill, in Union, there is a lot to consider when choosing where to have the reception, and the type of menu to design.

"The first thing to think about is the reputation of the business. This is an important day and you don't want to take any chances," Mendes said. "It's a good idea to get letters of recommendation from other families who have recently celebrated weddings at the location."

In addition, Mendes pointed out that every affair is different, and it is important that the caterers are flexible and willing to customize the menu to your needs.

"You must deal directly with the owners, and have a good working relationship," he added.

Established in 1921, The Old Cider Mill was acquired by Costa Del Sol in 1982, and the merger has resulted in a unique banquet facility and restaurant.

If authentic Spanish and Portuguese cuisine appeals to you, then Costa Del Sol is among

"You should remember this is your big day, and select items you like."

— **Kate Formichella**

the area's best picks. In addition, the facility caters to large parties, two rooms capable of holding 250 guests each, and even offers an outdoor facility from May through October.

"I also feel it is advantageous to choose a place that has a restaurant, that way you have a chance to sample the food and see the service at work," Mendes said.

If you're interested in sampling a meal, but feel a traditional Italian affair is more your taste, then you may want to consider Amici Ristorante in Linden.

A local favorite, the restaurant is equipped with a banquet room that holds up to 175 people.

According to owner Giovanni LaVorato, a typical affair features a sit down meal with multiple courses.

For starters, guests are treated to hot or cold antipasto. Next comes a pasta dish; such as penne, linguine or ziti, followed by a salad.

The main meal consists of three meat dishes. Among the most popular are veal, chicken and fish.

Finally the meal concludes with cake, fresh fruit and coffees. For some, a dash of Sambuca in the espresso is a perfect ending to that special day.

LaVorato added that whoever is planning the party should take the number of people they

are inviting into account.

"You want to keep the party cozy, but not so tight people have difficulty moving around the room," he added.

For anyone who is particularly concerned about freedom of movement, and allowing guests to spend more time interacting with one another than at a table, consider Town Square Catering of Summit.

Kate Formichella, owner of Town Square, calls the "grazing food" wedding one of her most popular. Instead of having a sit down meal, the "grazing food" affair features a number of standing items and hors d'oeuvres.

"Events like a wedding give people a chance to be with friends and family they rarely see," said Formichella. "Our grazing meal allows them to enjoy the food, but not at the expense of spending time with one another."

While Town Square does not have a catering hall of its own, it does have access to some of the area's most desirable locations, including a river side hall in New York Harbor. Formichella said she also encourages clients to come to Three Squares restaurant in Summit, co-owned by her husband, to sample dishes.

"When designing a menu you should remember this is your big day, and select items you like," added Formichella.

The fifth annual Perfect Wedding show to be held

The fifth annual Perfect Wedding Bridal Show will be presented for brides, their fiances and families, and members of the wedding party, Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave., Summit.

The Suburban Chambers of Commerce, comprising of Summit, New Providence, and Berkeley Heights; the Millburn-Short Hills chamber; and the Chatham area chamber are sponsoring the event.

The show will feature more than 30 vendors from the six chambers' communities. Brides-to-be may consult with florists, honeymoon travel personnel, wedding stationers, photographers and video specialists, bridal registries, jewelers, caterers and more. Footwear and accessories, lingerie, wedding favors and beautiful gifts also will be on display.

A fashion show will introduce members of the wedding party wearing a selection of bridal gowns and bridesmaids dresses from Elizabeth Bridal Elegance of Summit. Models will be escorted by men in tuxedos and other formal attire from Adams Men's Shop in New Providence. Flower-girl and junior bridesmaids dresses and suits for little ring-bearers will be shown by Kidding Around of New Providence. A special highlight of the show will be dresses for mothers of the bride and groom, by Sealsons of Summit.

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GIFT GIVING — Above: One trend in weddings that has resurfaced is the giving of silver vanity gifts. It is again common to present members of the bridal party with such items. For women, jewelry boxes, make-up brushes and perfume flacons are popular. For men, campaign boxes, small trays to hold coins and keys, and antique-style razors make handy gifts. Below: And when considering gifts for the happy couple, remember cookware — especially colorful and durable items, from pots and pans to tea kettles and ceramic containers.



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Weddings do not have to be hard to plan

By Donna Ryan
Staff Writer

Something borrowed, something blue, something old, something new. Speak with any bride or groom just a few months before the big day and wedding rhymes are probably the last thing one might hear.

The business side of a wedding can be one of the most stressful experiences a young couple faces. Picking out and trying on dresses are what most little girls dream of and filling out a bridal registry at one's favorite department store sounds like a free shopping spree — but that was before little girls learned about budgets.

Gone are the days when the bride's parents financed princess weddings and the newlywed couple strolled into the sunset with enough money for a down payment on a house.

Planning a wedding is truly a test of one's will to enter into the sacrament of marriage.

Whether your wedding plans are in full swing or you are just getting ready to enter the mad, mad world of the bridal industry, pull yourself up by your garter belts and boot straps and hang on.

Get organized. Your best investment just may be a wedding planner. Purchase a binder with several folders for each "department" of your wedding plan, such as flowers, photography, reception hall, catering, etc. This will keep all receipts and contracts readily available.

Stay organized. As the wedding day approaches, you will find yourself reaching for receipts, so it's good to make sure to file

every paper in its proper place.

Do your homework. Start your plans with lists of each store, boutique or outlet you plan to visit. Compare prices and quality. Ask questions. Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been filed against an establishment you are considering for contract. The longer your engagement, the more time you will have for homework.

Budget. The affianced couple should decide how much they want and can afford to spend on their wedding. Close family or friends may opt to give you a wedding present in advance, such as payment for the ceremony site, the bridal headpiece or partial payment for the wedding gown. If not, find creative ways to cut costs, such as crafting your own wedding favors.

The formality of your wedding can ultimately determine the cost. The number of guests invited, time of ceremony and bride's attire will affect the degree of formality.

Whose wedding is this anyway? Remember that this is your day. Ignore the gazillion requests from relatives who haven't seen you since were a toddler as to who they will or will not sit with at the reception. Never mind that your old aunt so-and-so hasn't spoken to your cousin's daughter for something that happened 25 years ago.

When dealing with pushy sales people, keep in mind that you are the customer. Don't be afraid to walk away. If any particular establishment doesn't seem willing to cater to your requests, you may want to shop around

some more until you find someone willing to suit you.

Jewelry. Buy with your head, not your heart. In recent years, jewelry outlets have become an attraction to young couples looking for a discount — don't overlook your hometown jeweler. Small town prices may not be as expensive as you imagined.

If you are the fortunate recipient of a hand-me-down diamond from a mother or in-law, be sure the lines of communication remain open before you even get to the altar. You may accept the jewelry, but does the previous owner mind if you alter the piece a little? Will your mother-in-law-to-be mind if you tear down her diamond and ruby ring and re-set it to suit your needs? Maybe you should ask before altering.

The ceremony. A recent trend in weddings is to add a more personal touch to the ceremony. Many couples, although traditional, are planning ceremonies in the home, garden, park, mountain tops, wind-swept beaches, cruise ships, Disney World, hot air balloons, wineries and university chapels.

If you choose an outdoor wedding, remember to include Plan B — weather. Consult the Farmer's Almanac and be prepared for rain, snow, sleet and hail. An option such as a public park may require more planning, so check with the town regarding local ordinances.

Reception hall. The metropolitan area is one of the most expensive regions to marry, but prices are competitive. The reception hall should be one of the first to-do's on your list of

wedding things to accomplish. The more time you have once you have booked your reception until the wedding date will spread the payments, making this wedding bill a bit more easier to handle.

Don't be afraid to bargain. If you are paying per plate and children will be attending the wedding, ask your maître d' if there is a reduced price for kids' meals. The more expensive reception halls sometimes do not offer reduced prices for children.

Many reception halls offer a flat rate that includes wedding cake and an ice sculpture. Ask if there would be a price reduction should you forego the sculpture.

Music. If you are marrying in a church, the organist fee is usually included in the site fee. Petition a family member or friend to sing, play guitar, piano, trumpet or violin.

If an additional string or woodwind ensemble is too expensive, consider phoning the music department of a local university or music school. Enthusiastic music students may be willing to accommodate your needs for less money than a professional.

Music for the reception may vary in price and according to taste. A live band is usually more expensive than a disc jockey. When hiring a DJ, make sure he or she has proper attire. Check references and ask if it is possible to see the DJ in action at an upcoming event.

Flowers. Consider a silk arrangement. The bouquet can be used later as a decoration or keepsake. For those with more simple tastes, a

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Below: The use of placecard frames, which are mini-frames for photographs, not only tell guests where to sit, but also make for perfect take-home favors. Each should measure 3 inches by 4 inches.



PERSONAL TOUCHES — Above: Because time flies, a marriage moment preserved in a Wedding Time Capsule will become a heart-warming gift to last a lifetime. The package features a fill-in-the-blanks book for family and current events; letter to the future stationary; "Do not open until..." stickers; and the capsule, which is an 11-inch, brightly colored can.

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single rose can be carried by bridesmaids instead of a larger bouquet, which will cut costs considerably.

If you have any talent in arts and crafts, try your hand at a silk flower basket for flower girls. Real flowers in a decorated basket can run as high as \$35 and, depending on the child's temperament, the flowers may not make it through the evening.

Invitations. Before ordering with a private printer, send away for invitation catalogs from bridal magazines. By dealing directly with the manufacturer, you may be able to cut costs. Reserve plenty of time for invitations. Double and triple check spelling before confirming the order.

Don't forget to weigh the invitation for proper postage. Never assume it will cost 32 cents to mail.

Organize an addressing party and invite friends and relatives with the best handwriting. Those who opt not to address envelopes can stuff envelopes and organize the invitations in zip code order for quicker delivery.

Photography. Photos and video are the only visual memories you will carry of your wedding day for the rest of your life. Remember this is a one-time only event which means there is only chance to capture these memories.

While you certainly will want pictures to be taken at the reception, you might want to request that reception photos be candid only,

otherwise you may miss mingling with guests and enjoying the reception while being dragged from pillar to post for posed photos.

A reputable videographer may cost more than \$2,000. Depending on what you want, you may opt to splurge on videography and cut costs with a smaller traditional wedding album.

A family member may offer to roam with a camcorder.

The plus side to this alternative is that it will cost nothing and your guests may feel more comfortable with a family member taping them rather than a stranger. A professional videographer, however, will be able to edit, add music and know what to look for during the ceremony and reception.

As an added touch, you might provide each reception table or guest with a disposable camera. Ask your guests to take candid pictures throughout the night — you will not be able to see everyone or everything at the reception — and at least try and capture those silly and sentimental moments for posterity.

Limousines. Limos are usually one of the last services to be contracted. Couples sometimes run out of budgeted money before a limousine can be booked.

Transportation can be fairly expensive, especially if the last time you rode in a limousine was at the high school prom. Unfortunately, there are no \$99 specials for weddings.

If you drive a fancy car or have a parent with one, you may want to ask them to drive.

If you cannot afford limousines for the entire

wedding party, it is not uncommon to contract only one car for the bride and groom.

If you would like to splurge, consider a horse and carriage or an old-fashioned trolley car that can transport the entire wedding party. Wild and crazy gals have been known to ride off into the sunset on a Harley.

Favors. Consider crafting wedding favors by hand — potpourri in a little lace bag or homemade chocolates in a pretty box. You might want to visit an outlet store that carries small crystal favors. Ask friends or relatives to help wrap each favor. This can be done at the small get-together you organize for preparing your invitations.

The gown. If you can, order your gown and your bridesmaids' dresses from the same retailer — some bridal salons offer a discount to one or the other if both items are ordered at the same establishment.

Consider ready-to-wear, all-occasion evening dresses for bridesmaids from a large department store. This is a creative alternative to not only cut costs but to avoid the time and stress of alterations and fittings. Such dresses can be worn at a future event — another wedding or formal occasion.

Check the newspaper and consignment shops for a gown from a girl whose wedding was canceled. Ask to see the discount rack at a bridal salon — some dresses may be half price.

Purchase the gown and accessories with an insured credit card to guard against theft or damage.

Borrow a bridal purse or make your own. A

garter can be made easily by covering elastic with silk or satin fabric. Borrow the ring pillow from a friend or make your own.

White shoes can be bought at a discount, especially right after Easter time. Even if your wedding is months away, invest in your shoes early and try and wear them around the house to break them in. You might consider buying a fancy pair of slippers to wear during the reception — standing on heels for six or more hours is bound to be painful on the feet.

Honeymoon. This is the perfect time to cash in on frequent flyer miles or hotel upgrades and free rental cars from your credit card company, especially if you have been making all those wedding purchases with your American Express card.

Exclusive honeymoon resorts and couples-only vacations are usually more expensive than a traditional vacation. Consider a unique getaway — camping out in the Catskills, a bed and breakfast in New England or a scenic train ride across country.

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And other things. Consider the all-inclusive wedding — ceremony, reception and honeymoon rolled in one. Walt Disney World offers a ceremony site with a backdrop of the Cinderella Castle.

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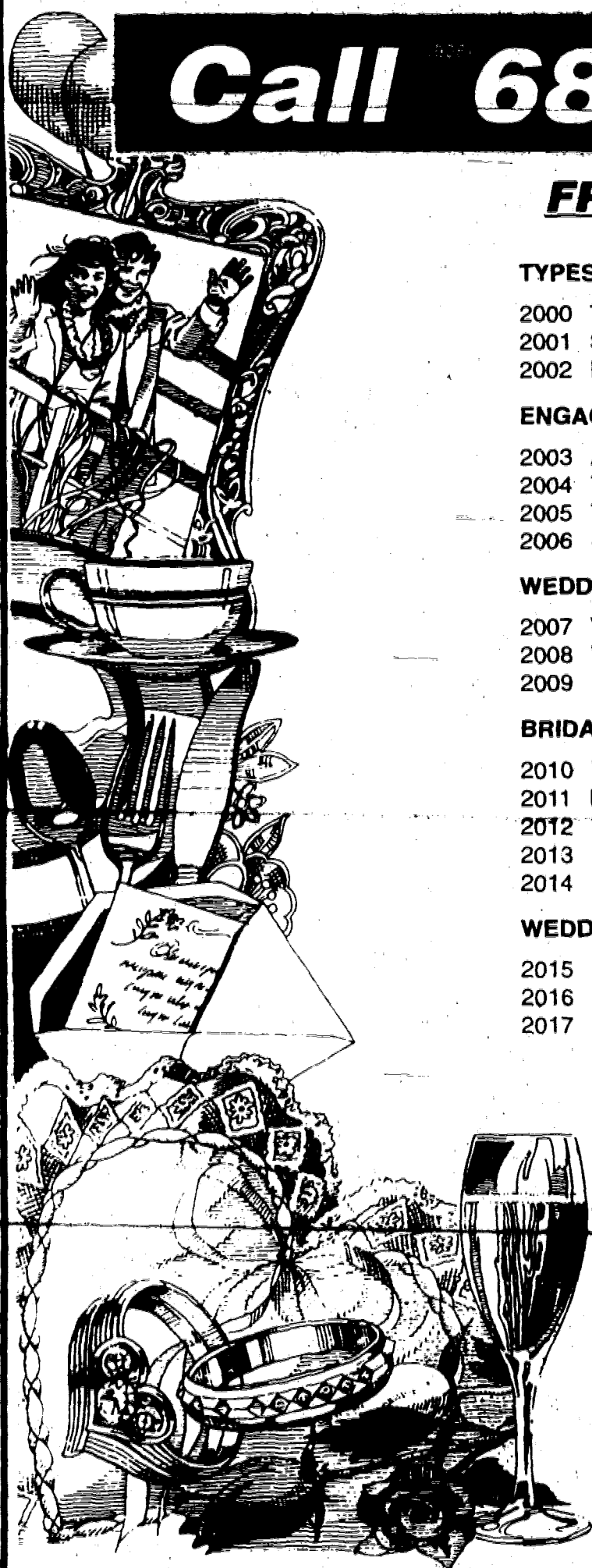
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