

Town alight with holiday spirit

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

On Friday, residents from across Union County came to Mountainside to witness the eighth annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, a charity event that benefits both the Union County Salvation Army and St. Clair Home for Children in Elizabeth.

Several thousand people crowded the Watchung Stables to watch a holiday program which included a variety of activities for residents of all ages, but was especially geared toward the children.

The program began at 6:30 p.m. with a demonstration from the Watchung Mounted Drill Team. The display featured precision horseback riding that amazed spectators.

"Those guys were amazing," said Ron Watkins on Berkeley Heights. "They were able to hold their balance while maintaining control of a horse that moved in a jerky motion. It was like bull riding," he said.

The event also included a demonstration by the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, a visit from Santa Claus, and a petting zoo featuring

horses and other animals. Refreshments were also served by Boy Scout Troop 23.

But the Christmas caroling that immediately preceded the actual tree-lighting was a highlight of the program. The echo of harmonious song could be heard throughout the reservation, and residents were visibly moved by the togetherness of the moment.

"It was beautiful how we all came together to sing," said Janet Robinson of Elizabeth. The moment resembled a scene from "When the Grinch Stole Christmas," as thousands of voices joined to amplify the sound until they could be heard all the way down a mile-and-a-half-long mountain. "I was standing in my backyard and I could hear the music, that's why I came to see what it was. I live all the way down the mountain," said Michelle Dooley of Westfield.

After the caroling, residents waited anxiously for the 20-foot evergreen to be lit. At precisely 7:15 p.m., the crowd began their countdown. At zero, the tree finally was lit and a roar from the crowd filled the air.

The tree was less than extravagant, with only simple decorations and humble lighting. But ceremony coordinator Jean Foley said, "The tree symbolizes the true spirit of the holidays, rather than the commercialization." Union County Manager Michael J. Lapolla also commented on the significance of the event. "By giving to charities, the program demonstrated the true holiday spirit of giving something back to the communities."

The program culminated with a visit from Santa Claus. Children and their parents took photos and discussed Christmas lists with the North Pole resident. The crowd finally filtered out at around 9:30 p.m.

The suggested cost of admission to the event was an item of dry or canned food, or a new or unwrapped toy. These donations were distributed equally to both the Salvation Army and the St. Clair Home for Children. Freeholder Linda Stender said "It is important for each of us to remember who are less fortunate all-year-round, but especially in the holiday season," she said.

Board amends health curriculum

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

At Tuesday's Mountainside Board of Education meeting at Deerfield School, the board officially approved changes in the health and science curriculum for the 1998 school year.

Amid a recent report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the district has acted to amend its health curriculum to focus more on a growing problem. The report said that by the end of 1996, 106,000 U.S. students under the age of 15 will be infected with the HIV virus.

Although parents and administrators at Mountainside have expressed beliefs that this number may not reflect their district, the board knows they can never be too cautious. Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller said he was concerned with these numbers. "Although there has been a general decrease in the number of student

with the AIDS virus here in New Jersey, we are concerned. Most of that decrease is probably due to the efforts of churches and schools since, through education similar to this," he said.

Board President Pat Taeschler and the board want to make sure the children are prepared.

"We are stressing abstinence first, but we have to prepare the children for certain situations. If children find themselves in a situation, maybe not right now, but in the future, they must know how to prevent communicable diseases like AIDS," he said.

The curriculum was reviewed for grades K-8. The concepts the students learn will be based on grade level. For example, kindergarten students will be taught the basic meanings of concepts, whereas eighth-graders will be educated more on abstinence and prevention. "We are introducing these concepts like communicable dis-

eases and AIDS, but we are teaching them at the students' level of learning," Taeschler said.

Taeschler said that the schools' new health education curriculum is only part of the solution. "Parents should be teaching the child at home as well. The school can only do part of the job. The parents play an important role," she said. Each parent does has the option, however, to remove their child from the classroom during the unit that covers AIDS awareness and sexual anatomy.

The curriculum will include new sections on family life and awareness, but the primary change will be the focus on abstinence for the older children. Schaller said. The students are taught health in cycles throughout the year, which is supplemented with their physical education class. "The committee did a nice job developing the curriculum, and I think it is a very solid foundation," he said.

For Dayton, AT&T computes

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Two Army National Guard trucks pulled in front of Jonathan Dayton High School at about 3:15 p.m. Monday. There was no question the four officers on board were on a mission as they unloaded a nondescript box and carried it into the school.

The guards, members of the Third Battalion and the 103d Field Artillery of Morristown, were greeted by five suited civilians in Dayton's main hallway. The civilians, members of the Springfield Public School District and AT&T, assisted the guards in moving and opening the box.

They carefully lifted a desktop computer, labeled "Donated by AT&T," from its water-damaged cardboard container. The National Guard volunteered to deliver computers to Dayton and 19 other schools throughout New Jersey.

"We're actually one of three guard detachments statewide making deliveries today," said Sgt. Jose Coucho of Elizabeth. "We made seven stops in northern New Jersey, with here the last one."

"This has been a great day for us," said Specialist Luis Soto, of Hillside. "The kids smile when they see us coming in with computers."

"It's not every day that the National Guard shows up here," said Dayton Principal Charles Seron. "Any time we can get a computer or two and a web site for free, we'll welcome them."

AT&T Learning Network is donating 36 desktop computers to schools. These refurbished desktop units will be connected to a World Wide Web site AT&T is also providing to each school district. An AT&T employee will assist in setting up the computer and will also assist in charge.

Springfield Technology Administrator Tom Baker said the district qualified for the offer because it had signed on with the Family Education Network, FEN, of Boston, providing over 2,000 pages of parenting and academic information on the Internet to schools. It and AT&T are sponsoring a 26-part training series on computer technology, to be aired next month by the New Jersey Network. Springfield is one of 20 schools

which signed on with FEN last spring. "The site went up in September. One benefit of the web site is that we can put on programs from lesson plans to lunch menus, which parents can view."

The school system is in the middle of implementing a five-year technology program. Its goal, said Technology Committee Chairman Dan Garten, is to increase computer and Internet access and integrate the technology with the curriculum.

The AT&T and National Guard donation comes at a timely and ironic period. Their arrival coincides with the Board of Education's five-year technology plan, which would put five computers per classroom. The array of the free web site becomes apparent when one learns that the district already has a home page online.

"It may be a computer or two and a web site," said Garten. "Since the purchase by AT&T is well appreciated."

AT&T intends to spend \$3.50 million over five years nationwide on the project. The next web site addresses www.familyeducation.com in Springfield.

New master plan approved

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Chapter of Commerce Chapter's monthly meeting has apparently become the occasion for more important announcements lately.

Invited officials, from Township Planner Robert Michaels to Mayor Roy Hirschfeld, unveiled the latest developments concerning Springfield during the Dec. 4 session.

Michaels, before about 35 people at the chamber meeting, said that the latest Township Master Plan has been approved. He said the Planning Board approved the document the night before and copies will be printed within a week's time.

"The new master plan is the result of a year-and-a-half work," said Michaels at the La-Z-Boy furniture showroom. "It reflects the need to welcome more services-oriented businesses and enhance the central business district while maintaining our tax of residents and commuters' area."

The plan, approved in 1995, Springfield has not been implemented, re-evaluated and update their plans periodically. The township's last re-

evaluation was conducted in 1995. The master plan incorporates the proposed affordable housing zones located in those zones dwelling which would satisfy Springfield's current population and moderate-income housing objectives.

This component is pending approval by Superior Court Judge John Pansky and Plan Master George Raymond Michaels indicated that the master plan otherwise needs ratification by the Township Committee.

Judge Pansky is free to request a copy," Michaels said, when asked if the judge would receive the new Master Plan. "He may have one for between \$20 and \$25 each. The price has to be set. The plan needs some minor revisions as going to the printer and copies will be available at the Municipal Building in a few weeks."

Hirschfeld publicly presented the plan to the Township Committee for the first time. Michaels was chosen to succeed Hirschfeld for a one-year term.

"When I first moved to Springfield in 1988, people told me there's one person I should meet," said Hirschfeld. "That person, who has been heavily involved with the town's

recreation programs, is by Mullman. "I have chambers of commerce," said Mullman. "As a manager of a business in Millburn, I deal with that town's chamber and see how it helps the community. As a person who has been a coach and worked with the Recreation Department here, I've come to know the adult and the children of Springfield."

Hirschfeld unveiled the first copy of "All About Springfield." The 44-page municipal directory contains contact persons, phone numbers, schedules and brief descriptions of the township's governmental and civic entities. "All About Springfield" is being hand delivered to residents through the State Advisory Board of the Disabled.

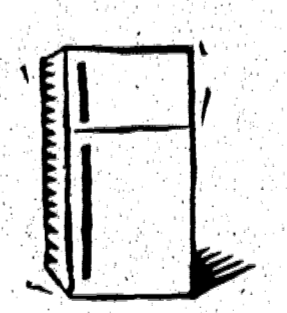
Springfield Chapter co-president Wayne Banks and Ron Kravitz bestowed a plaque of appreciation to Hirschfeld as one of the chapter's founders. Hirschfeld used the occasion to announce that the Township Committee will become a full-fledged member as of Jan. 1.

The meeting was videotaped for cable broadcast by the Jonathan Dayton High School advanced video production class, the class's first field report, and will air on TV-36.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Good reason

The Mountainside Board of Education recently amended the district's health curriculum to include units on sex education and communicable diseases such as AIDS, and with good reason.

AIDS prevention and sex education need to be taught to children in school. Many children don't get this information at home; parents have difficulty with such issues, and many don't even know if their children are sexually active.

The board's decision is in keeping with a statewide educational trend during the last few years. Largely due to the AIDS crisis, school officials have made sexual issues a major part of health classes to give students the information to protect themselves.

Under the state-mandated health curriculum, students begin learning about human reproduction — intercourse — as early as the fifth grade in some New Jersey schools, and study subjects such as private parts, puberty, and relationships. In the ninth grade, schools begin teaching about sexually transmitted diseases, with particular focus on AIDS.

In addition, these programs are also aimed at reducing the chronic problem of teen pregnancy. Some have day care for infants, and offer parenting classes in which students learn about pregnancy trimesters, giving birth, and breastfeeding. With such programs in place, it is easier for these students to get their diplomas.

Efforts to teach students early about the dangers of unprotected sex are important and necessary. Although the number of AIDS cases in New Jersey and the United States has decreased in the last year, thanks in large part to greater awareness of the danger, the limited success in fighting the epidemic could lead to an even greater disaster.

The number of AIDS deaths in New Jersey was about 2,000 last year, down from 2,776 in 1995, according to the State Department of Health. And nationwide, 36,780 people died of AIDS last year, down from 42,506 in 1995.

However, throughout the world, half a million more people have been infected in 1997 alone with 16,000 infected each day. Deaths have also risen in striking numbers, with 2.8 million fatalities, a 50 percent increase over 1996.

A recent U.S. Department of Health report said that by the end of 1998, 100,000 U.S. students under the age of 18 will be infected with the HIV virus.

"Although there has been an overall decrease in the number of students with the AIDS virus here in New Jersey, we are concerned. Most of this decrease is probably due to the efforts of churches and schools alike through education similar to this," said Chief School Administrator Gerald Schaller.

Although Mountainside's new curriculum is for grades K-8, it isn't until eighth grade that the prevention of AIDS and other communicable diseases is raised, with abstinence stressed as the only 100 percent effective method of prevention.

The issues regarding sex can no longer afford to be sugar-coated. In the past, educators stressed abstinence, and that was it, because no one wanted to acknowledge kids were having sex. But they are, and need to be told the possible consequences.

Sex education may seem unwarranted to some in that it prematurely takes away the innocence of childhood. But in this day and age, it is necessary, particularly in junior high school and high school, when students begin to be sexually active.

Parents are able to remove their children from these lessons, if they choose. But hopefully, if parents remove their children from these lessons at school, they will inform their children through another appropriate method. World AIDS Day may have come and gone, but students need to know the AIDS epidemic is by no means a thing of the past.

Will they listen?

The Union County Utilities Authority's deal with Ogden Martin may be heading for passage. Already almost half of Union County's 21 municipalities have signed letters of intent. But only one municipality has had the courage to agree lock, stock and barrel — Springfield.

Springfield officials should be commended for their foresight. Not only is the deal a good one, but with a tipping fee already guaranteed at \$50 during the next 25 years, it is not likely to get any better. In fact, tipping fees are likely to increase in the near future, with landfill closings looming, and the UCUA's fund to subsidize the current low rate expected to run out in one month's time.

Other municipalities should follow Springfield's example; in fact they must follow Springfield's example. If they don't, the UCUA is sure to go bankrupt, and the \$25 million in UCUA debt the county guaranteed will be paid by county residents in increased taxes. This should not be allowed to happen.

Thank you, Springfield, for sounding a wake-up call to the other municipalities. The question is, will they listen?

"Freedom is fragile and must be protected. To sacrifice it, even as a temporary measure, is to betray it."
— Germaine Greer
Australian author c. 1980

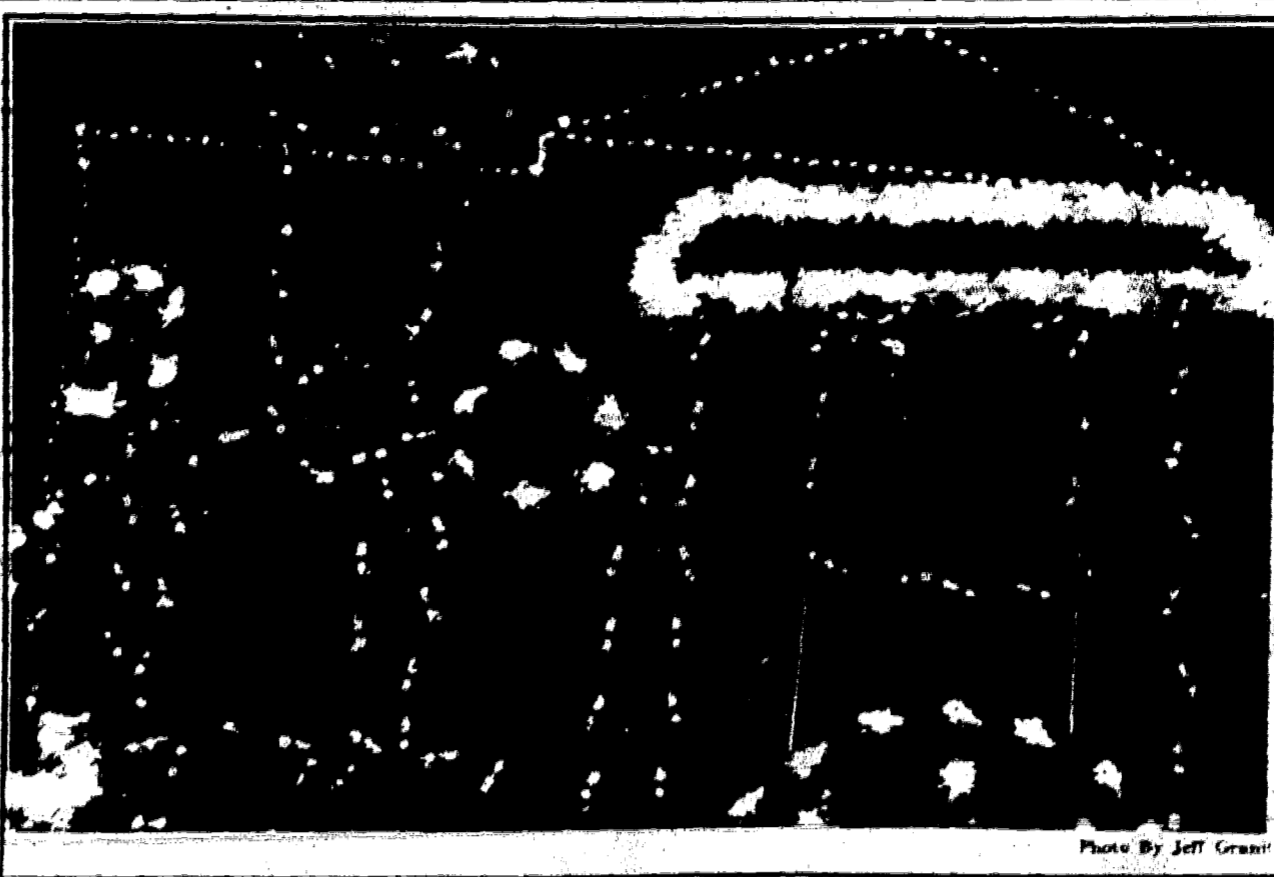


Photo By Jeff Grant

ALL ABOARD! — Mikey Stigliano, 6, stands in the engine of a light train, one of the elaborate holiday decorations at Springfield's tree-lighting celebration Monday evening. The train, the tree, carolers, and Santa himself were all part of the night's festivities, which took place on the front lawn of the Municipal Building.

Athletes must behave like true sportsmen

Last week, Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association, attacked head coach P.J. Carlesimo in a trade that has never before been seen in the history of sport in America. The one-time all-star choked Carlesimo once, and after being restrained, went after him again after practice in what was clearly a pre-meditated assault.

The event has caught the national spotlight, as Sprewell was suspended for the league for one year without pay, and his multimillion-dollar contract terminated. NBA Commissioner David Stern said the league need not condone behavior that would not be accepted in other aspects of society.

The NBA Players Union, the group that represents all players in off-court situations, has expressed a desire to appeal the decision. The union said it does not condone Sprewell's behavior, but only thinks the league should have heard his case in a more democratic fashion, rather than acting so abruptly.

Certain players have also expressed concern regarding the way the league simply terminated Sprewell's contract. "When do you draw the line when someone can cancel your contract if they don't like you. This is something that will set a precedent," said Houston forward Charles Barkley.

Sprewell has argued that he was unfairly treated by Carlesimo, and

Reporter's Notebook

By Jim Foglio Staff Writer

that the coach repeatedly harassed him and after made an example of him by kicking him out of team meetings and practices. But should not disruptive behavior warrant such discipline?

Coaches for years have used aggressive discipline to motivate players and feed success. Vince Lombardi, the late coach of the Green Bay Packers, was one of the first to literally scare his players into doing well. George Healy, the legendary "Papa Bear" from the Chicago Bears, would never tolerate anything less than a full commitment from his players. Mike Ditka, former Bear coach and current New Orleans Saints coach, has a reputation for using verbal force to try to win games. Brody Knight, of Indiana University, has thrown chairs at his players — he never hit anyone — but he has three NCAA championships and all the respect in the world from his boys.

The bottom line is that these coaches were all successful. We may not know the entire situation surrounding Sprewell and Carlesimo, but we do

know that Carlesimo is a proven winner. In 1988, he took the Seton Hall Pirates to the NCAA championship game against Michigan. For the past 10 years, he has taken the Portland Trailblazers to the playoffs.

The relationship between player and coach probably is more important than the fact that Sprewell committed a violent crime against his coach. For the incident symbolizes and represents the problem: the NBA is having trouble controlling its players.

Sport is not a game. Each generation antagonizes the previous one. That's nothing new. Each young athlete seeks challenges each aging experienced elder. The 1980-1990 Pistons in their youth were known as "choking" unsuccessful players. But when they learned to listen to their coach, respect the game of basketball, and play like a team, they won two NBA championships. This is what is supposed to happen to Sprewell. He is supposed to realize that the team is more important than whatever made him late for these meetings; that the team is more important than his personal disagreement with the coach. Unfortunately, as Bob Dylan wrote, "The times they are a-changin'" and Sprewell and his fellow players feel they no longer need to worry about these things.

Today, the NBA Players Union is so powerful that players do not have to get along with their coach. They

can fire them. They also don't have to be tested for marijuana. Players are tested for cocaine, but since a reported 80 percent of the league smokes pot, the illegal drug is not even on the league's banned substance list. Are these players the kind of role models our country wants for our children? Most players today are a distant cry from men like Larry Bird and over Michael Jordan.

So as Sprewell assaulted his coach, did he know that this was a reflection of the power that he has over the authorities. He makes more money than his coach, he probably — if he hadn't acted in such a way — would have been able to get his coach fired, and he obviously doesn't care what the little kids think. He can show his children that he has his own power.

Whether they like it or not, athletes have a responsibility to behave like sportsmen because their actions are under a microscope. Sure, this is not fair to their private lives, but it is true and no one can change that.

Any athlete who does not give an all-out effort to succeed on the court, or puts his ego before the team, doesn't deserve a contract and will never win in this league. Until Sprewell decides to respect the game of basketball and his coach, he can have all the money and shoe contracts he wants. He will still have his finger to his son why his championship ring finger is empty.

Real peace on Earth begins within each of us

Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant Staff Writer

to come to address most things — "What is really at essence here?"

"What I often find to be 'at essence' in order such as this is that we can't see the forest for the trees. And don't get me wrong, I don't think I'm any better than anyone else where this is concerned. I too, desire world peace, but just try to make me budge an inch when my views don't match those of my sister or brother.

"What were those angels talking about that winner trol in the skies over Bethlehem? Was it 'world peace' as we have come to know it? Well, yes, that's in there, but along with a many other things. Two thousand years ago, there were obviously no nuclear weapons, but there were still wars, petty squabbles over territories that have lasted through the ages and today.

So, yes, the angels did mean world

peace. But their message to the shepherds was not solely limited to global relations. Let's not forget that their words also included "Good will toward men."

Now, please I don't mean the wrath of feminist far and wide, please know that I realize that the term "women" is perhaps sexist and archaic, but we know what the angels meant — all people. Now, let's move on.

In ancient times — with no phones, faxes or Internet — one could only actively display good will to those with whom one came in contact. When one considers the small scope of local populations in the A.D., that doesn't sound too hard.

Which brings us right back to my earlier point — our neighbors, our families, our personal associates. That's where it all begins, and that is the arena which must first be addressed.

Peace in our own personal surroundings requires an element sorely lacking in many of our lives — a basic respect for others. We don't agree on something? Fine, but we still have to respect each other's right to hold a differing opinion. You've wronged me? Well, that must be addressed, but

only if the means of restitution are peaceful and within the law. You just cut me off in traffic? That's wrong too, but will my leaning on the horn and yelling obscenities really help anything? The list of examples could fill many columns. Suffice it to say that you know what I mean.

But between the daily rat race and the pressures of present-day living, how do we maintain this respect, and peaceful intent? Well, the first step is letting go of our own self-importance and realizing that the next person is no more or no less important than us. And no matter what unpleasantness may have transpired, that other person probably wishes for peace just as fervently as I do.

Only a couple weeks ago, I came across a verse I'd clipped from a magazine which I now keep tucked in my wallet.

If there is right in the soul, There will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, There will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, There will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, There will be peace in the world. Peace be with you, my friends.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for your support

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported me on Election Day, allowing me to continue to serve Mountainside residents in the New Jersey Senate.

I have represented this area for many years and am truly very honored by the privilege of being your voice in Trenton.

I also recognize the responsibility you have placed in my hands to best meet your needs, interests and concerns and as we work as a legislature on the state's pressing issues, including education reform, auto insurance and charity care.

Thank you again for your support. As always, feel free to contact my legislative office at (908) 322-5500.

Donald T. DiFrancesco, president, New Jersey Senate Scotch Plains

VIEW POINT		
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Three hurt in bus crash, fourth in hit-and-run

Springfield

• An accident on Morris Avenue left three people on a schoolbus injured Dec. 2. The driver of a Chevy pickup said his brakes failed when he rear-ended the bus on westbound Morris Avenue at Prospect Place at 8 a.m.

The bus driver and two of eight students from Roselle and Elizabeth reported injuries. Police, after finding the pickup's brakes not functioning, had it towed and cited the driver.

• A three-car accident at Morris and Maple avenues resulted in one driver injured and another fleeing the scene Dec. 3. An unidentified car, travelling west on Morris, ran into the left rear corner of a Nissan Sentra and clipped a Honda wagon from Maple at 8:56 p.m.

While the Sentra driver was in her car having the first driver pulled into the nearby Amoco filling station, bought a quart of milk and continued on. Police are looking for a white male with long brown hair as the fleeing driver.

• A mystery motorist damaged the left front corner of an Audi A4 parked on a Route 22 lot Dec. 3. The otherwise unidentified driver left a contact note on the Audi's windshield.

• Dec. 3 apparently didn't start well

POLICE BLOTTER

for a West Orange motorist. The driver, identified as Leonardo Margot, 24, was pulled over by a Springfield patrol officer along Mountain Avenue by Golf Oval at 2:28 a.m. The officer arrested Margot for driving while intoxicated.

• A Volvo 854 was rear-ended on westbound Morris Avenue by a Chrysler LeBaron Dec. 1 at 2:46 p.m. as the Volvo's driver was letting an emergency vehicle from Mountain Avenue pass. A Nissan Sentra operator who had an accident with an Oldsmobile Cutlass at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Alvin Terrace, was taken to Overlook Hospital with injuries by Millburn First Aid Squad at 8:35 a.m.

• A driver of a Buick Century said she didn't see the Comet Delivery truck parked in the fire zone of a Route 22 West lot on Dec. 1. The woman's car received rear-end damage while the truck driver received a summons for the zone parking. The same day, an 80,000-pound Peterbilt tractor-trailer truck was trying to make the turn from Main Street onto southbound Springfield Avenue but

instead ran into a Chevy Prism at 5:11 p.m.

• Someone removed a rear window to break into a Hillside Avenue service station sometime during the night on Nov. 29. Springfield Police records said the thief then stole two cordless telephones plus an undetermined amount of cigarette packs and cash receipts.

• Witnesses saw a white Ford Expedition cutting donuts on the Laurel Park lawn Nov. 29 at 5:04 p.m. Observers also spotted a late model Chevrolet Monte Carlo, containing four men, leaving the scene of a car stereo robbery at the Benningan's later that night.

Mountainside

Three car thefts and an attempted burglary occurred last week in Mountainside.

A car was reported stolen from the parking lot of L'Affaire Restaurant Dec. 6 at 2:15 a.m. The victim told Officer Michael Jackson that he found his 1990 Nissan 300ZX missing from the lot when he came out after his meal, the report said. As of Tuesday, the car was not recovered.

Another car theft was reported Dec. 1 at 10 p.m. at Sony Theatres on

Route 22. A Highland Park resident told Officer John Phillippakos that the car was left in front of the main entrance as the owner went inside to view a 7:30 movie. When the owner returned, the car was missing. The 1992 Honda Accord was found in Newark on Dec. 4, the report said.

On Dec. 3 at approximately 9:20 p.m., another car theft was reported from Sony Theatres. A Westfield resident told Officer Jackson that her 1992 Honda Prelude was missing from the west side parking lot after she went inside to view a movie, the report said. The vehicle was found abandoned in Newark the same day.

On Dec. 4, an attempted burglary was reported on the 300 block of Rolling Rock Road. According to the report, the resident noticed after she returned to her home at 11:30 p.m. that her lock had been ripped out of the door frame. She immediately called the police. Detective Sgt. Rich Gwiez and Officer Rich Latargia noticed pry marks where the deadbolt was mounted in the door and subsequently labeled the incident an attempted burglary. After fingerprinting the area, the officers asked the victim for a list of any contractors who had done any work on the home within the past six months. No theft was reported, however.

• At approximately 1:30 p.m. Dec. 1, Patrolman Andrew Sullivan arrested a juvenile for receiving stolen property. The police report said Sullivan observed a blue Toyota pass him on the right of Route 22 East. After realizing the vehicle did not have a front license plate, he stopped it. The driver did not produce the necessary credentials and, therefore, Sullivan ran a motor vehicle check on the car. The car had been reported stolen, and the juvenile was taken into custody. The suspect stated that he bought the car a few days before, and that his girlfriend would bring the vehicle's title to headquarters. As of Monday, the title had not been produced.

• A Kentworth resident was arrested for driving while intoxicated Dec. 1 at 6:13 p.m. Police Officer Ken Capobianco observed a motor vehicle swerving on Route 22 West. The driver, later identified as Kurt Kovacs, 30, was cited for numerous motor vehicle offenses and arrested after refusing a breathalyzer test, police said.

An Edison man was also found to be DWI. Officer Capobianco reported that, on Dec. 7, at 12:30 a.m., the officer stopped vehicle on Route 22 East for a motor vehicle citation. The driver, identified as Paul Zane, 24, refused to take the breathalyzer test, and was arrested on the scene. His court date was set for today.

Oh bag boy!



Ted Weeks and Kelly Allison collect bags of groceries for the Community. Over 200 bags of groceries, including more than 30 turkeys were collected by volunteers from the Boy Scouts and Mountainside Community Presbyterian Church members. The church extended a heartfelt thanks to borough residents who annually donate toward this annual food gift giving program. Ultimately the food is delivered to neighboring families in Plainfield and Elizabeth.

Firefighters battle car blazes and darkened lots

Springfield

Firefighters assisted State Police and first aid units regarding a vehicular rollover Nov. 25 on eastbound Route 24 at Route 78. Safety personnel extricated the motorist with the Jawk of Life.

• Another unit joined Summit firefighters to quench a car fire on westbound Route 78 at 1:01 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. While both squads found the vehicle fully engulfed by flames, there were no injuries.

• The Springfield Fire Department responded to two car fires in a 48-hour period. They first extinguished a blaze on a vehicle at the intersection of Meisel Avenue and Millburn Road Nov. 25 at 9:10 a.m. There were no reported injuries.

• All units responded to the report

FIRE BLOTTER

of smoke coming from the basement of a South Springfield Avenue home Nov. 23 at 10:15 a.m. The call came 10 minutes after a ladder truck assisted a police investigation at a Meisel Avenue business.

• Fire engines were dispatched by an activated carbon monoxide detector from a Green Hill Road residence Nov. 24 at 12:54 p.m. A report of a natural gas odor was sniffed out at a Janet Lane home Nov. 25 at 11:57 a.m., and a problem with a gas heater sent a unit to a Rose Avenue address at 9:41 a.m. the next day.

• One engine went to a tree along Prospect Place Nov. 25 on the report of burning wires at 2:22 p.m. Fire per-

sonnel notified General Public Utilities and cordoned off the area until a utility truck arrived.

Mountainside

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department was behind the scenes at the Union County Tree Lighting Festival at the Watching Stables on Friday. Ten members of the department kept the parking lot lit to help make the ceremony safer and more visible to residents. The stables do not have any lighting in the parking lot.

"We used our fire trucks to help light the lot," Chief Salammbine said. "It can get pretty dark out there, and with the amount of people that attend the event, it's necessary to have adequate lighting."

• On Dec. 2, at approximately 3

a.m., members of the Mountainside fire department responded to a call from a resident on Woodacres Drive. The homeowner's carbon monoxide detector has been activated, but the problem was found to have been a low battery. The firemen replaced the battery at no cost, one of the services the department provides for residents.

• Two hours later the department responded to a call from Brighton Gardens, an assisted living residence on Route 22. A resident had pulled a fire alarm by accident, the department's report said.

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Summit High School nurse Jean Fay, second from right, and students Ian Bowman, Brian Dzierzynski, and Maria Manriquez display the literature handouts and prize T-shirts that were offered as part of the school's observance of the American Cancer Society's recent Great American Smokout. The Smokout activities also included presentations in the health classes. The event was coordinated by Fay and health teacher Jane Parkinson.

A look back

Hospital barely survived war years

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

For Overlook Hospital, 1947 was a good year but not a great year.

A half-century ago, Overlook was beginning to see the light at the end of the financial tunnel. The board of trustees had a sort of Christmas surprise by coming up with a record budget for 1948. The new budget, totalling \$814,746, was a whopping one in relation to the times.

The hospital would end 1947 with a net loss of \$33,358. Compared to the previous five to 10 years, the loss could almost be looked at as a profit.

The news of the budget came from Russel W. Hotchkiss, hospital treasurer, with the approval of George Webber, Overlook's finance chairman.

For about 10 years starting with the Great Depression, Overlook had been on hard times. Things went from bad to worse and the New Jersey State Board of Hospital Accreditation dropped Overlook from its rolls. Something had to be done and fast.

What frustrated many people in town was that Overlook Hospital had become one of the best hospitals in the state during the good times of the 20s. Then the roof caved in. Members of the Board of Trustees began to resign in frustration and discouragement. Finally, the board members called for a special meeting in 1944 to discuss naming a brand new board, amend the by-laws, and plan for the future.

John Montgomery was named the new president of the board and a new hospital director, Arthur Smith, was elected and given wide powers. By 1946, positive movement could be seen, but there was a long way to go. In early 1947, the board announced plans for a \$2 million building program which would contain 120 beds.

At the meeting on Dec. 19, when the trustees announced its 1948 budget, Montgomery said construction on the new \$2 million addition would begin in March.

According to the finance chairman, total income for Overlook for the 11 months in 1947 was up about \$150,000 from 1946. But expenses for 1947, 50 years ago, climbed from \$148,245 to \$701,465. The biggest increase was due to salaries, which had gone from \$82,158 to \$109,387. The reason for the dramatic jump was that Overlook suffered from a severe lack of student nurses and, to make up the slack, the hospital was forced to hire more Registered Nurses than in previous years. Ironically, Overlook had had one of the best and oldest nursing schools in the state. But in the mid-1940s, not enough young women wanted a nursing career.

The lack of money did not deter Overlook from making ambitious plans for the future. Members of the board solicited area companies for donations and in 1947, such contributions amounted to \$49,045, about \$8,000 less than the previous year. The Overlook Foundation, the current fundraising arm of the hospital did not exist then. Money was tight.

Those at the meeting heard that during 1947 the hospital served 25 area communities and the number of patients was growing rapidly.

A highly interesting statistic which would make current members of the hospital board shake their heads in disbelief was that during 1947, a half-century ago, daily patient costs were about \$15, up nearly \$2 from the previous year.

Although the hospital was beginning to move, there was still much to be done. Obtaining enough money to pay bills by cutting the accounts receivable figure of \$93,524 would be a high priority for the remainder of the year.

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Springfield Plays being presented

Plays by Sid Frank and Ed Shakespeare will be presented at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Frank, a Springfield resident, has a long career in theater and recording. He wrote the book and lyrics for a series of educational musical presentations including "Jerz," a play about New Jersey, "Tarheel," about North Carolina, and "Rebel," a musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's play "The Devil's Disciple." Frank has written the lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinatra, Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughan. Frank is the author of books, "The Presidents," "Tidbits and Trivia" and "Howard the Horrible Horse."

Shakespeare, playwright and actor, has had two plays produced. His play "Firehouse" was awarded a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship Award. As an actor he has appeared in productions of "Glengarry Glen Ross," "Our Town" and "Eat Your Heart Out." Shakespeare is the author of "The Boiler Room," being performed in this program. His education includes a Master of Arts in English Literature and a J.D., both from Seton Hall University. Shakespeare studied acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and now teaches Dramatics and English at Freehold Borough High School.

Film festival continues

The Italian film "Mediterranean" will be shown at the Springfield Free Public Library today at noon and 7 p.m.

"Mediterranean" won Best Foreign Film Oscar in 1991. It is set on an island in the Aegean where eight Italian soldiers have been sent to man an island garrison during World War II. They believe the island is deserted until they find a small population of children, women and old men, the younger men having been taken away by an earlier German garrison. Predictably, the unwilling conquerors fraternize with the locals and go native, and the rest of the story unfolds from there.

Admission is free to all films. Space is limited to 69 people at each showing. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information call (973) 376-4930.

Donor quilt displayed

The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is proud to display a quilt made up by the families of organ donors at the Springfield Free Public Library from Monday through Jan. 2. Each square in this quilt was created to honor the memory and to celebrate the life of their loved one.

Photographs on exhibit

Martin Deutsch is exhibiting his photography at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through Dec. 18.

Deutsch began taking pictures while in the army during the Korean war period, starting with color slides. As his interest grew, he switched to black-and-white photography which he finds more stimulating and dramatic than color could ever be.

Deutsch has had pictures published in "U.S. Camera" magazine, "Modern Photography" magazine, "Photography Yearbook Annual," and "Woman's Day" magazine.

Holiday programs offered

The Springfield Free Public Library will host three holiday programs for children to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. The programs geared for children ages 3 and up, include stories, crafts and holiday treats. Dates and times are Christmas, Dec. 25 at 7 p.m.; Hanukkah, Dec. 17 at 7-15 p.m.; and Kwanzaa, Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. The programs will be held in the Children's Department.

Mountainside

Songwriter to perform

A humorous program, "Songs of the Season," will be performed by singer-songwriter Mark Levy at the Mountainside Public Library, Saturday at 2 p.m. Mark Levy, a popular children's performer from California, will present one show only. Recommended for children and families, this program will provide lots of laughs with silly songs about the holiday season, including tunes for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. This program is free and open to the public, thanks to sponsorship by the Friends of the Mountainside Public Library. Call the library at 233-0115 for more information.

Art on display

Local artist Alice Bryan Hondru will present her exhibit, "Color, Line, and Form in Watercolor and Print," at the Mountainside Public Library meeting room until Dec. 24 during library hours.

A resident of Mountainside for 16 years, Hondru has long enjoyed drawing figures and painting in color. Her approach is to make an ink drawing of her subject then adding color with watercolor.

The public is invited to meet the artist on Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the library at (908) 233-0115.

Summit

Lectures continue

The Summit Free Public Library announced the continuation of its book lectures and discussions under the leadership of Jon Plaut. The theme for the Fall/Winter series is "Great 20th Century American Books." The following titles will be discussed:

Jan. 14 — "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. A haunting, truth-telling and influential novel documenting the black experience in America.

Feb. 11 — Dee Brown's "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee." A study of American Indian personalities and the destruction of a culture.

April 8 — J.D. Salinger's "Franny and Zooey" and "Raise High the Roof Beam Carpenters." Together, these books constitute one of the great dual works of 20th century fiction, by an author who suddenly ceased all output while at the height of his career.

Discussion leader Jon Plaut, a Summit resident, is a retired lawyer with degrees from Penn State, Georgetown University and NYU. He is a presidential appointee to the NAFTA Commission, and is a visiting professor in Environment and Public Policy at Pennsylvania State University.

Because of expected construction on the library building, the discussions will take place in the Janet Whitman Community Room on the second floor at City Hall. The time will be 2 to 4 p.m. on the Wednesdays listed above. Pre-registration is not required, and one may attend individual sessions or the entire series. For more information, stop by the library, or call the reference desk at (908) 277-9449.

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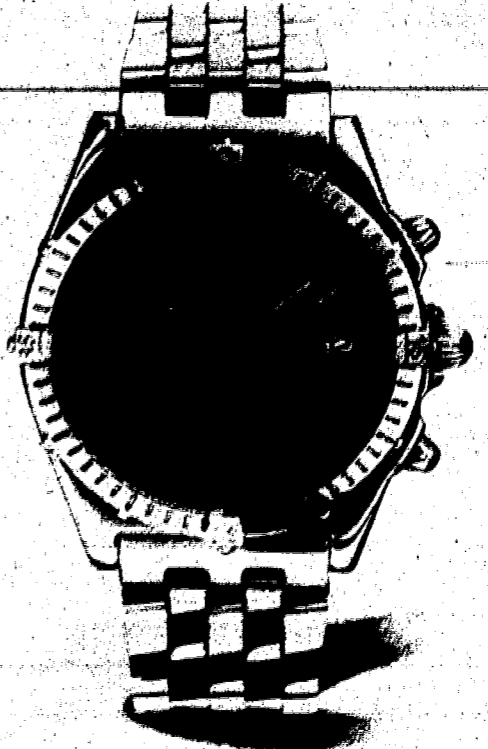
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STUDENT UPDATE

Student of the month

Jonathan Dayton High School's Student-of-the-Month, Andrea Zawerczuk, is a very deserving student to receive this honor.

Besides five AP classes, Zawerczuk's responsibilities include being co-editor-in-chief of both *The Dawg Print* and "Melopoeia," the school's literary magazine, as well as being secretary and treasurer of the senior class.

Zawerczuk is also involved in plenty of clubs at Dayton. She is a member of the Key Club, French Club and Student Auxiliary. She also serves as president of the National Honor Society.

According to Marcia Kendler, newspaper advisor, "Andrea's desire to achieve makes her an ideal role model, one who others should strive to be like."

Not surprising to those who know her is the way she heard the good news. "I happened to be picking up fundraiser folders to deliver to Byrne's English class," she said.

Working as always, Zawerczuk was elated to hear the news. "It's nice," she admitted, "to be acknowledged after all of my hard work."

Does she have any free time? The answer is yes. Zawerczuk enjoys writing poetry, reading — no, not textbooks. She also enjoys watching classic films and strength training at the local gym.

Zawerczuk hopes to attend an out-of-state college, hopefully south of the Mason-Dixon line, with a major in pre-med biology or biochemistry. Good luck and congratulations to Andrea Zawerczuk, September's Student-of-the-Month.



Andrea Zawerczuk

panic students as potential candidates for admission.

Scholars named

Seventeen Summit High School seniors were named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars. The program provides, without regard to financial need, a \$1000 annual scholarship award for up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university. The students are Elaine Blasko, Alison Clark, Kathleen Codey, Graham Fisk, Cristina Gallo, Ryan Hathaway, Allison Havourd, Nathaniel Hunt, Lydia James, Cooper Kramer, George Messner, Mary Mitchell, Emily Murphy, Rebecca Siegel, Lisa Smith, Natalie Stein and Ellen Tompsett.

Bloustein Distinguished Scholars are students who place in the top 10 percent of their classes and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class at the end of junior year.

Students commended

Two senior high school students from the area, Carolyn Petri of Summit and Emily Sweitzer of Chatham, recently received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. The two members of the class of 1998 from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit are among six at the school to receive this honor.

To earn commendation, students must place among the top 5 percent of students who entered the 1998 Merit program by taking the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test.

Petri is editor-in-chief of Oak Knoll's *Oracle* student newspaper and is a past member of the "Writer's Roundtable," an organization for grades 9 to 11 who share creative writing work. Petri has participated in many Oak Knoll performances as head usher and as backstage manager at the school's Christmas performance. She is the daughter of Joseph and Patricia Petri of Summit.

Sweitzer is a representative on the Student Council's Campus ministry board and is a student coach for the 7th and 8th grade field hockey team. She is also a member of the school's dance performance group. As a Peer Leader, Sweitzer counsels younger

students, helping ease their transition into 7th and 8th grades and providing them encouragement and support. She is the daughter of Caesar and Peggy Sweitzer of Chatham.

Juniors raising funds

The junior class at Summit High School is raising funds by selling the Entertainment '98 book. The book contains coupons for discounts at area restaurants, movie theaters, sporting events and businesses.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will defray the cost of the junior prom.

For more information, contact Jackie Brown-Harvest, Summit High School librarian, at 273-1494.

Box tops for education

To help raise extra money for their school, local students at Jefferson Elementary School are involved in a program designed by General Mills called Big G Box Tops for Education.

For every qualifying General Mills cereal box top collected, the school will receive 15 cents, and for every qualifying General Mills snacks and Yoplait Yogurt box top collected, the school will receive 10 cents. A qualifying box top is the top flap of any General Mills product that has the 1997-98 "Big G Box Tops for Education" symbol. The program has already begun and runs through March 31, 1998.

Jefferson's goal is to collect as many box tops as possible to raise money for renovation of their school playground, which has not been updated in over 20 years.

The students encourage family members, neighbors, senior citizens and other community groups to help collect box tops for their school. Anyone interested in donating box tops can drop them off in one of the many boxes throughout Jefferson School, located at 110 Ashwood Ave., Summit, or they can call Kathy Wied at (908) 277-6553 for the locations of other collection boxes.

The school has a list of participating products and will be happy to share it with individuals and groups willing to help. For more information, call Kathy Wied at (908) 277-6553 or Diana Albanese at (908) 522-9337.



TODAY'S HOTTEST GROUP — Members of the Ensemble singing group at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit rehearse for their Dec. 13 appearance on NBC's "Saturday Today Show." They are scheduled to perform twice between 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The 18 students will sing a medley of Christmas songs, marking the first time a group from Oak Knoll School will appear on nationwide television.

Under the direction of Ruby Robertson-Knox, the Ensemble is a female vocal group selected from the junior and senior classes. They have performed at the Morris Museum, area hospitals, the Valerie Fund and the Union County Arts Center, among other venues. Community service and music ministry are integral components of the group's mission.

On Saturday, vans from NBC Studios will transport the group from Oak Knoll School, departing at 6 a.m. for a 7 a.m. rehearsal at NBC Studios at New York's Rockefeller Center.



Finalist selected

Summit High School senior Alexander Viada has been selected as a Scholar Finalist in the 1997-98 National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program sponsored by the college board.

The National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies academically well-prepared Hispanic high school students for postsecondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 120,000 students nationwide, the 4,000 highest scoring students are initially identified as semifinalists. Based on further evidence of their academic achievement, select group of 3,000 students are recognized as program finalists.

Viada is among these 3,000 Hispanic students who have been recognized as Scholar Finalist in the program.

The names of all finalists are listed on a roster of outstanding Hispanic students, which has been released to colleges and universities to encourage them to seek out these talented His-

NEWS CLIPS

New parking cards

The magnetic stripe parking cards used for Summit's multi-space meter machines are now being issued in \$30 and \$50 denominations. Cards may be ordered by mail by sending a check made out to City of Summit to the city clerk's office, 512 Springfield Ave. Cards may also be purchased in person, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The \$25 and \$50 cards are no longer available.

Family Service drive

Each year the Family Service of Summit, a United Way non-profit counseling agency that is a division of Overlook Hospital, helps disadvantaged residents obtain warm winter clothing. Working with Summit Mun-

icipal Welfare, Family Service collects such items each fall. Then shortly before Christmas, Summit's needy families are invited to come select what they can use. Everything is free.

Until last year, the number of items that could be accepted was limited by insufficient storage space. However, Jennifer Connolly, property manager of Summit's Strand Mall at 447 Springfield Ave., has offered a temporarily vacant store to Family Service to use for the Heart of Summit Drive.

The store, located on the ground floor between Jos. A. Bank Clothiers and Tiffany's Restaurant, is ready for donations. Collections will continue through Dec. 17. Volunteers will be on hand to receive contributions during the following hours: Mondays,

Tuesdays, Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon; Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Anyone who would like more information about the collection can call Alicia Domizi-Gorman, Family Service's outreach program coordinator, at (908) 273-1844.

Resale shop moving

SAGE's resale shop is moving. The shop will be closing Dec. 24 and will

be reopening at the new location, 478 Morris Ave., Summit in January.

Brunch helps SAGE

Having Sunday brunch at the Grand Summit Hotel's Hunt Club Grill from now through Dec. 31 can also help seniors who benefit from SAGE programs. Each time an individual has Sunday brunch there, 10 percent of the check will be donated to the Summit-based non-profit.

"When two people have Sunday brunch which costs \$30 per person, \$6 will go to SAGE's Meals-On-Wheel," said Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE. "That translates into a full day of hot meals to a homebound elderly person."

For more information call (908) 273-5550.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
December 24th, 8 P.M.
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. William C. Weaver, Pastor

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DECEMBER 21, 1997 5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S (FAMILY) LITURGY
6:30 PM
12:00 AM (CHOIR WILL BEGIN TO SING CAROLS AT 11:30 PM)
CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:15 PM (SPANISH)
Please note - **WE WILL NOT HAVE A 9:30 AM OR A 5:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**
DECEMBER 28, 1997 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 31, 1997 5:00 PM MASS
JANUARY 1, 1998 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM (MASSES)

Whale of a show



The youth of the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside recently staged a production of 'Jonah,' a short musical about the story of the prophet. The production was directed by Kristy Boyce and Jeanne Wilhelms, and accompanied by Cathy Parker. 'Jonah' starred Ben Flath as Jonah, Karole Fristensky as Allison, Lindsay Vlachakis as the King, Stacy Vlachakis as the Captain, and Michael Boyce as the Whale. Picture above are, from left: Jamie Boyce, Alison DeDuca, Karole Fristensky, Lindsay Thomas, Lindsay Vlachakis, Louise Fristensky, Stacy Vlachakis, and Courtney Vecek.

EVENTS

Church to hold bazaar

The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Crafts Bazaar in the church's Fellowship Hall on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafters are needed. Spaces are available for \$20, which will include a table and two chairs. Food and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Tom Ernst at (908) 587-0779, or Esther Reimlinger at (908) 276-4968. Applications can be picked up at the church.

Buffet planned

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its annual Christmas buffet dinner and secret Pal gift exchange on Wednesday, at 5 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall. Special Christmas devotions and carol sing will be led by Charlotte Pierson. Any women interested in attending, please call the Church Office at 379-4320.

Jewish women to meet

The Jewish Women International of Springfield, formerly B'nai B'rith Women of Springfield, will meet Dec. 17 at 12:15 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. Barbara Fried, presi-

Free concert planned

The Union Municipal Band under the direction of John H. Bunnell and Assistant Director Casey Bork is presenting a free public concert of Holiday Classics on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish House of the Springfield Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall. Featured titles include "Gershwin on Broadway," as well as favorites such as "White Christmas."

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST CABLEVISION OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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remove, relay or relocate its equipment at the expense of the Company. The removal or trimming of trees during the exercise of its rights and privileges under this franchise. The Company shall have the authority to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, sidewalks and other public places of the municipality so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of the Company. Such trimming shall be only to the extent necessary to maintain proper clearance for the Company's wires and cables, and upon reasonable notice to the Township, except in an emergency.

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in providing services to its customers. Comcast shall comply with N.J.A.C. 14:27 and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. Comcast shall strive to meet or exceed all voluntary company and industry standards in the delivery of customer service and shall be prepared to report on same to the community upon written request of the Township Administrator or the Township Council.

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division, cause or provision of the ordinance, and so the and the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, cause or provision of the ordinance are hereby repealed as to be void.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE
The Township hereby grants to Comcast Cablevision of New Jersey, Inc. the renewal of its non-exclusive Municipal Consent to place upon, along, across, above, over and under highways, streets, alleys, sidewalks, easements, public ways and public places in the Township, poles, wires, cables, underground conduits, manholes and other television conductors, fixtures, apparatus and equipment as may be necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance in the Township of a cable television and communications system.

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SECTION 10 - CUSTOMER SERVICE
In providing services to its customers, Comcast shall comply with N.J.A.C. 14:27 and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. Comcast shall strive to meet or exceed all voluntary company and industry standards in the delivery of customer service and shall be prepared to report on same to the community upon written request of the Township Administrator or the Township Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 11 - MUNICIPAL COMPLAINT OFFICER
The Office of Cable Television is hereby designated as the municipal officer for the Township of Springfield pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-26(b). All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:27-6.5. The municipality shall have the right to request copies of records and reports pertaining to complaints by Township customers from the Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 12 - LOCAL OFFICE
During the term of this franchise, and any renewal thereof, the Company shall maintain a local office for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving all complaints regarding the quality of service, equipment and installation of its services. Such local business office shall be open during normal business hours, and no more than 2000 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A telephone response for such purposes as mentioned herein will be provided by the Company's employees, representatives or agents twenty-four (24) hours per day. The telephone number and address of the local office shall be listed in applicable telephone directories and in correspondence from the Company to the local office shall utilize an exchange which is a non-toll call for Township residents.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 13 - PERFORMANCE BONDS
During the life of the franchise the Company shall post a performance bond in the amount of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars. Such bond shall be to insure the faithful performance of all undertakings of the Company as represented in its application for municipal consent incorporated herein.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 14 - SUBSCRIBER RATES
The rates of the Company shall be subject to regulation as permitted by federal and state law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 15 - PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS
The Company shall continue to provide one dedicated, system-wide public access channel, to be utilized by qualified individuals and organizations, for the purpose of broadcasting non-commercial access programming in conformance with the Company's published public access rules.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 16 - COMMITMENTS BY COMPANY
The Company shall provide free standard installation and expanded basic service monthly on up to ten (10) outlets in each school in the Township, public and private, elementary, intermediate and secondary, at no charge provided the facility is located within 200' of active cable distribution plant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 17 - TWO WAY SERVICES AND INTERCONNECTION
The Company shall provide free basic internet access via high-speed cable modems to one (1) home-worked personal computer in each public library in the Township at no charge provided the facility is located within 200' of active cable distribution plant.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 18 - EMERGENCY USES
Upon activation of the State's Emergency Alert System (EAS), the Company shall be required to have the capability to override all the head end and portion of the system in order to permit the cablecasting of emergency messages. The Company's participation in the EAS shall be in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.

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SECTION 19 - LIABILITY INSURANCE
The Company agrees to maintain and keep full force and effect at all times during the term of this consent, sufficient liability insurance naming the municipality as an insured and insuring against loss, by any such claim, suit, judgment, execution or demand, the maximum amounts of \$1,000,000 for bodily injury or death to one person and \$100,000 for property damage resulting from one accident.

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SECTION 20 - INCORPORATION OF THE APPLICATION
All of the commitments and statements contained in the application and any amendment thereto submitted in writing to the municipality by the Company except as modified herein, are hereby incorporated into this consent by reference as long as it does not conflict with state or federal law.

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H.S. and local sports news can be faxed to Sports Editor J.R. Parachini at 908-686-4169

SPORTS

Fax and mail deadline Monday morning at 9 for sports copy to be considered for publication

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

Almost always in the playoff mix and generally considered one of the best teams, year in and year out, in North Jersey, Elizabeth captured its first sectional playoff championship of the 1990s last Saturday.

Elizabeth is now a perfect 4-0 in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoff championship games after posting a 14-7 victory over Plainfield in this year's title contest at Hub Stone Field.

Second-seeded Elizabeth finished 10-1, its only loss an 8-6 defeat by top-seeded Plainfield back on Sunday, Nov. 2, the first of consecutive rainy weekends.

Plainfield finished 8-3 and became the fifth consecutive top seed in the section not to win the championship, joining Elizabeth in 1996 and 1995 and Randolph in 1994 and 1993. From 1992 and 1991 was the last top seed to win. Montclair was seeded No. 1 in 1999 and lost, thus the top seed in the 1990s has won only two of the first eight crowns.

Elizabeth has now won 10 games four times, all the years it has won playoff championships. The Mounties have gone 10-1 in 1981, 1988 and 1997 and 11-0 in 1999.

Plainfield has still not won a playoff sectional championship and is 0-3 in finals, also losing in 1976 at Westfield 14-0 and in 1978 to Union 27-0 at Grant Stadium. The Cardinals last won a title in 1987.

Many of the best senior players in our area will be part of atleast three 1997 NJHSAA games. In the best senior ever held in the annual North-South Game or take part in the first New Jersey vs. New York contest? I think it would have been more prestigious if a New Jersey vs. Pennsylvania game could have been worked out.

There's also the Snapple Bowl in the middle of July, next year's game being the fifth between Union and Middlesex counties.

The Mountain Valley Conference will go back to having seven teams in each division next year because Middlesex leaves for the Greater Middlesex Conference. Ridge will move back to the Mountain Division and North Plainfield back to the Valley.

Next week we'll honor the best players of the year from our 12 area schools.

NJSIAA PLAYOFFS
Last Saturday Sectional Final
North 2, Group 4
Elizabeth 14, Plainfield 7

J.R.'s 1997 picks
73-21 (.777)

Andrew's 1997 picks
68-26 (.723)

- 1997 TERRIFIC TWELVE**
1. Elizabeth (10-1)
 2. Union (7-3)
 3. Johnson (8-2)
 4. Linden (5-4)
 5. Brearley (7-3)
 6. Criv. Livingston (6-3)
 7. Roselle Park (5-4)
 8. Summit (4-5)
 9. Roselle (4-5)
 10. Hillside (2-7)
 11. Ratway (2-7)
 12. Dayton (2-7)

Miller had sensational career

Caught nine passes in state title contest

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer



Photo by Milton Mills

Springfield resident Jeff Miller of Seton Hall Prep on ground with ball, caught a game-high nine passes for 133 yards against St. Joseph's of Montvale during last Saturday's NJSIAA Parochial, Group 4 championship game at Montclair State University. Miller finished as Seton Hall Prep's all-time leading receiver.

UPPER MONTCLAIR — During warmups, prior to Seton Hall Prep's battle with St. Joseph's of Montvale for the Parochial, Group 4 football crown last Saturday, Pirates senior wide receiver Jeff Miller reflected on the team's journey that, after 16 games, ended here at Montclair State University's Sprague Field.

"Everybody came together," said Miller as he was grabbing a drink. "We've come this far. This is what it's all about."

Miller, one of the state's finest athletes, later culminated a fantastic individual season with a solid performance in the championship game. The Springfield resident teamed with senior quarterback Art Grum and showed the impact crowd why they have been a terrific tandem all season as Miller caught a game-high nine passes for 133 yards and a touchdown.

But as most opponents have learned, the most gaudy of numbers came from St. Joseph's, which rolled to a 57-22 victory and cemented its claim as the state's No. 1 team.

Though Miller's excellent reputation is a result of his skills as a receiver, he still had to face the Green Knights' vaunted offense from his cornerback position. And on the game's first play from scrimmage, it was Miller who had the tackle on running back Vince Curcio at the end of a 43-yard run. Four plays later, Curcio ran it from two yards for a touchdown.

The Green Knights had a 21-0 lead in the second quarter when Seton Hall Prep marched 44 yards to the St. Joe's four-yard line. But Matt Merriello fumbled at the goal line and the ball was recovered by Todd Grum, who raced unopposed for a 101-yard touchdown and a commanding 24-0 lead.

The devastating turn of events proved to be crucial, as Seton Hall Prep won out on the advantage by 28-0 at halftime. Instead of possibly 21-14.

"We had the momentum there," said Miller. "If we put it in the second half, it could have changed the complexion of the game."

On the opening drive of the second half, Seton Hall Prep quickly marched 75 yards, capped by Miller's nine-yard touchdown catch. The point after was also kicked, making the score 28-14.

Seton Hall Prep got its all-time close at 35-22 at the end of the third quarter. St. Joseph's scored 22 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to produce the final score.

Though Seton Hall Prep didn't come away with a championship, Miller helped the squad earn a successful 16-win season, becoming the state's first-time career leader in catches (141), receiving yards (1,207) and touchdowns (13). Miller's 69 receptions, 1,256 receiving yards and 27 touchdowns this season are also state single-season records.

"He's tremendously talented," said Seton Hall Prep head coach Frank Berger. "He's probably the best receiver I've ever coached."

Miller's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. He was named to the Chase/Helsman Trophy High School All-Star by the New York Daily News, MSG Network and the Downtown Athletic Club.

Several Division I schools have expressed interest in the recruit, with one who is considering Syracuse, Notre Dame and Princeton.

Miller doesn't want to speculate how he'll perform at the next level. But he certain his competitive desire will always be strong.

"I play to win," he said. "I can't stand losing. Evertime I go out to play, I want to win."

Miller is now getting ready for the winter campaign with the Seton Hall Prep basketball team. A year ago, he was one of the leaders for a 17-win season which advanced to the Tournament of Champions final against St. Anthony's. Seton Hall Prep gave the Jersey City powerhouse an it could handle performance in a 59-63 decision at Rutgers University.

Dayton is the team to beat in Valley Division this year

Bulldogs return all 5 starters from 16-6 squad

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer

If you ask most boys' basketball coaches in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference, the team to beat this season is Dayton High School. And with good reason: all the starters are back from last season's successful 16-6 squad.

"No excuses," said coach Bill Berger, whose team finished second in the Valley Division to Roselle Park and qualified for the North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 playoffs for the first time in four seasons. "We're really excited and hoping this year will be the year Dayton gets the recognition."

"We're the team to beat and people in the conference know that."

Dayton returns perhaps its most experienced starting five ever. That's because the players are all seniors, led by a vaunted frontcourt comprised of co-captains Chris Loeffler (6-4) and Chris Salvato (6-4), along with Ralph Sarracino (6-5).

Loeffler, the team's leading scorer at 15 points per game last season, has excellent versatility and is considered one of the top players in the conference.

"He's a dominant offensive player," said Berger, who is in his third season at the helm. "He's an inside-outside player."

Salvato and Sarracino also show excellent scoring prowess, averaging

10 and eight points, respectively, a year ago.

The backcourt is equally as explosive. Eric Fishman has developed into one of the best point guards in the conference, averaging six assists last season, and is joined by Giancarlo Sarracino, Ralph's first cousin.

The Bulldogs also have two more members of the Sarracino clan. Senior forward Tony Sarracino and his brother Carmine, a freshman point guard, are looking to make an impact. The two are also cousins to Ralph and Giancarlo.

Boys' Basketball

"We get about 50 people from the family at the games," Berger said heartily.

The bench players include junior forward Terrance Franklin (6-2) and sophomore forward Ryan Fronlich (6-5). Franklin brings an up-tempo style that could significantly benefit the Bulldogs.

"He's going to be the sixth man who could make things happen," said Berger, noting that the Bulldogs could go to a full-court press when Franklin is inserted in the game.

With such an experienced and talented squad, Berger can't help but dream of a very successful and rewarding season. But at the same time, Berger is cautiously optimistic.

"If the kids stay focused and healthy, we should do very well," Berger said.

Thus far, the Bulldogs have demonstrated their determination to make this season special, participating in camps at Rider University and Grandford this past summer.

"They've worked hard," Berger said. "They've made every commitment I've asked of them."

Dayton, indeed, has a tough schedule with stiff opponents such as Roselle Park, St. Mary's of Elizabeth and Immaculate. But the Bulldogs are up for the challenge, hoping to capture the league title and go far in the state playoffs.

"They know they're the team to beat," Berger said. "They want to finish their senior season with some kind of championship. It's something they want as seniors."

And Berger is confident his players can reach those lofty expectations.

"It's just a matter of staying focused and setting their priorities," he said. "I think a lot of good things are going to happen this season."

For Berger, it's been a pleasure watching these kids develop, both on and off the court.

"These are kids I enjoy being with," he said. "They're good students. If you surround yourself with good kids, you're going to get good things on and off the court."

Springfield Rec Dept. accepting registration for wrestling, soccer

The Springfield Recreation Department is now accepting registration for its 1998 Wrestling Program.

The program is for children in grades 5-12. The team will participate in the Loud County Youth Wrestling League and practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The non-competitive registration fee is \$10. The Springfield Recreation Department is also accepting registration for its 1998 Soccer Program.

The program is for children in grades 5-12. The games will be held at the Springfield High School and will begin in January and continue for a 20-week season. Registration fee is \$20.

For more information on either program, contact the recreation department at 737-2222.

Springfield's Berger-Kravetz spark ice hockey team

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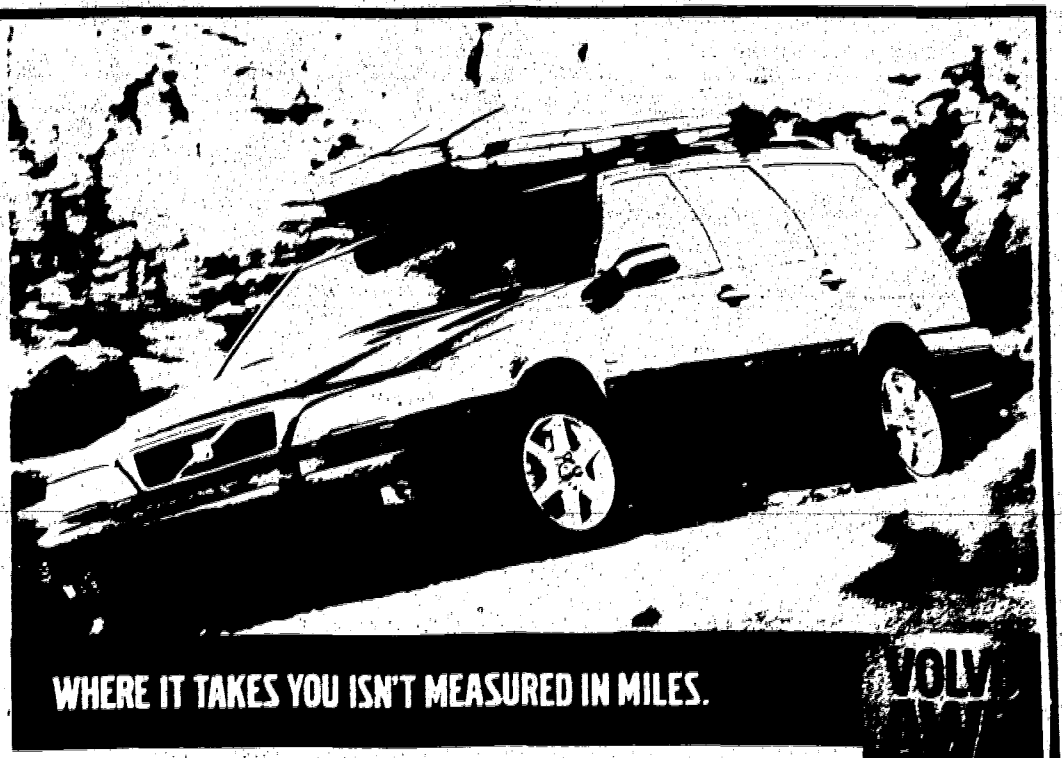
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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 223, RENT CONTROL...

SECTION I - AMENDMENTS (1) Chapter 223, Rent Control, shall hereby be amended to be re-titled as follows...

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

Section 233-1. Purpose. The purpose of the Chapter shall be to regulate and control the rental of real property...

SECTION 233-2. DEFINITIONS

Any building or structure and group of contiguous buildings or structures on the same ownership offered for rent to one (1) or more tenants or family units...

Section 233-3. Housing Space. This portion of a dwelling unit, whether offered for rent to one or more individuals or family units...

Section 233-4. Landlord. Any person or party who, whether or not a landlord, owns, leases, or otherwise controls the rental of real property...

Section 233-5. Tenant. Any person who occupies housing space in a dwelling unit in whole or in part...

Section 233-6. Available for Rent to Tenants. The rental of real property shall be available for rent to tenants...

Section 233-7. Parking Facility. The rental of real property shall include the rental of parking space...

Section 233-8. Base Rent. The rent for the rental of real property shall be based upon the fair market value of the property...

Section 233-9. Capital Improvement. A substantial change in the structure, composition, or use of the real property which increases the value of the property...

ARTICLE II RENT LEVELING BOARD

Section 233-10. Creation of Rent Leveling Board. There is hereby created the Rent Leveling Board of the Township of Springfield...

Section 233-11. Powers of the Board. The Board shall have the authority to regulate and control the rental of real property...

Section 233-12. Vacancies. The Board shall have the authority to regulate and control the rental of real property in the event of a vacancy...

Section 233-13. Appeals. Any person aggrieved by any act or omission of any landlord may appeal to the Board...

Section 233-14. Application of Chapter. This Chapter shall apply to all rental units within the Township of Springfield...

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Board to the Township Committee within twenty (20) days from the date of the determination by the Board...

Section 233-15. Appeals of Rent Levying Board. Any person aggrieved by any act or omission of the Board...

Section 233-16. Excess Rents. The Board shall have the authority to regulate and control the rental of real property in the event of excess rents...

Section 233-17. Notice. The Board shall have the authority to regulate and control the rental of real property in the event of a violation of the provisions of this Chapter...

ARTICLE IV REGISTRATION

Section 233-17. Registration. Every landlord shall, not later than January 31st of each year, register with the Board...

Section 233-18. Allowable Increase in Base Rent. Rents charged and paid for housing space and parking facilities in the Township may be increased only by an annual increase of four (4) percent...

Section 233-19. Unreasonable Profit Reduction. At any time not less than 120 days prior to the Rent Levying Board's next regular meeting...

ARTICLE V ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Section 233-20. Responsibilities of Landlords. It shall be a violation of this Chapter for any landlord or any representative agent...

Section 233-21. Penalties. A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a violation of this Chapter...

Section 233-22. Construction of Provisions. The provisions of this Chapter shall be construed to give effect to the intent and purpose of the provisions...

Section 233-23. Severability. If any provision of this Chapter is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect...

Section 233-24. Ratification. Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter...

Section 233-25. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage...

Section 233-26. Repeal. Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter...

Section 233-27. Publication of Notice. Upon passage of this Ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall cause to be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Springfield...

Section 233-28. Petition. The Township of Springfield hereby petitions the Legislature of the State of New Jersey...

Section 233-29. Execution of Petition. Upon passage hereof, the Chairman of the Board shall cause to be prepared and filed with the Municipal Clerk...

Section 233-30. Publication of Notice. Upon passage of this Ordinance, the Municipal Clerk shall cause to be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Springfield...

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SECTION I - AMENDMENTS (1) Chapter 247, Streets and Sidewalks is hereby amended as follows...

SECTION II - RATIONALE (1) The Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Township") hereby authorizes the acquisition and improvement of certain streets...

SECTION III - REPEAL Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Chapter...

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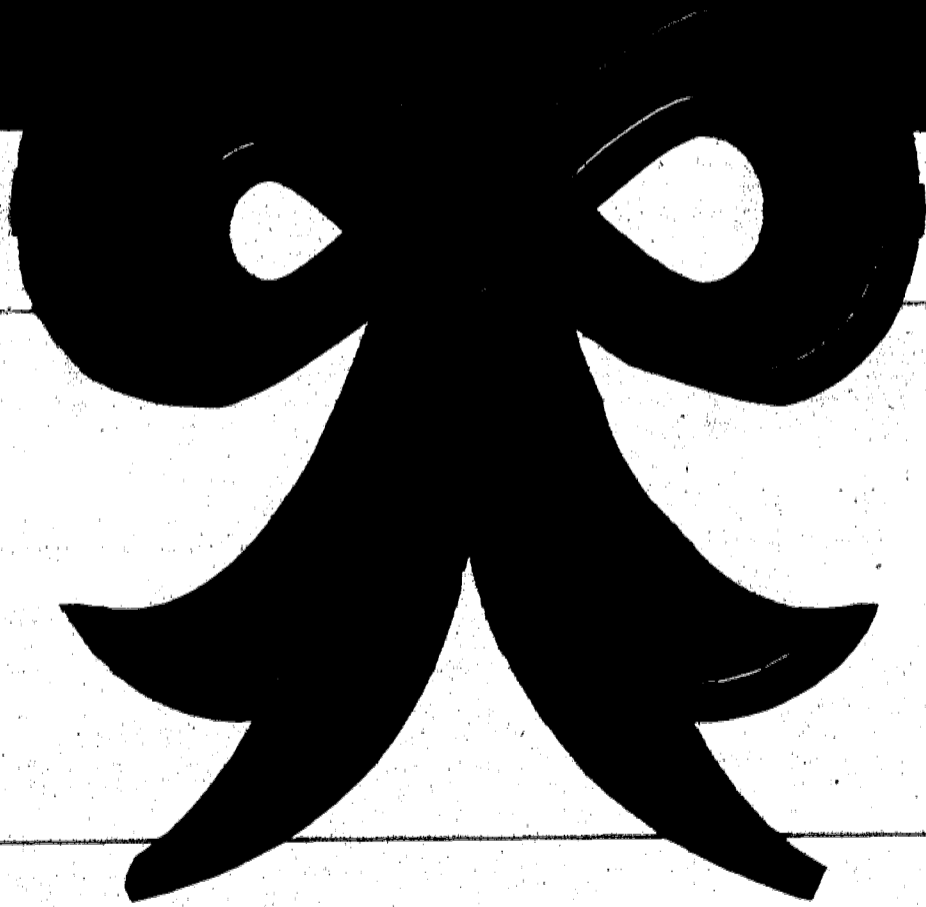
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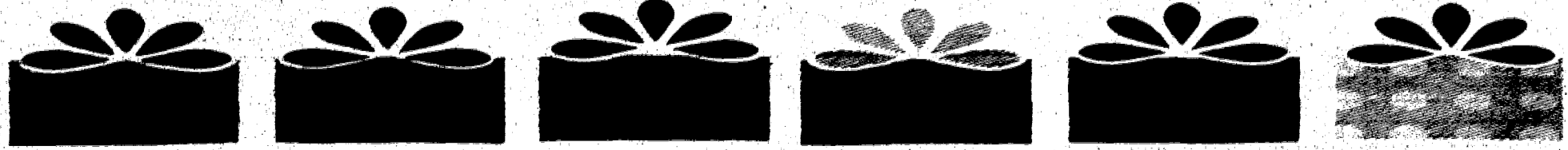
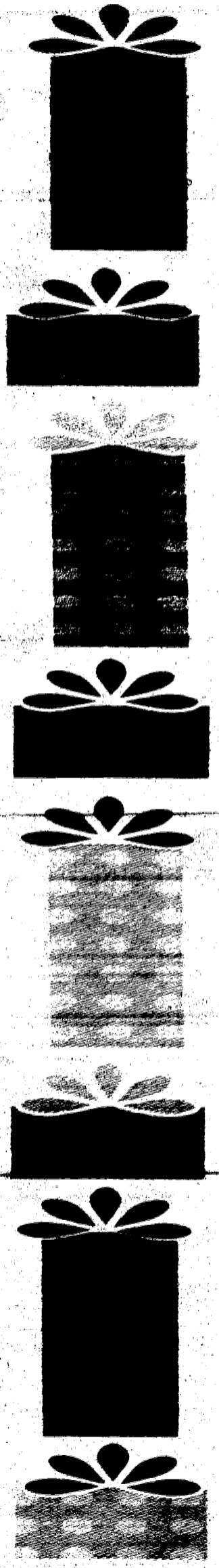
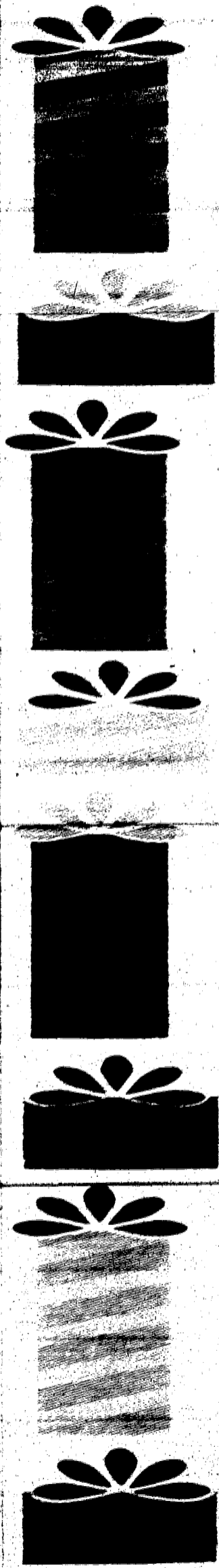
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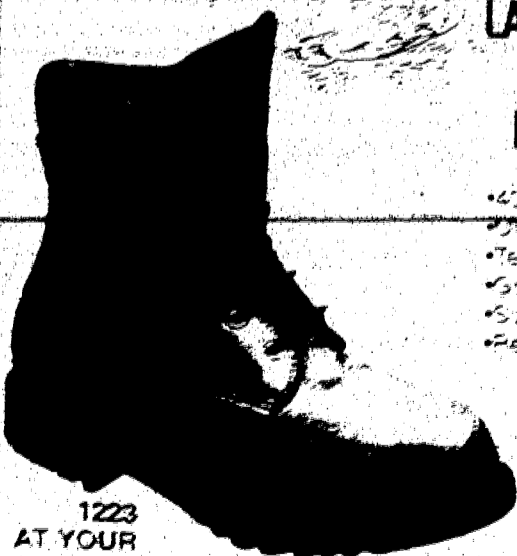
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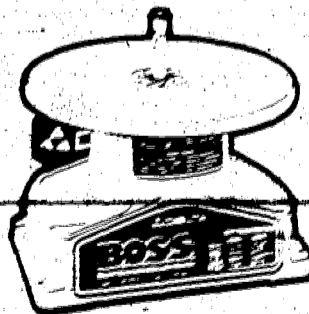
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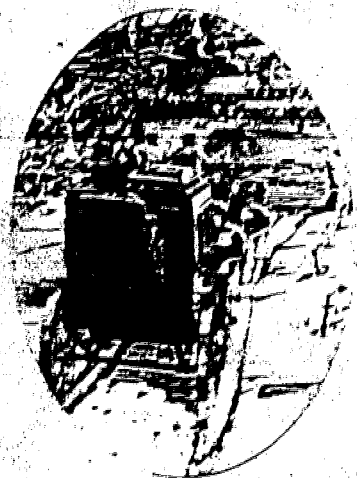


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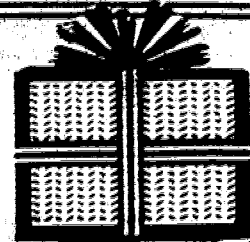
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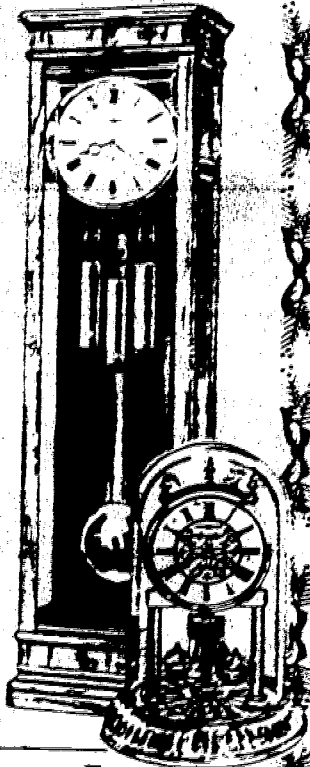
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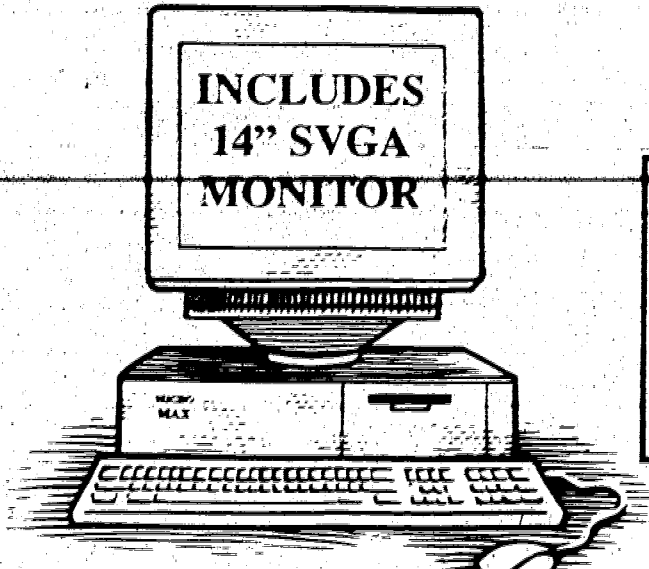
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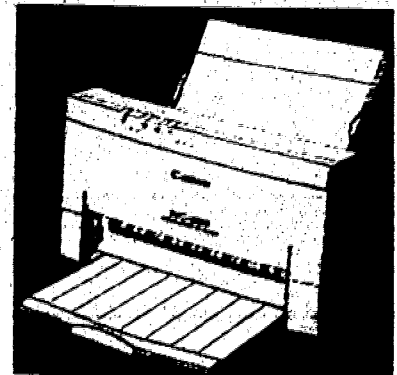


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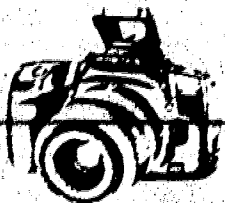
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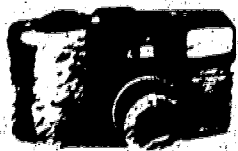
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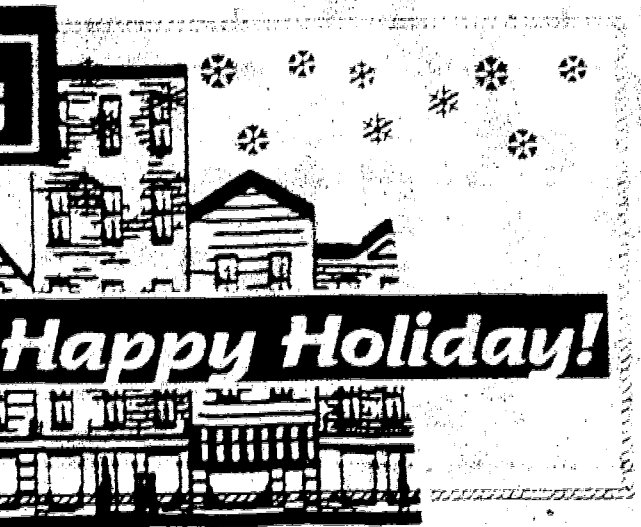


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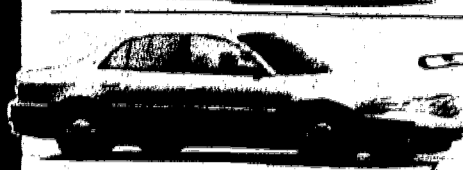


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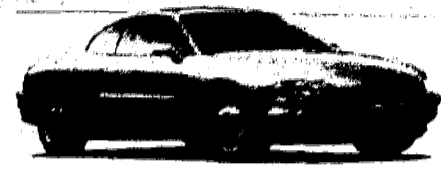
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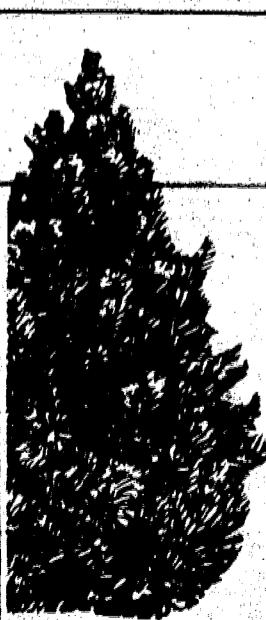
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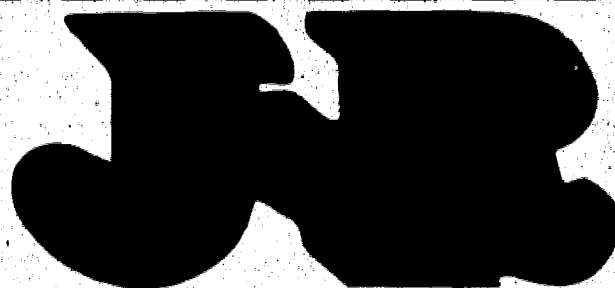
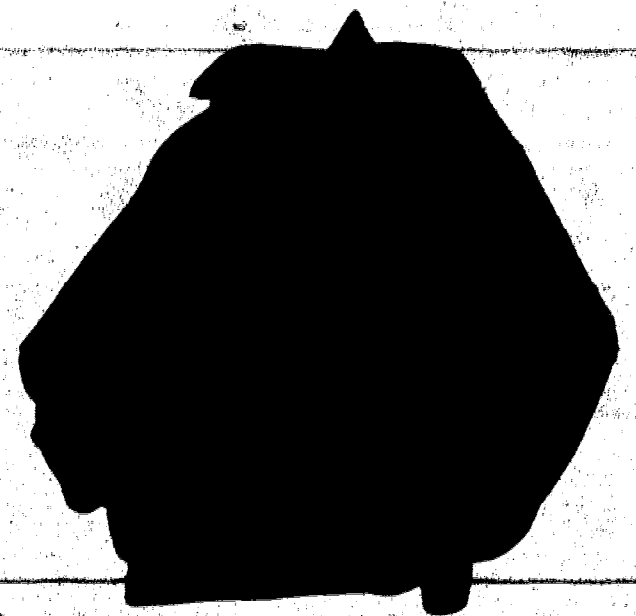
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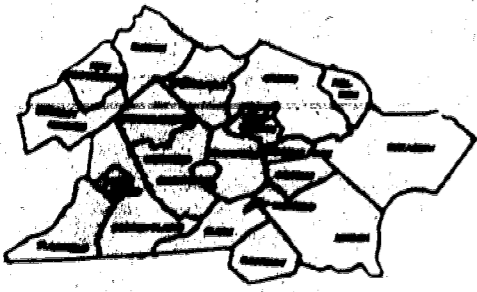
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Can real reform be coming?

As this year comes to a close, there are many interesting ideas regarding public schools being exchanged. Sadly, none of them address the core of public education's problems, but they indicate positive, lasting changes could be only a few years away.

The "big issue," of course, is school funding. Earlier this year, the state Supreme Court thought it found the magic answer when it decreed that the state must equalize the levels of spending in school districts across New Jersey. It's not enough to provide the same academic standards throughout the state, says the court; the state also must provide aid to level the per-student spending.

The big idea in school funding this month involves local property taxes. Statewide, school districts derive 60 percent of their funds from local property owners; the remaining 40 percent comes from state aid.

Today there is a lot of talk about making that split 50-50, but is that fair?

Common Sense

By Joy Hochberg
Regional Editor

The concern is said to be for the overburdened taxpayer, but what could be more fair than having local taxpayers — the voters — pay for their local schools? From where would this added state aid come? From the income taxes New Jersey levies on New Yorkers employed here? On cigarettes? Another lottery game?

The school funding law passed this year includes a mandate to limit annual spending increases to 3 percent. It is obvious that controlled spending is the answer to much of districts' financial problems, but what counts is how that money is spent. When a school district relies on money from Trenton or Washington, it also must listen to the bureaucrats' directions on how to spend it.

That's how your money winds up being spent on multiculturalist curricula that undermine everything that once united our country — not in your child's school, of course, just everybody else's.

A 50-50 funding formula might benefit some taxpayers, but it probably won't improve anyone's school. Local control promises accountability; surrendering autonomy guarantees lower standards.

On school safety, Gov. Christine Whitman is pushing for legislation that would end the granting of six-month probational work periods to employees of school districts, while checks into their pasts for criminal histories are conducted. The administration wants the background checks completed before the prospective employee starts working.

"Schools don't knowingly hire criminals, but the delay in processing background checks can create a situation where children might be exposed to them," said Beulah Womack, a member of the Plainfield Board of Education. "We need a more effective, time-sensitive way of screening people."

In the past decade, more than 3,400 applicants have been denied employment in school districts in this state, according to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Today there is a bill in the state Senate that would shorten that period to three months and would increase the number of offenses that would disqualify a prospective employee. A similar bill in the General Assembly addresses the disqualification matter, and also calls for faster background checks, rather than just shortening the probationary period.

See SAFETY, Page B2

Freeholders oppose FAA's intended flight plans

New route will have jets over county as of Jan. 1

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

Residents of Union County soon may hear more jet noise over their homes.

As of Jan. 1, the Federal Aviation Administration will implement a new routing scheme for jets leaving Newark International Airport's Runway 22. This routing, according to aircraft noise control advocates, will take planes from over the less populated Arthur Kill and fly them over the more populated areas of Rahway and Linden.

According to Jim Peters, a spokesman for the FAA, the new routing would only be used on 25 percent of the 400 to 500 planes leaving Newark every day — planes whose final destinations are in the area of Dallas and southwest Florida.

The end of Runway 22 is near the Elizabeth-Newark border and points into Union County.

Right now, planes leaving Runway 22 follow a heading of 190 degrees — almost due south, 2.3 miles out from Runway 22, the planes turn 30 degrees west to a heading of 220 degrees.

This route is part of the Solberg Mitigation Plan for Newark International Airport, which was instituted as part of the FAA's Expanded East Coast Plan, begun in 1990.

About six miles out from Newark, planes leaving from Runway 22 are directed by air traffic controllers to take a more westerly heading toward the navigational aid at Solberg Airport.

The Solberg Mitigation Plan was supposed to lessen aircraft noise over a small area of Union County.

But aircraft noise control advocates say that the planes are not following this routing. They are also straying out of the route's relatively narrow corridor, which spreads the noise over

a larger area of Union County.

Now, instead of turning to a heading of 220 degrees, planes will make a sharper turn to 260 degrees — a shortcut to the Solberg navigational aid.

According to Peters, the 260 degree routing plan, which was publicly announced on Sept. 23, is intended to reduce the workload of air traffic controllers. It will reduce noise because the planes will be ascending faster, he said — the higher they are, the less noise is heard on the ground.

The plan is to be evaluated during its implementation by the FAA.

But aircraft noise control advocates, particularly the New Jersey Coalition Against Aircraft Noise and the county's Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board, are saying the routing will increase noise in Union County and decrease the workload of air traffic controllers at the expense of Union County residents.

Jerome Feder, chairman of the

Advisory Board, presented road maps at the Dec. 4 Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting with what he said were the routes of planes along the 220 degree heading and the proposed 260 degree heading.

According to Feder, the 220 degree heading "heads almost exclusively along the narrow Arthur Kill, which is lightly populated."

The 260-degree heading, on the other hand, puts the planes over the industrial areas in east Linden and over the heart of Rahway. This route is actually a mile-wide corridor and, since the "noise shadow" of the planes is a mile wide as well, the noise will reach into Clark, Feder said.

"They're actually saying that this route is moving planes over the Arthur Kill and somebody should tell them where the Arthur Kill is!" he said.

Furthermore, he said, the planes will not be higher with the 260 degree routing, he said.

Feder assumed that the planes

would gain about 500 feet for every mile. The 220 degree route is about

six miles long, he said, which would put the planes up 3,000 to 4,000 feet in the air.

The 260 degree route is two miles shorter, which means that the planes will be 1,000 feet closer, and much noisier, to people on the ground, he said.

Feder also added that the FAA had not done an Environmental Impact Study on the 260 degree route, making it illegal. Peters said that it was not necessary for the FAA to do this study for the route.

Because of Feder's presentation, the freeholders voted to approve a NJCAA resolution, dated Dec. 1, that opposed the 260 degree route.

Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender said the freeholders approved the resolution "because it's part of our ongoing battle, with the residents of Union County, against the deleterious effects of airline noise."

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Students of the Union County Vocational-Technical School's culinary arts program prepare turkey dinners for Plainfield senior citizens. The students, led by chefs Dean Yack and Paul Finn, cooked 15 birds for the Thanksgiving dinner. From left: James Heller; Yack; Krystin Bubb, of Clark; Erin Willis, of Rahway; Keisha Bennett, of Roselle; Finn; and Tahmeer Lowe, of Rahway.

Towns seek consensus on UCUA

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Summit City Hall's fax machines, telephones and conference rooms have been busy since that city's Municipal Utilities Authority started drafting a letter to other municipal governments seeking a consensus on the UCUA's future.

The Summit MUA held a special meeting Dec. 4. City Clerk David Hughes and MUA members are producing a query letter to other municipalities considering garbage contracts with the Union County Utilities Authority.

"We're on the third draft," Hughes said Tuesday. "The letter will be sent as soon as the final edition is approved."

The letter, drafted with representatives of Hillside and New Providence, outlines concerns regarding the UCUA's proposed long-term contracts. The utility has offered a 25-year contract with a \$50 per ton transfer fee to use its incinerator in Rahway.

"We have some real concerns about this voluntary contract the UCUA has put before us," said MUA Chairman William Rosen. "The utility has gone from town to town explaining the contract. We want to know if other towns have the same questions as we do."

Although the special session brought up seven questions, they were distilled to four categories. The first concerned the 25-year contract length, which is five times longer than what governing bodies are used to. The second asked how secure will the \$50 tipping rate and the consumer price index increase mechanism be in cases of new technology and outside transfer contracts.

"We may have the most efficient means of disposing household waste now with recycling and the incinerator," said MUA panelist Eric Munoz, "but how locked in would we be if a better method came up? If operator Ogden-Martin sets a tipping contract with an outside source for, say, \$18 a ton, wouldn't we be entitled to the same rate?"

The UCUA is negotiating with Ogden-Martin over operating the Rahway facility. Ogden-Martin, according to the proposed terms, would run the incinerator for 25 years. As operator, it would pay \$175 million in construction bond debt over that time and can attract other garbage sources on its own with market rates.

Third on the letter's concern list is liability should the UCUA plan fails and defaults. Ogden-Martin has created a subsidiary by the same name in Union Township to directly operate the incinerator. The final point asks the UCUA to improve their communications by furnishing more documents and holding a joint meeting with municipalities.

While Hughes called colleagues in 12 other towns since Thanksgiving Day, only Hillside and New Providence showed. He attributed the low turnout to timing. UCUA Executive Director Joseph Spatola and attorney Jonathan Williams showed an hour late.

"We just came from a meeting in Fairwood," Williams said. "Joe and I have been out every night explaining the contract. We don't like the Dec. 31 timeframe any more than you do."

Williams and Spatola stayed at about three to five questions.

"We asked for a 25 year arrangement because we wanted to offer a contract which Ogden Martin would be comfortable operating with," said Williams. "Ogden Martin has some money behind it. The county freeholders are responsible for \$35 million of the bond."

Of Union's 21 municipalities, six have signed non-binding letters of intent. Only Springfield has signed the contract.

"The Township Committee had its attorney review the contract, which they later signed," said Committeeman and UCUA Commissioner William Ruocco. "Even if the index went up 3 percent over 18 years, the tipping rate is better than the old \$83 a ton rate. Keep in mind that Springfield can opt out of the contract at any time, especially if its attorney finds any additions to the document it didn't consent to."

"We signed the letter but stressed the non-binding part," said Hillside Councilwoman Mattie Holloway. "Hillside didn't want to enter a contract it hadn't thoroughly examined. This meeting answered some questions."

"The council brought up the contract question last month," said New Providence Councilman Jim Cucco. "Our household garbage and wastewater are tied into Summit's system."

Environmental group opposes UCUA lease terms

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

A proposed amendment to the county's garbage disposal plan is being opposed by an anti-incinerator group.

The Union County Concerned Citizens oppose the plan, which was brought up at the Nov. 25 meeting of the UCUA Board of Commissioners, because "we think it's an unwarranted subsidy of a private corporation," according to member Bob Carson.

The amendment is necessary because New Jersey's waste flow control laws were overturned by a federal court.

These laws had given the Rahway-based UCUA incinerator a virtual monopoly over garbage disposal in the county; until recently, all of Union County's towns had to send their garbage to the UCUA for disposal.

But these laws have been struck down as unconstitutional. The UCUA must now compete in an open market with other garbage disposal facilities. The county's garbage disposal plan must be amended to reflect this.

The amendment proposed by the UCUA relies heavily on a proposed lease with Ogden Martin Systems, the company that built and operates the incinerator.

For \$175 million of the UCUA's \$292 million in bonded debt, Ogden Martin will lease the incinerator for 25 years. \$42.3 million of the remaining \$117 million is to be paid off with reserve funds at the UCUA; a remaining \$46 million will be paid off with a portion of the per-ton garbage fees or "tipping fees" at the incinerator. As part of the lease, this tipping fee will be dropped from \$83.05 to a more

competitive \$50 the first year of the lease.

According to Carson, the facility is worth \$100 million to \$130 million. The fact that Ogden Martin wants at least half of the trash in Union County increases this worth to \$175 million, he said.

Carson also doubted that the UCUA would be able to use at least part of its reserve funds. These funds are state loans intended for purposes other than debt service, such as construction.

The result would be that the UCUA would have to float another approximately \$120 million in bonds. This, on top of Ogden Martin's \$175 million, would leave \$300 million in bonds, right back where the UCUA was.

Then, he said, Union County will "force" its 21 municipalities to send

its trash to the UCUA. Part of the lease includes a "put or pay" clause of 250,000 tons — if Union County doesn't send the incinerator 250,000 tons of garbage, it has to make up for the difference in cash.

According to the garbage disposal plan amendment, those towns that do not sign a waste disposal contract with the UCUA will have to pay a \$13.53 per ton fee, no matter where the trash ends up.

Carson said that the amount of garbage will not remain the same in Union County over the next 25 years. But that doesn't matter, he said; the lease agreement and the amendment to the county government's garbage disposal plan will guarantee that Ogden Martin will turn a profit. Without all this regulation, he added, the incinerator would not make any profit.

The bonds are so important because, if the UCUA goes bankrupt or defaults on its bonds, the state would force the county government or the 21 towns in Union County to pay off the bonds.

The UCUA has said that, because the state has forced this debt on Union County's towns, it is able to charge the \$13.53 fee as part and parcel of the incinerator's tipping fee or as a fee for towns that send their garbage elsewhere.

"I want to tell you right now that this is probably illegal," said Carson.

According to Carson, a verbal communication to the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders stated that the counties are not responsible for the county utilities authorities' bonds. It is the utilities authorities that are responsible; if they default, "it's the bond purchasers' tough luck."

Officials criticize Port Authority's bridge expansion

Union County officials joined Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage in criticizing the Port Authority for moving ahead with the expansion of the Goethals Bridge without offering a solution to their concerns for safety and traffic.

Over the past two years, issues such as air and noise pollution, traffic congestion and safety regarding the reconstruction of the bridge have been brought up to the Port Authority — only to have gone unheeded.

"The negative impact facing our community as a result of the Goethals Bridge expansion must be addressed and a plan to mitigate has to be in place," said Freeholder Donald Goncalves. "Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan and I plan to sponsor a resolution from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders asking the Port Authority to directly address our concerns on the Goethals Bridge project."

"We've been working long and

hard to establish an open dialogue with the Port Authority," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Stender. "One would think as officials from a community directly impacted by the expansion of the Goethals Bridge, we would be consulted — if not given advance notice — of the results of the environmental impact study or any possible project construction. It is frustrating that we have to read of their plans in the newspapers without the benefit of a briefing."

The officials said their concerns are:

- Plans for an access ramp leading to Routes 1 and 9. Currently, vehicles are routed through local streets.
 - Standard highway maintenance is said to be difficult. What will be the impact if traffic flow is increased?
 - Compensation for residents who will be displaced as a result of the construction.
- "The need to elevate additional traffic from our extremely congested

roadways is a major concern we all share. We understand all too well the importance of upgrading an aging bridge, but our first responsibility is to our constituents. Unless the Port Authority makes a concerted effort to address the concerns that the City of Elizabeth and the County of Union have raised — including a commitment to pay for these repairs in full — we have no choice but to oppose the bridge expansion as now planned," Goncalves said.

Safety and tenure must be addressed

(Continued from Page B1)
It doesn't happen often, but on this one Whitman is ahead of the Legislature.

• Also crucial is tenure reform. Another bill in the Senate is intended to expedite tenure hearings. The system now involves a long, tedious and very expensive petitioning process in the Department of Education that extends all the way to Commissioner Leo Klugholz's office.

If signed into law, which almost would be too good to believe, this bill would transfer the hearing process to the Office of Administrative Law. What now is often an 18-month bureaucratic disaster, in which a suspended teacher is paid,

his substitute is paid and, naturally, legal fees are incurred, should become a quick review by a judge.

In an ideal scenario — I can't believe I'm writing this — an apolitical judge uninterested in legislating from the bench would quickly settle a case, saving a school district tens of thousands of dollars.

Despite all of their recent talk about rooting out useless teachers, I suspect the NJEA and other teachers' unions will fight this legislation ferociously. That is especially worth watching because you'll see again how committed these unions are to destabilizing school districts and diminishing the quality of education.

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Three bridges will be installed along eroded portions of trail to aid users in crossing streams and to prevent further erosion of the stream banks. The project is funded in part by a \$6,200 grant received from the Federal Highway Administration's National Recreational Trails Act.

The bridges will be installed in stages and trail workers are being sought to begin the process on or after Saturday.

No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Trail work takes place regularly, once a month, usually the first Saturday, from March through December from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other projects include: removal of exotic plant species which compete with native plants; installation of erosion control measures, including steps and water bars; pruning; litter pickup; trail blazing and more.

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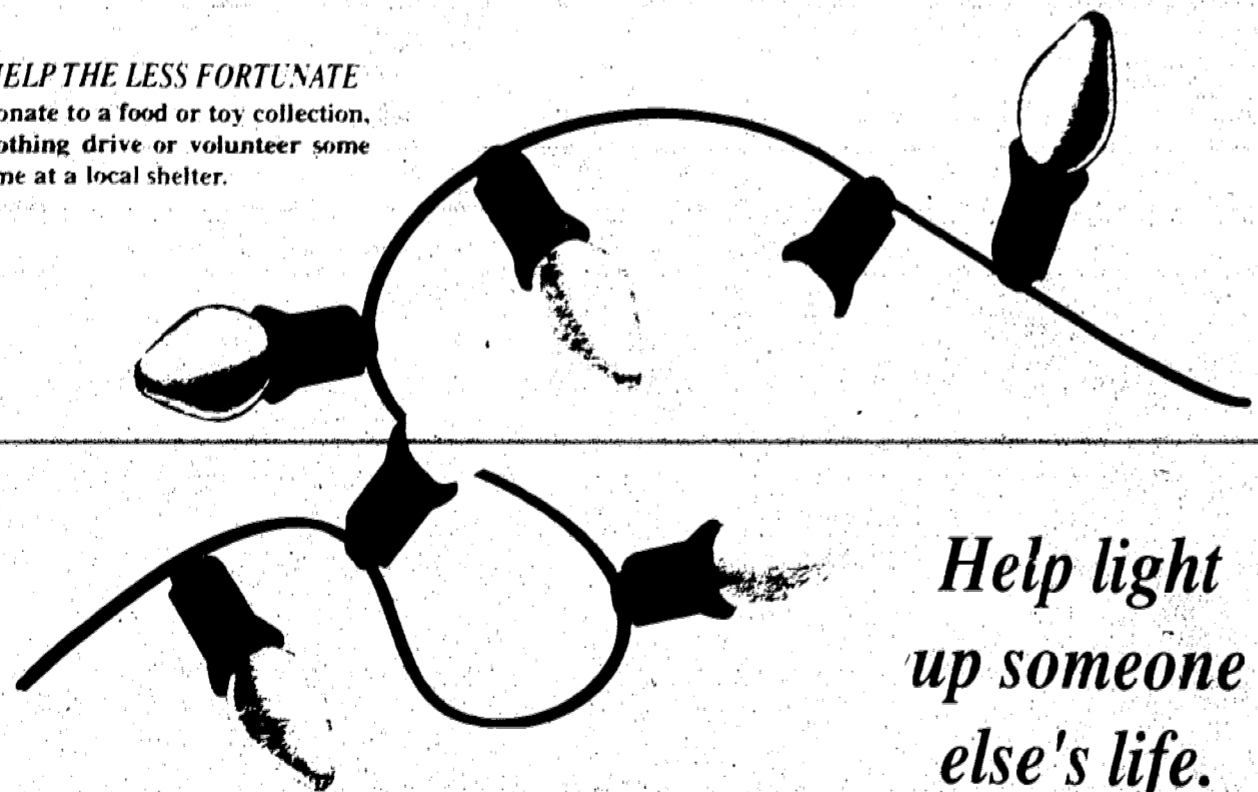
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Snuggle up to the 'Fireside' with the Starlite Chorale

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" echoed softly in the Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark on Dec. 5. The church was aglow with lights, decorations and holiday spirit. I cannot think of a finer way to spend a chilly evening to start of the holiday season. This was the first of three performances of "Fireside Favorites" for the Starlite Chorale, a small chorus of dedicated men and women under the direction of Tony Godlefski, who also sings tenor for the chorus.

The evening's program was a bundle of holiday favorites with some surprises, a must see for young and old. Highlights of the program included "Lord of the Dance," where the audience is invited to join hands and hearts with the chorale and dance in a circle of unity. A selection of carols of different ethnic backgrounds and a selection of "Rockin'" carols included "Little Saint Nik" by The Beach Boys.

My favorite selection was "The Sleigh," a Russian carol which I have not heard performed since I was in high school. The only thing missing from the evening was a blazing fire in the fireplace. The evening was reminiscent of Christmas Eves of my childhood. I can recall curling up on the couch to take a nap before it was time to get ready to go to Midnight Mass. I used to fall asleep to the comforting sounds of carols playing on my mother and father's stereo and the

Joyful Noise

By Hope A. Kondrk

scent of holiday baking in the kitchen.

If you need a break from the holiday hustle or if you just love to celebrate the holidays, I urge you to see the Starlite Chorale. There is one more performance of "Fireside Favorites" on Dec. 14 at Christ United Methodist Church in Piscataway. For further information, call (732) 885-1120.

The Starlight Chorale was started by Godlefski in 1995. The group is small and varies in age, quite a few members have performed with Godlefski for as many as 18 years. This is truly a dedicated and close knit group of people. The chorale's focus and primary goal according to Godlefski, is to bring live, quality vocal music to all people. Godlefski, the musical director, has a doctorate in church music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton. He also has trained with Robert Shaw and others. Godlefski is an energetic and passionate director; this is clearly apparent in his musical direction and our brief conversation after the concert.

Hope A. Kondrk is a resident of Rahway.

'Ghosts' captivate audience at Dickens' holiday classic

Paper Mill Playhouse's Children's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" held hundreds of children spellbound for more than an hour. A packed house of children who for the first time were to see the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future sat in almost complete silence mesmerized by the sheer "aliveness" of the characters. No matter how many special effects Hollywood and Disney can conjure up, no one can compete with live theater. Ask the kids in the audience on Saturday and Sunday.

Children's theater is not an easy task. Roles have to be doubled, sets have to be moved by hand and actors must be ready to sing, dance and tumble! The company tailored this production to the expected audience: children. Imagine if you can the excitement you felt when you first heard or read this classic. Now imagine that it has come alive!

The zany antics of this Scrooge softened a character that may have otherwise been too harsh for young children, without losing the essence of the play. Indeed, if we were to follow Poe's advice that all the action of a story should point to one effect, this production was a complete success. There didn't seem to be a child in the audience who didn't get the message that the spirit of Christmas is more than money and gifts.

This production involved the children in the show by having them tell Scrooge what day it is when he wakes from his nightmare with the three ghosts and can't remember.

If there were any doubt that the children were carefully following this production, it ended with the resound-

Theater View

By Anthony Giordano

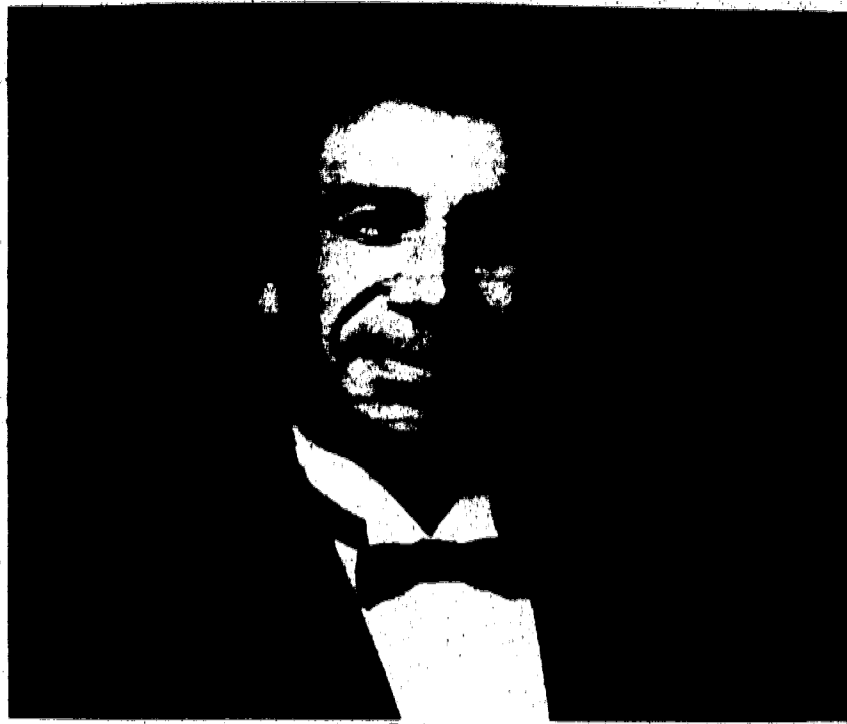
ing cry of hundreds of children yelling, "It's Christmas day" without prompting at the appropriate time.

The company that brought this production to the Paper Mill should be congratulated on a quick pace, fine acting and singing and an energy level that could sustain the interest of 5-year-olds.

Anyone who has seen the ads for "Beauty and the Beast" and wished she could take her children should check out the Paper Mill's Children's Theatre Spring 1998 schedule. For the price of one orchestra ticket to "Beauty and the Beast," you could see the entire season.

The Paper Mill has six plays scheduled for their Children's Theatre's Spring 1998 schedule. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," March 14 and 15, 1998; "Swiss Family Robinson," March 28 and 29; "Peter Rabbit," April 4 and 5; "Charlotte's Web," April 25 and 26; "Gulliver's Travels," May 2 and 3, and "The Princess and the Pea," May 9 and 10.

At only \$8 for an orchestra seat and \$7 for mezzanine, these are just slightly more than a movie ticket. Yes, this "Children's Theatre" is not as glitzy and sleek as Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." But if the kids in the audience this weekend are, any measure, it doesn't seem to make a difference to them.



Sol Zim

Israeli Festival presents another successful event

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It is inconceivable that Max Feldman, chairman of the Israeli Festival of Union, is retiring, and that, as suggested Sunday afternoon at the 13th annual Hanukkah Concert, there may no longer be an Israeli Festival in Union. Feldman, who has been instrumental in bringing the Jewish community together by way of music in summer and winter concerts, announced at the unforgettable concert starring Cantor Sol Zim at Burnet Middle School in Union that he will no longer be chairman. Throughout the afternoon, Zim, himself, and others on stage, attempted to persuade Feldman to stay — at least for another year.

The 13th annual event, which Feldman called "the Bar Mitzvah year," had the operatic, powerfully voiced Zim, known as "America's Superstar of Jewish Music," entertaining an appreciative audience that filled the auditorium. His repertoire consisted of old-time Yiddish and new Hebrew favorites, songs that he had written and a Broadway medley that was so effective, it brought the audience to its feet with unending applause.

Also on the bill was Temple Israel's sensational choir, to sing with Zim and with each other, music to prayers that the performer had written, a solo by Lauren Slotnick, and some sweet, well-known Hanukkah melodies.

The four-piece orchestra featured a local drummer, Ellis Berger of Union. The other three travel with Zim.

The always hard-working Feldman offered a welcome and introduced the former Union mayor Anthony Russo, who complimented Feldman and offered a special prayer for all the Jewish people. Mayor Greg Muller, who had attended every Hanukkah Festival but one, was unable to attend because of laryngitis. Feldman thanked all those who have made the annual Israeli Festival what it is today, including its contributors and particularly Union Center National Bank Cantor Larry Tiger. Feldman's son-in-law, guided the audience in "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Hatikvah"; Rabbi Meyer Korbman, religious advisor and spiritual leader of Temple Israel of Union, offered the

invocation. There was an additional blessing by Rabbi Samuel Rosenberg of Elizabeth.

In the first half of the program, Zim entertained the audience with the kind of music known to all and encouraged, and at times even demanded, that the audience sing along. Zim, who used to appear in concert with his brother, Paul — they were known as the Zim Brothers — has served the Hollis Hills Jewish Center for 32 years as its cantor. He studied opera, wrote hundreds of songs in Hebrew and Yiddish and had published nine song books of his own original music, known as "The Joy Series," which has attempted to continue interest in the Jewish musical culture. Among the songs he offered Sunday afternoon were his rendition of "Shalom Alechem" and "Sheyibane."

The Yiddish folk songs took hold of a nostalgic audience and when he sang his version of "Papa," everyone wiped away tears, with and without handkerchiefs. He was able to reach such high notes that the walls of Burnet School reverberated, and the thunder of Zim's voice echoed that of the audience's applause.

There were some numbers which he directed with the Temple Israel Choir.

The choir was heard again in the second half of the program, led by Mark Slotnick, which featured the lovely voice of Lauren Slotnick, and the others including Cantor Berl Bokow, Carole Barnet, Julie Geib, Gisselle Iosiovich, Victor Gruenhut, Iram Perlman, Cindy Slotnick, Steven Slotnick, Alexandra Schultz, Robert Schultz and Sally Zuckerman.

The concert ran longer than was expected, but it was simply because Zim had made such an impression that it was difficult to let go. The audience loved him — and the Temple Israel Choir.

On the evening of Dec. 23, when there is a candlelighting ceremony of the public Hanukkah Menorah at the Union Public Library, next to the Union Municipal Building, perhaps the crowd will be able to persuade the somewhat reluctant, beloved chairman to stay on another year. It would be a terrible loss to the Jewish community of Union if there no longer is a Jewish Festival. And without Feldman, there may very well be.

Riches can be found at 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Holiday time is typically family time, with most events designed to be festive. Well, Cranford Dramatic Club's "Jack and the Beanstalk" doesn't boast any sleigh bells or snowmen, but if you are interested in having an enjoyable evening with the kids, this traditional tale is a must-see.

Or without the kids! Without exaggeration, children of all ages had a grand time at the opening of this wonderful production, a musical version of a young man who pursues riches, battles a giant, and learns about what is really important — the true holiday message.

And that message is delivered by a musically and dramatically talented cast. Of special note, a very talented young man, Joseph Zanko, was the impetuous Jack Sprague. Melissa Loderstedt, last seen on the CDC stage in this season's opener, "Lost in Yonkers," lent her lovely voice to the role of Mrs. Sprague. Nicole Caprio was endearing as Betsy, the cow; as were Joanne Geschicker and Cheryl Federico as Golden Harp and Golden Goose, respectively. Richard Sibelto simply oozed naughtiness as The Baron. His mocking, Vincent Price laugh will be remembered.

And you won't be able to ignore The Giant, played with comic sincerity by Carl Barber-Steele. Barber-Steele steals the show as the silly and heartwarming Giant, whose attempts

Theater View

By Jacquie McCarthy
Associate Editor

to strike fear in the hearts of mortal men had the audience in stitches.

This is a cute musical to start, accented by the inspired direction of Ken Rosenblum. Actors play successfully to the crowd, taking the action and the catchy tunes into the aisles, generating excitement from the audience, which lasts all the way to the end with the post-show, when actors and audience meet face-to-face.

The set is really delightful, including some huge Dahli-esque flowers. The Giant's laboratory is a wonder indeed, full of bells and whistles and colorful wires and gadgets galore. Costumer Cathy Cobane is to be commended, especially for the Golden Harp's gorgeous gilded gown and Betsy's cute and efficient cow costume.

So if the story of Jack rings a bell, give yourself and your kids a nice holiday gift. "Jack and the Beanstalk" will finish its run tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. CDC is located at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

Calvary Chorale tackles both the traditional and eclectic

By Nathalie Yafet
Correspondent

It hardly seems possible, but Christmas concerts are here again. Last Sunday afternoon the Calvary Church Chorale in Summit contributed their "Anthems of Advent & Christmas" as well as the seldom heard Poulenc "Gloria."

Utilizing the medieval ambience of Calvary Episcopal Church with its polished wooden choir stalls, stained glass and gloomy intimacy, the program began well with "Quem vidistis, pastores" by 16th century composer Jacob Handl. The double choir technique, with solo quartet singing from the vestibule and full choir from the altar, was very effective.

"Behold That Star," a pleasant but repetitive pseudo-spiritual with Victorian undertones followed. At this point, it was obvious that the choir director, James S. Little, was observing the long-standing though questionable tradition in which adults mimic the colorless "white" sound of a boys' choir. Because of this approach, the soaring soprano lines of this piece were pinched and dry, lacking the necessary vibrato for warmth and interest.

A children's choir was next, singing with varied success. The children were grouped straight across the front, with one girl perched on the Communion rail — arguably not the ideal acoustic arrangement for young voices. A semicircle would have worked better. It was also puzzling that Little chose to accompany the children himself on piano with minimal attempts at conducting them. As a result, the group, for the most part,

had their eyes glued to their music causing interpretation and cutoffs to suffer, although they managed to sound charming enough on "The Lord Our God is King of Kings" and "To the Glory of our King."

Mendelssohn's "Say, Where is He Born, There Shall a Star" for mezzo recitative, male trio and full choir followed. Sharon Morrison sings sweetly, but sounds more like a lyric soprano than a mezzo. Her recit, though brief, could have used more vocal variety and volume. The male trio's blend — Jason Polk, tenor; Jason Januzzi, baritone, and Richard Ferguson, bass — was uneven with the bass line coming through loud and clear, the baritone too soft and the tenor having an unsuitably wispy quality. A Pergolesi anthem allowed for a smoother blend, especially with soprano — mezzo duetino coloratura sections which were neatly done.

Thankfully, the Calvary Chorale produced a little more sound and color here and opened strongly with the "Gloria." However, the insistent staccato of the "Laudamus te" would have been more effective without the overly clipped interpretation. "Domine Deus" with solo soprano and choir was achingly beautiful, sounding very much like Blanche, the frightened, doomed heroine of "Dialogues of the Carmelites." Unfortunately, the soprano, Andi Curtin, was unable to convey this quality. Her register changes were unbalanced and her top notes needed more air. In fact, all the soprano solos in the "Gloria" except the last one would be better served by a mezzo-soprano with a secure top register.

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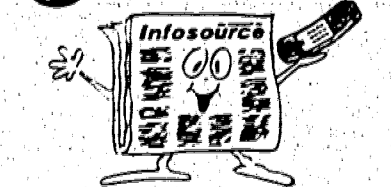
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College addresses serious issues through good theater

By Faith Agnew
Correspondent

The 90s have been the "issue decade." A play addressing those issues must be incisive, relevant and provocative without being preachy or esoteric. "The Waiting Room," by Lisa Loomer, staged remarkably at UCC Theatre Project, is just such a play.

We see three women from various eras, each suffering from what could be argued to be her struggle to fit the societal ideal of womanhood. Forgiveness, Victoria and Wanda meet in a doctor's waiting room. Forgiveness, a young woman from ancient China, has bound feet. Her toes are gangrenous and she may lose an entire foot. Victoria, a Victorian-era wife, is suffering not only from dislocated internal organs because of her corset, but may undergo a forced hysterectomy to "control" her disagreeable personality. Wanda, a 90s single girl, has had extensive plastic surgery, which may have caused her cancer. The doctor they are waiting to see must treat each ailment as his profession dictates, using proven methods and eschewing even a suggestion of alternative approaches.

The play is woman-centered, but addresses universal issues which cross not only gender boundaries, but the boundaries of time. A primary focus is the historical reluctance of the medical establishment to embrace new "unproven" procedures, and the effect this has on the quality-of-life and care of patients faced with diseases that standard medical procedures can do little to cure. Victoria's doctor husband is reluctant to examine Freud's analytical approach to hysteria. When removing the uterus and ovaries have "proven" to work remarkably well to cure the "overeducated" woman. Wanda is searching for an alternative to surgery for her breast cancer, but cannot get even an opinion on experimental drugs and treatments. Her frustrated response: "I bet my old didn't look too good until it was 'proven' to be penicillin."

Director Mark Spina has assembled a fine ensemble cast to bring this work to life. Some standouts include Barbara Guidi as Forgiveness and Lisa Ailford as Victoria. Both exude an energy on stage which is palpable. Andre de Sandies, a man in the role of the female nurse Brenda, is by turns biting witty and moving. Brian Kennedy artfully portrays a creepily capitalistic pharmaceutical executive.

Spina's masterful staging combined with the considerable talent of all the actors makes for a stirring theatrical experience.

Paper Mill and paper company join forces on latest production

In its continuing effort to bring the best theatrical entertainment to the stage, Paper Mill Playhouse is pleased to announce its partnership with the Howard Gilman Foundation in presenting "Children of Eden," the second production of the Playhouse's 1997-98 60th anniversary season.

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"We are always pleased to support the wonderful productions at Paper Mill, especially when they allow for new, creative collaborations," Gilman noted. "We are especially enthusiastic about "Children of Eden" and believe the collaboration between director Robert Johanson and composer Stephen Schwartz will render something very exciting and original."

With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and book by John Caird, Tony-winning co-director of "Les Miserables," "Children of Eden" is a spectacular musical retelling of the stories of Genesis. From the creation of Adam and Eve, to the tragedy of Cain and Abel, to the wondrous journey of Noah and his family, the musical examines the timeless struggles between parents and children.

Performances of "Children of Eden" are through Dec. 14. For tickets and information, call 376-4343. Paper Mill is barrier-free and completely accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Additional funding has been made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

'Face Off' continues tradition of violent, involved suspense

The Video Detective

By Jim Riffel

John Woo directed his first film, "A Better Tomorrow," in 1986. The Chinese picture was a winner in his homeland, but never made it to the U.S. In 1990 Woo made "A Bullet in the Head" and "The Killer," cementing his status as one of the top directors in China. These two films also brought him to the attention of many American film buffs and Woo soon had a cult following in the U.S. Those pictures were violent and action-packed, staples of many of the Hollywood releases. But critics as well as the public were fans of Woo's talents and Hollywood studios began to take notice.

In 1993 Woo was wooed by Tinseltown and directed the Jean-Claude Van Damme starrer "Hard Target." Woo was forced to cut down many of the violent scenes to secure an "R" rating for U.S. release. The film still took home MTV's 1993's Best Action Sequence. It was a box-office smash and Woo followed it up with 1995's "Broken Arrow," another blockbuster.

That film's star, John Travolta, chose to work with Woo again on Woo's 1997 effort, "Face-Off." The inventive, twisting plot and Woo's intense style lift this above the average Hollywood action pic. Travolta is Sean Archer, one of the top dogs in a covert police force run by a special

section of the government with headquarters in L.A.

The film opens with Archer playing with his son in the park. Psycho terrorist and sniper Castor, Nicholas Cage, guns down Sean's little boy. Flash forward six years. Castor is still bombing buildings and Archer is still obsessed with catching him. Sean's got a feeling Castor's nearby and he's right. Castor and his computer whiz brother, Pollix, are planning to blow up L.A. with a bomb loaded with nerve gas and other biologically destructive chemicals.

Sean gets a lucky break and after a harrowing chase with jeeps, helicopters and a plane, Sean gets his man. But Castor's still hanging onto his life, laying in a hospital bed in a coma.

A special branch of the force makes a suggestion. Through high-tech laser technology and medical splicing they can take Sean's face off and replace it with Castor's. Other problems can cover all other physical alternations. Sean will then be placed in prison and can trick the information out of Pollix.

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Taurus
April 21-May 21

Think problems through before taking any action. Rushing ahead now could lead to bigger problems in the future. Opportunity is knocking, and people in authority are watching to see how you'll respond. You get a favorable answer to a financial question.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Other people oppose your plans but you'll be able to sidestep them and get the job done. Be willing to see things as others do. A fresh approach can work wonders. You're closer to

achieving your goal if you're willing to compromise. Be low-key to make the best impression.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Be enthusiastic about your plans and move ahead with confidence. Don't be embarrassed. Others share your feelings but look for you to take the lead. Your abilities and approach attract supporters. Don't get so caught up in activities that you neglect friends and family. Be willing to take some quiet time.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 23

Tough problems could force you to go back to the basics. Don't panic — things will work out if you take your time and make sure you've covered everything. A friend or family member wants to help and offers a good suggestion. Be willing to listen. Splurge on a small luxury or treat for yourself.

Virgo
Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Remember that no great breakth-

rough comes without a lot of pushing. Be persistent and keep plugging away. Pretty soon it will pay off and you'll understand people and situations clearly. Someone is working behind the scenes on your behalf. You have an ally in an unexpected place.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Work to see the big picture and refuse to get bogged down by unnecessary details. Situations are changing rapidly and you don't want to get left behind. This can lead to conflicts, but try to stay on the sidelines until the smoke clears. You'll come out ahead that way.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You like to be in control, but realize you have to step back sometimes or allies and friends will be driven off. Your financial picture may be unclear but things will work out in your favor if you give it time. An evening out may give you a fresh perspective on people.

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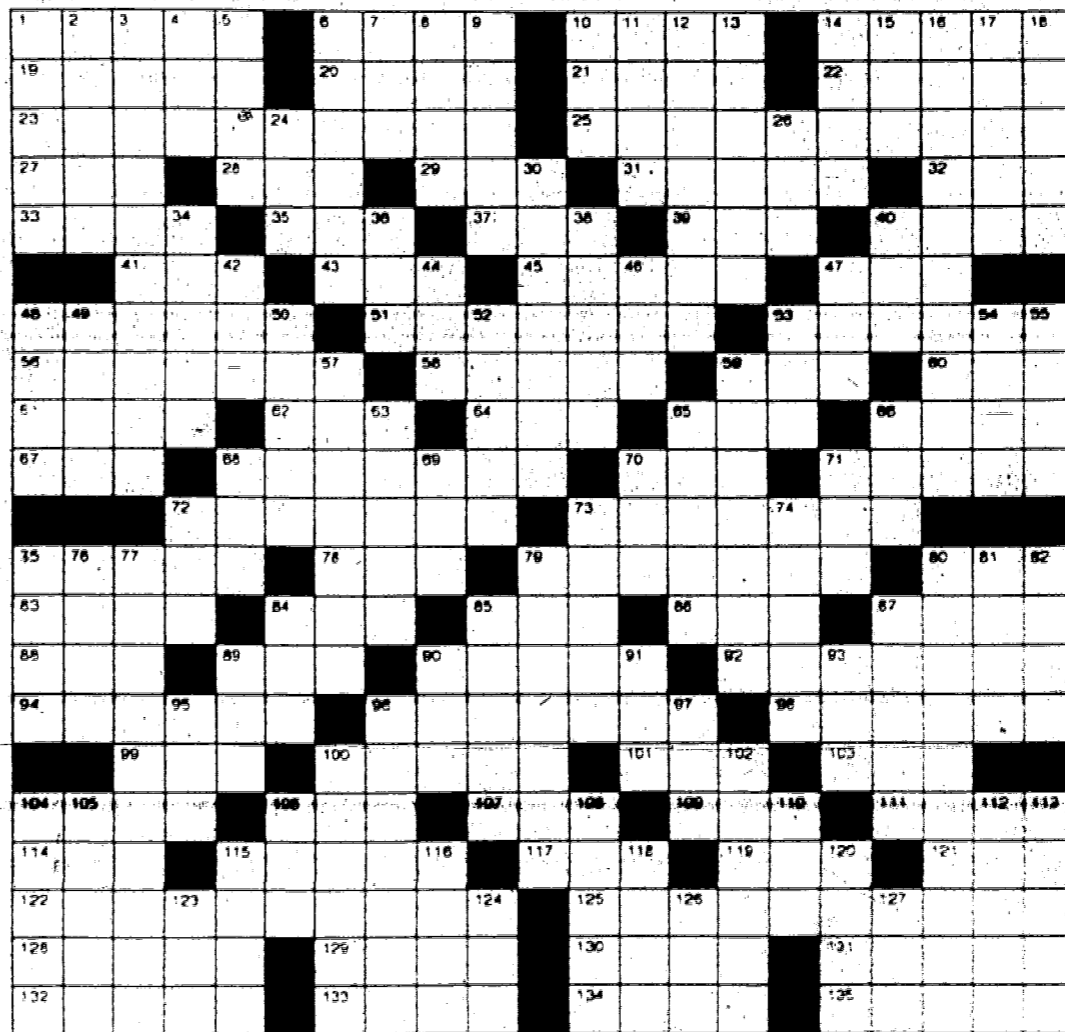
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Jacquie McCarthy, Editor

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Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Trouble may be brewing and you may be in the middle of it — or you could be called upon as a peacemaker. Either way, expect things to get hectic. See things as they really are, not as you want them to be. A small gift works wonders at smoothing over conflicts.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Now is the time to finish rather than start projects. You'll soon have a chance to test some recently developed skills. You'll come through with flying colors and people in authority will notice. Focus on the task at hand and refuse to be sidetracked. You get a compliment from a longtime admirer.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You have to build your own found-

ation for security. Determine what is really important to you and then keep working toward it. You may have to make some choices, but keeping your objective in mind makes it easier. You get information from behind the scenes. Use it wisely.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

People around you may be under a strain. Refuse to get drawn into long-running battles. You'll accomplish more by steering a neutral course.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Youths most at risk for smoking addiction

On the Great American Smokerout, schools, communities, businesses and advocacy groups promote a smoke-free lifestyle. Traditionally, this is the day when the American Cancer Society urges people to try to quit smoking for one day in the hope that they will quit for good.

If you've looked around lately, you've probably noticed that there are not as many people smoking as there used to be. Smoking rates are down in almost every age group in the United States — every age group except for kids. Young people are the only group whose smoking rates have not dropped in recent years. The news about the dangers of tobacco and about the tobacco industry's cover-ups have made enough headlines to prompt most adults to quit, but the same is not true for kids. The following statistics are shocking:

- Every day in the U.S., more than 5,000 young people become regular smokers — that's more than one million new smokers a year.

- About 95 percent of all new smokers are young people ages 16 and younger. Half of all smokers begin by the age of 18.

- The rate of cigarette use almost doubled from fifth to sixth grade from 6.5 percent to 12.2 percent in a study of 70,000 students (PHIDE, 1996).

- Teens who smoke are three times more likely than nonsmokers to use alcohol, eight times more likely to use marijuana, and 22 times more likely to use cocaine.

Despite prevention efforts, teenagers' attitudes toward smoking are growing more positive. Since 1991, the proportion of eighth graders who say that they disapprove of smoking a pack a day has fallen, from 83 percent to 77 percent among 12th graders, from 71 percent to 67 percent, according to the University of Michigan's nationwide "Monitoring the Future" survey.

In addition, teenagers often don't understand the extent of tobacco's health risks. Smoking is particularly dangerous for teens because their bodies are still developing and changing and the chemicals in cigarette smoke can adversely affect this process. Youth also need to understand the addictive nature of cigarettes. Nicotine, the drug in tobacco, is what causes cigarettes to be highly addictive. More than 80 percent of young people who smoke one pack or more a

Making A Difference

By The Union County Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention

of cigarettes a day report that they "need" or are dependent on cigarettes.

"Young people are influenced by a combination of factors — parents, peer pressure and advertising," says Karen Kalnska, project manager for the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study Project. Many prevention groups such as the Union County Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, the ASSIST Project and the American Cancer Society continue to work with communities, schools and youth to address these factors.

The ASSIST Project has been working with schools in Union County to implement cross-age teaching programs. Cross-age teaching provides an opportunity for older students to educate younger students about the dangers of tobacco. "Getting teenagers involved in spreading the message is important, especially since peer pressure plays a significant role in influencing teenage smoking," says Kalnska.

The Union County Coalition is a three-year project funded by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, with the Saint Barnabas Health Network as the lead agency. The Coalition is designed to increase and enhance the prevention efforts and programs in Union County. The Coalition has established a number of task forces to link prevention with each sector of the community: Business, Criminal Justice, Schools, Parents, Health Care and Youth. For more information about the Coalition, call (908) 686-6644.

Nutrition hotline

Questions about nutrition and foods can be answered by the American Institute for Cancer Research's toll-free hotline, (800) 843-8114. The hotline is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The doctors are in



With Yale S. Arkel, M.D., director of Overlook Hospital's Blood Disorder Center for Hemostasis and Thrombosis in Summit, second from right, are David P. Saur, M.D., neurologist at the hospital's Henry R. Liss Neuroscience Center, welcome guest speakers during the center's recent Hemostasis, Thrombosis and Stroke Symposium. Guest speakers include, from left, Kenneth Maiese, M.D., of Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Mich.; Kenneth A. Bauer, M.D., Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., and Donna DeMichele, M.D., New York Hospital, Cornell Medical Center, New York, N.Y. The Blood Disorder Center, established at Overlook in 1993, is the only laboratory in New Jersey that offers an extensive list of specialized blood tests to evaluate and research clotting and bleeding disorders.

Environmental factors can affect fertility

Infertility is a disease that affects over five million couples in America. It can be caused by a range of medical conditions, and can strike at any time during a man or woman's reproductive year.

Many of the factors known or believed to cause infertility are unavoidable, including illnesses or physical abnormalities. In addition, some environmental or personal factors may also affect fertility. For instance, pollutants and industrial chemicals such as Dioxin, chlorinated hydrocarbons and lead have been linked to decreased fertility and abnormal maturation in both animals and humans. Some pesticides have been proved to increase the incidence of infertility in animals, and are also believed to affect humans. Prolonged exposure to x-rays is known to cause infertility in men and women.

While severe stress does not cause infertility, it can cause physical problems that may impair fertility.

Sexually transmitted diseases can, sometimes cause infertility. According to a 1995 study at the University of Massachusetts, over

115,000 miscarriages in the U.S. each year can be attributed to smoking. Other studies have found that women who smoke are more likely to have primary infertility and delayed conception.

Even moderate use of alcohol has been linked to ovulatory dysfunction in women and sexual dysfunction and abnormal sperm in men. A study at the Harvard School of Public Health concluded that having just one drink per day can increase a woman's risk of ovulatory or cervical problems, tubal pregnancy, and endometriosis, a

common cause of infertility.

Excessive exercise can cause menstrual irregularities in women and is also believed to impair sperm production in men.

Blood drive locations announced

The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate. "Blood is needed every day for victims of accidents and trauma, and for the ongoing needs of cancer patients and those with blood disorders," said Judy Lambert, spokesperson for the blood center.

There is no substitute for voluntarily donated human blood. Each pint donated is tested and broken down into components which have different uses. For example, red cells, with a shelf life of 42 days, are used in surgical situations and trauma cases; platelets, with a shelf life of 5 days, are used for transfusions and cancer patients; and plasma, the liquid portion of blood, is used in patients with severe burns.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors, provided they have donated within the last 2 years or have a doctor's note. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed form of identification. People with chronic flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning. For those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) BLOOD-NJ.

Get treatment for the flu

While many people dismiss influenza as a minor illness, between 25 and 50 million Americans contract the disease each year, and approximately 20,000 die from its complications.

Antiviral medications, such as Flumadine (rimantadine HCl), are effective for treating influenza A, the type historically responsible for most severe influenza epidemics.

Prescription antiviral medications work by interfering with the reproduction of the influenza A virus in the body, thereby reducing the severity and shortening the duration of the illness. Antivirals, such as Flumadine, help stop Type A influenza on day two of treatment.

"People need to see their doctor as soon as flu symptoms appear — preferably within 48 hours — for proper treatment," said Steven R. Mostow, M.D., chairman of the department of medicine at Rose Medical Center in Denver. "When taken within the first 48 hours of flu onset, antiviral medications are highly effective."

Often mistaken for the common cold, influenza is a highly contagious infection caused by a virus. Flu sufferers have compared influenza's debilitating effects to "being hit by a truck." Influenza begins with a sudden onset of symptoms including fever, muscle and body aches, cough, headache, and chills. Without treatment, influenza can last for an average of seven days with more than two days of work lost by adult sufferers, a recent Roper Starch Survey found.

In controlled clinical trials with Flumadine, the drug's most common side effects included insomnia, dizziness and nausea, each of which generally occurred in less than 3 percent of patients. Flumadine is available by prescription only and should not be taken by people who have had a previous adverse reaction to amantadine or rimantadine.

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Automotive



1998 Buick Park Avenue Ultra

Buick Park Avenue revises 1997 standard favorites

Park Avenue and Park Avenue Ultra luxury sedans have new standard equipment, enhancing an all-new design that in 1997 was a major success in marketplace and won rave reviews in the automotive press.

"It's clear from the reaction of our customers and the automotive press that Park Avenue is seen as professional, tasteful and stylish," said Katherine J. Benoit, Park Avenue brand manager. "It has led the way in the rediscovery of the large luxury automobile."

In '98, Park Avenue begins its 20th year as Buick's top-of-the-line luxury sedan. Automotive journalists have described the new generation of Park Avenue as "a dramatic leap forward" with significant improvements in ride, handling, braking, steering response and acceleration. Retail sales of 1997 Park Avenues were the highest in six years.

For 1998, Park Avenue and Ultra offer number of refinements. Outside folding power rearview mirrors are standard on both cars, with additional heated, electrochromic dimming driver's mirror standard on Ultra and optional on Park Avenue. In addition, a new passenger-side "parallel park assist" outside rearview mirror, optional on Park Avenue, standard on Ultra, automatically tilts down whenever the reverse gear is engaged, offering the

driver a better view of the intended parking area behind and to the right of the car.

A rear seat pass-through to the trunk to accommodate long items such as skis is now standard on both models.

A Convenience Console, optional on both Park Avenue and Ultra and introduced for 1997, includes a center armrest, voice-activated cellular phone pre-writing and holder for convenient access; dual cup holders that fit a wide variety of sizes; a flip-up writing surface; a storage area; light bulbs; maps, pens and pencils, coins, CDs and cassette; and dual auxiliary power outlets for accessories, such as portable fax machines or computers.

Many of Park Avenue's major features were introduced for the previous model year. For example, the body is of a strong safety cage construction. The suspension is sophisticated and responsive.

Advanced multiplex electrical architecture allows better performance, more functions, better packaging, reduced complexity and greater reliability.

Park Avenue's Personal Choice features include memory sound system and climate control settings; memory mirror and seat positions, optional on Park Avenue and standard on Ultra; memory door locks; perimeter lighting; delayed locking; security feedback and radio preset.

GMC lines up premium trucks with new looks for the new year

GMC's 1998 vehicle lineup of premium trucks includes new looks for Jimmy and Sonoma.

Jimmy front end — The bold, expressive new look of the 1998 GMC Jimmy is a clear signal that the compact sport-utility vehicle delivers versatility and comfort with a touch of class. Expressive front-end styling includes a new front bumper and fascia, redesigned headlamps and a bold new grille with the ruby red GMC nameplate that emphasizes Jimmy's wide stance.

Sonoma front end — The cleaner lines of the Sonoma front end flow out from the new composite headlamps. The new body-colored bumper has a smoother, more harmonious appearance due to the new headlamp design which integrates all forward lighting functions, including fog and parking lamps, into a single unit. The trapezoidal shape of the new headlamps influences a new, less angular grille design and the front license plate bracket, which used to be on the front bumper, is now molded into the charcoal-colored lower valance.

Jimmy and Sonoma interior — Designers completely refurbished the interiors for Jimmy and Sonoma in 1998. Features include a newly styled instrument panel with improved ergonomics for a more driver-oriented cockpit feel. The instrument panel includes New Generation driver and passenger air bags, a new analog gauge cluster and a backlit headlamp switch.

Truck Body Computer — Many of the electrical features of the 1998 Jimmy and Sonoma are controlled by a new Truck Body Computer. Standard on all models, the Truck Body Computer provides the following safety, security and convenience features:

- Passlock theft-deterrent system
- Automatic head lamp control
- Battery run-down protection
- Retained accessory power
- Lockout prevention
- Remote door lock/unlock feature (when equipped with remote keyless entry)
- Remote panic alarm/vehicle lock (when equipped with keyless entry)
- Horn lighting
- Turn signal reminder chime

Next Generation air bags — All 1998 GMC pickups and sport utilities will have Next Generation driver and passenger reduced force air bags. The 1998 GMC Savana van will have a driver's side Next Generation air bag and the GMC Safari van is scheduled to have Next Generation air bags in 1999.

Passlock Theft-Deterrent System — To increase vehicle security, GMC Yukon, Safari and Savana feature a standard Passlock Theft-Deterrent system. The vehicle uses a special lock assembly and decoder module which require a valid key for operation. If the code is sensed and matched, the Passlock module sends a "continue fuel" message to the vehicle control module. If the code does not match, as in a theft attempt, a "disable fuel" message is sent. If unauthorized use is attempted, the vehicle is locked out from further starting attempts for ten minutes.

Floor console — Redesigned on Sonoma and two-door Jimmy models with automatic transmission, the shifter has been moved to the steering column. This design change facilitates a new floor console that incorporates many driver-friendly features as a spring-loaded coin release, dual-bin storage under the arm rest and cupholders designed to handle containers of varying sizes.

Safety and personal security — Numerous safety and personal security features contribute to GMC's overall appeal as safe, secure vehicles. Among the key safety features are:

- Driver and front passenger Next Generation air bags
- Key-activated suppression switch for passenger-side air bag on Sonoma and Sierra pickups
- Daytime running lamps and automatic headlamp control
- Passlock theft-deterrent system

GMC Badging — Truck enthusiasts will once again see the GMC Truck tailgate badge has been replaced with the ruby red GMC logo in 1998.

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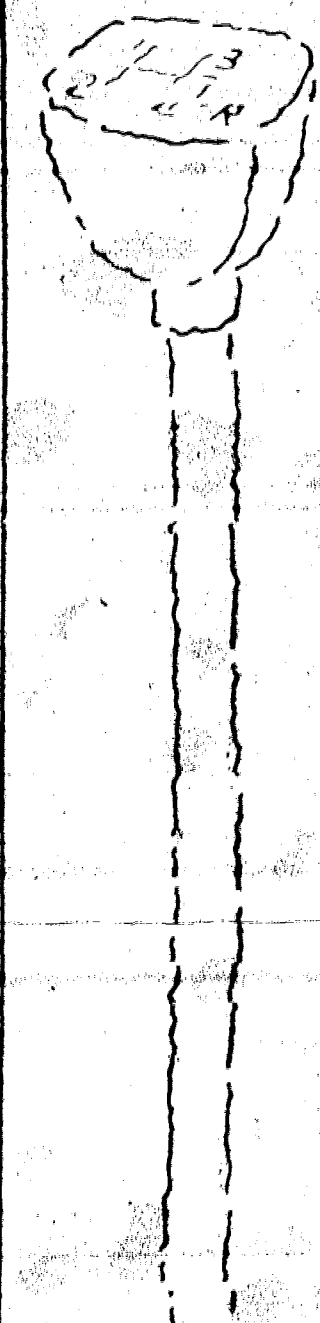
Forty years later, advances in technology have transformed the small-block. Its creators would have probably recognized the venerable V8 — its fundamental design has been unchanged through four decades of development. But literally hundreds of refinements have kept the small-block at the leading edge of engine technology.

In the heady days of the Musclecar Era, it was sometimes difficult to distinguish the race cars from the show-rooms models. In some instances, they were interchangeable. Chevrolet's Product Promotion group, the Division's sub rosa racing department headed by Vince Piggins, created a hybrid 302-cubic-inch small-block specifically for the SCCA Trans-Am road racing series in 1967. Because SCCA regulations required such engines be readily available to the public, Chevrolet offered the race-ready motor in a special Camaro model, the legendary Z28. Within two years, Z28 sales skyrocketed to over 19,000 units.

As the free-wheeling 60s and swinging 60s gave way to the sensible 70s, concerns about emissions and fuel economy impacted the small-block.

America's favorite engine continued to evolve through the Digital Decades. The development of sophisticated electronic controls gave Chevrolet engineers the means to make the small-block V8 economical, environmentally responsible and powerful — all at the same time. First they replaced the carburetor with Throttle Body Injection, then in 1985, exotic Tuned Port Injection — a multi-point fuel injection system that looked as sensational as it performed — debuted on Corvette engines. More powerful on-board computers integrated the engine with the transmission and chassis to provide a seamless driving experience.

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