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Volunteers needed to deliver aid

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer
In a township of about 14,000,
Springfield only has about 30 First
Aid Squad volunteers.
The squad hold an open house for new volunteers last week. It was their second open house in the last six months.

new volunteers last week. It was their second open house in the last six months.

"We had nine potential new members, which is wonderful," and Liz Rritzen, the squad's capation. "We make up filter and each them out to every home in town. Last time we received about 10 or 12 new applicants. Of those, eight or time panned out."

Fritzen was ethusiastic about the fact that six of the squad's new applicants are young — at 16 years old, the youngest age at which the squad can take them.

"One had experience as an emple of the youngest age at which the squad can take them.

"One had experience as an emergency medical technician in New York, and one was a member on another local squad." Fritzen said, "That's great, because they have a good idea of what they far have a good idea of what they the for. They understand what the continuents are. Some people join and have have them ride with us 'right a way, because if them do that. We have them ride with us 'right a way, because if they don't ride with ve right of the bat, we lose them." Fritzen herself is in her 26 then, year, which Fritzen feestife is 18 years.

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Springfield's unit once boasted staff of more than 60, but change



Apu Mullick, left, demonstrates CPR while Paul Dorf-man, right, worke the automated diffibillator on violim Ray Netscheft at the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad Open House last week.

in lifestyle have dwindled the nur in Mestyle have dwindled the num-ber over the years. As the primary medical service program in the township, the squad provides free care seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In an emergency health situation, the First Aid Squad is the primary-caretaker.

caretaker. Experience is not required. Vol-unteers receive free emergency medical technician training. Training on the automated defibrillator, a device which applies electric shock across the chest, also is given. The initial course, which runs eight

hours, is given over two consecutive nights. Recertification for defi-brillator technicians is required overy year. Pagers and uniforms also are supplied free of charge. Potential volunteers are invited to spend time with the squad to see it he work is suitable for them. Hours are flexible, and with a pager, volunteers are not required to sit tight in the squad's building. Volunteers put in 12 hours a week, with one Saturday or Sunday a marith.

To volunteer call (973) 376-0400.

Hearing begins over condo co

Summit Planning Board hears township's Bryant Park proposal

Staff Writer
The battle between Springfield and
Summit over the proposed 138-unit
Bryant Park Commons apartment's
council chamber Monday night.
Summit, known for its traffic problems, would reap nothing from the
affordable housing complex other
than more traffic. Springfield, however, would behefit in terms of property
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Summit, known for its traffic problems, would reap nothing from the affordable housed for the more traffic. Springfield, however, would bents in terms of property tax dollars.

As part of an out-of-court agreement-between the two municipalities and the Short Hills-based K&K Developers Inc., the Summit Planning Board agreed to hear the case. Bruce Pitman, attorney for the developers, presented the case to the board, with five capter twintenses in tow.

Two members of Summit's board did not participate. Mayor Walter Long and Paul Dechan were recused—Long bocass of public comments he made regarding the situation, notably in a letter written with Cornmon Council President Henry Ogden to Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan last summer. Dechair was asked to recuse hinself because of the proximity of his residence to the proposed site. Pitman requested that both Long and Dechan leave the chamber during the heating, describing ther

presence as a violation. The board denied the request. In his opening statement, Pitman described the site, which covers approximately 7.75 acres adjacent to Briant Park, as "a relatively small development."

area, identified the obstacles prevent-ing the development of another access road. Even defunct railroad tracks, Page said, would present a significant problem.

problem.

As for constructing a bridge over the stream, Page estimated the cost to be around \$500,000. Although, given the fact that an access road already exists, "I don't think I could ever get a permit for the stream. You can't get a permit for orcs a stream if another alternative is available. The Department of the properties of the properties of the properties.

ment of Environmental Protection won't let you do that." Page insisted the current access road needs widening. "Even if you Page insisted the current access road needs widening. "Even if you wanted to restart the old Carter-Bell business, it just wouldn't be possible with this 16-foot-wide drive," he said. On a suggestion from Summit Planning Board and Common Coun-cilman John Maher, it was agreed to

cilman John Mather, it was agreed to save all public comments for the next scheduled meeting. Two brief ques-tions were fielded from the public, but the meeting was terminated before the board had the opportunity to question Page.

Questions for Page, as well as the teatimony and cross-examination of Pitman's final two witnesses, a traffic expert and a title officer, also will be saved for the next meeting, Dec. 13 at

Hope and Memory planted at Dayton

By Jos Lugar Staff Writer

t Jonathan Dayton High School
. 18, the key words were "hope"

and "memory."
The Springfield Township Alliance for the Prevention of Alesholism and Drug Abuse meets at Dayton once a mouth. A diverse group, its memoris include Superintendent of Schools Gay Friedland, Board of Education President Richard Fallin, guiden Counselor Barbara-Muller Ackerman, counselor Barbara-Muller Ackerman, pinkinghas of the township's pichosis, students and a Police Department rep-resentative. The organization devotes its time to discussing issues pertaining to student health and school safety. The group broke in the middle of its monthly lunch and meeting to dedi-

trees under the names of "Hope" and "Memory." The trees, donated by a

local nursery, were placed on either side of Dayton's front entrance. "We thought we should do something to show our acknowledgement and sympathy for what's happening in the schools around the country," Jes-sica Falkin, a student member of the alliance, said at the dedication

Dayton principal Charles Serson explained the purpose of the names. One tree will be named Memory, for those who have lost their lives to violence, and one will be called for those who have lost their lives to violence, and one will be called 'Hope,' for students like Kellum.' Kellum Smith, a Dayton student, nearly lost his life two years ago when

vington. "I almost died," Smith said of the attack, "I was in a come for three months. They tried to kill me. But no matter what they did to me that day, I'm a survivor. I'd like to educate. everybody on the right road to walk

on."
"From my experience with my two daughters, I can tell you that you've them in a positive light." affected them in a positive lig Falkin told Smith before the allia

The alliance supports activities by students for students. Administrators work directly with the students, engaging in a free give-and-take of ideas.

An appreciation for reading



Springfield Public Clarary employee Kathy Percoco reads to township students to help them celebrate National Children's Book Week

Water-weary neighbors form support organization

Borough vows to nab intoxicated motorists

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer Holiday revellers traveling through Mountain

rounds review are around success.

Beginning today and running through the early hours of the next century, the Mountainside Police Department will be cracking down on drunk drivers.

"We'll be out full force with random roving patrols," said Detective Sg. Todd Turner. "We're going to have quite a few officers on overtime."

The overtime will be paid by a grant from the state, specifically designed to target drunk driving.

"It's a constant running grant we've been applying for as far back as 1984."

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said Police Chief and Acting Administrator James Debbie.

Known as the "Bottle Tax" grant, it allows for a precusing from every bottle of alcohol sold in the brough to go directly to the Police Department, primarily for the enforcement of drunk driving laws.

Drunk drivers and up paying out of their own pocket for the enforcement of the very laws they break. According to Debbe, in addition to the "Bottle Tax," the state assesses each person charged with driving while isnoxicated at \$99.

Those dollars are applied toward boliday enforcement.

Newspaper to be published early The offices of this newspaper will be closed on Thursday and Priday in beervance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen Monday, Nov. 29. The deadlines for the Dec. 2 edition are as normal: **Literatyle, including church and citté news, etc. — Priday, noon. **Letters to the editor — Monday, noon. **What's Going On — Monday, 3:30 p.m. **Display das — Monday and orf Section B and 5 p.m. for Section A. **Sports news — Monday, 2, a.m. **General news — Tuesday, 2, a.m. **Classified, advertising — Tuesday, 3 p.m. **Legal selectising — Tuesday, acon.

Take the number

Clubs and organizations wishing send press releases to this newsto send press releases to this news-paper should take note of a new fax number for the editorial depart-ment. The number is (908) 686-6681.

San Garlen introduced the group to the Springfield Township Committee Nov. 16. Garlen and his neighbors have attended previous Township Committee meetings to voice their concerns, but this was their first appearance as an organized group. According to the neighbors, the Marion Avenue region is under threat of flooding from several politices. The Rahway River, which runs behind the

All other faxes, such as adjusted-ing and public notices, should still be sent to (908) 686-4169.

By Joe Lugara.
Staff Writer
Residents of Springfield's Marbou.
As you want, here taken an organized approach to their problem.
Clitizens for the Reduction of Water
Damage consists of a group of 22 of the block's neighbors, all of whom have suffered, at least, from a considerable amount of water in their capile amount of water in their capile amount of water in their first floor of their homes, most; recently as the result of Tropical Storm Floyd.

the arches became filled by the river as a raule of the consistent heavy rain from Tropical. Storm Floyd.

The second factor, which residents believe contributes to their grief, are a number of inactive wells in the area, owned by the Elizabethsown Water Company. The eight wells vary in depth from 113 to 420 feet, according to figures provided by the water com-

chipagay. The cliquit vens vary has depth from 113 to 420 feet, according to fligures provided by the water company's appleaperson. Erin Reilly.

Residents insist the wells are creating a bigher water table, and should be turned back on to pump non-drinkable water back into the Rahway River.

John Griscit, a resident and member of the organization, said the water bevel in the sump pump hole in his cellar is consistently filled to within six to 12 inches of the top, when the hole should actually be empty. "Even it heave? and ye small amount of rain, there ye may a small amount of rain, the pump switches on," he said.

The group held its first meeting at the Girlean' Oct. 30. One of its main puspoise, as stressed in the minutes of the first meeting, its to course offi-

purpoise, as stressed in the minutes of the first meeting, is to convince offi-cials, at township and county levels, to renovate the Route 82 bridge before beginning work on the two upstream bridges at Vaushall Road and Mill-burn Avenue.

An engineering study for the Route 82 bridge, currently being prepared by the engineering firm Killam Associ-

ates, is not expected to be ready until the spring of 2000. Paul Weberg, a Tederal Emergency Management Agency representative, attended the Nov. 16 Township Committee meet-

Agency representative, attendou the Nov. 16 Towarthy Committee mea-ing, informing residents that the study should be completed before the sche-duled time, but that he didn't t'want to get anyone's hopes up' by promising an earlier completion date.

The Department of Transportation presented \$200,000 to the township three weeks and for the township heree weeks ago for the "feasibility and final scoping analysis so that con-struction funds can be procured," Assemblyman Joel Weingarten sald,

in regard to improvements to the Route 22 bridge. Route 22 bridge, Living as they do near the "downstream" bridge, Marion Avenue residents, including Garlen and group member: David Ginsberg have addressed the forwaship Committee with their concern about the potential of receiving larger volumes of water five Route 22 bridge is repared 183, rather, than first.

Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke

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Springfield Mayor Gregory Clarke told the Marion Avenue contingent that according to Killam, the bridge would not be affected by extra water.

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The current schedule targets
improvement for the Vauxhall bridge
first. Work is slated to begin there in
late summer, with the Millbura
Accume bridge following in May. The
arrangement is still not satisfactory to
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Clarke's assurance that their situation

According to the minutes of the group's first meeting, issues causing the delay involve the fact that Route 82, Morris Avenue, is a state road. Traffic disruption also is considered a factor, along with the question of whether or not the immediate area of the bridge holds any historical

the bridge notes any historical significance.

A stone marker, situated some yards behind the Route \$2 bridge on Washington Avenue, contains a water-stained card, covered in hard plastic, placed by the Springfield His-torical Society in 1935. The card titem-tion of the plant of the plant of the plant of the Miss of the plant of the plant of the plant of the Miss of the plant of the plant of the plant of the plant of the Miss of the plant of

torical Society in 1935. The card item-tifies the site as the "location of a bridge defended by the Socond Rhode Island Infantry and Local Milita 1780." The gray stone "marker" on which the card is attached is presumably the only surviving part of that bridge.

The Rous 82 hadden for the

The Route 82 bridge itself, deter grated in many areas, is a 1935 con iorated in many areas, is a 1935 con-struction. A stone plaque, removed from another location and set in the bridge on the Washington Avenue side, is dated 1872. Members of the Marion Avenue group instrict that the bridge has no historical limportanoe. Michael Cox of Killam Associates and the members of the state o

Michael Cox of Killam Associate and the engineers have me, with the state Historical Preservation Office among other groups, and have "received their support" on dealin, with any issues of historical rele

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In the pumpkin patch



Springfield's Walton School pre-kindergarten students Summer Abdelaziz, left Tamara Vega, Edward Brazaitis and Sydney Burke display the pumpkins they found in the school's pumpkin patch last month.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echa eader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to managing editor, *Echo Leader*, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Sunday

* Theories on dinosaur extinction, especially 'death, by asteroid, will be discussed at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road at 2 p.m. Admission is 33 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for children ages 6 and up.
* Songs about Earth and the other planets will be the focus of "Spacestip Earth" at the Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road at 3:30 p.m. Admission is 33 for each person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is for ages 4 through 6. Wednesday

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* The members of the Mountainside Senior-Citizen. This Prof to the show they will travel to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center to enjoy Tchaikowsky's "Nuteracker." Prior to the show they will have dinner at Tony Cameea's Portuguese Restaurant. Tickets are still available. Call Loretta Buschman at 232-1404.

* Upeoming Events

* Dec. 2

* The Springfield Free Public Library will, present a free sominar titled "Aspects of Divorce" by Rosalind Mink, Esq. of Mink & Meistlk, Esqs. at 7 p.m. Mink is atterney who specializes in martimonal anteres and will discuss the grounds for divorce and financial issues in martimonal anterior said martiners and will discuss the grounds for divorce and financial issues in martimonal active (493) 243-1166.

* The Foothill Club of Mountainside will have its

• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will have its monthly luncheon meeting at noon at B.O. Fields. A Chrismas bouique fund-raiser will feature new and nearly new items. Guests are welcome. For reservations call (908) 232-3626.

• Visitors to the Trailate Nature & Science Center, 45? New Providence Road, can look at how people through the ages have been using the sky as a sessonal sclendar to know when to plant crops and hum migrating animals at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person and \$2.55 for senior citizens. This program is ages 6 and up.
• The Trailaide Nature & Science Center's Visitor Center, 425 New Providence Road, will contain handmade crafts and gift items for sale from 11 a.m. to 4 pm. All crafts are made of natural materials or have a nature thome. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Dec. 6

All are invited to allend Springfield's holiday lighting eclobration at 6 p.m. on the lawn at Town Hall. Immediately following, firefighters will serve hot choolac, ciderand donuts at fire hedquarters. For more information call the Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 467-4608.

Dec. 10

• Members of the Mountainside Senior Citizen Club will meet at the Community Prebyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane for a social after-Dec. 16

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The Mountainside Senior Citizen Club will hold its atinual. Christings: Luncheon at noon at the Pantagis Reseased by Highware it if Society Plains: Reservations between index yealths, Lorent Buschman at 321-404.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club will hold its intellection of the Comment of the Com

Gourvitz honored by lawyers foundation

Elliot H. Gourvitz, a Springfield attorney, recently has been elected president-elect of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation at the annual meeting in

Chicago.
The foundation provided \$2,500 in grants in 1999-2000 to organizations that provide programs and resources for the family, especially children, to deal with the diverse include the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruely to Children, Kisti Turn of San Francisco, Kids Count of Cumberland County New Jersey and All Flatits Receiving Home of New Mexico.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Local attorney Elliot Gourvitz, left, boxes with Muhammed Ali at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation in Chicago.

which provides shelter for children and families of domestic violence. At the annual meeting in Chicago, the foundation raised \$87,000 from its members with the help of the Sport Illustrated Athlete of the Century Muhammed Ali.

Gourvitz is contified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, as a certified-matrimonial-lawyer-and limits his law practice to materiminal law. He is the author of two books, "Domestic Torsis in New Jersey" and the "Domestic Violence Source Book." He is a frequent lecturer and writer on matrimonial law and the former prejident of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

CLIPS

Township hosts lighting for holiday celebrations

The Springfield holiday lighting p.m. on the lawn in front of Town Hall.

decorations and enjoy caroling by loc-al groups and a special visit with a al groups and a special visit with a friend. Everyone is then welcome to fire headquarters immediately follow-ing the celebration. Hot chocolate or and donuts will be served Refreshments are sponsored by the Fireman's Benevolent Association Local 57. more information call the

Springfield Recreation Department at (973) 467-4608.

Lessons are offered for library on-line catalog

Residents can learn to use the new graphical on-line catalog at the Springfield Free Public Library. Dur-ing the one-hour session, visitors can

learn how to locate all of the items in the collection including books, vidosa, audiotepes, and, compact discs.
In addition, classes will cover access to the Internot and how to find migazine articles on-line. Class size is limited to four participins. Classes will be on the following dates:

- Tuesday from 3-30 to 4-30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 7 from 3-30 to 4-40 p.m.
- To register call (973) 375-6930.

To register call (973) 376-4930, ext. 28a

Borough library sponsors book donation drive

The Mountainside Public Library is conducting the 1999 Books for Kids donation drive. Participants can give a child the gift of reading by bringing a new book to the library collection box. The collection box is located at the main entrance to the library.

Books for children from birth to age
14 are needed. These books are given



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Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday

nt · Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon.
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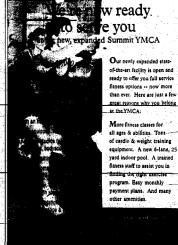
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P.A.L.-ing around



Members of the Mountainside honorary PBA Local 126 help kick off the implementation of Mountainside's P.A.L by donating \$2,000. The funds will be used for programs involving the borough's youth. For information on joining the Honorary PBA call Detective Kevin Betyeman at police headquarters at (908) 232-8100.

Officials, residents debate bridge work

Continued from Page 1)
vance, although he did not say what those historical issues are.
"Our goal is to do a reconstruction of the existing bridge," Cox said, "to-raise the roadway and increase the waterway capacity of the bridge."
Cox said the bridge's three arches will be reduced to two and made larger. "When it's done, there will be a net reduction of approximately one—foot-of-flood-water-service-elevation—on the 100-year flood condition."
Cox defined the "100-year flood condition" as "less than the magnitude of Trojecal Storm Floyd."
The Blizabethtown wells present a tricky legal challenge. Although the wells were shut down in the late well were shut down in the late back to 1995. In early 1996, during a series of ongoing talks with the water company, the township's attempts to negotiate with Elizabethtown date back to 1995. In early 1996, during a series of ongoing talks with the water company, the township applied to the Department of Environmental Protection for a permit to pump the water back into the Rahway River—exacttion for a permit to pump the water back into the Rahway River — exact-ly what members of the Marion Avenue organization are looking to

According to Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, the permit never was

issued.
"A lot of money was involved with what Killam suggested for improve-

First Ald Squad treats 90 patients

During the month of October, the Springfield Volunteer First Aid Squad responded to 84 calls for emergency medical services, treating 90 patients. These calls include the following:

16 injuries resulting from falls; 10 patients with chest pain; eight traumatic injuries; seven motor vehicle accidents; seven motor venicle acci-dents; seven patients with altered mental status; seven patients with nontraumatic pain; three patients who fainted; two patients for bleeding, plus several other assorted medical

emergencies.

The Springfield First Squad is a volunteer, nosprofit organization, funded largely by contributions. As alaways, new members are need, especially during the daytime hours. For information about joining or contributing to the squad, call (973) 376-0400.

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ments," Reilly said. "To pump the water back into the Rahway River, a bunch of other things, including a permit, were involved beyond dollars."

She said Elizabethto intention of going back into negotiations.

Members of the Marion Avenue

Members of the Marion Avenue organization say the neighborhood's water table was artificially lowered during the years the wells were in incepration. They insist that "the water table went from 60 feet below ground level to just below the surface."

The residents have created and circulated a petition to fight both the Elizabethtown, and Rahway River situations.

Other related topics, according to the organization, include the mainte-nance of the local dikes and levee,

nance of the local dikes and levee, work on the curbs and storm sewers and the sewage pump.

Mishaps with the sewage pump, which runs uphill to Morris Arenue, have caused some residents serious problems. Griseti, for one, said he has

problems. Griscit, for one, said he has suffered sewage backup in his cellar.

"I had things like condoms and tollet paper floating in my cellar," he said." I tost a fot of articles, and gerro-help from the town. The town told me to contact their insurance company. I did, and nothing happened. I had town out a lot of things and pay for the disinfecting of my cellar myself."

Board offices become artists' gallery

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer
Springfield's young artists get an audience last week
that any artist would be jealous of.
Parents, liblings, art teachers, principals and members
of the Board of Education crammed the board's offices at
Jonathan Daylon High School Nov. 15 to view a variety of
paintings, drawings, prints and ceramics produced by the
township's students during the 1988-99 school year.
After the viewing, Superintendent Gary Priedland presented each of the artists with certificates of recognition. A
small reception, with cookles and punch, was then held in
the auditorium baloony area.
The works, framed with the help of Ralph Celebre and
art teacher Sutanne Dobrowolski, were exhibited on the
white walls throughout the board's second floor offices,
with a few additional pieces displayed on easels. Artists
covered the full school-age range, from pre-kindergarten to

"rade-12.

In the next-indergares money Vinnis Nowe's mustifed

covered the full school-age range, from pre-kindergarten to grade 12.

In the pre-kindergarten group, Vinnie Nagy's untitled geometric priat, produced entirely in deep red, demonstrates an instinctive rhythm. Circles, squares and triangles pile randomly on top of each other, forming a vague primit capped by a large rectangular shape. Although the decision to display the picture vertically may well have been the teacher's, the variety of movement, from a pre-K student, is notworthy. Nagy is a student in Walton's Early Childhood Center.

Working in collage, another pre-kindergarten Walton student, Bree Thatcher, created a standing figure out offow-keyed colored construction papers. The whimsical figure holds what appears to be a harmonica or some other instrument. Two fragments of sheet music, pasted at the figure's feet, complete the musical reference.

Among the fourth-graders, his Ting showed her ability to manipulate various mediums. Her stratchhoard, "Aboriginal Bark Cloth," is a primitive menagerie of stylized crocodiles, birds, snakes and kangaroos in hallucinatory yellows, greens, blues and violets. A small ceramic of a risky dog, glazed in brown and white with its must hanging slightly open, and a sectane plaster-of-Paris mask of a woman's face leped further emphasize the youndmist's diversity.

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Earlier this year, Ting was one of only 40 young artists from the Northeastern United States to be chosen as a participant in the Crayola Dream-Makers Exhibition. Her painting, "Riding with My Family," appeared in the competition's national exhibition.

peution's national exhibition.

Another scratchboard, by seventh-grader Jessica Mass; is a detailed, busy, almost nervous image of an unidentificable reptile (linging to a branch. Much less sylized than—Tingi-antimats, Mass' reptile is somewhat more naturalistic but still full of expression, right down to its small, peasinged, heavy-lidded eyes.

Dayton students Jessica Moelk and Jennifer Sarracino demonstrate their skills in drastically different ways. Working in the challenging medium of watercolor, Moelk is represented by two fanciful pieces, "Tree of Life" and "A Refreshing Rain."

"Life's" tree trunk and branches consist of simple blue,

"A Refreshing Rain."

"Life's' rec tunk and branches consist of simple blue, green and violet figures. Two pairs of figures in the lower corners, either embracing or westling or playing. Twister, balance out the composition. Moelk creates a striking effect by setting the multi-colored tree against an impenerable black background.

In "Rain," an angel standing on a flower, smells à flower. The background, again dark and dense, enhances the ethercal quality of the figure. The angel 1- hands- as shapilis the flower forward to smell it, are very simply and delicately done.

Sarracino's "A Round of Applause" is all hands. Like Moelk, Sarracino's "A Round of Applause" is all hands. Like Moelk, Sarracino's accepts the challenge of a difficult medium— in this case, colored pencil. A sirciural pattern of hands, intersected at various points by other hands extending from beyond the edges of the drawing, makes for an almost dizzying work. Sarracino's choice of subject is challenging, and her decision to draw them, as she does, in various difficult positions, clearly demonstrates her confidence in her ability.

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fidence in her ability.

The new century is celebrated in different styles in several small ceramic "graduation" pots created by elghth-graders. Lindays (Coughlin's design takes the form of a cubbby kid in cap and gown, while Lyndsey Brahm trumpets "2000" in raised numerals, with a diploma for a lid. Lisa Clark is a bit more specific, incorporating "PMG 2000" into her design, while Marc Cicchino relles on a pyramid design.

amid design.

The participants include the following students:
JiMin Hwang, Vincent Nagy and Brenda Warman from
the Edward V. Walton School; Rosemary Garofalo, Christina Karas, Natasha Scott and Iris Ting from the Thelma L.
Sandmeier School;

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JiMin Hwang, Vincent Nagy and Brenda Warman from
the Edward V. Walton School; Rosemary Garofalo, Christina Karas, Natasha Scott and Iris Ting from the Theima L.
Sandmeier School; Alyssa Alper, Sunana Gill, Monica
Grabowski, Yana Grishina, Jessica Mass, Andy Title and
Josh Wolkoff from the Florence M. Gaudineer School;
Kimberly Baldwin, Amy Gardner, Lisa Horowitz, Megan
Izzo and Nina Yannazzone from the James Caldwell
School and Jessica Moclik and Jengifer Sarracino from
Jonathan-Dayton-High-School.

According to Friedland, the works will travel from the board offices to the township offices, where they will remain on display. They will then be presented, framed, to the artists



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Offer thanks in spirit of fellowship

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing."
It is with those words that Theodore Baker begins perhaps
e-most well-known Thanksgiving hymn, translated from a

Netherlands folk song.

These words are timeless, for it is at this season of the These words are timeless, for it is at this season of the year that we do indeed gather together, pausing in our daily routines to join in fellowship and thanks. At our tables, we join with our families and friends; in our houses of worship, we join with our fellow congregants; and in many communities, those congregations themselves join for an ecumenical service of which and the part of vice of praise and thanks.

vice of praise and thanks.

When we reflect on that first Thanksgiving some three centuries ago, we are reminded of the importance of gathering together. At that first table, two factions, which in many other chapters of history would have been at war, broke bread and offered thanks to their respective deities. Theirs was not only a table of fellowship and thanks, but also one of acceptance — acceptance of another culture, of another people.

while those early Thanksgiving celebrants had much for which to be thankful — survival, deliverance from oppression, a bountful harvest yielding the food they ate — we, too, should remember our blessings. While our "harvests" are as near as the local supermarket and few of us tended the crops which will grace our tables, we must remember the many Americans with nothing to eat, no warm homes in which to gather, no family of which to speak.

The early Americans faced such issues by banding together with those around them, sharing the burdens, sharing the rewards. Their differences did not keep them from hunting side by side, tending the crops side by side, learning from each other's cultures, and celebrating the fruits of their mutual labors.

The potential for war that existed between these groups was secondary to the fact that, together, both factions gained strength, a sentiment echoed in today's ecumenical services.

For in the final enalysis, it is our commonality that make us a strong nation, not the matters that divide us. And once we've realized that; we see just how much there is to be thankful for.

Please pass the drumstick

Every Thanksgiving, some families know a battle will be waged at the dinner table. It can be a hard-fought war, started infiniths in advance, that heats up until the popper pops and the turkey is sliced. As the platter is placed in the center of the table, the question still remains, who will be the chosen one? Who will eat the turkey leg?

Families have different ways of settling this age-old argument. Some say it should go to the oldest, to the youngest, to the middle child, to the one who prepared the meal. Some give it to a guest, a favorite uncle or cousin. Some families use a democractic system. No matter how it is decided, compromise is involved.

Springfield needs to offer the turkey leg to Summit. In the case of these municipalities, the turkey leg is the proposed Bryant Park Commons — a 138-unit condominium complex that was approved by the Springfield Planning Board Nov, 4, 1998. It would be constructed on the former 7.75-acre Carrer-Bell factory site. The complex would rest on the border of the two municipalities, with the only access from Park Drive in Summit.

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rest on the border of the two multicipathes, with the only access from Park Drive in Summit.

Summit is currently suing Springfield to override the Planning Board's decision. In the meantime, Summit finally agreed to have its own Planning Board hear an application from joint developers Bryant Park Commons LLC and K&K Developers regarding widening Park Drive.

Summit Mayor Walter Long has said the proximity of the proposed complex would require the city's emergency services to respond first. In the meantime, Springfield would reap the benefits of a taxpaying ratable.

Springfield officials can hardly blame Summit for wanting a piece of the turkey leg. The township has to try to compromise with the city for this apartment complex to be constructed. If not, the Summit Planning Board will never grant its approval.

Springfield needs to realize there are two drumsticks on every bird. Both municipalities can benefit if they would communicate around the dinner table.

"Opinion and protest are the life breath of democracy — even when it blows heavy."

Echo Leader

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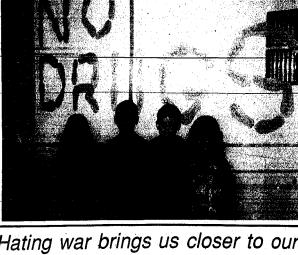
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Theima Sandmeler
School second-graders,
from left, Stacey Roth,
Christian-Wortman, Jesse
Krumholz and Aliza Stone
use their shoe prints to
spell out their leelings
about drugs during Red
Ribbon Week last month.

Hating war brings us closer to our humanity

At first I thought that writing this column after Veterans Day might seem out of place. But it's not. I've had the amazing good fortune in my life to be able to work professionally as both a writer and a planter. I've had the chance to travel a little bit, watch my trends' babies group to both a World Series and a perfect game and a pile of other curious things. And it happened, all of it, both the serious and the frivolous, because I had the great good luck not to go to I had the great good luck not to go to

When I registered for the draft in When I registered for the unau time. 1980, I was terrified. Anyone who tells you they looked forward to the experience is either dead above the nock or lying. I remember filling out the registration card in the Post, Office, absolutely certain I was signing my life away. Forget about the ing my life away. Forget about the

Joe's Place

By Joe Lugara Staff Writer

think I'd live long enough to use my graduation presents.

As time passed and I didn't get maimed or killed, I practically forgot that Selective Service had my name. that Selective Service Practically, I said.

As I climbed into my 30s, I realized that my birth occurred at exactly the right point in history. I was one of those lucky burns whose youth foll between the kinds of conflicts that usually desiroy young men. I also

arrived in time for the new technolog-ical warfare, where combat is shorter, fought by computer and probably less likely to consume large numbers of men and women than before.

Those factors helped me get here.
The most important point is,
dospite the fact I never went to war
myself. I learned to hate it. Since
1980. I've imagined myself in every
skirmish. Except for a lucky brown
two, it could have been me there. I nown't fee tabus tir. I'm giad I was
doing something else at the time.

There's much talk of hate in this country — hatred of ethnic and religious groups, of governments, other drivers, the Dallas Cowboys — all wasted, silly talk. There is really, only, one kind of hatred in the world, and that's the hatred for war. It's the

cultivating.

No idealism here; hating wer won't bring world peace. It won't even bring about a temporary peace. War is part of the "death and tease" inevitability. But if we can really hate war, and if we can vecalize our harter of fit.to. both ourselves and our kids, then in one shot we can also loathe all the miserably abustive qualities in the bournan character that to often run rangent. All this will do, all tit can do, is bring us a little closer to our humanity.

Hate war. On this holiday, as on any other, millions of men and women of all nations are away from their homes, keping an eye out for conflict. Hate the potential for war that keeps them there. Give thanks for

crowded on the campaign trail It's getting

It's been a busy-few wooks in the race for New Jergy's U.S. Senate soul. Three days after Congressman Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights officially joined the firey. Essex County-Executive-Jemes Treffinger of Verenarized nearly half million dollars at a Victoran Day fund-raiser at Mayfair Farms in West Congg.

Union County Chairman Frank McDomott was among those in attendance but was quick to point out he simply accepted an invitation; he hand't necessarily endorsed the two-time Essex County executive but was just there to minige and make friends. Others at the minimum-Solo-a-head fund-raiser included county chairmen from Essex, Hudson, Passatic and Morias counties. Other linding of the property o

Township Committeeman and Free-holder candidate Harry Pappas. Franks will have a \$500-per-person fund-raiser of his own Dec. 9 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Franks' campuntainside.

McDermon appearance at the Nov. 11 fund-raiser. Franks is "well-liked and well-respected by the party activists who cast ballots to award the county

endorsement."
"The overwhelming public support already behind the congressman's Senate bid leaves little doubt that he'll sonate bid leaves little doubt that he' li receive the Union County endorsement." Franks has received the endorsement of all but one municipal chairman in Union County — Rahway — and numerous mayors and other officials.

My Two Cents

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

Morris County Chairman Oscar Doyle attended Treffinger's bash. At the same time, Franks has recoived endorsements from at least nine mun-icipal chairmen and a number of other local elected officials in Morris

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County.

State Sen. William Gornbey of
Alfanic County is another name mentioped in next year's U.S. Senate race
but he has not officially declared. One
source in the Republican Party estimates Gormloy's election war chest at
\$3 million already. Sen. Robert Toricalli secent more than \$10 million in ricelli spent more than \$10 million in his bid to win the Senate seat in 1996 versus Dick Zimmer of Mercer

County.

Money is one of the reasons Sen.
Frank Lautenberg decided against reciestion. Every candidate bemoars
the find-resing septed of a campaign
and the need for campaign finance
reform yet no one seems to do anything about it. In fact, Treffinger
spoke about finance reform during his
fund-raiser.

fund-risser.

But it's like a staring contest. No candidate wants to be the first to turn money away and put themselves at a disadvantage.

Within a week of Franks announcing his bid for the U.S. Senate, the candidates to fill his congressional seat in the 7th District got in line. For-

mer Woodbridge Council President and Fire Chief Ken Gardner has formed an "exploratory committee" for the 7th Congressional seat, which is open next year.

Fresh from his re-election Nev-2,

is open next year.

Fresh from his to election Nov-2Republican Assemblyman Joel
Weingarten of Millburn, who has
been mentioned as a candidate for
some time, is scheduled to formallyannounce his bid at The Orand Sum
it Hotel on Tuesday.

On the Democratic side, Maryanne
Connelly of Farnwood and Jeff Colkin
of Warren have had their hats in the
ting for awhile. Connelly lost to
Franks in 1998 by only 10 percentage
points and has been a candidate ever
since. Golkin announced his candidacy in January after being fed up with
Franks during the impeachment procoodings of President Clinton.

The freeholders met on a Wednesday earlier his mean.

The freeholders met on a Wednes-day earlier this month since Veterans Day, a holiday, fell on a Thursday. It wasn't one of their brightest moments as citizens waited an hour for them to

begin, only for the board to open the meeting and retire to closed session for another 40 minutes. It also wasn't the best night for me to skip dinner until after my meeting.

I decided to walk a few blocks and-get something to nourish me while the freeholders sorted out their thoughts in closed session. As I walked out of the Administration Building, it seemed as if it might rain. And here I without a jacket.

Walking past the county court-house. I saw the POW vigil set up on the counthouse plaza. Gene Davis, a Linden Board of Education member and Vietnam veteran, was in a bam-boc cage to remind people of Ameri-can prisoners of war and what veterans have gone through for our country

As I walked back to the administra tion building, French fries in hand, I realized Davis would be out there for 24 hours; whether it rained or not and not having my jacket with me seemed infinitely trivial.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be specific about Christmas cheer

Dec. 25 commemorates the birth of Christ, it's not "Season's Greeting." Sea-

son's greeting is somewhet of a generic term to satisfy non-Christians or to be "politically correct."

If you are seeding Christmas greetings to family and friends, be specific about Christmas and not the season.

Joseph C. Chieppa



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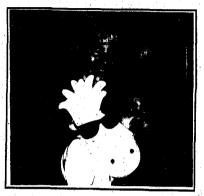
To the editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us this past election day. After all the hard work of the last two years on behalf of District 21 and the enter state, we are happy to have been vindicated by the resounding support we received on Nov. 2.

We would also like to thank the countless volunteers and workers who gave their time and effort to help make our re-election possible.

Obviously, it requires many people to run a successful campaign. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the people making phone calls, assisting with mailers and walking the district with us, we were able to go run message to the voters. Now that the election is over, we intend to do our best to fulfill the result that has been returned to our hands and braid or our record of success in reads of the 21st Legislative District.

Assistant Majority Leader Joel Weingarten Assemblyman District 21 Assistant Ma



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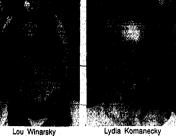
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How do you plan to spend Thanksgiving?"









"I'm going to my daughter's."

Edith Stiller

"I'm staying home. My in-laws e coming over."

"We'll be visiting our daughter in New York. It's our first Thanks-giving with her in her new apartment."

"I may work. Then I'll have din-ner later with my friends and family."

Bring back true spirit by giving to the needy

As soon as Thanksgiving is over, we enter the season of the frenzy. While in days gone by, the Christmas season was a time to be jolly and merry, today it is the season to be

season was a unit to the season to be freezied.

Pre-Christmas days seem like days of frenzy because people always seem to be in a hurry to get something done, anything st all, just as long as the other person is not in the way. Elbows are used to muscle the way into the latest trinket or toy that just needs to be under the Christmas tree. While the adults are elbowing their way into the meles, looking for the clusive gift, probably this year most unusual Pokemon toy or card, there are some kids in the background squalling. "I want..." All to othen when that particular toy is not acquired, those kids become even more obnoxious since they have been denied their God-given right to have what they want.

what they want.

While it is frustrating to have the kids squalling and the adults battling for a particular item in a bin or on a what is much mo that the true meaning of Christmas is being buried in commercialism.

See It

By Norman Rauscher Correspondent

Not too long ago, the Christmas season was characterized as a season of giving, it was not a season of "I want" or "What do you want" Instead, it was a season of, "What can we do for someone else".

This race for the almighty dollar and what it can buy is just symptomand what it can buy is just symptoma-

This race for the almighty dollar and what it can buy is just symptomade of our times. We cannot blame the local merchant. This the time of the year when some merchants either make it or don't. But we do blame those merchandise purveyors who have the Christmas lights on and up before Halloween. We do blame the catalors senders who bombard as with

ut wave. We can hardly blame the youngsters for being greedy when we adults surround them with the offerings of

the pleutiude all year long. Then, when it comes to Christmas, it is not strange that these same kids want everything in sight.

Goe, are the fays, it would seem, when hours were speni musing over what Aunt Mille might like for Christmas. Instead, we seem to just write down the list and groan that we are forced to find something for someone. And, while this is going on, our kids are watching and thinking it's all getting girts, rather than delighting in the fun of giving.

There was a time when the giving was fun-lit was a dime when the giving was fun-lit was a delight, even with little money, to make something out of very little and have the joy of knowing the recipient would appreciate the time, effort and thought that went into the making and the giving. Are we so busy these days, that we can't take the time to give of ourselves in both time and thought? Or are we so self-centered, that we just grad what comes first, pay the able and then moan when the credit card bills come in January?

As a nation and as individuals, we are not greedy people. Over the years we have extended the helping hand to

our neighbor in need. When anyone stands outside a supermarket asking for help through any organization, people respond. When grocerise are checked out in the same supermarket, look how many people plack off the silps to add 51 or more to the grocery bill to aid the soup kitchens. Yet when it comes to shopping for the holidays that kind, generous person steps into the background. While the kids either see the parents hand over goods and money to help others at church or on the street, when it comes to everyday manners in a store, specially-dring the Christman sea-

at church or on the street, when it comes to everyday manners in a store, respecially-driving the Christmas season, all bars are dropped.

As we traverse the shops and dive into the goodles, let's try to reinember that giving is part of receiving, and that those in great need of receiving are not: the people in some far-off country, but very close to home. One less gift to our kids and one more gift to those in need amy truly bring back the meaning of Christmas. Seek our those in need and give.



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Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross Chairman John Tabachnick welcomes new board members Angela Bellino, left, and Gregory Hobson. Missing from the photo are Robin Pelsoo and Gabe Bravo.

Township resident, agent attends life insurance forum

Springfield resident Stephen C. Nitti was selected to attend the North-western Mutual Life Insurance Com-

western Mutual Life Insurance Com-pany Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Nitti, an agent with the life insurer, was invited to the forum because of his sales achievements. Of the com-pany's almost 7,500 agents, only 272

were eligible to attend this event. He is affiliated with the Robert E. Stone general agency, located in Springfield.

The Northwestern Forum is an edu-Northwestern Forum

and development symposium
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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Staehling

Dorothy H. Stachling, 79, of Bed-minster, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 14 in Arbor (Ilan, Bridgewater. Born in Derby, England, Mrs. Stac-hling lived in Springfield before mov-ing to Bedminster 14 years ago was an interior designer and owned D. R. Schnelder Interiors, Bedminster, for 43 years and retired in 1991. Mrs. Stachlere Stachling received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Mont Holyonke College, South Hadley, degree in liberal arts from Mont Hotyouke College, South Hadley, Mass., and also attended Newark School of Applied Arts, Parsons School of Design and New York Uni-versity School of Design.

She was a four-time winner of the

Moon Golf Tournament sponsored by Forest Hill Field Club in Belleville. Mrs. Staehling had been a member of the Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, the Rock Spring Club and the Essex County Country Club, West Orange. She also was a member of the American Society of Interior Designs, New York City.
Surviving is her husband, Henry H.

Helen J. Wright

Helen J. Wright, 97, of Bridge-water, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 18 in the Haborside Health Care-Woods Edge Nursing Home, Bridge-

water.

_Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Wright lived in Millington and Summit before moving to Bridgewater 14 years ago. She was a teacher at the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn during the early 1920s. Mrs. Wright was a graduate of Maxwell Teacher College Normal School. She was a member of the United Methodist Women of Bishop Janes United Methodist Church in Basking Ridge, the Chancel Choir and the Sunamit Chorale.

Ella M. Alefeld

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Ella M. Alefeld; 89, of Westfield,
formerly of Union and Springfield,
died Nov, 18 in Rahway HospitalBorn in France, Mrs. Alefeld before moying to Wastfield in 1998. She was a
licensed practical nurse with the SagHomenading Service in Summit of
25 years and retired in 1986. Mrs.
Alefeld was a member of the GermanAmerican Club in Newark.
Surviving are two daughters, Joyce
Alatorer and Besti Gardner; seven
grandchildren
and seven grandchildren

Michael J. Thurston

Michael J. Thurston, 37, of Basking idge, formerly of Mountainside, ied Nov. 12 at home

Born. In Summit, Mr. Thurston lived in Duellen and Mountainside before moving to Basking Ridge two years ago. He co-owned Binch Hill Ploral, Bernardsville, for Itve years Barlier, Mr. Thurston had been a theater actor with companies on the East Coast.

Coast.
Surviving are his father, James
Thurston; his mother, Loretta Spiotta;
three sisters, Dawn Gebert, Patricia
Redrup and Jennifer Rruerup, and his

Dolores Byron

Dolores Byron, 68, of Mountain-side died Nov. 16 in the Genesis Elder Care, Westfield. Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Byron lived

Care, Westfield.
Bom in Bayonne, Mrs. Byron lived in Moqutainside since 1971. She was an executive secretary for the United States Astorney at the Department of Justice in Newark for nine years and retired in 1989. Prior to that, Mrs. Byron had worked in the same capacity for the Internal Revenue Service in Morantal Livid has the same and the Mountainside for three years and the United States Naval Base in Bayonne

Surviving are a son, Danny J. Zela-sko; a daughter, Denise A. Halloran; four sisters, four grandchildren, and her flance, George LaRosa.

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Initial survival feast becomes Thanksgiving tradition

By Cheryl Hehl Staff Writer

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The story of the first Thanksgiving, is steeped in mytif and legend, but few people realize the Piliprins did not causally celebrace an autumn feast of thanksgiving or how it came to be that the fourth Thursday in November came to be a national holiday. To understand why this nation celebrates the holiday you need to travel back in time several hundred years.

The first winter after handing and setting up a mikeshift camp was setting up a mikeshift camp was

time several hundred years. The first winter after handing and setting up a mikeshift camp was devasating to the Colonists. Not only had they had a fough 45-day voyage from Plymouth, England, but it was an annual to who had left everything, behind to make a start in the New World. Though history would porty those who salled on the Mayflower as pilgrims, the truth is there were more those who sailed on the Maynower as pilgrims, the truth is there were more "strangers," an odd mix of oucasts who for various reasons had to fice their native land, aboard. The long trip

who for various reasons had to lice there in take leaf, about. The long trip had taken its toll on this group who set ground on Plymouth Rock Dec. 11, 1820. Many took sick during the two yage, but it was nothing compared to what these Colonists would face during that If mit bitterly cold where.

By the following fall, only 46 of the original 102 sailing on the Mayflower were sleft, but in the syring, the Colonists were befriended by the Abnatik indians, who taught them how to sur-vive. In the new land. Thanks to their help and guidance, the following the plan did help had a bountiful harves. They did have a feast that year to celebrate this harvest, and it is this one historians often refer to as the first Tranksgiving.

harvest, and it is uno often refer to as the first Thanksgiving. However, this, feast was never repeated, so it cannot be called the beginning of a tradition, nor did the pilgrims ever call it a thanksgiving feast: In reality; the remaining Colon-

ists were so glad they managed to sur-vive the first year, they decided to celebrate with a feast and invited the 91 Indians to join them.

The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance, according to research by the Plymouth Plantato research by the Plymouth Planta-tion, the living museum in Plymouth,

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Nevertheless, this feast has become the model of the tradition the nation frow observer the fourth Thursday of November. Though there are only you have the model of the tradition the nation frow observer the fourth Thursday of November. Though there are only you have the fact the celebration lasted three days and was held outside. Edward Winslow, the leader of the colony, described the event several years later in a publication titled "Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pligrims at Plymouth."

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors...Many of the Indians amongst us and amongst the rest of their greatest King Massssoit, with some ninety men, who for three days we entertained and feasted...And though it be not always so plentiful as it was this sime with us, yet by the goodness of Ood, we are not so far from want that we often wish you were partakers of our pleny."

The second description of the feasting was written by William Bradford about 20 years after the fact in "History of Plymouth Plantation." This sendition was rediscovered in 1845 and prompted a greater American interest in the history of the pligrims, which eventually led-to-Lincoln's



decision to make Thanksgiving a holiday. It is also in this account that the turkey tradition is founded.

"They began now to gather in the small harvest they had, and to fit up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength and had all things in good plenty....all summer there was no want; and now began to come in store of fowl, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first...And besides water-fowl there were a great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many."

Another important part of the Thanksgiving tradition is the pumpkin ple, but it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat because the supply of flour had long been used up so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, according to Bradrod, they did eat boiled pumpkin and produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes or butter. In fact, back then the potato was considered to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobser, fried fruit, clams, venison and plums.

Other foods included in the three-day feast were: goose, duck, crane,

Other foods included in the three

used wheat flour, Indian corn and corn meal, and barley, which they used to make beer. There was a full array of dried fruits, because none would have been in season at the time

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The Colonists also had herbs and seasonings to cook with such as onions, leeks currants, sorrel, yarrow and brooklime. Maple syrup was used for sweetening but no sugar was As noted, this thanksgiving feas

As noted, this thanksgiving feastwas not repeated, but in 1623, during
a severe drought after the pligning
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arin followed, the governor pre-claimed another day of thanksgiving,
and again the plignins invited their
Indian friends to share their boards
but it would not be until 1674 that another Day of Thanksgiving took
place. On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Mass.,
bed a meeting to determine how they
would express thanks for the good
fortune that saw their community or
universal thanksgiving and
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thanksgiving.

Juno 29 was dectared thanksgiving. October 1977 marked the first time that all 13 colonies joined in a true thanksgiving celebration and it also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga, but it was a one-time celebration. George Washington later proclaimed a factor proclaimed a fact a one-time celebration. George Washington later proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in

1789, although some were opposed to it because there was discord among the colonies and many felt the hardships of a few pillgrims did nor warrant a national holiday.

And later, even President Thomas Inferrons socied at the idea of having a special day set saide. So how did his national holiday come about? It was journalist Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, who dogged efforts eventually led to what we now recognize as Thanksgiving. Bay. Hale wrote many editorials championing the cause in her Boston Ladies Magazine, but it would take a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents before anyone would take her seriously. Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

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November as a national day of
Thanksgiving.
After that Thanksgiving was proolated by every president, although
the date was changed several times,
most recently by Franklin Roosevelt.
Hoping to extend the Christmas shopping season, Roosevelt set it up one
week before the next to the last Thursday, but public uproar against his decision force the president to move the day back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiv-ing was finally sanctioned by Con-gress as a legal holiday, the fourth Thursday in November.

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Bicyclist sustains injury after brush with motorist

A bicyclist, riding on Route 22, wasstruck by a car Növ. 18.

The rider, a Rouelle Park resident,
was traveling west on the earthough
side. The motorist, a Springfield resident, was pulling out of the Bally's
parking lot, attempting to merge onto
eastbound Route 22, when he reporedly struck the bike rider on the
southern shoulder. The rider sustained
a knee injuy.

• About \$5.700 belonging to the
Marlo Travel Agency of Irvington
reportedly was stolen at the First
Union Bank on Morris Avenue Nov.

18. Springfield police managed to
recover \$5,000. The case is still under
investigation.

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 A pair of Timberland boots valued at \$139 allegedly was stolen from Just for Feet on Route 22 Nov. 14.

 A purse belonging to a Westfield resident reportedly was stolen as the victim dined at Scotty's restaurant on Morris Avenue Nov. 13. The purse contained a New Jersey driver's license and \$150 cash.

 An attempted motor vehicle theft on Taft Lane resulted in damage to the vehicle's driver-side door window and an ignition cylinder.

 Over \$1,000 of recording software was taken from the Guitar Cen-

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ter on Route 22 Nov. 12. Police reports described the robbery as "theft by deception."

Various items reportedly taken from a Troy Drive basement Nov. 12 included a table and four chairs, two bicycles

- Mountainside

 Jesus Rodriguez, 21, of Newark,
 "was stopped on westbound Route 22
 Saturday for erratic driving and having a cracked windshield: Investigation revealed him to be a suspended
 driver. He was released on \$500 bail.
- East Orange resident Robert Sor-zano was arrested on westbound Route 22 Friday when a computer check revealed him to be unregis-tered, with a suspended license and registration.
- Mountainside resident Henry Knaz Jr., 21, was arrested by borough Knaz Jr., 21, was arrested by borough police Nov. 16. Knaz was identified as having participated in a robbery in-Seaside Park last month. He was remanded to the Ocean County Jail and held in lieu of \$35,000 bail.

'Toys for Tots' holds fund-drive

This year marks Springfield Autoland's 14th consecutive fund-raising drive for the Marine Corps Reserves "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Between now and Christmas, Autoland on Route 22, along with Mack Camera on Morris Avenue in Springfield, will be collection centers for new unwrapped toys or donations. One hundred percent of the toys and money collected goes towned "Toys for Tos," a nationwide effort to provide new toys for children who otherwise wouldn't receive gifts during the holiday season.

"There is no better time for the people of our community to join together. Our support of the children is both a needed and valued part of this holiday season," said Andrea Karsian, spokesman for Autoland.

Be my teddy bear



Deerfield School student Morgan Hill learns how to make a teddy bear during last month's Oktoberfest.

Seniors travel to watch 'Nutcracker

The members of the Mountainside Senior Citizen club will travel Wednesday
the New Jersey Performing Arts Center to enjoy Tchaikovsky's "Nutcrack" Prior to the show they will have dinner at Tony Cameca's Portuguese

estaurant. Tickets are still available: Call Loretta Buschman at (908) 232-1404.

Pedestrian loses round against motor vehicle

An vehicle accident at Mornis.

Arenue and Caldwell Place left a pedestrain in critical condition Priday.

Springfield's Engine One crew began work on the patient, who had received head injuries. A landing zone for a Northstar helicopter had been set up on the Jonathon Dayton High School lawn to trasport the victim to the hospital. Shortly after 8 a.m., a medic unit rom Overlock Hospital arrived, and the helicopter was cancelled.

Minutes later, the First Ald Squad Minutes later, the First Ald Squad

cancelled.

Minutes later, the First Aid Squad
appeared, transporting the victim to
the traums center at Morristown
Memorial Hospital.

• The department responded to
Mountain and Tooker avenues at 9:51
am. Friday for a motor vehicle

Three medical service calls also were answered.

Calls for two activated fire alarms ere handled by the department Nov.

One motor vehicle accident and a call reporting an odor of gas at a South Maple. Avenue residence were answered Nov. 16.
There was one activated alarm and two medical service calls on the day.
Five medical service calls were answered. Nov. 18.

Five mounts as answered Nov. 15.
 Calls for two activated carbon monoxide detectors were placed Nov. 15. There was one motor vehicle accident and four activated alarms.

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» A car, parked on some day, leaves.
In the Shop Rite parking lot on Mornis
Tumplice, caught fire Nov. 14. Firefighters arrived at 11:45 am. and
found a small fire near the steering
box, caused by some leaves near the
heat shield at the bostom of the
engine. A water entinguisher was
used to put out the fire. The car suffered no major damage, although
some power steering wires were
burned.

Quarry video produced by commission

Late last month, the Springeld Environmental Commission received an Environmental Achievement Award for a video it produced about the Houdaille Quarry in Springfield. The award was given by the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission, a stakewide nonprofit organization that supports local environmental commissions.

Springfield's Environmental Commission Chairperson Marcia Forman accepted the award at ANIEC's annual conference in Princeton.

The commission proudee the 24-minute video, "A Changing Environment — Transition of a Quarry" as part of an effort to bull support for including the

Transition of a Quarry," as part of an effort to build support for including the site in the open space and perceation element of Union County's Master Plan. The vidgo traces the quarry's history and takes the viewer on a walking tour of the site to observe the process of revegetation that has occured since mining

thirdies ceased.

The video was distributed to schools, libraries, members of the Union County of Chasen Freeholders and cable television stations. The commission Board of Chosen Freeholders and cable television station also sponsored a tour of the quarry, attended by 85 people.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
And then there were two.
First we give credit to Elizabeth
and Rathway for making it all the
way to their respective sectional
champlonship games.
Union almost made it, losing a
hearbreaking decision to Monclair. The Farmers hung tough, never gave up and came within yet
to win a game they trailed from
the beginning.

Seeded No. 1 in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, the Farmers are the section's seventh consecutive top seed to not win the championship. The only top seeds to win the championship in the 1990s were the Union teams of 1991 and

So, in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, we have fourth-seeded Montclair vs. third-seeded Eli-zabeth. This will be the first time he teams will face each other in the championship game. Elizabeth is a perfect 4-0 in championship-game appearances, while Moniclair is the owner of three playoff sectional titles and has played in eight title

games.

The state playoffs in New Jersey
began in 1974 and the power points
system the following year.

Elizabeth defeated Montclair in

the first round at home in 1988, while Montclair returned to Williams Field in the first round in 1995 and upset the top-seeded

1995 and upset the top-seeded Minutemen.
Elizabeth last won the section in 1997 and also won it to 1981, 1988 and 1989. Montelair last won the section in 1996 and 1989. Montelair last won the section in 1996 and 1994. The Mounties lost im the title game to Union three times in the 1980 (1982, 1984 and 1985) and to Randolph (1990) and Morris Knoils (1995) once each in the 1990s.
The North Jørsey; Section 2, Croup 3 championship game will pit third-seeded Rahway vs. (10p-seeded: and defending champion Morristown Rahway has cipared championships in this section in 1978, 1979 and 1984, while Morristown has won titles in this section in 1993, 1997 and 1998. The Colonials also won the firs North Jorrey; Section 2, Croup 4 playoff championship by beating Bloomfald 30-10-in the 1974 title game, contested at the Atlantic City Con-

field 30.10 in the 1974 title game contested at the Atlantic City Convention Center...
Morristown, owner of the state 's tongest present winning streak at 28, is 8-0 in the state playoffs. Rahway made the state playoffs last year for the first time since 1984.

WEEK ELEVEN

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Tomorrow
Union at Souch Plains, 10:30
Linden at Elizabeth, 10:30
Linden at Elizas Side, 10:30
Hillside at Rahway, 10:30
Johnson at Ridge, 10:30
R. Park at Roselle, 10:30
Gov. Liv. at New Prov., 10:30
Fersiely at Dayton, 10:30
Weequshic at Summit, 11:30

WEEK TEN
NJSIAA SEMIFINALS
Friday, Nov. 19
North 2, Group 4
Elizabeth 32, Roxbury 14
Saturday, Nov. 20
North 2, Group 4
Monclair 13, Union 7
Sunday, Nov. 21
North 2, Group 3
Rahway 14, Scotch, Plains 2

J.R.'s picks for Week Eleven: Union over Scotch Plains Elizabeth over Cranford Linden over East Side Linden over-East-Side Rahway over Hilliside Ridge over Johnson Roselle Park over Roselle New Providence over GL Brearley over Dayton Weequahic over Summit Last Week: 0-3 Season: 63-20 (.750)

- TERRIFIC TRIRTEEN
 1. Blizabeth (9-1)
 2. Union, (8-2)
 3. Rahway (9-1)
 4. Linden (6-3)
 5. Brastley (3-4)
 6. Johnson (3-4)
 7. Dayton (3-4)
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 9. Roselle Park (3-6)
 10. Cranford (2-7)
 11. Roselle (2-7)
 12. Gov. Liv. (2-7)
 13. Summit (1-8)
- Summit (1-8)

SPORTS



For the third year in a row these 8th gråde cross country runners from the Summit Middle School have completed their season with no losses. Kneeling, from left, are Matt Donnally, Gabe Chesman, Elizabeth Hanklinson, Brian Mulligan and Christine Eckhardt. Middle row, from left, are Jim Wexter, Kyle Dobieszewski, Caroline Mannaerts, Kate Jecebs, Ellen-Jones, Clare Needham and Danielle Delledonne. Back row, from left, are Sean Thompson, Dwayne Reid, Rob Wisoff, Dwight Reid and coach Bruce Fenska.

Summit Middle School harriers are fastest in their own invite

Boys' and girls' winning streaks continue

For the fifth year consecutive year the Summit Middle chool boys' and girls "A" teams swept the Summit Invi-

School boys' and girls "A teams swept the ownstant un-rational cross country meet.

Coach Bruce Fenska was proud to end this 1999 season with both his boys' and girls' teams undefeated for 92 and 31 wins in a row, respectively.

Running their top-eight runners against squads from Brooktiwn, "Plainfield, North Plainfield, Ridge, Union, Cranford, Parsippany, Millburn, Watchung, Somerville, Mount Olive and Stirling, Summit again took first-place brooms.

honors.

Summit's top girls included Elizabeth Hankinson,

Latoya Simpson, Caroline Mannaerts, Clare Needham and Kate Jacobs, while the winning boys were Dwight and Dwayne Reid, Brian Mulligan, Rob Wisoff and Zach

Dwyne Redd-Brane Mulligan, rwo - contraint season Barber.
Over 270 runners competed in the invite which took place at Summit's Memorial Field.
In the boys' 'B' race, Summit's Matt Domailty and Michael Kaufman not far behind.
The strength of the girls' 'B' ream was Danielel Delle-Dome in first and Joanna Maubeck second, followed by Cristina Lucero, Katie Grouss and Katie 'Nitzberg.



Front-runner and Summit Middle School 8th grader, Elizabeth Hankinson, sets the pace for the girls "A" race during this year's Summit Invitational. Competing against the top cross country runners from 13 other schools, Elizabeth paced the girls "A" team to a first-place finish by posting an impressive time of 1142. This was the fifth year that the Summit boys and girls "A" teams won the invitational.

Undefeated soccer team



The Rebels finished undefeated in Springfield Recreation 3rd & 4th Grades Soccer League competition. Kneeling, from left, are Alex Gonzalez, Brandon Bujnowski, Christopher Butler, Adam Frank, Matthew Butler and Lucas Biebelberg. Standing, from left, are Suy Williams, Thomas Walsh, David Steinman, Alex Neubauer, Joel Loeshelle and Paul Pimentel. Coaches, from left, are Bob Butler and Jeff Neubauer. Not pictured are Justin Russikoff, Matthew Shanes, Anthony Salori and Oleg Peressada.

🚜 🚅 Hockey team has high expectations

Dayton prepping for 3rd year

The Daylon High School tee hockey team enters its third season with high expectations. One of the squad's goals is to qualify for the state playoffs. The team, ender the direction of head coach buy of ristekhe, began precising this past, week out of the Bridgewater Sports Arena and Chimney Rock Ice

Rink.

Dayton will field varsity and junior varsity teams for the first time-and-willrely heavily on several returning seniors.

Last year's captain, senior Jared Cohen, is recovering from a broken ankle
and hopes to be ready to play by the beginning of January. His rate of recovery
will have a direct impact on the Buildogs' playoff chances as Cohen has led the
team in scoring the previous two years.

During his absence, longtime linemate Jonathan Kovacs looks to bring his
game to the next level. Kovacs was the hird-deading scorer for the Buildogs in
the Varsity Sammer League this year and has proven to be an offensive force
fore Davton.

for Dayton.

The Bulldogs will be playing out of Chimney Rock in Bridgewater and their season will run from December through February.



Dayton High School senior ice hockey standout Jared Cohen is recovering from a broken ankle and hopes to be ready to play by the beginning of the January. His rate of recovery will have a direct impact on the Buildogs' state playoff chances as Cohen has led the team in scoring the



Dayton High School's Jonathan Kovacs looks to bring his game to the next level. Kovacs was the third-feading scor-er for the Buildogs in the Varsity Summer League this year and has proven to be an offensive force for Dayton.

Grandpa Sid' shares stories, songs

"Grandpa Sid," played by Springfield resident Sid.
Frank, will tell stortes and play songs for kids at the
Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Free Public
Library at 2 pm. Dec. 12.
Frank has written the scripts for about 40 children's
long-playing record containing hundreds of songs for
which the has written the lyries. The program will consist of
selections from this material.
"Grandpa Sid" will fell his own stories, play his own
songs and put on his own stilly hats. He will tell about
Pinocchio, Uncle Barnaby and the Good Pond from
"Babes in Toyland," Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyan,
Babe the Bige Ox and why witches take "mean pills."
Frank has a long career in theater and recording. He
wrote the book and prires for a series of educational musical presentations including "Jetz," about New Jersey;
"Tarrheel," about North Carolina; "One for Good Mea-

sure," an introduction to the metric system and "They knew New Brunswick." for the city's centennial. Also done by Sid Frank are "Gold Pieces" and "The "Wisard of Oz,"-both children musicals.-Frank has written-lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank Sinstra, Billy Ekstine and Szarh Vaughn. He is the author of books such as "The Presidents." "Tidbits and Trivia" and "Howard the Horrible Horse." His countbudge to education includes "The Talking Map." "The World of the Birds" and "World of Weather & Trip to the Moon." Funding for this smorzam, but here nowarded by the A.

Funding for this program has been provided by the A. Leigh Balber Memorial Fund. Balber, a long time local resident, was active in all library issues.

This program is free and open to all. The Donald B. Pal-mer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. For informatiom call (973) 376-4930.





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