

P.A.L.-ing around



Members of the Mountaineers honorary PBA Local 126 help kick off the implementation of Mountaineers 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

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 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 Tropical Storm Floyd."

The Elizabethtown wells present a tricky legal challenge. Although the wells were shut down in the late 1980s, 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 — exactly what members of the Marion Avenue organization are looking to do now.

According to Township Attorney Bruce Bergen, the permit never was issued.

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

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 Elizabethtown has no intention of going back into negotiations.

Members of the Marion Avenue organization say the neighborhood's water table was artificially lowered during the years the wells were in operation. 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 maintenance of the local dikes and levees, work on the curbs and storm sewers and the sewage pump.

Mishaps with the sewage pump, which runs uphill to Morris Avenue, have caused some residents serious problems. Gristi, for one, said he has suffered sewage backup in his cellar. "I had things like condoms and toilet paper floating in my cellar," he said. "I lost a lot of articles, and got no help from the town. The town told me to contact their insurance company. I did, and nothing happened—I had to throw 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 got an audience last week that any artist would be jealous of.

Parents, siblings, art teachers, principals and members of the Board of Education crammed the board's offices at Jonathan Dayton High School Nov. 15 to view a variety of paintings, drawings, prints and ceramics produced by the township's students during the 1998-99 school year.

After the viewing, Superintendent Gary Friedland presented each of the artists with certificates of recognition. A small reception, with cookies and punch, was then held in the auditorium balcony area.

The works, framed with the help of Ralph Celebre and art teacher Suzanne 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 grade 12.

In the pre-kindergarten group, Vinnie Nagy's untitled geometric print, produced entirely in deep red, demonstrates an instinctive rhythm. Circles, squares and triangles pile randomly on top of each other, forming a vague pyramid 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 noteworthy. 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 of low-keyed colored construction paper. 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, Iris Ting showed her ability to manipulate various mediums. Her scratchboard, "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 frisky dog, glazed in brown and white with its mouth hanging slightly open, and a sedate plaster-of-Paris mask of a woman's face helped further emphasize the young artist's diversity.

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.

Another scratchboard, by seventh-grader Jessica Mass, is a detailed, busy, almost nervous image of an unidentifiable reptile clinging to a branch. Much less stylized than Ting's animals, Mass' reptile is somewhat more naturalistic but still full of expression, right down to its small, peashaped, heavy-lidded eyes.

Dayton students Jessica Moelk and Jennifer Saracino 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, green and violet figures. Two pairs of figures in the lower corners, either embracing or wrestling or playing Twister, balance out the composition. Moelk creates a striking effect by setting the multi-colored tree against an impenetrable black background.

In "Rain," an angel standing on a flower, smells a flower. The background, again dark and dense, enhances the ethereal quality of the figure. The angel's hands, as she pulls the flower forward to smell it, are very simply and delicately done.

Saracino's "A Round of Applause" is all hands. Like Moelk, Saracino accepts the challenge of a difficult medium — in this case, colored pencil. A circular pattern of hands, intersected at various points by other hands extending from beyond the edges of the drawing, makes for an almost dizzying work. Saracino'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.

The new century is celebrated in different styles in several small ceramic "graduation" pots created by eighth-graders. Lindsay Coughlin's design takes the form of a chubby 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 "PMO 2000" into her design, while Marc Cicchino relies on a pyramid design.

The participants include the following students: Jihin Hwang, Vincent Nagy and Brenda Warman from the Edward V. Walton School; Rosemary Garofalo, Christina Karas, Natasha Scott and Iris Ting from the Thomas L. Sandmeier School; Alyssa Alper, Savannah Gill, Monica Grabowski, Yana Grichina, Jessica Mass, Andy Title and Josh Walkoff from the Florence M. Gaudiner School; Kimberly Baldwin, Amy Gardner, Lisa Horowitz, Megan Izzo and Nina Yanzanzone from the James Caldwell School and Jessica Moelk and Jennifer Saracino 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.

First Aid 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 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, nonprofit organization, funded largely by contributions. As always, new members are needed, especially during the daytime hours. For information about joining or contributing to the squad, call (973) 376-0400.

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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 the most well-known Thanksgiving hymn, translated from a Netherlands folk song.

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 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. There 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 bountiful harvest yielding the food they ate — we, too, should remember our blessings. While our "harvest" 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 analysis, 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 months 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 democratic 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 Carter-Bell factory site. The complex would rest on the border of the two municipalities, 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 ratee.

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."

—Lyndon B. Johnson
36th U.S. president
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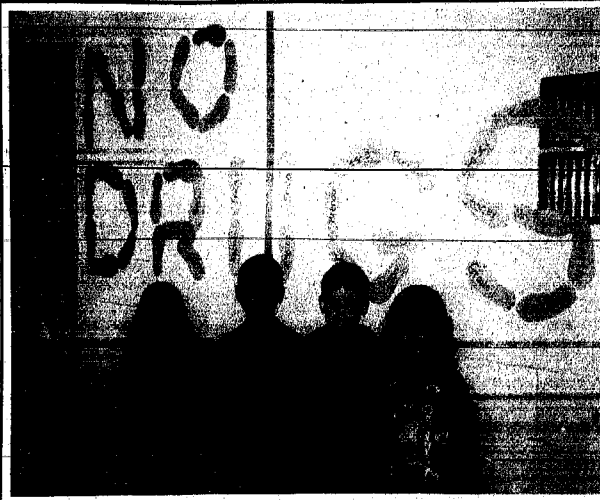
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STAMPING OUT DRUGS — Thelma Sandmeier School second-graders, from left, Stacey Roth, Christian Wortman, Jesse Krumholz and Aliza Stone use their shoe prints to spell out their feelings about drugs during Red Ribbon Week last month.

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 painter. I've had the chance to travel a little bit, watch my friends' babies grow, go 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 war.

When I registered for the draft in 1980, I was terrified. Anyone who tells you they looked forward to the experience is either dead above the neck or lying. I remember filling out the registration card in the Post Office, absolutely certain I was signing my life away. Forget about the professional career stuff; I didn't

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. 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 bums whose youth fell between the kinds of conflicts that usually despoil young men. I also

arrived in time for the new technological warfare, whose 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, despite 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 break or two, it could have been me there. I won't lie about it: "I'm glad 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

only hate that's worth advocating and cultivating.

No idealism here; hating war won't bring world peace. It won't even bring about a temporary peace. War is part of the "death and taxes" inevitability. But if we can really hate war, and if we can vocalize our hatred of it, to both ourselves and our kids, then in one shot we can also loathe all the miserably abject qualities in the human character that too often run rampant. All this will do, all it 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, keeping an eye out for conflict. Hate the potential for war that keeps them there. Give thanks for peace.

It's getting crowded on the campaign trail

It's been a busy few weeks in the race for New Jersey's U.S. Senate seat. Three days after Congressman Bob Franks of Berkeley Heights officially joined the fray, Essex County Executive James Treffinger of Verso raised nearly half a million dollars at a Veterans Day fund-raiser at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

Union County Chairman Frank McDermott was among those in attendance but was quick to point out he simply accepted an invitation; he hasn't necessarily endorsed the two-time Essex County executive but was just there to mingle and make friends.

Others at the minimum-\$500-a-head fund-raiser included county chairmen from Essex, Hudson, Passaic and Morris counties. Other Union County Republicans were included Summit Councilman Dr. Eric Munoz and former Springfield Township Committeeman and Freeholder candidate Harry Pappas. Franks will have a \$500-per-person fund-raiser of his own Dec. 9 at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

Franks' campaign manager Charlie Smith doesn't seem worried about a McDermott 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 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 Hynwa
Regional Editor

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

State Sen. William Gormley of Atlantic County is another name mentioned in next year's U.S. Senate race but has not officially declared. One source in the Republican Party estimates Gormley's election war chest at \$3 million already. Sen. Robert Torricelli 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 re-election. Every candidate bemoans the fund-raising aspect 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.

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 Nov. 2 Republican Assemblyman Joel Weingarten of Millburn, who has been mentioned as a candidate for some time, is scheduled to formally announce his bid at The Grand Summit Hotel on Tuesday.

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

The freeholders met on a Wednesday 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 was without a jacket.

Walking past the county courthouse, I saw the POW vigil set up on the courthouse plaza. Gene Davis, a Linden Board of Education member and Vietnam veteran, was in a bamboo cage to remind people of American prisoners of war and what veterans have gone through for our country.

As I walked back to the administration 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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The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be specific about Christmas cheer

To the Editor:
A Christmas reminder: Dec. 25 commemorates the birth of Christ, it's not "Season's Greeting." See-

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

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

Joseph C. Chieppa
Mountside

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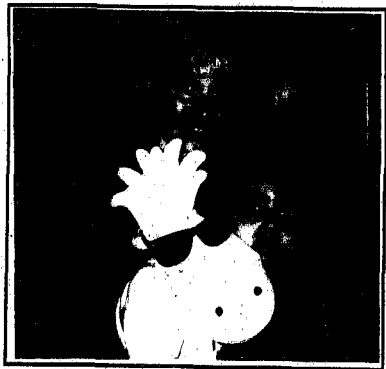
To the editor:

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 entire 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 get our message to the voters. Now that the election is over, we intend to do our best to fulfill the trust that has been returned to our hands and build on our record of success in representing the people of the 21st Legislative District.

Kevin J. O'Toole
Assistant Majority Leader
Joel Weingarten
Assemblyman District 21



'Ghandi' is next video for library series

The Springfield Free Public Library continues its Lunchtime Video Series, "Hollywood Classics: Old and New" with "Gandhi," 1982, 187 minutes, Dec. 7 at noon.

"Gandhi," the winner of eight Academy Awards stars Ben Kingsley and Candice Bergen. In the epic movie, Gandhi's life, principles and power show how this modest man led his country to freedom.

This series continues at noon on the following Tuesdays of every other week as follows:

- Dec. 21: "A River Runs through It," 1992.
- Jan. 4, 2000: "Philadelphia," 1994.
- Jan. 18: "Ghosts of Mississippi," 1996.
- Feb. 1: "A Good As It Gets," 1997.
- Feb. 15: "My Best Friend's Wedding," 1998.

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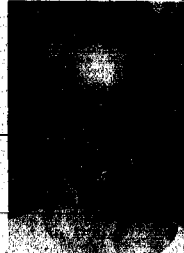
Lori Rothbard

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



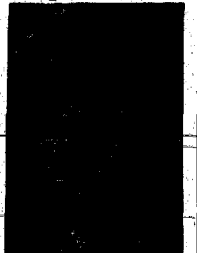
Lou Winarsky

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



Lydia Komanecky

"I may work. Then I'll have dinner later with my friends and family."



Edith Stiller

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

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 frenzied.

Pre-Christmas days seem like days of frenzy because people always seem to be in a hurry to get something done, anything at 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 mix, looking for the elusive gift, probably this year the most unusual Pokemon toy or card, there are some kids in the background squalling, "I want..." All too often 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.

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

As I 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 symptomatic of our times. We cannot blame the local merchant. This is 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 catalog senders who bombard us with seasonal goodies in the middle of a heat wave.

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

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

Gone are the days, it would seem, when hours were spent 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 gifts, rather than delighting in the fun of giving.

There was a time when the giving was fun—it 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 grab what comes first, pay the tab 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 neighbors in need. When anyone stands outside a supermarket asking for help through any organization, people respond. When groceries are checked out in the same supermarket, look how many people pluck off the slips to add \$1 or more to the grocery bill to add the soup kitchen.

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, especially during the Christmas season, all bars are dropped.

As we traverse the shops and dive into the goodies, let's try to remember 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 may truly bring back the meaning of Christmas. Seek out those in need and give.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.



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Red Cross gets new blood



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

Township resident, agent attends life insurance forum

Springfield resident Stephen C. Nitti was selected to attend the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Nitti, an agent with the life insurer, was invited to the forum because of his sales achievements. Of the company'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.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Staehling

Dorothy H. Staehling, 79, of Bedminster, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 14 in Arbor Glen, Bridgewater. Born in Derby, England, Mrs. Staehling lived in Springfield before moving to Bedminster 14 years ago. She was an interior designer and owned D. R. Schneider Interiors, Bedminster, for 43 years and retired in 1991. Mrs. Staehling received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Mon Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., and also attended Newark School of Applied Arts, Parsons School of Design and New York University 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 Coast. She also was a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, New York City.

Surviving is her husband, Henry H.

Helen J. Wright

Helen J. Wright, 97, of Bridgewater, died Nov. 18 in the Haborside Health Care, Woods Edge Nursing Home, Bridgewater.

Born in Burlington, 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 Teachers College Normal School. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, the Methodist Church in Basking Ridge, the Chancel Choir and the Summit Chorale.

Ella M. Alefeld

Ella M. Alefeld, 89, of Westfield, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 18 in Rahway Hospital. Born in France, Mrs. Alefeld lived in Union and Springfield before moving to Westfield in 1998. She was a licensed practical nurse with the Sage Homemaking Service in Summit for 25 years and retired in 1986. Mrs. Alefeld was a member of the German-American Club in Newark.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Alatorre and Betti Gardner; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Michael J. Thurston

Michael J. Thurston, 37, of Basking Ridge, formerly of Mountainside, died Nov. 12 in home.

Born in Summit, Mr. Thurston lived in Dunellen and Mountainside before moving to Basking Ridge two years ago. He co-owned Birch Hill Floral, Bernardsville, for five years. Earlier, Mr. Thurston had been a theater actor with companies on the East Coast.

Surviving are his father, James Thurston; his mother, Loretta Spiotto; three sisters, Dawn Gebert, Patricia Redrup and Jennifer Ruerup; and his grandmother, Adele Thurston.

Dolores Byron

Dolores Byron, 68, of Mountainside died Nov. 16 in the Genesis Elder Care, Westfield.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Byron lived in Mountainside since 1971. She was an executive secretary for the United States Attorney 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 Mountainside for three years and the United States Naval Base in Bayonne for 20 years.

Surviving are a son, Danny J. Zelasko; a daughter, Denise A. Halloran; four sisters, four grandchildren, and her fiancé, George LaRosa.

Robert Kaplan

Robert Kaplan of Springfield died Nov. 17 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mr. Kaplan moved to Springfield 30 years ago. He was a certified public accountant for 50 years and he was a principal with Starr, Kaplan and Herzlinger Co., Springfield, and retired in 1994. Mr. Kaplan received a degree in accounting from Rutgers University, Newark. He served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Kaplan was an Emeritus Trustee of the University of Rutgers Foundation and a member of the Board of Governors and the Senate, both of Rutgers University, New Brunswick. He also was vice chairman of the Senior Corps of Retired Executives, Northern New Jersey Region and was a member of the New Jersey Certified Public Accountants Society.

Surviving are his wife, Frances, and a sister, Mlyn Persoff.

Initial survival feast becomes Thanksgiving tradition

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The story of the first Thanksgiving is steeped in myth and legend, but few people realize the Pilgrims did not actually celebrate 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 landing and setting up a makeshift camp was devastating to the Colonists. Not only had they had a rough 45-day voyage from Plymouth, England, but it was an unusual lot who had left everything behind to make a start in the New World. Though history would portray those who sailed on the Mayflower as pilgrims, the truth is there were more "strangers," an odd mix of outcasts for various reasons had to flee their native land, ahead.

The long trip had taken its toll on this group who set ground on Plymouth Rock Dec. 11, 1620. Many took sick during the voyage, but it was nothing compared to what these Colonists would face during that first bitterly cold winter.

By the following fall, only 46 of the original 102 sailing on the Mayflower were left, but in the spring, the Colonists were befriended by the Abnaki Indians, who taught them how to survive in the new land. Thanks to their help and guidance, the following fall they had a bountiful harvest. They did have a feast that year to celebrate this harvest, and it is this one historians 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 Colonists were so glad they managed to survive 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 Plantation, the living museum in Plymouth, Mass.

Nevertheless, this feast has become the model of the tradition the nation now observes the fourth Thursday of November. Though there are only two actual documented reports of this feast, they both go into much detail, including the fact the celebration lasted three days and was held outside because none of the buildings was large enough to house all the guests.

Edward Winslow, the leader of the colony, described the event several years later in a publication titled "Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth."

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on footings 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 Massasoit, with some ninety men, who for three days we entertained and feasted...And though it be not always so plentiful as it was this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are not so far from what we often wish we were partakers of our plenty."

The second description of the feasting was written by William Bradford about 20 years after the fact in "History of Plymouth Plantation." This rendition was rediscovered in 1845 and prompted a greater American interest in the history of the pilgrims, 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 waterfowl there were a great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many."

Another important part of the Thanksgiving tradition is the pumpkin pie, 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 Bradford, they did eat boiled pumpkin and produced a type of *hobd 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, lobster, fried fruit, clams, venison and plums.

Other foods included in the three-day feast were: goose, duck, crane, swan, partridge, venison and possibly salt pork and chicken. The pilgrims

As noted, this thanksgiving feast was not repeated, but in 1623, during a severe drought after the pilgrims gathered in prayer and a long steady rain followed, the governor proclaimed another day of thanksgiving, and again the pilgrims invited their Indian friends to share their bounty. But it would not be until 1676 that another Day of Thanksgiving took place. On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Mass., held a meeting to determine how they would express thanks for the good fortune that saw their community securely established. By unanimous vote, June 29 was declared as the day of 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 National Day of Thanksgiving in

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1789, although some were opposed to it because there was discord among the colonies and many felt the hardships of a few pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday.

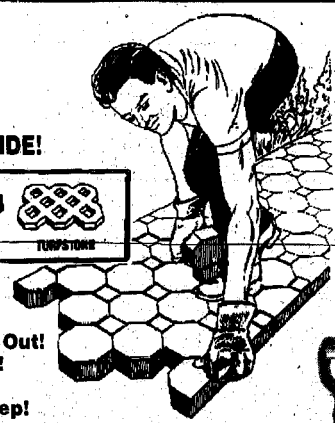
And later, even President Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of having a special day set aside. So how did this national holiday come about?

It was journalist Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose dogged efforts eventually led to what we now recognize as Thanksgiving Day. 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.

After that Thanksgiving was proclaimed 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 forced the president to move the day back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, the fourth Thursday in November.

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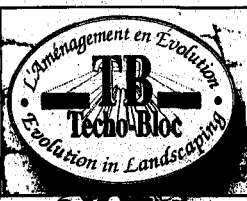


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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor

And then there were two. First we give credit to Elizabeth and Rahway for making it all the way to their respective sectional championship games.

Union alone made it, losing a heartbreaking decision to Montclair. The Farmers hung tough, never gave up and came within less than a yard of having the opportunity 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 11-0 Union teams of 1991 and 1992.

So, in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4, we have fourth-seeded Montclair vs. third-seeded Elizabeth. This will be the first time the teams will face each other in the championship game. Elizabeth is a perfect 4-0 in championship-game appearances, while Montclair 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 Minutemen.

Elizabeth last won the section in 1997 and also won it in 1981, 1988 and 1993. Montclair last won the section in 1996 and also won it in 1983 and 1994. The Mounties lost in the title game to Union three times in the 1980s (1982, 1984 and 1985) and to Randolph (1990) and Morris Knolls (1995) once each in the 1990s.

The North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 championship game will pit third-seeded Rahway vs. top-seeded and defending champion Morristown. Rahway has captured 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 first North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoff championship by beating Bloomfield 30-10 in the 1974 title game contested at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Morristown, owner of the state's longest 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

Tomorrow
 Union at Scotch Plains, 10:30
 Cranford at Elizabeth, 10:30
 Linden at East 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
 Breatley at Dayton, 10:30
 Weequahic at Summit, 11:00

WEEK TEN
NJSIAA SEMIFINALS
 Friday, Nov. 19
 North 2, Group 4
 Elizabeth 32, Roxbury 14
 Saturday, Nov. 20
 North 2, Group 4
 Montclair 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
 Rahway over Hillside
 Ridge over Johnson
 Roselle Park over Roselle
 New Providence over OL
 Breatley over Dayton
 Weequahic over Summit
 Last Week: 0-3
 Season: 63-28 (.763)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN
 1. Elizabeth (9-1)
 2. Union (8-2)
 3. Rahway (9-1)
 4. Linden (6-3)
 5. Breatley (5-4)
 6. Johnson (5-4)
 7. Dayton (5-4)
 8. Hillside (3-6)
 9. Roselle Park (3-6)
 10. Cranford (2-7)
 11. Roselle (2-7)
 12. Gov. Liv. (2-7)
 13. Summit (1-8)



For the third year in a row these 8th grade cross country runners from the Summit Middle School have completed their season with no losses. Kneeling, from left, are Matt Donnelly, Gabe Chesman, Elizabeth Hankinson, Brian Mulligan and Christine Eckhardt. Middle row, from left, are Jim Wexler, Kyle Dmbieszewski, Caroline Mannaerts, Kate Jacobs, 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 School boys' and girls' "A" teams swept the Summit Invitational cross-country meet.

Coach Bruce Fenska was proud to end this 1999 season with both his boys' and girls' teams undefeated for 92 and 81 wins in a row, respectively.

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

Summit's top girls included Elizabeth Hankinson,

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

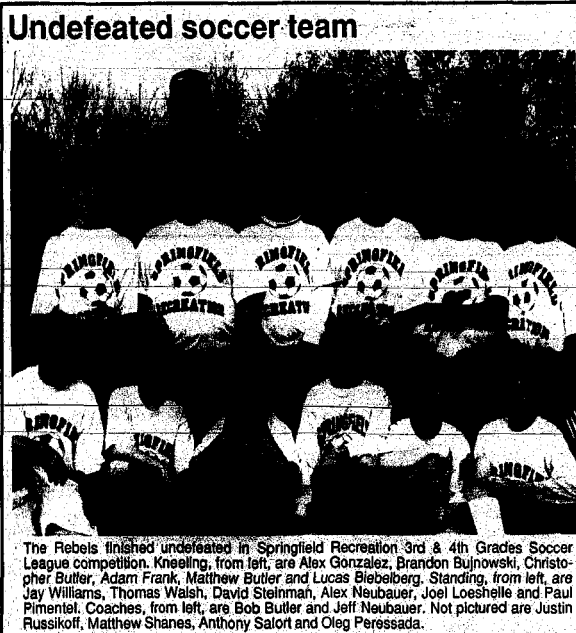
Over 270 runners competed in the invite which took place at Summit's Memorial Field.

In the boys' "B" race, Summit's Matt Jackson took first, with Chris Collins, Gabe Chesman, Matt Donnelly and Michael Kaufman not far behind.

The strength of the girls' "B" team was Danielle DelleDonne in first and Joanna Maulbeck 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 11:42. This was the fifth year that the Summit boys' and girls' "A" teams won the invitational.



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 Jay Williams, Thomas Walsh, David Steinman, Alex Neubauer, Joel Loeshelle and Paul Pimental. Coaches, from left, are Bob Butler and Jeff Neubauer. Not pictured are Justin Ruszkoff, Matthew Shanes, Anthony Salort and Oleg Perassada.

Hockey team has high expectations

Dayton prepping for 3rd year

The Dayton High School ice hockey team enters its third season with high expectations. One of the squad's goals is to qualify for the state playoffs.

The team, under the direction of head coach Dave Orntschke, began practicing 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 will rely 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 Bulldogs' 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 third-leading scorer for the Bulldogs in the Varsity Summer League this year and has proven to be an offensive force 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 Bulldogs' state playoff chances as Cohen has led the team in scoring the previous two years.



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