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Recital is not rote for them

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Little Kylee Lutz is just 3 years old with big brown eyes and a blonde ponytail; she is as playful and lovable as a little girl can be, but not when she is reciting her Bible verse. She is very serious.

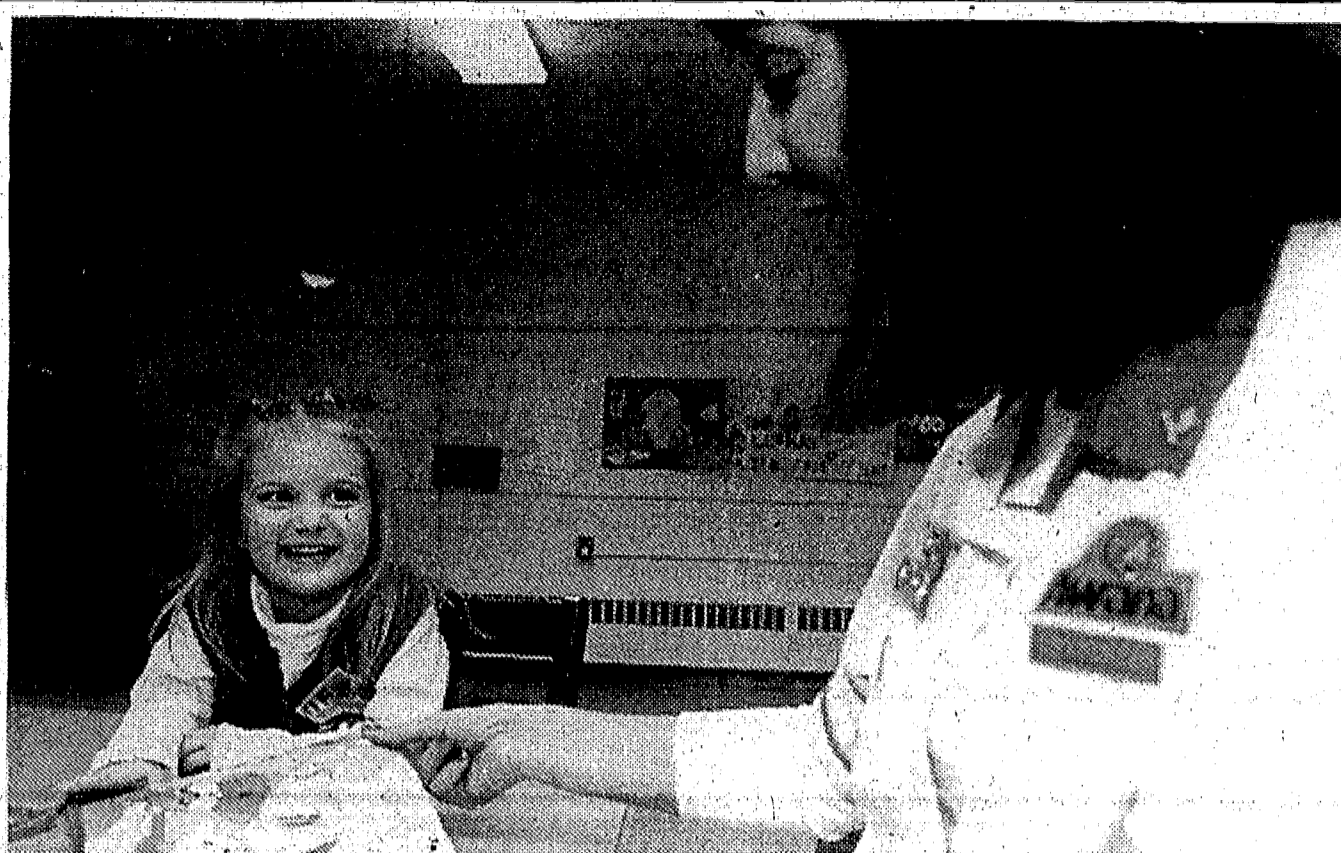
"He said, 'Go, thy sins are forgiven.'" This was the Bible verse from the New Testament, Luke: chapter 5, verse 20, that Kylee had memorized. It had to be from memory because the child, at just 3, still cannot read.

She belongs to the Cubbies, the youngest group of AWANA members at Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield, and she was practicing for her turn to recite the following Sunday, as her mother and brother looked proudly on in the church's basement rooms.

Susan Sisko is the Commander of AWANA, and she said Kylee is not unique; all of the children commit Bible verses to memory before they can even read them.

What is AWANA? It is now an international Christian children's club for boys and girls from Kylee's age up to seniors in high school. It is a big part of Evangel Baptist Church's ministry in the Springfield church, yet children come from other areas for the Sunday evening AWANA meetings each week, and are not necessarily members of the church, or even Baptists.

"AWANA stands for 'Approved



Kylee Lutz, 3, of Springfield shows Susan Sisko, commander of AWANA, how well she knows her Bible verse during a recital exercise. AWANA is a Christian club for children whose members meet at Evangel Baptist Church in Springfield.

Workmen Are Not Ashamed,' taken from the Bible, Second Timothy, Chapter 2: Verse 15, and it is a fun club for children, yet giving them values to have as they grow in this world today," said Sisko, "with the purpose being that the verses will stay in their hearts and minds until they read them for themselves and become part of their lives, a jewel for them to have when times get tough."

As is the church's custom, Sunday evening services begin at 6 p.m. and

while the children are downstairs at the AWANA club, parents are upstairs in the sanctuary at worship. Sisko said the AWANA club in no way replaces Sunday School, which they also have every Sunday morning like most other churches.

"This is a separate thing; and it is fun also. Children are served refreshments such as juice and cookies and fruit, and take part in games, songs and have a good time while learning their memory verses with other club-

bers," said Sisko.

Her own son, Zach, now 12, has been in the AWANA club since he was 3. "I met friends here and we have a lot of fun; now I am in the Junior Varsity of AWANA and we meet every week." He also helps with the younger children. Zach said right now, his group was collecting personal items for a Thanksgiving basket which will go to Good Will Missions for the homeless.

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Residents speak in favor of firefight

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Concerned with what they call the inadequate staffing levels of the Springfield Fire Department, several township residents spoke in favor of hiring additional firefighters at a recent Township Committee meeting.

"Firefighters are the ones that take care of the safety of all of us," said Marilyn Pine, a Springfield resident for more than 45 years. "I think this has gone on entirely too long. It's been going on for years. It's not a year, it's not two years, it's a very long time. I think something has to be done and has to be done not today, not tomorrow, but yesterday."

The township currently employs 21 full-time firefighters. Representatives of Springfield's Fire Department said the township needs to hire 12 to 16 more full-time firefighters in order for the staffing level to be adequate. Per shift, Springfield only has four firefighters on duty.

"It's my understanding that if there's a fire in my house that local firemen cannot enter the premises to fight the fire until they get assistance from other towns. If that's true, as a taxpayer, that's unacceptable," said Brian Gordon, a resident of the township since 1982.

According to state law, for every two firefighters who are inside a building extinguishing the fire, two additional firefighters must stand by outside the building. However, the driver of the engine does not count toward the two in/two out rule.

"You guys live with us," said Josh Rubin, addressing the Township Committee. "I went to school with your kids. I go to your temple. We know each other and I don't think any of you guys can look someone in the eye that you know and say, 'I could have done something about the staffing of our firefighters but I didn't for whatever reason.' These guys are the experts and I think you should listen to them."

Representatives of the Fire Department said Springfield should have between seven and eight firefighters on duty per shift.

"I think we are in a critical moment in terms of our Fire Department and the safety of our residents," said Edward Wade, a resident for more than 16 years.

Wade said it's time for the Township Committee to readdress their stand on the safety level of the Fire Department and take a hard look at what they're doing in terms of providing safety to the residents of the town.

"I have three small children who live in my house and I'm concerned that if something happens, the available manpower will not be on the scene in the appropriate amount of time," he said.

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Firefighters postpone demonstration

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield firefighters postponed their demonstration to request additional manpower after members of the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 57 made a presentation to the Township Committee, specifying the unsafe staffing levels of the Fire Department.

The firefighters were planning to demonstrate at a Township Committee meeting on Nov. 26. Instead, they will further discuss their staffing problems with the Township Committee in the near future.

"We met with them to discuss the staffing shortage," said FMBA Local 57 President James Beyer of his meeting with the Township Committee on Nov. 25. "We presented our feelings to them and we came to an agreement that we should meet some more times to discuss this."

Beyer said the state FMBA has several presentations that are going to be given to the Township Committee to help them understand why the staffing levels are inadequate.

"It'll show them what actually takes place at a fire scene so they can better understand why you need the manpower that we're requesting," said Beyer.

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"It's never been an issue of us saying we're never happy with the staffing level," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. "That's never been the case. The issue, as it always is at the end of the day, is money. If money was not an issue, I'd put eight guys on a tour. I'd hire 15 more guys. I mean who's not going to hire firemen if you don't have to deal with the money issue?"

The starting annual base salary for a Springfield firefighter is \$26,000. After a year of service the salary is raised to \$41,267; after two years \$49,909; after three years \$58,551; after four years \$62,123; and after five years \$63,917. The salaries do not include benefits or overtime.

Currently, Springfield employs one full-time firefighter who has served one year, two full-time firefighters who have served three years, one full-time firefighter who has served four years, and 17 full-time firefighters who have served five years or more.

"You hire four more firemen today it may not cost you much for two years but five years from now it's \$450,000," said Goldstein.

Springfield encompasses 5 square miles with an approximate population of 14,500 residents. Comparable communities, in terms of square mileage and population within Union County, are Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Clark, Mountainside and Summit.

Of those communities only Cranford and Summit employ full-time paid fire departments.

The Township of Clark's size and population is nearly identical to Springfield. However, the 4.5-square-mile township with approximately 14,600 residents has an entirely volunteer fire department. Berkeley Heights, at 6.9 square miles and approximately 13,400 residents, and Mountainside, at 4 square miles with an approximate population of 6,600 residents, also have fire departments consisting entirely of volunteers.

Goldstein said as important as additional firefighters are — and he stressed how vital they are to the safety of the residents of Springfield — there is a large consensus of people who cannot afford to have their property taxes raised in order to meet the needs of the Fire Department's staffing levels.

"What about that guy who's been living in town for 48 years; who gets \$1,800 a month from Social Security and \$400 a month on his pension, and now his taxes are going to be raised another \$400 a year because we're going to hire four more firemen?" Goldstein said.

Goldstein said the Township Committee is actively searching for ways to hire additional firefighters without raising property taxes.

"We're looking for grants," he said. "We're looking for everything short of raising property taxes. If we could finance it without raising taxes we'd be fools not to hire more guys."

Goldstein said the responsibility of the Township Committee is all encompassing, they cannot have a

single agenda. He said the committee would like the Fire Department to have the appropriate staffing levels but at the same time they have to answer to the taxpayers, who do not want to see an increase in property taxes.

A date for the FMBA Local 57 and the Township Committee to meet again has not been set yet.

Beyer said they will probably meet sometime in early January. Goldstein said he would like to meet as soon as possible, maybe even next week.

"I would love to see them hire and fill out the shifts like we've been requesting for years but that's not going to happen just yet," said Beyer. "We're going to see the same amount of men on duty as we have in the past. It's not going to change yet."

Position	1999	2000
Captain	\$78,147	\$80,883
1st Class Firefighter, 17	\$61,756	\$63,917
2nd Class Firefighter, 1	\$60,022	\$62,123
3rd Class Firefighter, 2	\$56,571	\$58,551
4th Class Firefighter, 0	\$48,221	\$49,909
5th Class Firefighter, 1	\$39,872	\$41,267
Probationary Firefighter, 0	\$26,000	\$26,000
Prevention Bureau	\$5,000	\$5,000
EMT	\$500	\$500
First responder	\$275	\$275
Certified fire inspector	\$500	\$500
Certified EMT	\$300	\$500
EMT*	\$1,500	\$1,500
Fire inspector*	\$1,500	\$1,500
Administrative assistant*	\$6,000	\$6,000

Source: Township of Springfield

Positions marked with an asterick are for assigned steady days, or employees who work non-rotating schedules, for instance, five days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are a total of 21 full-time firefighters in Springfield.

Position	1997	1998	1999	2000	1999*	2000*
Patrolman, probation	\$43,636	\$45,054	\$46,518	\$48,146	\$26,000	\$26,000
Patrolman, fifth class	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$33,472	\$34,643
Patrolman, fourth class	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$40,944	\$42,377
Patrolman, third class	\$51,202	\$52,866	\$54,585	\$56,495	\$48,416	\$50,111
Patrolman, second class	\$57,784	\$59,662	\$61,601	\$63,757	\$55,858	\$57,813
Patrolman, first class	\$59,430	\$61,361	\$63,355	\$65,572	\$63,355	\$65,572
Corporal	\$60,430	\$62,361	\$64,355	\$66,572	\$64,355	\$66,572
Detective	\$61,275	\$63,266	\$65,322	\$67,609		
Sergeant	\$67,632	\$69,830	\$72,099	\$74,623		
Detective sergeant	\$68,612	\$70,842	\$73,145	\$75,705		
Lieutenant	\$71,989	\$74,328	\$76,744	\$79,430		
Detective Lieutenant	\$72,979	\$75,350	\$77,799	\$80,522		

Source: Township of Springfield

Salaries marked with an asterick indicate employees hired after Dec. 16, 1998. All other salaries are for employees hired prior to Dec. 16, 1998. The main difference is the addition of a patrolman fifth class and patrolman fourth class.

Technology teaches kids with all kinds of tools, expert says

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

About 20 parents and others came out for the Mountainside Board of Education meeting Nov. 26, when many topics were covered; however, the main program was a slide presentation by Angela Cosimano, the new curriculum coordinator supervisor, who gave a review of her plans for the technology programs this coming school year.

Technology teacher Thomas Predale could not be present, but Cosimano said they had worked on the ideas together, and both were in agreement on the importance of technology for the children. "In fact, one of the things we would like to do with this technology program is to expand it to grades three through five," said Cosimano.

She said that in the broader view, she even believed it should start in kindergarten, but that was not possible with this year's planning, since it would involve the hiring of another technology teacher which is not in the budget.

"Looking down the road, though, I am sure this will come about. We want kids to know how technology works; we want them to think in terms of how everything works," she said.

She cited her own car as an example. "I just paid a mechanic over \$300 to fix my car, and I haven't a clue how he did it, but it runs fine now. I would have liked to learn how it works, but never did. We want children to grow up in this world and learn how things they use all around them work; this is the true mean-

ing of technology," the teacher said.

She used a slide presentation she had prepared with Predale, to illustrate how technology applies to everything. "Knowing something about the nature of technology and even the history of it, brings children into a higher level of thinking," she said. She said while there will of course be a special technology class, all teachers need to know how to teach children to solve problems.

"It could be a hammer or a wrench, or it could be a computer," the teacher said. "The curiosity about why things happen and how things work comes naturally to children, and we want to seize that and build upon it." She cited statistics in several recent surveys where 97 percent of people thought technology efficiency should be taught in schools, which she said combines both investigation and research habits for the children.

"Collecting data helps them solve problems. They go then from doing models to creating prototypes, and technology can be taught at all levels of comprehension for the younger children as well."

The members of the Board of Education seemed excited about her innovative approach to learning technology. Board member John Perrin asked, "What would be the next step; who is involved to have the third- and fourth-graders learn this?"

"I foresee a brainstorming session to go through this, with teachers and then the children. 'Where could technology enter into our lives, and what is the history of it?' is what we will ask."

She then said she and the technology teacher had asked themselves how are the other schools teaching the application of technology to other third-graders, and they were working on this. Board member Frank Geiger thought the critical thinking and communication concepts were more important than even the use of a computer, and he was also pleased with Cosimano's concepts.

Board member Raymond Haggart told her he worked for a technology company, yet he believed her common sense approach to technology learning was more important than just giving the children computers. "Software and hardware changes by the time they grow up, but learning how to question and think technology remains with them," he said.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, one mother asked Cosimano, "How will you know the programs are working for the children?" She said, "By the core curriculum testing that we do; all the tests measure the children's perception on these things; the GEPA, ESPA, and so on."

Cosimano summarized by saying, "The overview is to teach children to see how their world works, on their own levels, and using technology does this."

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Tuesday
• The Mountside Foothill Club luncheon is at B.G. Fields Restaurant, Springfield Avenue, Westfield, at noon.

Friday
• A senior citizen blood pressure clinic is offered 10 a.m. to noon in the court room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East in Mountside.

Saturday
• The Veterans of Springfield conduct a ceremony commemorating the 61st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Sunday
• The annual holiday nature craft show takes place at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountside, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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• Edward V. Walton School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield hosts its annual book fair, sponsored by the PTA, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

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Safety issues raised

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Fred Pine, a Springfield resident for more than 25 years, said that in 1988, a starting Springfield firefighter's base salary was dropped from \$36,000 to \$26,000 and the additional money was supposedly set aside to hire more firefighters.

"Since 1988 this has taken place and nothing has been done since then and I'd like to know why," he said. Pine also said that two years ago the Township Committee spent \$25,000 of taxpayer money to conduct a survey, determining appropriate staffing levels of the Fire Department.

Pine said the report has never been made public and he would like to know the results of that study. Mayor Steven Goldstein said the report will be made public sometime in the near future.

"As I've said and the Township Committee has said in general all along, our public safety, our fire safety and our community safety at home is very, very important," said Township Committee member Roy Hirschfeld.

"We're always focused upon that and we're always looking at ways to maintain safety in our community," Dawn Boettcher, who was born and raised in Springfield, said that over the past 25 years the township has expanded, adding additional housing and condominiums.

"I don't understand how we can justify the population expanding so much and yet the Fire Department doesn't have enough manpower."

Students visit D.C. museum

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

As part of the Holocaust Memorial Leadership Day, Jonathan Dayton High School seniors Ashley Goldberg and Marc Sanchez traveled to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., along with several other seniors from different schools, as they were given a private tour and exposure to special exhibits.

The trip took place Nov. 15. Two seniors from each high school in the 21st District — which includes Springfield, Mountside, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, New Providence, Roselle Park and Summit — were selected to participate in the all-expense paid trip.

"I thought it was a real good experience for me," Sanchez said. "I liked it and I didn't like it. The part I didn't like about it was that it was extremely depressing, the stuff I saw."

Sanchez said it was tough seeing pictures of people moments before they died and the people didn't even know what was about to happen to them.

"Before the people died the Nazis told everyone to take their clothes off," Sanchez said. "The people thought they were just going to take a group shower. There were fake shower heads. They put all the people into a gas chamber and they had no idea. It was really depressing."

The students who participated were selected on the basis of their interest in the Holocaust, leadership skills and their potential to share the educational benefits with others.

Assemblyman Thomas Kean Jr., who helped sponsor the trip, said the decision of which students will participate in the program was left up to the schools.

"The schools are usually the best people to decide," said Kean. "For us to create our official criteria it could take out from consideration not only individuals who could benefit a great deal from the program but those who



Marc Sanchez and Ashley Goldberg are two seniors at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield who recently returned from a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., along with several other seniors from local schools.

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Viewing allows victims a time to reclaim their possessions

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Victims of a series of break-ins into public storage lockers in Mountside and Green Brook, as well as burglaries of houses, garages and businesses in the borough and in Westfield, can retrieve their possessions Saturday, as the Mountside Police Department hosts a viewing of stolen items at Public Storage, Route 22 West, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The items were recovered when Mountside police officers arrested Candice Singer, a 42-year-old Westfield resident, Sept. 23. Singer admitted to committing the break-ins and burglaries.

Mountain side has two 10-foot-by-10-foot storage bins filled with hundreds of the items the police have recovered, ranging from hand

and power tools to computer equipment and collectibles.

"We ask that the people bring any police reports that they have in respect to the lost or stolen property and any documents that can support ownership of any particular item," said Police Lt. Todd Turner. "If they're able to provide that information and identify a product or item as being theirs, we will return it to them on the spot."

The Police Department has identified more than 50 victims, many of whom have already recovered their stolen items.

Turner said there are a lot of items that contain serial numbers which should be easy to identify, providing that the victims still have the documentation to support ownership, such as a receipt, a bill of sale, or a

warranty card with a make, model and serial number.

From Dec.-2001 to Sept. 2002, Singer stole items ranging from household appliances and stuffed animals to high-end computer and electronic equipment.

Singer stored the items, totaling more than \$35,000, in her Westfield residence as well as several storage facilities along Route 22.

Turner said that there are assorted collectibles which were recovered. He said he doesn't know if anyone's going to have supportive documents for items like those and the police will have to make a determination based on the individual's character and support of claim.

Items which are not claimed will be sold at an auction at a later date.

Decision on movie ticket tax delayed

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Holding off on their decision to approve a 3-percent tax on movie ticket sales in Mountside, the Borough Council instead agreed to table the decision until later this month.

The move came about at the regular Nov. 26 meeting where the resolution was up for approval by the council. The legislation originally was composed of a hotel and motel tax that was being presented by state legislators and the borough was considering amending it to include a tax on movie ticket sales and restaurants within the borough.

The idea was to provide an opportunity to alleviate the property tax burden on Mountside residents, as

these taxes, which could not exceed 3 percent, could be applied to all motels and hotels within the borough's borders. Mayor Robert Viglianti requested that other municipalities in New Jersey should follow suit.

But as the resolution came before the council vote, Viglianti had a change of heart.

When he got on the Internet and read the bill, he said it appeared to him that it was written for specific towns that had motels and hotels with a minimum of 100 rooms.

"This is not compatible," said Viglianti, noting that none of the hotels or motels on Route 22 would apply. "I think the idea has merit, but let's not make it a sweetheart deal for specific towns."

Regarding the movie ticket sales, Viglianti said he did not believe movie tickets should be considered a lifestyle necessity, and therefore, they should get the tax along with restaurants.

"It's going to help the larger cities who are getting tons of money and grants everyday anyway," said Viglianti.

Councilman Bill Lane said he was in favor of imposing a fee on hotels and motels as well as self storage facilities, but found issue with taxing movie tickets and restaurants.

"A comparison or an analogy can be made between taxes imposed on hotel rooms and possible taxes imposed on storage space," said Lane.

AWANA calls on all Christians

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Pastor of Evangel Baptist Church, The Rev. Frederick Mackie, feels AWANA is wonderful for young people. "The words, 'Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed,' comes from the writings of the Apostle Paul, or Timothy, who was a young pastor at the time. It was meant to give him encouragement and instruction in his ministry," explained Mackie. "For the children, our main objective is to

point them in the right direction." The minister said the organization is similar to Scouting, but goes a step beyond, by teaching them a lifestyle. Like Scouting, the children wear vests and earn badges, and have achievement workbooks and goals in learning Bible verses.

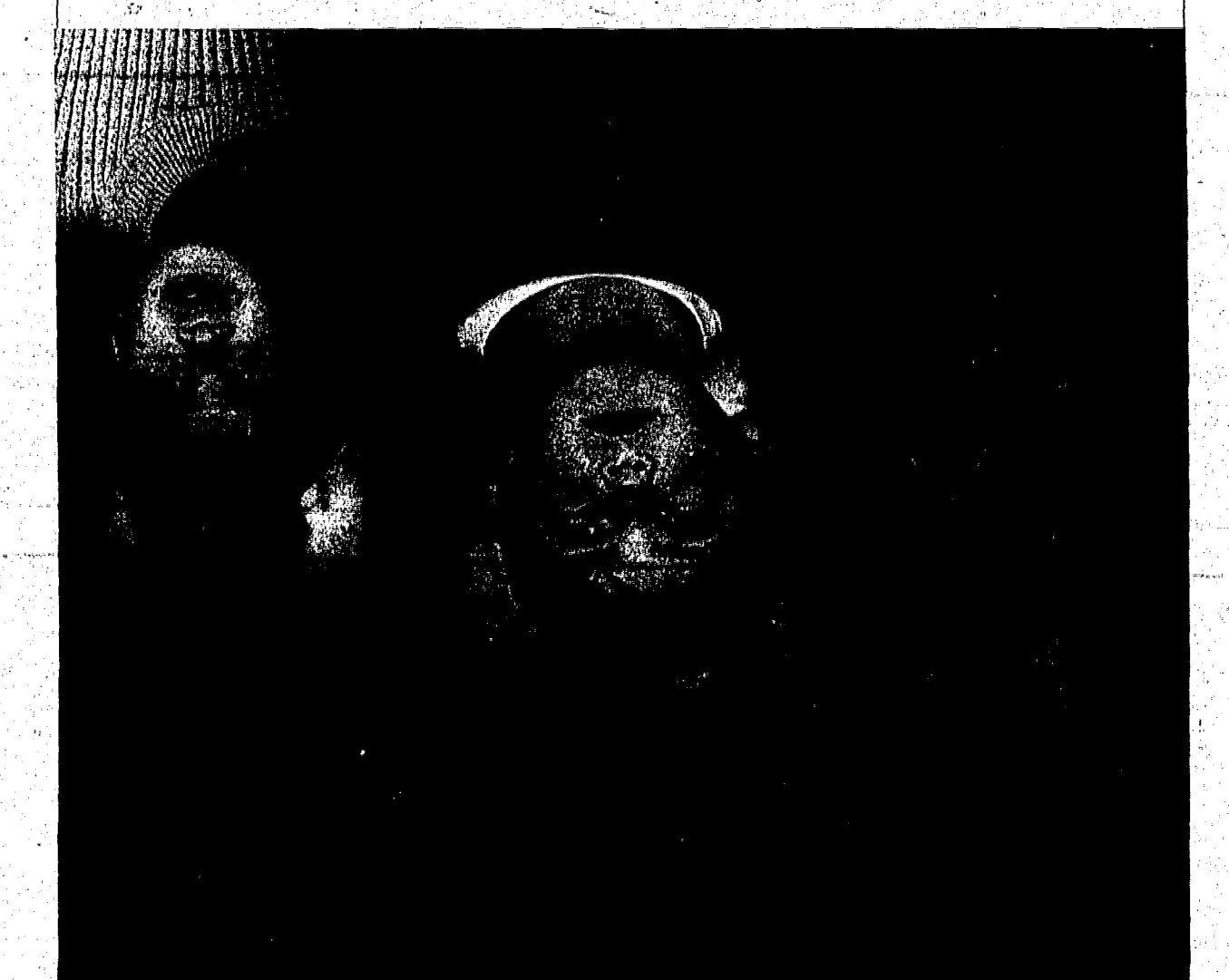
AWANA clubs actually began in 1950 as a youth program in a small church in Chicago, and by 1960 there were 9,000 churches in the United States with AWANA clubs. Now, there are clubs in all 50 states, and in more than 110 countries, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, and from Iceland to Australia.

Locally, Mackie said all of their workers have been fingerprinted, and checked thoroughly for child safety reasons. Evangel Baptist Church has about 22 leaders, with about five helpers.

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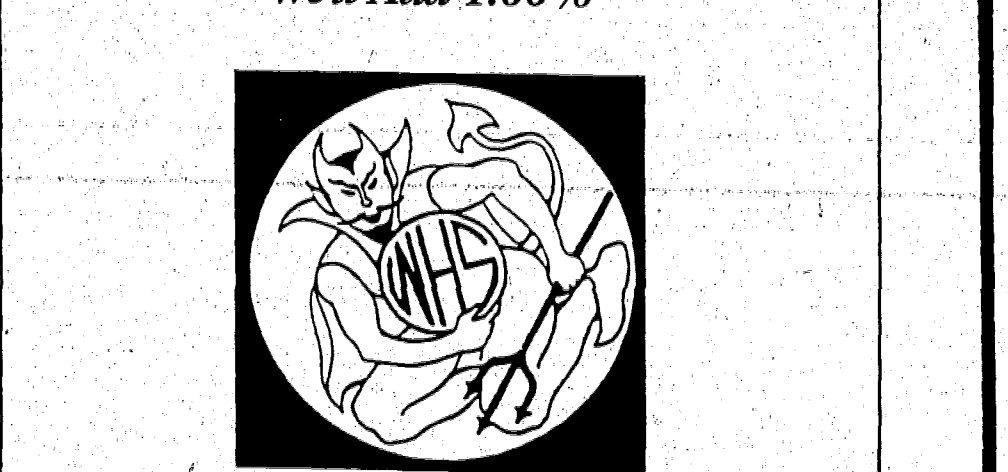
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HILLSIDE — What a season it was for Brearley running back Dan Zika. The senior finished as one of the state's leading scorers with 203 points on 27 touchdowns and 41 other points.

Zika also rushed for 1,357 yards on 176 carries for an impressive 7.7 yard average. He carried 25 times for 181 yards and scored his final two touchdowns of the season in Brearley's 34-0 win at Hillside last Thursday morning in Mountain Valley Conference interdivision play at Woodman Field.

Brearley closed at 9-1, winning nine games for the first time since finishing 10-1 in 1988. The Bears, with a record of 5-0, also captured the MVC's Valley Division crown for the first time since that 1988 season. Hillside, which two years ago reached the North 2, Group 2 semifinals, had a tough 2-8 season and finished with a seven-game losing streak.

Brearley senior running back Amir Bethea, a Dayton student, carried 52 times for 404 yards, also netting a 7.7 average. Not bad. He scored twice against Hillside to finish with seven touchdowns.

GAME TEN
Brearley 34, Hillside 0
FIRST DOWNS: Brearley 14, Hillside 7
RUSHING-YARDS: Brearley 41-304, Hillside 26-119
PASSING-YARDS: Brearley 7-11-0, Hillside 2-9-1
PUNTS-AVG.: Brearley 1-0, Hillside 3-0
FUMBLES-LOST: Brearley 1-0, Hillside 3-0
PENALTIES: Brearley 5-35, Hillside 9-55

RUSHING: Brearley — Dan Zika 25-181, two touchdowns. Amir Bethea 7-54, two touchdowns. Joe Kahonei 5-52. Steve Washuta 4-17. Totals: 41-304, four touchdowns. Hillside — Danny Little 7-55. Sulton Scott 12-28. Curtis Davila 2-23. Andrew Jones 5-13. Totals: 26-119. PASSING: Brearley — Steve Washuta 7-11-0, 95 yards, one touchdown. Hillside — Shawn Gibson 1-4-0, 8 yards. Curtis Davila 1-4-1, 7 yards. Andrew Jones 0-1-0, 0 yards. Totals: 2-9-1, 15 yards. RECEIVING: Brearley — Mike Rothery 3-12. Dave Sweigart 2-37, one touchdown. Sean Frank 1-43. Dan Zika 1-3. Totals: 7-95, one touchdown. Hillside — Quran Hall 1-8. Charles Coles 1-7. Totals: 2-15. INTERCEPTIONS: Brearley — Dave Sweigart, Hillside — Leopoldo Allen, Sulton Scott, Curtis Davila. SACKS: Brearley — Dan Zika, Hillside — Jamil Coleman.

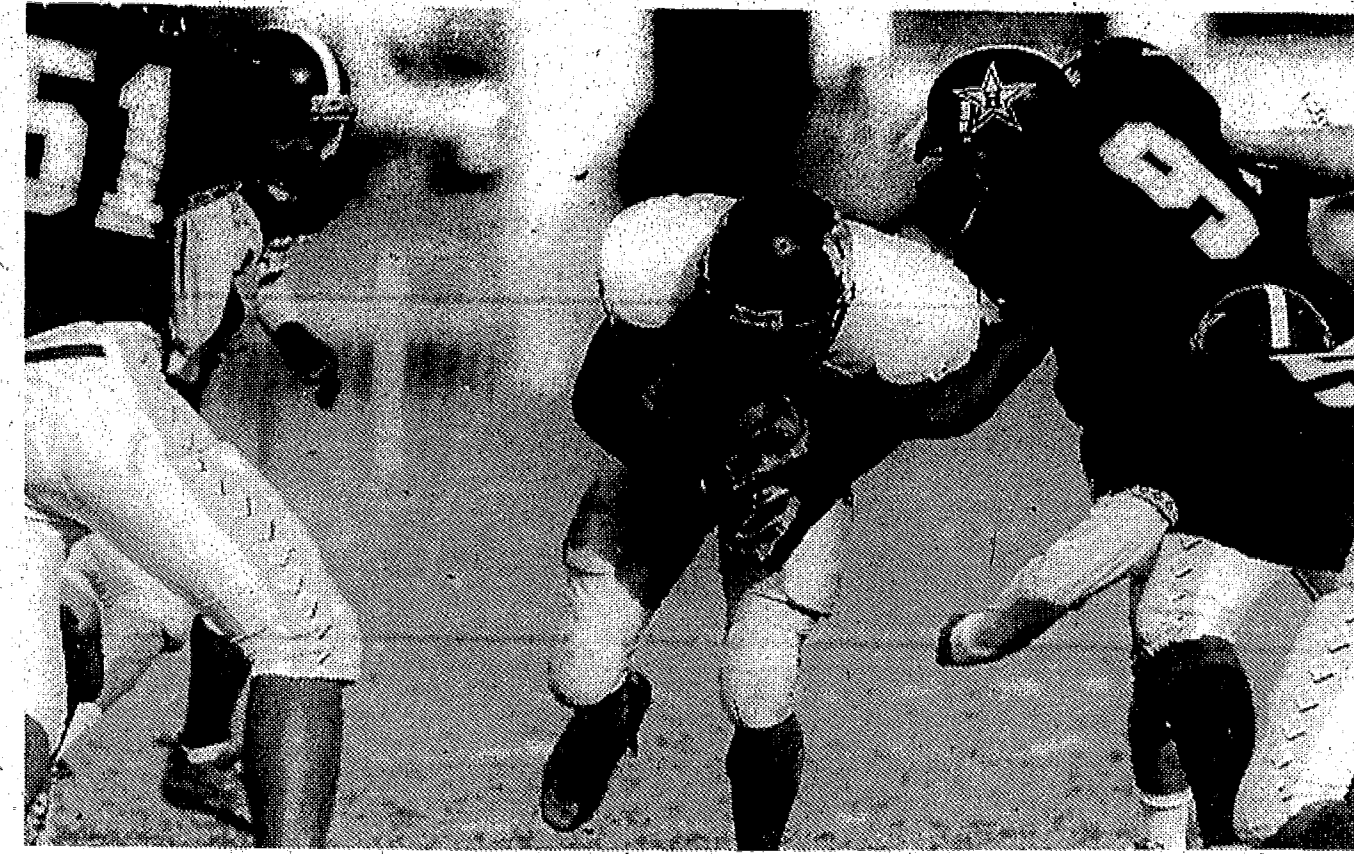


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Brearley High School senior running back Amir Bethea (No. 15) scored two touchdowns against Hillside to help lead the Bears to a 34-0 season-ending victory last Thursday at Hillside's Woodman Field. Bethea finished the season with seven touchdowns and carried 52 times for 404 yards for an impressive 7.7 average.

Brearley closes campaign with a dominating victory

Betha scores two TDs as Bears finish 9-1

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer
HILLSIDE — The Hillside High School football team did all the talking, but it was Brearley's Dan Zika who had the last word as he led the Bears to a 34-0 victory on Thanksgiving Day at Woodman Field.

The senior running back rushed for 128 yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns to help Brearley finish its season at a very impressive 9-1. Senior running back Amir Bethea also scored two touchdowns. Hillside finished 2-8 and lost for the seventh straight time. The Comets downed Brearley 26-21 last Thanksgiving at Kenilworth's Ward Field.

Zika carried a pile of tacklers for a nine-yard gain. A 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty was tacked on to the play, thus bringing the ball to the Hillside 13. After runs of six, one and one by Zika, Brearley was facing a fourth-and-two from the five-yard line. The Bears went for it and the gamble paid off big as Zika took a hand-off into the middle for the touchdown. The run on the two-point conversion was stopped as Brearley held a 28-0 advantage with 9:17 remaining.

Zika capped the game's scoring with 3:26 left, when he scampered around the right side for a 20-yard touchdown run. He was then stopped on the two-point run to bring the game to 34-0.

While Zika still leads the state in scoring at the moment, it's not likely that he will finish as the leader because two players below him play this weekend and have an excellent chance of passing him.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments this year," Zika said. Hillside threatened to score after Brearley's final touchdown, but was turned away by a tough Bear defensive stand.

The Comets took the kickoff from their own 35 and drove to the 10-yard line. Facing a third-and-four, Hillside quarterback Curtis Davila pitched to running back Andrew Jones, who looked to throw an option pass.

Jones had a receiver open in the end zone, but senior defensive back Dave Sweigart made a diving block of the ball as it fell incomplete.

"We knew they like to run that play because we saw it on their game films," Sweigart said. "I read the play well and it paid off."

After a five-yard penalty pushed the Comets back to their own 15-yard line, there was time for one last play. Davila dropped back and looked for a receiver, but was flushed out of the pocket and forced to run. The sophomore

quarterback scrambled down the right sideline and seemed destined for the end zone before senior linebacker Joe Kahonei met him at the one-yard line and pushed him back with his tackle, thus bringing the game to its end. "We played outstanding defense the whole game," Sweigart said. "We really turned it on in the second half."

After a scoreless first quarter, Brearley got on the scoreboard with 7:39 left before halftime. An 11-play, 94-yard drive was capped off with a 14-yard touchdown run by Bethea. The extra point was missed as Brearley held a 6-0 lead.

OBITUARIES

Bernard W. Duetsch
Bernard W. Duetsch, 73 of Summit died Nov. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in South Orange, Mr. Duetsch moved to Summit 40 years ago. He owned service stations in Kingston and West Orange for 40 years and retired in 1994. Mr. Duetsch served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He also was a member of the Summit Historical Society and of Loaves & Fishes at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Sheila, three sons, Bernard W. Jr., Thomas J. and Timothy J., a daughter, Marisa A., and two grandchildren.

Margaret Luecke
Margaret Luecke, 100 of Green Brook, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 10 in the Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Green Brook. She had celebrated her 100th birthday in January.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Luecke lived in Riverton and Summit before moving to Green Brook 16 years ago. She was a member of the Riverton Park Club, the Fortmitchell Club of Summit, and St. Theresa's Christ the Saviour Church, Summit.

Surviving are two daughters, Joan and Elizabeth, and a son, Joseph, all of Summit. She had 12 grandchildren.

Joseph A. Hamilton
Joseph Alexander Hamilton, 91, of Lavallette, formerly of Summit, died Nov. 10 in the Tallwood Nursing Home, Totoms River.

Born in Portland, Ore., Mr. Hamilton lived in East Orange, Summit, and Washington, D.C., before moving to Lavallette in 1909. He was the general manager of the Federal Pacific Electric Co., Newark, and retired in 1967.

Mr. Hamilton was a member of the Republican Party in Washington, D.C. He participated in the security planning for the inaugural ball of President Nixon. Reagan and George H. W. Bush. He was an administrative officer of the Brechtel Pops National Symphony Orchestra and was a member of the National Children's Choir and was a

member of the Columbia Waltz Club and the D.C. Cotillion and Waltz Society.

Surviving are a son, William C.; two daughters, Mary L. and Janet R.; a sister, Janet C.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Margaret Corcoran
Margaret Corcoran, 91, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Nov. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. She was a clerical worker with Ciba-Geigy, Summit, for 25 years and retired in 1962.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; a son, Jessie Bruce; a daughter, Tara Arielli; a stepdaughter, Gina Serio; a stepson, Brian Gruber; his mother, Jessie DeTorrre; two sisters, Ellen Hoelsy and Beryl Kaiser; and two brothers, Stephen and Mark.

Marie Laspina
Marie Laspina, 83, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Nov. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Laspina worked in the accounts payable department of Chicago Pharmaceutical Co., Summit, for 42 years and retired 21 years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Teresa's Church, Summit.

Surviving are a son, Joseph; two brothers, Carmen and Anthony; and a sister, Jenny Marinaccio.

Frances Ogburn
Frances Ogburn, 77, of Summit died Nov. 24 at home.

Born in Charlotte, Court House, Va., Miss Ogburn moved to Summit more than 50 years ago. She was a medical technician at Overlook Hospital, Summit, for 25 years and retired in 1987. Miss Ogburn was a president of the American Legion Auxiliary, Linsey-Street Post 322, Summit. She also was a member of the choir and the flower guild of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Summit.

Surviving are her companion, Adam Kolthoff, and a stepdaughter, Shawnleigh Cree.

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Undefeated season



The Springfield Fire 10-and-under boys' soccer team concluded a perfect 7-0 season by blanking South Mountain 2-0. Netting goals were Steven Dombrowski, Justin Grant, Jeffrey Sommer and Martin Gimenez. Also playing well for the Fire were Jesse Benzell, Tyler Bujnowski, Johan Chabanon, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira, Carl Korochoa, Ben Miller and Max Webb.

GL football team proved to be a worthy opponent

The Governor Livingston High School football team made great strides this season, finishing with a 5-5 record after falling at New Providence 20-7 last Thursday in Mountain Valley Conference-interdivision play in New Providence.

The Highlanders posted a winning record (4-3) against MVC-Mountain Division opponents and outscored the opposition by a 156-138 margin, posting one shutout.

The Highlanders also qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1989. Earning the seventh seed in North 2, Group 2, GL went to North Caldwell and almost knocked off the defending champions, falling 23-18 to West Essex.

GL won four of five to qualify with a 5-3 record at the cutoff date. Victories came against Roselle Park (41-6), Rahway (13-6), Hillside (12-0), North Plainfield (19-14) and Roselle (20-6).

Senior quarterback Scott Sheppard scored GL's final touchdown of the season on a one-yard run in the second quarter against New Providence. Chuck Orlando's extra point gave the Highlanders a brief 7-0 lead.

GL marched 80 yards in 17 plays, with Sheppard completing two passes to senior fullback Pete Klebar.

Springfield Fire 7, South Mountain 0: Steven Dombrowski, Justin Grant, Jeffrey Sommer and Martin Gimenez netted goals as Springfield closed with an undefeated record. Also playing well for the Fire were Jesse Benzell, Tyler Bujnowski, Johan Chabanon, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira, Carl Korochoa, Ben Miller and Max Webb.

Highland 5, Springfield Stingers 2: Playing well on offense and in the mid-field for the Stingers were Ross Konesky, Nico Izzi, Sergio Annunziata, Jesse DiCocco, Jack Finnegan, Joey Policastro and Ryan Schweikert, who netted both of his team's goals. Playing well on defense were Brian DiFiore, Tyler Schafer, Ryan Rinderman and goalkeeper Jake Rudolph, who made several outstanding saves.

Springfield Girls Softball registration deadline tomorrow
The following are Springfield youth soccer results:

Springfield Fire 7, South Mountain 0: Steven Dombrowski, Justin Grant, Jeffrey Sommer and Martin Gimenez netted goals as Springfield closed with an undefeated record. Also playing well for the Fire were Jesse Benzell, Tyler Bujnowski, Johan Chabanon, Ryan Doremus, Johnny Ferreira, Carl Korochoa, Ben Miller and Max Webb.

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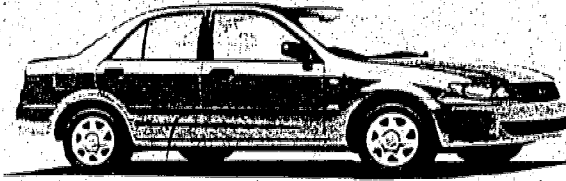
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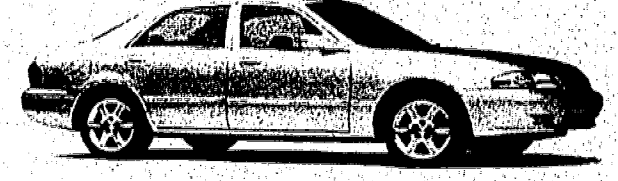
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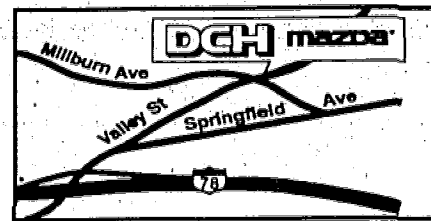
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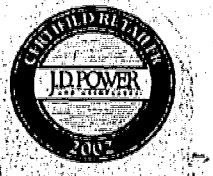


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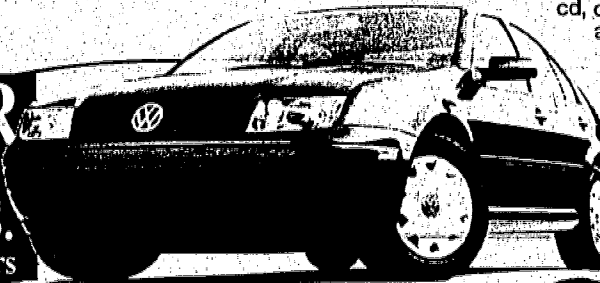
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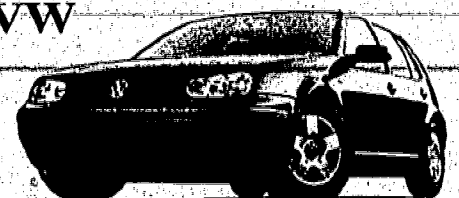


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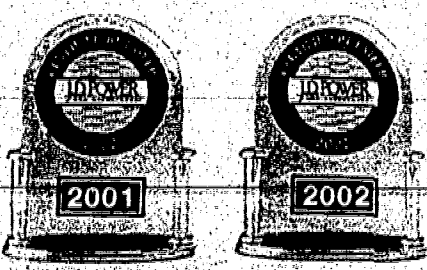
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