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Board of Commissioners approves RVSA budget

Budget calls for increased charges

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority Board of Commissioners officially adopted the 2003 budget Thursday night, which included increased assessments for nine of the 11 member towns. The total assessment charges for 2003 will rise by about 5 percent, or \$570,000, from \$10.43 million to \$11 million. Rahway, which is appealing its assessment, saw the largest increase, 23 percent, from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million. Two municipalities experienced decreases in their 2003 assessments, Clark, 1 percent, or \$21,000, and Cranford, 6 percent, or \$47,000.

The RVSA's Board of Commissioners introduced the 2003 budget by a 9-1 vote during its meeting in October. Only Roselle Park representative Attilio Venturo voted against the

budget. Westfield's commissioner, Allan Chin, was absent. During its meeting Thursday, the board adopted the spending plan by a vote of 10-0 following approval from the state Department of Community Affairs' Local Finance Board. Venturo was the only commissioner absent.

Assessments to municipalities are based on five-year rolling averages. Rahway is considering appealing its assessment, but RVSA Secretary-Treasurer Robert Materna said he has received no formal challenge yet.

Revenues in the 2003 budget are expected to be \$12.1 million, up by \$500,000, or 4 percent, from \$11.6 million while operating expenses will go up \$800,000, or 8 percent, from \$10.1 million to \$10.9 million.

Among the largest increases in the budget are in the salary and wages for administration, \$240,000 to \$1.51

Municipality	2003	2002	Change
Clark	\$1,639,000	\$1,660,456	-\$21,456/1%
Cranford	\$765,600	\$812,497	-\$46,897/6%
Garwood	\$524,700	\$473,522	+\$51,178/11%
Kenilworth	\$515,900	\$496,468	+\$19,432/4%
Mountainside	\$377,300	\$360,878	+\$16,422/5%
Rahway	\$1,519,100	\$1,230,740	+\$288,360/23%
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Roselle Park	\$266,200	\$238,847	+\$27,353/11%
Scotch Plains	\$704,000	\$674,821	+\$29,179/4%
Springfield	\$773,300	\$740,530	+\$32,770/4%
Westfield	\$1,382,700	\$1,290,191	+\$92,509/7%
Woodbridge	\$2,532,200	\$2,451,050	+\$81,150/3%
Total	\$11,000,000	\$10,430,000	+\$570,000/5%

million, and overall administration, approximately \$400,000 to \$2.837 million. An additional \$200,000 is included among "other expenses" under the "cost of providing services," rising from \$5.185 million to \$5.385 million. Materna said a majority of the increase, about \$110,000, is due to increased electricity bills alone.

The renewal and replacement reserves in non-operating appropriations will drop more than \$500,000, from \$1.175 million to \$655,000. About \$75,000 will be used to enhance plant security, Materna said, the largest single upgrade within this

account. In addition to the budget, commissioners adopted this year's capital improvement plan which will authorize \$13.7 million in debt. The capital improvement program will include plant upgrades, the final design and initial construction costs of a new cogeneration plant and the completion of the design phase of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan. Materna said the RVSA will go out for interim financing next month for the capital improvements before permanently borrowing through a state infrastructure trust in November.

Council decid get new fire t

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Borough Council authorized the Borough Clerk to advertise for bids for a new fire truck, after receiving a report from a fire consultant outlining the needs of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Earlier in the year, the borough contracted fire consultant William Peters to conduct a study of the fire department. Peters came up with a report of the fire department's needs. He submitted that report to the borough, which included the need for a new fire truck.

Mountainside is looking to acquire a quint, which is a pumper and ladder truck combined.

"It's basically a half-breed," said Fire Chief John Browne. "It's half engine and half truck company. A truck company is always a ladder and an engine company is always a pumper. A quint serves the purpose of both. It has a pumper and responds with a ladder on top."

The quint will be equipped with a hose that can be linked to a fire hydrant, just like a regular engine has. It will also have a 2,000-gallon per minute pump on it, with a hydraulic, aluminum, 75-foot ladder.

"It gives you more of an advantage as well as flexibility to fight a fire scene with the first due apparatus," Browne said.

Currently, the borough has three fire trucks. One of those trucks will become a reserve pumper once the new truck replaces it.

The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responds to approximately 300 calls per year, including false alarms and motor vehicle accidents, in addition to actual working fires.

Mountainside will go out for bid on the fire truck in mid-January and probably won't have it fully operational until the middle of 2003.

Board agrees to stop having district pay for year-end AP exams

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education said it will save the district more than \$12,000 annually by no longer paying for Advanced Placement tests that AP students take at the end of the school year.

In May 2002, 169 AP examinations were taken by 86 Jonathan Dayton High School students at a total cost of \$12,380.

Of comparable districts in the area, only Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark pays for the AP exams the students take.

Last year, AP exams cost \$71 per exam and the cost is expected to increase. "So a parent could invest \$71 or \$72 in the hopes of eliminating thousands," said Board member Stephen Fischbein.

Board member Keith Kurzner said that since the district is providing the students with an AP course, then the district should also provide the student with an AP exam.

"If we're offering this class and this opportunity to take this test if you choose, why are we taking it away from them? We're taking away the financial part," Kurzner said.

Board member Irwin Sablosky said that the students work extremely hard in

AP courses and as a bonus they should be provided with the AP exam so that maybe they can receive college credit for the course.

Fischbein disagreed and said the students work toward a grade in the class, not toward whether or not they receive college credit.

"The bonus part is if you think you did well enough in that class, you can invest your parents' money of \$70 or so, for a return of thousands of dollars next year," he said.

Board President Linda Duke said she has trouble with what she calls reverse discrimination, where the district is paying extra money for the students who are at the top of the class to take a voluntary test but not paying extra money for the students who could use some kind of additional special remediation, or could be provided with an extra early morning SAT course.

"We are providing for a relatively small segment of the population, above and beyond what we provide for our other students," Duke said.

Two years ago, the district decided to make AP exams optional to the students who are taking AP courses. Prior to that decision, students enrolled in AP courses had to take the AP exams.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman said the district origi-

nally thought that by paying for the exams, it would encourage more students to take the exams.

"We also wondered that if we paid for the exams, would our students' scores improve because they're taking it more seriously," said Zimmerman.

The results were inconclusive. Zimmerman said she wondered that since the district is paying for the exams, maybe students are taking more exams than they can handle.

"Maybe if they took less, they would do better," she said.

A student passes an AP exam when he or she receive a three or above on an ascending scale of five. Some colleges will give the student college credit if they pass the AP exam.

Springfield AP scores in 2002 improved from the scores in 2001, when 98 AP exams were taken by 53 students.

Fifty-five percent of the students who took the exams in 2002 scored a three or above. Only 41 percent scored a three or higher in 2001 and the scores were even less in 2000, when only 35 percent scored a three or higher.

"A lot of students take the AP exam, get a three or higher, but don't shorten their college careers at all," said Mahler.

With this medal, he's got a story to tell

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Nearly 60 years later and Theodore E. Sienicki said he was shocked to still be receiving medals.

"I was shocked," he said. "How did they even find out about me? I don't know."

Sienicki, a Mountainside resident and veteran of World War II, received the New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal last week. He was one of only 16 Union County residents to receive the award. The award is similar to the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's top military award.

The New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to veterans who were not residents of New Jersey when they entered the military service but who are current residents of the state and have resided here for the previous five years.

Sienicki lived in Staten Island when he was drafted into the Army in 1942, to serve his country during World War II.

After going through basic training, Sienicki flew to San Francisco and

shortly moved on to Hawaii, stationed at the Coast Auxiliary at Pearl Harbor.

"I stayed there about a year and a half, two years, and then came to the states, when the war came more eastern," he said.

After training in an infantry outfit in Louisiana, Sienicki landed over in Germany during "The Battle of the Bulge."

"I don't want to talk too much about it because what I saw — it just turned me," he said.

"The Battle of the Bulge" was the worst battle, in terms of losses, to American Forces during World War II. More than a million men fought in the battle. The battle lasted from Dec. 6, 1944 to Jan. 28, 1945. When it was over, 81,000 U.S. soldiers were wounded and 19,000 were killed; the British suffered 1,400 casualties with 200 soldiers being killed; and the Germans suffered 100,000 total casualties.

Shortly after the battle, World War II ended and Sienicki returned home. In 1949, he moved to New Jersey. He's been a resident of Mountainside since 2001.

"I did what I had to do and I'd do it again if I had to," Sienicki said. "The only part I didn't like about it was that I had to go pick-up cigarette butts every morning and I don't smoke."

While in the Army, part of Sienicki's duties in the morning was to clean up cigarette butts that were discarded the previous day.



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Theodore E. Sienicki of Mountainside says he's surprised to still be receiving medals for his service to the country nearly 60 years ago. A World War II veteran, Sienicki was one of only a handful of Union County residents who received the New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal last week.

"It was routine — first thing in the morning before you even got breakfast, you'd be picking up cigarette butts," he said. "I hated that. I don't smoke. That's the part about it."

Sienicki received his medal at an awards ceremony, which was conducted Dec. 18 at the National Guard Armory in Westfield, where 254 Union County residents received the Distinguished Service Medal.

The Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who had distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia. However, the award was issued infrequently.

After the Spanish American War, the Mexican Border Expedition and World War I, the state minted special medals for returning New Jersey veterans, honoring their service.

Survey will identify hazardous materials

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Adhering to state Department of Health regulations, the Springfield Township Committee contracted Trenton-based Environmental, Remediation and Management Inc., at a cost of \$2,800, to survey and label all chemical compounds stored in municipal buildings.

"Each bottle in Springfield that has a hazardous chemical in it needs to have a label on it of exactly what it is," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen.

Environmental, Remediation and Management will survey every municipal facility and examine each chemical container to develop an inventory of all compounds. The company will then compare the inventory to the state's Right-To-Know Hazardous Substance list and create a computerized Right-To-Know survey for submission to the state Department of Health.

ously there's oils and things like that in the DPW," said Bergen. "They will look at each container. They will document it. They will ascertain what it is and they will label it."

The company will conduct product research to determine the chemical make-up of containers that are unlabeled. If research for the chemicals is undeterminable, the label containing the chemical will be labeled "Unknown."

"If there's something in a can and they don't know what it is, they will ascertain what it is," said Bergen. "If they, for whatever reason, can't figure out what it is, they will put a big label on it: Unknown-Substance."

In the past, the township has conducted the survey themselves. However, contracting Environmental, Remediation and Management will ensure that Springfield is in compliance with the state's requirements.

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Offices closed

As the holiday season descends upon us, this newspaper's publication dates will change, and as the dates change, so will our deadlines.

The first edition of 2003 will be published on Jan. 3, a Friday.

Our offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day. We will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2, at 9 a.m. Deadlines for the Friday, Jan. 3, editions are as follows:

• Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — Friday, Dec. 27, noon.

• Letters to the editor — Monday, Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m.

• What's Going On — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

• Sports — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

• News — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

• Classifieds — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

• Circulation — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

• Advertising — Monday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m.

2003 calendars to arrive this week

The Town Planner, a community calendar, that will list local events, school schedules, fairs, festivals and other entertainment and community events, will be mailed to approximately 8,800 households in Springfield and Mountainside this week.

Founded in 1988 in Cleveland, Ohio, the Town Planner has grown through a network of local calendar publishers, which in 2002 mailed nearly 4.5 million free calendars to more than 500 communities in 26 states. Locally, Worrall Newspapers, publishers of this newspaper, mailed more than 100,000 calendars to homes in many communities in Union and Essex counties.

"The Town Planner is an ideal community publication," according to Dick Lopus of Town Planner calendars. "Statistics show that nearly 95 percent of families have calendars hanging on their refrigerator or on the wall, many of them from local area schools, churches and the like."

We get new information daily from the newspaper, radio and TV, but often times fail to write new events in our own calendars. The Town Planner helps solve this problem.

Working with non-profit organizations, event planners and local school districts, the Town Planner includes as much community information as possible, while leaving room to write in birthday reminders, vacation schedules and other important family events.

The Town Planner is a 28-page wall-size calendar, featuring beautiful photography, local emergency telephone numbers and other important local resource telephone numbers. The Town Planner also includes offers and coupons from local sponsoring businesses.

For information about including your organization's events or business sponsorship details, contact Linda Lanmessa at 908-686-7700.

First Baby 2003

Expectant couples are reminded that we will be seeking the First Baby of the year 2003.

If your child is the first born baby of the year, you could be the recipient of gifts and other prizes from local merchants.

See inside this weeks newspaper for complete details of our First Baby of the Year Contest.

And keep our telephone number on hand to alert us to the birth of your child - (908) 686-7700.



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EDUCATION

'Introduction to Java' begins in January

The mathematics/computer science department of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield will be introducing in January an additional computer programming language. This new course will offer a new class, "Introduction to Java." Beginning in September 2003, the advanced placement computer science classes will continue to use Java as the basis for investigating advanced computer programming concepts. The addition of Java as an introductory course, and the use of Java in the AP computer science courses, is necessary because of the change from C++ to Java by the College Board. The College Board determines the content of the AP exam. In preparation for this change, the computer programming teachers have been attending college courses and workshops, including an intensive workshop this summer.

Registration opens for Springfield pre-K

Registration for the 2003-04 pre-kindergarten program in the Springfield public schools, as well as those children eligible for kindergarten in September who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center prekindergarten program, will be conducted on the following days: Jan. 9, last names beginning with A to E, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 10, F to K, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 13, L to Q, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 14, R to Z, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Registration will be at the Edward V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304 if necessary, to schedule an alternate registration session. To be eligible for prekindergarten, a child must be a resident of Springfield, and be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2003. Children entering kindergarten, must reach their 5th birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2003. Parents are requested to bring the following materials to the registration: child's birth certificate; current immunization records; and two proofs of residency, one a New Jersey driver's license, and the second a utility bill, lease, contract or similar document. A child's registration will be officially processed if both age-appropriate vaccines and proof of residency are submitted at the time of registration.

Library in search of used paperbacks The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome would be magazines within a year's date and costume jewelry. The Springfield Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Jan. 16 Preschool Storytimes will be conducted at the Mountside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, for children ages 3 and 4, Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. through Feb. 6. For information, call 908-233-0015. Jan. 17 Toddler Storytimes will meet 10:30 a.m. at the Mountside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, for children ages 2 to 2 1/2. To register and for information, call 908-233-0015. Feb. 2 The Mountside Recreation Department sponsors a skiing and snowboarding trip to Mountain Creek. The bus will leave Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. at 7:15 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Various registration fees apply. For information, call 908-232-0015. Feb. 11 The Mountside Recreation Department sponsors a New York City bus trip to see "Mamma Mia," a musical featuring songs by ABBA. The bus leaves Mountside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 6 p.m. and returns after the show's 8 p.m. performance. The cost is \$100 per person and includes orchestra seating and bus transportation. Make checks payable to Mountside Recreation Department, and mail to: 1385 Route 22 East, Mountside, N.J. 07092. For information, call 908-232-0015. Ongoing The Senior Citizens Club of Mountside meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at noon at Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path in Mountside. For information, call 908-232-4406. The Mountside Active Retirees meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Mountside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. For information, call 908-232-4406. The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Jan. 9 The Mountside P.A.L. is sponsoring a cheerleading class for third- and fourth-graders, meeting every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Borough Hall Community Room, 1385 Route 22 East, through Feb. 27. Registration information will be sent through Deerfield School. For information, call 908-232-1596, ext. 531.

Firefighters answer medical-service call at home

Springfield On Dec. 9 at 12:18 p.m., Springfield firefighters answered a medical service call at a Tree Top Drive residence. At 5:47 p.m., they responded a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid. On Dec. 10 at 1:09 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at Town Hall. At 6:21 p.m., they attended to a natural gas odor in a Garden Oval residence. At 4:14 p.m. on Dec. 11, they responded to an activated fire alarm at Town Hall. On Dec. 12 at 11:36 a.m., they contained an oil spill at a Morris Avenue business. At 4:30 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Route 22 West business. At 4:36 p.m., they responded to a water condition at a Morris Avenue business. At 5:37 p.m., they assisted in a lock-out at a Forest Drive apartment complex. At 9:08 p.m., they answered a medical service call at Route 78 East, mile post 48.5.

Mountside The Mountside Fire Department responded to an Oak Tree Road residence for a house lock-out on Dec. 9 at 4:18 p.m. At 2:05 p.m. on Dec. 10, firefighters went to Children's Specialized Hospital on an activated alarm. The alarm was pulled by a resident. On Dec. 10 at 11:31 p.m., firefighters responded to Stony Brook Lane for a reported natural gas leak. Elizabethtown, gas was called. At 4:29 p.m. on Dec. 13, firefighters

answered a call to Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation for a reported woman and dog who fell through the ice on the lake. The Union County Police Dive Team counted the lake with the Mountside Fire Department personnel on shore. An investigation revealed the call was unfounded. Firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue residence on the report of a natural gas leak on Dec. 15 at 10:58 p.m. Gas was found to be coming from a pilot light that was out on the stove. At 2:13 p.m. on Dec. 16, firefighters went to a Sheffield Street business for a fire alarm activation. Investigation revealed the alarm system was malfunctioning. At 2:45 p.m. on Dec. 16, firefighters answered a call at Ridge Drive for a reported power line down. PSE&G was notified. On Dec. 16, firefighters responded to Springfield's Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid at 9:06 p.m. The engine was cancelled en-route.

found to be on top of a natural gas valve for a residence, Elizabethtown. Gas was called, and the van was removed from the valve. At 2:15 p.m. on Friday, firefighters responded to a reported vehicle rollover and entrapment at Mill Lane and Route 22 East. Arriving crews found the victim out of the vehicle and being treated by Atlantic Health Care. Fire Department personnel spread speedy-dry to contain a large oil spill from the vehicle. The state Department of Transportation also called for a spreader to sand the roadway. Policy on weddings and engagements Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise. Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title and the date of marriage. When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred.

Township Committee members plan their own New Year's Eve

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

As 2002 fades away, Springfield Township Committee members discussed their plans to ring in 2003 as cussed their own New Year's Eve party. Mayor Steven Goldstein said he and his wife will probably hire a babysitter to watch their children and then go to a friend's house for a New Year's Eve party.

The mayor said that typically, he and his wife do go out on New Year's Eve to celebrate. In the past, they've gone to the South Street Seaport but it's harder to do those things now that they have children. Goldstein said his New Year's resolution is to put a big sign next to his desk that says "Return all calls within 24 hours."

Committeewoman Sy Mullman said usually his wife and three or four other couples go to a nice dinner and then to someone's house afterward.

"It's a nice quiet, plain evening, and we've been doing it for at least 10 years," said Mullman.

Mullman said his New Year's resolution is to settle all the union contracts in Springfield and make everybody happy. "We just basically stay around the house and enjoy family time together," said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, discussing his New Year's Eve plans. "We watch the New Year's Eve program with Dick Clark."

Hirschfeld said his New Year's resolution is to live a happy and healthy year, where he and his family love and care for each other.

Committeewoman Clara Hareluk said it's very hard to get a babysitter on New Year's Eve and she'll probably stay home and celebrate with her loved ones. "I think we're probably just going to stay home and usher in the new

year as a family," she said. Hareluk said her family will watch the ball drop and all the New Year's Eve television shows.

Committeeman Gregory Clarke said he and his wife traditionally stay home on New Year's Eve. He describes it as a nice, normal evening. "Sometimes we might have a dinner with family on New Year's Day, but this year New Year's Day, of course, will be taken up with other frivolities down at Town Hall," Clarke said, mentioning the township's reorganization meeting on Wednesday at noon.

Clarke said he hasn't thought of a New Year's resolution yet. He said the end of 2002 has been hectic with his kitchen being remodelled.

"I haven't had time for frivolities like worrying about next year," he said. "I have to get through the rest of this year."



Ottawa Anderson's second-grade class at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield enjoy taking part in a Kwanzaa celebration at the school. Dressed in traditional African clothing are, from left, Teacher Ottawa Anderson, Rachel Sirotkin, Rachel Usdin, Jared Clayton, Hunter Betz and Ilysa Frank.

Students enjoy learning about Kwanzaa at Sandmeier School

Students in Ottawa Anderson's second-grade class at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield recently enjoyed conducting a Kwanzaa celebration. Kwanzaa is a non-religious holiday that honors African American culture. Anyone can join in the Kwanzaa celebration, which starts Thursday, the day after Christmas Day, and goes until Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Each day focuses on one of the seven principles, also known as "Nguzo Saba." As part of their Kwanzaa celebration, the students dressed in traditional African clothing and delivered a presentation about these seven principles. The principles translate to unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and

faith. The students also described the "Kwanza," a special candle holder with seven candles, one of which is lit on each of the seven days of Kwanzaa. Anderson's Kwanzaa program culminated with a feast of fresh fruits which was shared throughout the school, representing a celebration of the African harvest.

AARP chapter has upcoming meetings for 2003

The Summit Area Chapter of AARP will not host a regular monthly meeting in December. The regular meeting schedule will resume Jan. 27.

For upcoming meetings, call Rose Najarian at 908-273-2239.

2003 Day Tours Feb. 8, 2003, New York Show "Modern Millie" Lunch at Carmine.

March TBA New York Show and Dinner

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Registration opens for Red Cross class

The American Red Cross Summit Area Chapter has opened registration for January classes in Community First Aid and Safety, Adult CPR with AED, Community CPR Challenge, Babysitter's Training, Infant/Child CPR, and Standard First Aid with AED.

- On Jan. 7 and 9, Community First Aid and Safety, a nine-hour course, which focuses on the recognition and care of breathing, cardiac and life-threatening bleeding emergencies, will be offered between 6 and 10:30 p.m. The fee for this course is \$60 and includes a textbook and certification.
- On Jan. 13, Adult CPR with Automated External Defibrillator, a four-hour course that features hands-on simulation, lectures and live and video demonstrations, teaches how to care for conscious choking victims, perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, and use an AED. This class will be offered between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The fee for this course is \$35.
- On Jan. 15, Community CPR Challenge, a 3½-hour course that meets annual adult and child CPR recertification requirements, will be presented between 6 and 10 p.m. The course fee is \$30.

- Babysitter's Training, a seven-hour confidence-building course, geared for 11- to 15-year-olds, that covers injury prevention, first aid and basic skills practice, will be offered in a one-day session Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each student will receive a Red Cross baby-sitter's handbook and a Red Cross safety and first-aid kit in a black vinyl carrying case. Participants should bring lunch. Babysitter's Training will also be offered in multiple sessions during February and March.

- On Jan. 21 and 24, Infant and Child CPR, a six-hour course, which concentrates on recognizing and caring for child and infant breathing and cardiac emergencies, will be offered between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. This course will be offered again Feb. 11 and 12 in morning sessions.
- Also offered Jan. 28 and 30, will be Standard First Aid with AED, a seven-hour course that specializes in the recognition and care of illnesses and sudden injuries, provides instruction in adult CPR and teaches defibrillator operation. The cost for this course is \$45.

OBITUARIES

Edward Katz

Edward Katz, 74, of Clark, formerly of Hillside and Mountaineer, died Dec. 16 in the Father Hudson House, Elizabeth.

Born in Hillside, Mr. Katz lived in Mountaineer before moving to Clark two years ago. He was a salesman for General Felt Industries, Manhattan, for six years. Mr. Katz also worked in the Pro Shop at Ashbrook Golf Course, Scotch Plains, for six years. He attended John Marshall College, Jersey City, and John Marshall College Law School. Mr. Katz was a member of the Democratic Club of Hillside. He served on the township's zoning board and also belonged to the Carpet Club of New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Muriel; a daughter, Linda Verdugo; a sister, Sadie Leinwand, and three grandchildren.

Margaret Thompson

Margaret Thompson, 91, of Madison, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 16 in the Pine Acres Nursing Home, Madison.

Born in Newark, Miss Thompson lived in Springfield before moving to Madison 22 years ago. She was self-employed as a domestic worker for 40

years and retired in 1976. Surviving is a sister, Emily Parnes.

Diane B. Fraind

Diane B. Fraind, 45, of the Asbury section of Franklin Township, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 16 in Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg.

Born in Summit, Mrs. Fraind lived in Springfield before moving to Asbury Park 13 years ago. She was a scientist at Ciba-Geigy, now Novartis, Summit, Eli Lilly Inc. and Hoffman La Roche Inc. Mrs. Fraind also had been a substitute teacher in Franklin. She received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and graduated with honors in 1979. She was active in pet therapy groups in Franklin and was a flutist of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Hampton.

Surviving are her husband, William J. Jr.; a daughter, Noelle; a son, Thomas; her father, Robert Belliveau; two brothers, John and Brian Belliveau, and a sister, Karen Trocchia.

Joseph Roque Awad

Joseph Roque Awad, 82, of Springfield died Dec. 17 at home.

Born in Ghazir, Lebanon, Mr. Awad lived in Orange and East Orange before moving to Springfield seven years ago. He owned and oper-

ated Baeachus International Commerce Corp., an exporting company, based in New York City, for 41 years and retired in 1989. Mr. Awad was a member of the Lebanese-American Society in Brooklyn. He also was a member of the Board Room of New York City and American Grain Association.

Surviving are two daughters, Nadine Awad-Maciel and Nadia, and a grandson.

Clarice S. Harlow

Clarice S. Harlow, 78, of Springfield died Dec. 19 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Harlow lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 47 years ago. She was an insurance underwriter with Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for many years and retired 20 years ago. Mrs. Harlow was a member of St. James Church Senior Citizens and the Springfield Senior Citizens.

Lillian O. Orriss

Lillian O. Orriss, 88, of Mountaineer died Dec. 18 in Marriott Assisted Living, Brighton Gardens, Mountaineer.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Mrs. Orriss lived in Weehawken, Union City and Toms River before moving to Mountaineer 10 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, Donald, Ramon and Bruce; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

John A. Blasi

John A. Blasi, 86, of Summit died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Blasi lived in Irvington before moving to Summit in 1955. He and his brother, Albert, were partners in Furniture Craft Co., an interior design manufacturing company, in Springfield. Mr. Blasi founded the business in 1949 and retired in 1988. He received a law degree from the John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Ill. In October, Mr. Blasi received the president's award for lifetime achievement from the Columbian Foundation in Newark. He was president of the Architectural Woodworking Institute and a member of the board of the Garwood Savings & Loan Association.

Also surviving are his wife, Josephine; a son, John R.; a daughter, Judith Neugebauer; three sisters, Alberta Meola, Antoinette Accorro and Mary Caruso, and two grandchildren.

First Night to return for 10th year New Year's Eve

First Night Summit will return for its 10th year this New Year's Eve. First Night Summit 2003 is all set and ready to go this New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. Beginning at 3 p.m. and ending with grand fireworks at midnight, First Night offers a full day of first-rate performances.

Admission badges are still only \$10 per person — children younger than 5 years old will be admitted free with a badge-wearing adult — and are on sale now at Kings Super Markets in Summit, Chatham, Berkeley Heights and Short Hills, as well as Burgdorf Realtors, The Connection for Women and Families, Go Wireless, Hilltop Community Bank, Leap & Learn, Liss Pharmacy, Peppercorn Restaurant, Sealions, Summit Chamber of Commerce, SuperKids Child Care, The Summit Sampler, The Teapot, Vis A Vis, YMCA, Weichert Realtors and Woodward Properties, all in Summit. Plus, Adams/Madam in New Providence and Taylor Rental in Berkeley Heights are selling badges as well.

A total of 50 performances are planned, and the afternoon performances are geared especially for children. Highlights of the Afternoon Fun of Kids are the Paper Moon Puppet Theater, a marionette troupe; Theater Kids' Family Fairy Tales; Lisa Lou and Mr. Fish, who will do circus tricks, magic and "phenomen-

al physics;" Stretch the Silly Man; Brian Foshee, magician, and Will Shaw, juggler extraordinaire.

The evening's entertainment will be filled with music of all kinds. For the classical minded, there is Lyrica Chamber Quartet and the Summit Symphony. For those who love Irish music, First Night favorite Aiden O'Donnell will return with her lovely voice and Irish harp.

Jazz will be performed and sung by the Dan Crisci Quartet, featuring Bill Robinson, a Summit favorite, on vocals. Delta Blues are the signature sounds of Mississippi Mud. Ginny Johnston & Mosaic and the Ralph Barrientos Trio will perform soft rock/pop.

Harmonytrix will bring their unusual a cappella vocal harmonies to the evening; for those who love the oldies' sounds of doo wop, Sound Investment will carry you back to your youth! Teens can hang out in the gym and enjoy some good rock sounds from their favorite bands in the "Battle of the Bands." Folks will enjoy the acoustic guitar and mellow vocals of Spook Handy and bluegrass fans can tap their toes to the sounds of Triple Play. And the evening music will draw to a close with the incredible sounds of Solid Brass.

Dance Innovations will return to do their "Rockette-like" routines of tap, jazz and modern dance; they will be accompanied by well-known jazz pianist Rio Clemente in their second show. Country and western fans can do the two-step with Cowboy Bob and Born Country.

Two fireworks displays will be shot off, one at 7 p.m., which will follow the Kids' Procession from the Middle School to the Village Green, and one at midnight, to "officially" welcome the New Year.

All events will take place in the Summit Middle School, Central Presbyterian Church and the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts.

From 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave., an afternoon of programs for kids and their families will be offered. The Afternoon Fun for Kids will be in the Middle School only. Admission badges will also be on sale at First Night in the Middle School and Central Presbyterian Church.

Volunteers are always needed to help make First Night run smoothly. Volunteers receive a free badge and work only for half of the evening or the afternoon. To volunteer, or to get additional information, call Diane Gallo at First Night Summit at 908-522-1722.

First Night Evening Performances

Site #	Location	7:15	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:15	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:15	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:15	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45	12:00
1a	Central Presbyterian Church	Lyrica							Centennial Jazz Band								Dan Crisci Quartet with Bill Robinson				Dan Crisci Quartet with Bill Robinson
1b	Central Presbyterian Auditorium				Sound Investment				Sound Investment								Aideen O'Donnell				Aideen O'Donnell
1c	Central Pres. Youth Lounge				Ginny Johnston & Mosaic				Ginny Johnston & Mosaic								Mississippi Mud				Mississippi Mud
2a	NJCVA Large Studio								Cowboy Bob and Born Country												
2b	NJCVA Small Studio				Spook Handy				Spook Handy								Percussion Duo				Harmonytrix
3a	Summit Middle School Auditorium				Dance Innovations				Dance Innovations with Rio Clemente								Summit Symphony				Summit Symphony
3b	Summit Middle School Band Room				David Tyson				David Tyson								Ralph Barrientos Trio				Ralph Barrientos Trio
3c	Summit Middle School Cafeteria				Comic Daredevils				Comic Daredevils								Triple Play				Triple Play
3d	Summit Middle School Concourse				Halzee the Clown / Marina the Face Painter																
3e	Summit Middle School Main Gym																Teen Site: Battle of the Bands				
3f	Summit Middle School Mueller's Gym				Stretch the Silly Man																

All sites Handicapped accessible except CPC Youth Lounge. Refreshments available. Visit our website for further info and latest updates: www.firstnightsummit.org Schedule subject to change.

Schedule boasts music, dancing, drama

Dance

- Cowboy-Bob/Born Country (Site 2a) — Country and Western line dancing with an experienced caller. Learn some new steps and then join in the dance.
- Dance Innovations Performance Company with Rio Clemente (Site 3a) — Melodic jazz tones of renowned pianist complement astounding choreography and energetic dancing from award-winning troupe — featuring jazz, contemporary, classical and Broadway dance styles.
- Ralph Barrientos Trio (Site 3b) — Soft rock and pop from an accomplished trio, everything from Billy Joel to "The Boss."
- Centennial Jazz Band (Site 1a) — Dixieland Jazz at its finest — your feet won't be able to keep still.
- Battle of the Bands (Site 3c) — Calling all area teens and teen bands — for all-night music and dancing in the gym.
- Rio Clemente (Site 3a) — See "Dance Innovations."
- Dan Crisci Quartet with Bill Robinson (Site 1a) — The coolest jazz with Summit's finest and favorite jazz vocalist, Bill Robinson.
- Ginny Johnston and Mosaic (Site 1c) — The soul of folk music fused with the energy of rock in original, contemporary songs with a message.
- Harmonytrix (Site 2b) — New Jersey's premiere female a cappella ensemble whose musical repertoire ranges from funky and playful to soulful and spiritual.
- Lyrica Chamber Music Quartet (Site 1a) — Light classics for violin, viola, cello and piano by Faure and Brahms, with a special performance of Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust."
- Mississippi Mud (Site 1c) — Genuine, "down-home" Delta and folk blues, including the best of Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon, performed by a trio.
- Aiden O'Donnell (Site 1b) — First Night Summit's favorite Irish lass — she'll mesmerize with her haunting and lyrical Irish ballads and harp solos. Get seats early.
- Percussion Duo (Site 2b) — Rhythm, movement, song and the spoken word performed by two lively women on an assortment of African drums.
- Solid Brass (Site 3a) — World-renowned brass/percussion choir will perform selections of American music from folk tunes to the big bands to John Philip Sousa —

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- Mr. Fish "Phenomenal Physics" (Site 3e) — Using his circus skills, Mr. Fish proves that science can be fun. Learn how to throw a boomerang, make giant soap bubbles, stick a needle through a balloon without popping it.
- Will Shaw (Site 3e) — Unusual and creative juggling, balancing tricks and "unicycling," with a generous dose of comedy and clowning thrown in.
- Stretch The Silly Man (Site 3e, 3c, 3d) — comedy, magic, mystery and fun from the tall man with the tall tales.



Lisa Lou and Mr. Fish are part of the Comic Daredevils who will entertain at First Night Summit. Harmonytrix will bring their six-part a cappella harmonies and vocalizations.



Triple Play's 'Blues to Bluegrass' features, from left, Drew Smith on autoharp, Robbie Weeden on guitar, and Rich Rainey on banjo. Aiden O'Donnell will play Irish ballads and harp solos.

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- The first baby born after the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31 will be declared the winner providing entry has been made before deadline in Rule No. 2 and is substantiated by birth certificate, physician's certification, town records or other official record accepted by judges.
- Entries even for earlier babies cannot be accepted after the deadline entry has passed.
- Entrants agree that pictures of the baby, the mother and the father may be published in this newspaper to announce and publicize the winning baby.
- The decisions of the judge will be final.
- In the event that no baby is entered by Jan. 3, 2003 the contest will be extended another week.
- Envelope must be marked "First Baby Contest" in lower left hand corner.
- Employees of the newspaper or any participating firms or their families are not eligible to enter.
- Winner applies to First Baby born in respective towns.

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The Overlook Hospital Oncology Department offers "Facing The Challenge," a cancer support group for all cancer patients. The group is facilitated by nurse Lee Ann Caffery and meets the first and third Friday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The program is conducted at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave. For information or to register, call Caffery at 908-522-5349. Caffery has been certified as an oncology nurse specialist since 1992. She has provided direct patient care, individual patient education, education to patient groups and has facilitated family groups.

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LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

A salute to champions

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor
Happy Holidays!
Since this is our last publication date of 2002, I thought it might be fun to look back on some of the championship teams Union County produced this year.
For example: the Elizabeth boys' basketball team won the Union County Tournament, for the first time since 1989.
Cranford won the UCT softball championship for the first time ever, while Union won the baseball Group 4 state championship for the first time since 1974.

Jewish Adventure Series

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School invites pre-schoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series. Children 4 years old, pre-K, will experience an enriching, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the Bible. Activities will consist of music, Torah and holiday stories, arts and crafts, dance and cooking.
Upcoming Sunday events include "Happy Birthday Trees," Jan. 12; "Putim Costume Party," March 9; "Passover Celebration," April 6; and "Israel's Birthday," May 11.
Each session will take place from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the SJCC.

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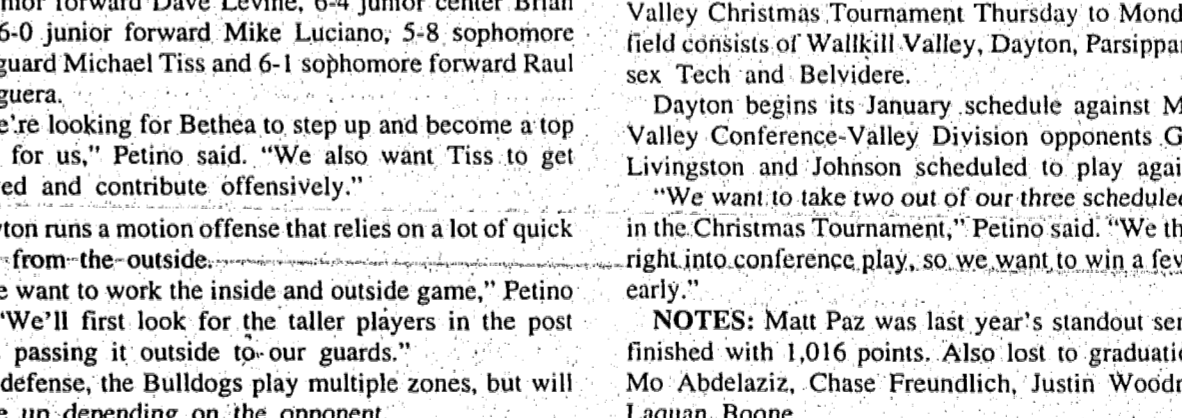
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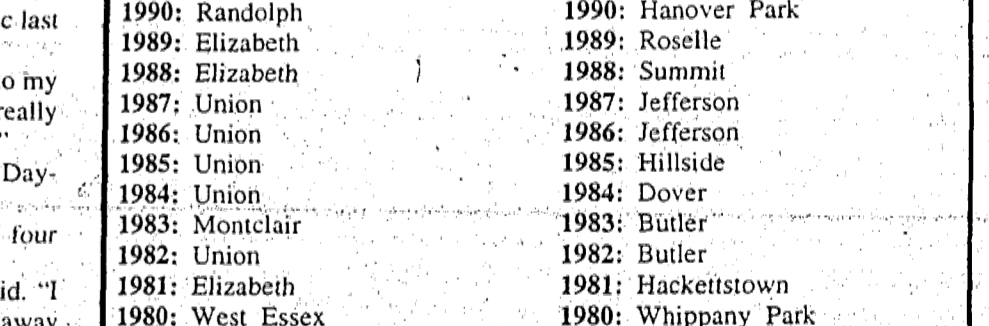
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Worrall staff shares memories of favorite holiday films

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

With the holiday season upon us, VCRs and DVD will get quite a workout once the presents are unwrapped tomorrow morning. Children are off from school and families are spending quality time together. What better time of year to pop some popcorn and pop in a favorite movie!

As with most things, when it comes to movies, everyone has an opinion. The editorial staff of Worrall Community Newspapers shares their favorite holiday viewing selections; a mixture of comedy and sentiment, nostalgia and classics fill the lineup, with some interesting choices. A total of 15 different movies were mentioned by staff writers and editors.

The editorial staff wishes all the readers of Worrall Community Newspapers a star-studded, Oscar-winning holiday season.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." That's my favorite Christmas movie. I'm laughing every time I see it."
Tom Canavan, editor in chief

"The Bells of St. Mary's." It's a touching story starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. The message is about looking out for your fellow man in their time of need."
Anthony Puglisi, regional editor
Essex County

"It's a Wonderful Life" - it's the best, it's a classic."
Mark Hoywna, regional editor
Union County

"I'm really bad with decisions, and two movies are always vying to be the first one I watch every year. 'It's a Wonderful Life' and 'White Christmas' are very different, but they share a common element: they end with one man being shown how much he means to the people who've known him. They both leave me feeling like something inside me has been renewed and it carries me through the season."
Bill VanSant, associate editor
Arts and Entertainment

"Christmas in Connecticut" - not the new one, the old one - because it was a very funny movie with great characters, including Barbara Stanwyck, Henry Morgan, Sidney Greenstreet and S.E. Sakall. And they're all so funny and lighthearted."
Bea Smith, staff writer

"The original 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.' I just think that it embodies an old-fashioned, small hometown Christmas spirit, and the writing is brilliant."
Deborah Madison, managing editor,
Union, Kenilworth, Roselle Park

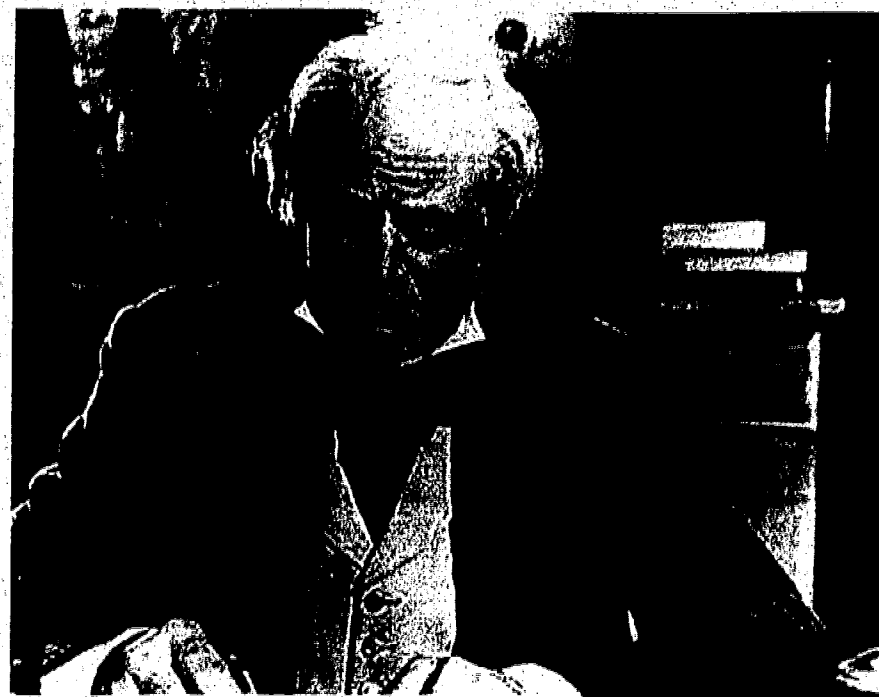
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Steven Reilly, staff writer
Union

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Alistair Sim has been described as 'the definitive Scrooge' for his performance in the 1951 version of 'A Christmas Carol,' one of the most-filmed stories of all time. However, three other holiday movies proved more popular with Worrall Newspapers staff members.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" because Chevy Chase is just funny - all his pratfalls and physical comedy. It's very merry."
Minhaj Hassan, staff writer
Rahway

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" because it's very funny and you can never get tired of watching it every year."
Brian Pedersen, managing editor
Summit, Springfield, Mountainside

"It would be 'A Christmas Story.' I just remember when I was younger, my younger brother and I used to watch it on TV before the holidays. We always liked the part where he licks the pole and he gets stuck there. It's a great movie."
Josh Zaitz, staff writer
Mountainside, Springfield

"The Santa Clause." I enjoy comedies, and I think that Tim Allen is a very funny guy. It was a cute family movie with a positive message about Christmas."
Charmette Q. Hockaday, staff writer
Orange

"Scrooged." With Bill Murray, it's a funnier version than the original look at our favorite Christmas villain."
Joe Rago/Zino, sports editor
Essex County

"The Godfather." Al Pacino and Diane Keaton come out of seeing 'The Bells of St. Mary's' at Radio City and see the newspaper saying, 'Vito Corleone feared murdered,' and Robert Duvall's got the Christmas gifts and a sled in his hand outside of Best's and Solozzo, who put the hit on the godfather says, 'You're coming with me,' so he can talk some reason into him."
J.R. Parachini, sports editor
Union County

"The Year Without a Santa Claus" because I like the Heat Miser and the Snow Miser. I like the songs they sing and the lines they use."
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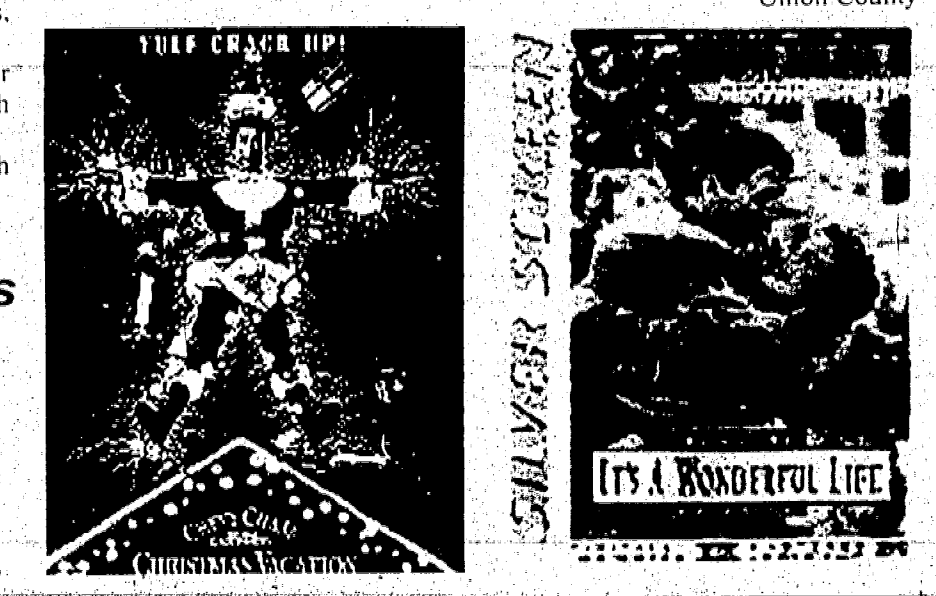
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that will never die.

Written in 1843, "A Christmas Carol" has been filmed for movies and television more than 200 times, making it perhaps the most filmed story of all time.

Beginning in 1901, the story has been committed to film or videotape in countless retellings and adaptations. Among the people who have stepped into old Ebenezer's shoes are Albert Finney, George C. Scott, Patrick Stewart, Henry Winkler, Rich Little, Scrooge McDuck, Bill Murray and Alistair Sim, described as "the definitive Scrooge" in "A Christmas Carol and Its Adaptations: Dickens' Story on Screen and Television" by Fred Guida.

Just as Scrooge came to keep Christmas in his heart, audiences have come to keep "A Christmas Carol" in theirs.



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Ford calls new Focus SVT its 'hot hatch'

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

You say you love the Mini Cooper S but the \$20,000-plus sticker is a little maxi for your budget?

Then, just for grins, test drive the Ford Focus SVT. This "hot hatch," as Ford calls it, is a European transplant that might be the best little factory-built zipster for about \$18,000.

What Ford's special vehicle team does to the four-cylinder engine and suspension makes it more fun than teasing a basket of cats.

The SVT treatment bolts up a desirable list of performance modifications and piles on the extras. Today's test car, in CD Silver, had a starting price of \$18,195, including the \$515 destination charge. The audiophile package, for \$475, pushed the sticker price to \$18,670.

At that price, you shouldn't even need Creative Whining 101 to talk mom, dad or the significant other into it. And while you're making the sale pitch, the power moon-roof option is a good deal at \$595 and the \$395 winter

package is well worth it for the traction control alone, but it also comes with heated front seats and an engine-block heater.

Only 7,500 SVTs a year will be built, which should boost resale value.

Features include four-wheel disc brakes, 17-inch alloy wheels and flat high-performance rubber. SVT sport front buckets, white-face gauges, rear spoiler, air conditioning and remote locking, plus power windows, mirrors and locks.

The interior is sculpted and contemporary. Switches and gearshift fall comfortably to hand. The three-door architecture can be a little funky looking, but the package is efficient for people and cargo. There are no blind spots, and even over-the-shoulder views are uncompromised.

Part of the pleasure of the three-door Focus is its expandability. It's a five-passenger subcompact, but there's a spacious elbow, head and shoulder room, and the rear seat folds back for Costco binges.

This fall, Ford adds a five-door

The three-door Focus is a five-passenger subcompact, but there's spacious elbow, head and shoulder room, and the rear seat folds back for Costco binges.

ZX5 version — same wheelbase and power modifications, but with two more doors — that will square off with the Toyota Matrix, Pontiac Vibe GT and Mazda Protege, among others.

The SVT treatment is sophisticated, but the driving experience is well refined for beginners to just jump, in and go.

Pumped up to 170 horsepower, the two-liter engine and six-speed manual gearbox are as fun on the back roads as they are practical scooting around town. The standard engine in the Focus ZX3 has 130 horsepower at 5,300 revolutions per minute and 135 foot-pounds of torque.

Unlike the quirky six-speed in the Matrix, the Getrag shifter in the Focus has short throws and smooth action that won't wear out your right arm.

Gear ratios and shift points give high-revving fun, but there's also a broad torque range that helps cut down on the number of shifts when you're crawling in traffic. The clutch is light, and the gas and brake pedals are positioned just right for heel-toe shifting.

Ford and Casworth Technologies put their heads together to finess the stock four-cylinder and added, among other things, a dual-stage intake mani-

fold, variable cam timing on the intake camshaft, and a dual-mass flywheel for engine smoothness.

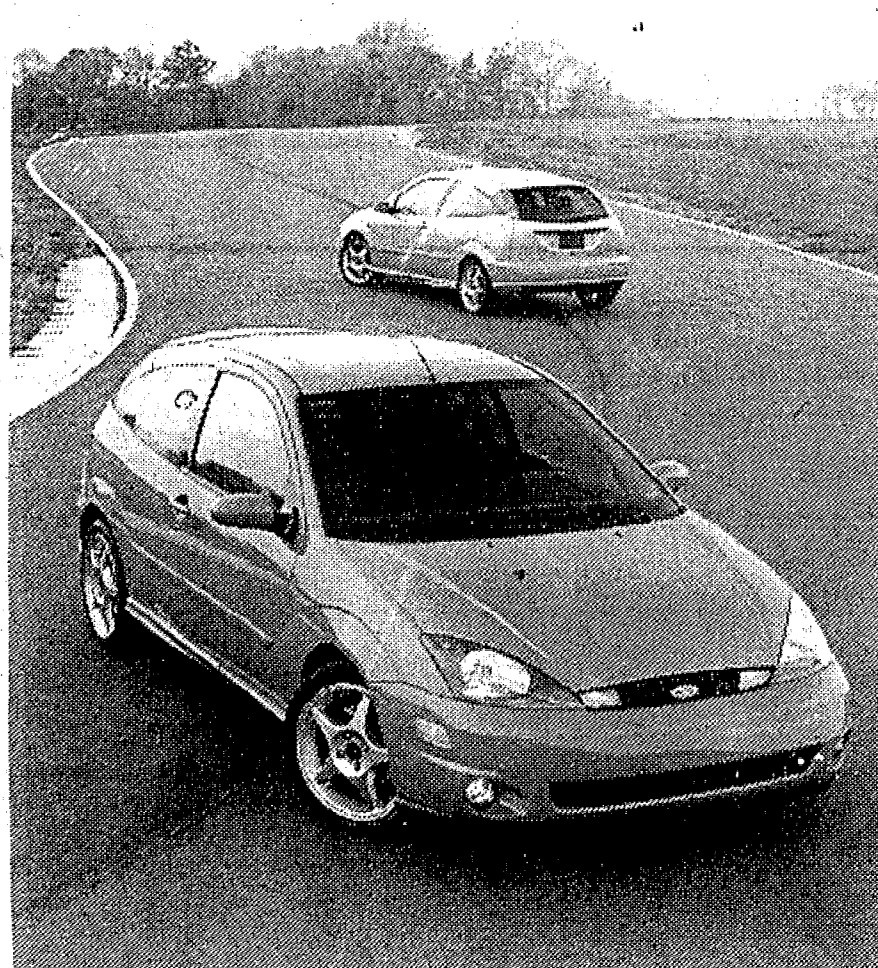
The engine redlines at about 7,200 rpm and is eager to push the limit. The low-flow muffler lets fly with a hearty high-performance growl, and the engine never sounds as if you're winding it too tight.

There's a built-in, easy-going personality that makes this car distinctive for older drivers looking for a commuter vehicle. Fuel economy is good at 21 miles per gallon in the city and 25 on the highway, and its contemporary styling and performance have an enthusiast's yin and yang that will appeal to male and female, young and old.

The dark side to the Focus has been its record-breaking number of recalls. I experienced no problems in a week of driving with the test car, and the initial perception is of a well-built car with quality parts and pieces.

All SVT vehicles get a little extra fluff and buff on the assembly line, so we can only hope this version of Focus gives you to have a full life cycle.

Like the largely unrecognized Contour SVT, the Focus SVT is cheap to buy new, and it will be a hot number on the used-car lot.



The Ford SVT Focus has variable valve timing, a dual-mass flywheel and asix-speed gearbox.

2002 SVT Ford Focus ZX3, three-door hatchback

Body style: subcompact, five-passenger, three-door hatchback

Drive system: front-wheel drive

Engine: two-liter Zetec DOHC, 16-valve in-line four-cylinder with variable valve timing, iron block, die-cast aluminum head, cast-aluminum pistons, forged-steel connecting rods, modular cast-iron crankshaft with SVT induction and exhaust

Horsepower: 170 at 7,000 rpm

Torque: 145 foot-pounds at 2,200 to 5,500 rpm

Transmission: Getrag six-speed manual

Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 7.6 seconds

Fuel economy: 21 mpg city, 25 highway

Fuel tank: 13.2 gallons

Where assembled: Hermosillo, Mexico

Competition: Honda Civic Si, Toyota Matrix, Neon SR-T, Subaru WR-X, Mini Cooper S

Dimensions

Front head/leg/shoulder room: 39.3/43.1/33.7 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 38.7/37.6/53.5 inches

Trunk area: 18.6 cubic feet

Weight: 2,750 pounds

Santa visits DCM



DCM Audi, Volkswagen and Mazda held a holiday event to thank customers and the community. Partygoers were given stocking stuffers, food and beverages, and a photo of themselves with Santa, who is pictured above with DCM general manager Joe Liu. A drawing was held for a 32-inch television. DCM is located at 2195 Millburn Ave. in Maplewood, 973-762-8500.

Height: 56.3 inches

Width: 66.9 inches

Length: 168.1 inches

Curb weight: 2,750 pounds

Trunk area: 18.6 cubic feet

Features

Standard equipment: remote locking, power windows-mirrors-locks, air conditioning, floor console with cup holders, 60/40 split rear-seat back, AM-FM stereo, integrated fog lights, rear window wiper and washer, solar-tinted glass, rear spoiler

SVT equipment: sport seats with leather inserts, gauge instrumentation

Colors: sonic blue, infra-red, CD...

Chassis

Suspension: four-wheel independent, with SVT springs and strut valving; front and rear stabilizer bars

Steering: power rack and pinion

Brakes: power-assisted with four-wheel discs with single-piston calipers and ABS; 11.8-inch vented discs front, 11-inch solid disc rear

Tires and wheels: Continental 215/45R 17-inch ContiSportContact on five-spoke alloy wheels

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\$409 lease for

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<p>1998 JEEP WRANGLER SAHARA 4X4 2 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, 5 speed man, pwr/brks, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$13,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$13,977</p>	<p>1999 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 2 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, 5 speed man, pwr/brks, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$13,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$13,977</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER LS 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, pwr/brks/winds/lks/mirrs, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$14,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$14,977</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4X4 2 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, pwr/brks/winds/lks/mirrs, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$14,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$14,977</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, pwr/brks/winds/lks/mirrs, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$15,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$15,977</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT 4X4 4 DR</p> <p>4 cyl, auto, pwr/brks/winds/lks/mirrs, air, cruise, tilt, cruise, 17" alloy, roof rack, alloy wheels, A/S tires, MSRP \$15,977. VIN #2427151A. 48 mo closed end lease w/12,000 mi/yr, 15¢ thereafter. \$388 cust cash & \$209 1st mo pymt = \$795 due at lease signing. TI cost \$10,032. TI cost \$10,018. Purch. opt. at lease end \$497.70.</p> <p>\$15,977</p>
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