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Springfield '91: A look back

By David Brown
Managing Editor

Another year in the wheel of history's cycle, 1991 proved to be an interesting year for the residents of Springfield in the events they shaped and by which they were shaped.

Pressed by the recession and growing budgetary problems, the municipal leaders and educators as well as local merchants burned the midnight oil reviewing expenditures and revenues.

Indeed, money appears to have been at the heart of the many of the year's trials and tribulations.

Elections

The campaign for the Springfield Township Committee will go down in the books as another traditionally hard fought battle between the Democrats and the Republicans, with the 21-point reduction in the municipal tax rate playing a major factor in the voters' decision to return a Republican majority to their governing body.

Committee member-elect Harry Pappas will assume the seat vacated by Mayor Marc Marshall, who is stepping down.

Indeed, the local election appeared to be a microcosm of those on the county and state levels, with Republicans taking control of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and both houses of the Legislature — the first time in 13 years.

Educators, too, felt the rumblings of tightening wallets, as the Union County Regional School District No. 1, including Jonathan Dayton, began the undertaking of a study close one or more of its high schools.

The local school board began initial steps to restructure its grade configuration due to increasing enrollment, in the face of uncertain state funding.

People

The year saw many residents in the spotlight. Opera star Rose Baum Senerchia performed for the President and Mrs. Bush... Philip Kurmos

was expected to be named mayor. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch addressed Springfield's Jewish community during Temple B'nai Shalom's 50th anniversary. Mayor Marshall named Principal Michael Green as the new superintendent of the Springfield School District. Mayor Marshall, with the backing of Mayor C. Louis Bassano and Monroe Lufbader in the Republican sweep of the state, Marcello Rolando, who was convicted in the killing of four people in Springfield two years ago, was returned to the state's care for another year under psychiatric observation. Springfield resident Edward Mueller celebrated his 99th birthday... Harry Vargas, at 60, became the oldest graduate of the state's police training academy and was appointed to the township's auxiliary force. Angelo Pincari resigned after 35 years on the Planning Board due to requirements of the Local Government Ethics Law.

The law

Lawmakers, as always, were active legislative authors at every level. New laws in the local and state books include the Local Government Ethics Law, and its sister, the School Ethics Law. Formalized instruction for local planning and zoning board members... and, of course, the Quality Education Act, which was exhaustively revised during the year is expected to be repealed by the incoming Legislature... Springfield's Houdaille Quarry, after a battle with a local developer, was leased to Union County for \$1 per year for 25 years. The status of Springfield's claim to a 5-acre parcel as host to the county's composing facility has yet to be decided.

Arrivals

Some good investments were made in 1991, some on which the return has been more tangible than others. The township's membership in the

County settles on 25-year lease on Houdaille Quarry

Township's claim to 5 acre parcel still unsettled

By David Brown
Managing Editor

It's not the ideal scenario, but Springfield officials and activists say they will take the 25-year lease arrangement the county has reached with the state on the Houdaille Quarry.

Approved by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last week, the 25-year lease agreement at \$1 per year, replaces a 99-year contract that was under consideration pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by a Springfield developer who claimed first rights to the property.

Superior Court Judge Alexander Mezza earlier this month granted the motion for dismissal of the lawsuit filed by Springfield developer Jerry Pecora, saying the state was only obligated to offer the land to the original owner if it were valued at \$100,000 or less.

The 163-acre quarry, formerly owned by the Houdaille Quarry Co., was sold to the Department of Transportation in 1982 for \$8 million for the construction of Route 78.

Through the lease agreement, a concept which was introduced by Assemblyman Neil Cohen, D-Union, the county will retain control of 93 acres of the tract, part of which is now used as a county composing facility.

"It's rather have the 99 years," said Springfield Committee member Philip Kurmos, who is expected to be named the township's next mayor. "But 25 years is better than nothing."

Marilyn Schneider, chairperson of the Springfield/Summit Citizens Organization to Protect the Environment, said she was pleased that an arrangement was made, but that the group would continue its fight to have the land preserved indefinitely.

"We're glad that something is in writing," Schneider said, "but

we're disappointed the original proposal by the federal government to give the land to the county outright was not accepted."

Schneider, a Springfield resident, said S.C.O.P.E. would "not rest until the land is preserved not just for 25 or 99 years, but forever."

The resolution of the 25-year lease agreement, however, still leaves unresolved a stipulation that allocated a 5-acre parcel to the Township of Springfield when it agreed to host the county's leaf composing facility.

Calling it a "blind self-interest," Kurmos said, "I'm looking forward to the freeholders honoring the original agreement to provide Springfield with the 5 acres as host community."

Were it turned over to the township, Kurmos said proposals for the 5-acre tract include housing the Department of Public Works garage, as well as the township's recycling operation.

Freeholder Louis Santagata, who was elected chairman of the body for the coming year by the incoming Republican majority, said the freeholders planned no dramatic changes for the 93 acres and that he was working on turning over 5 acres to the township.

"We'll keep using it for the leaf composting, and for park and recreational use," Santagata said. "There'll be no major building on it."

He added that County Counsel Joseph O'Dwyer said "there were ways of working the problem (of Springfield's claim) out, and that he has notified Kurmos and the Union County Parks commissioner of his plans to form an ad hoc committee to look at the problem."

Freeholder Chairman James Connolly Walsh said in a statement, "Although our county attorney has been negotiating a lease with the Attorney General's office for some time, we are pleased that the township's membership in the

Berkeley mulls departure from regional district

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

Berkeley Heights, the largest contributor to the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 budget, moved the first chess piece last week when its local Board of Education discussed the feasibility of withdrawing from the six-community district with Governor Livingston Regional High School in tow.

Consultant Robert Savitt of Guidelines Inc. told the Berkeley Heights school board Dec. 19 that the most practical option for exiting the region would be to close Columbia Middle School and, under local auspices, run two programs — grades six-to-eight and grades nine-to-12 — at Governor Livingston, which is one of the four high schools in the regional district.

The consultant warned the local board and public, which included Regional Board of Education President Burton Zitomer and Superintendent Donald Merachnik as well as parents from other district towns, that it would be extremely difficult for Berkeley Heights to withdraw — if it chose that option — due to the tax implications for Springfield, Mountainside, Clark, Kenilworth and Garwood.

Under a Berkeley Heights deregionalization scenario, the consultant indicated that the school tax locally would drop about 16 points and even more if the Berkeley Heights board

Suspect sought in hostage incident

Four Springfield residents were held hostage for a brief period Monday night by a man demanding money and jewelry, according to Springfield Police Chief William Chisholm.

Police said the suspect, described as a black male, between the ages of 25 and 30, was spotted on the roof of a home on the first block of Edgewood Avenue by a neighbor, who attempted to warn the returning homeowner of his presence.

Police said the suspect, when questioned by the neighbor about his motive about 7:30 p.m., responded that he was doing work for the homeowner.

When the homeowner returned with her children, ages 5 and 6,

Morris County Purchasing Co-op is expected to save some dollars over the coming years through bulk purchasing power.

Work is under way on the township's road system and sewers, which, officials said, were in serious need of attention.

The initiation of the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education in the schools by the Springfield Police Department, complemented by the township's Drug Alliance is a major, and apparently successful, initiative in Springfield's children.

On the private front, as of this writing, a contingent of local merchants are chomping at the bit to get moving with plans to revive the township's business district.

Now in its final stages, the Springfield Downtown Redevelopment Committee's recommendation of a \$2 million plan to renovate the business district is gaining momentum. Side-view See A LOOK, Page 2

Rolando Marcelo

Ed Koch

Rose Baum Senerchia

Harry Vargas

Marc Marshall

Photo by Barbara Kikaku

The Prince family spends a final day on their farm which was sold to developers in August. From left are Heather and her parents, Micky and Donna Prince.

Renovations were completed this year on the exterior of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

Berkeley Heights Board of Education See BERKELEY, Page 2

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Happy New Year!

Neil Simon's "Romano" is scheduled to make its Paper Mill Playhouse debut. See story on Page B3 of the Entertainment section.

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A composite of the suspect

A look back on the year

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alk, store fronts, lighting and parking are just some of the factors targeted to attract commuters to local shops.

The First Presbyterian Church on Morris Avenue completed renovations of the 200-year-old historical landmark.

Departures

An agrarian landmark, and symbol of American heritage, the last parcel of Prince Farms on S. Springfield Avenue was sold to developers. Other departures, apparently as a result of the recession, included Jimmy Woo's Chinese restaurant and Arthur's retail store, both on Morris Avenue.

Redevelopment plan presented to committee

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

Will Springfield's Morris Avenue business district get a colonial-style facelift or will the year-long labors of the Downtown Revitalization Committee be rendered into a mere facade?

Debra Title, chairwoman of the 10-member DRC, said the committee recently submitted its final draft proposals to the Township Committee on improving the business district and giving the area a "changed look."

The proposals, she said, call for installing colonial-style facades, improving the lighting and landscap-

ing, and creating contiguous parking lots.

Local merchants, hopefully, will survive in the marketplace despite the recession. One of these cuts in the prime interest rate by the Federal Reserve, now at its lowest since the mid-1970s, might stimulate the new-year economy.

Likewise, educators have their jobs cut for them. Between the Quality Education Act — whatever form it takes — and rising costs of educating children, innovation and subvention will most likely be their battle cry, as it will be for the private and municipal sectors as we enter the new year and approach the year 2000.

Berkeley considers leaving regional district

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President Helen Kirsch disclosed after last week's meeting that the local board, sponsored with a search for a new superintendent, would take no immediate action on the withdrawal question "until we see what the region does."

The Berkeley Heights discussion took place as the process gets underway to discuss the future shape of the regional district. The regional school board has scheduled town meetings in each of its six-member communities in January to review responses to the Eagleton Poll on cost-containment issues. In addition, the regional board has formed an ad hoc committee on cost containment in February.

Regional Schools Superintendent Donald Meracchini declined to comment on a possible Berkeley Heights withdrawal from the district following the Dec. 19 meeting. He said he would have to read the Guidelines Inc. study before discussing the issue further.

Guidelines Inc. consultant Vince Calabrese, a former state Department of Education official, told the Berkeley Heights audience that the township school board would be bucking the New Jersey push toward regionalization if it voted to deregionalize. He said he could not recall any local community successfully der regionalizing.

The Guidelines Inc. report projected that if Berkeley Heights takes over Governor Livingston and town students and withdraws from the region, then the regional district, with an enrollment of some 1,526 in 1996-97, would be operating "at less than 50 percent capacity in the foreseeable future" if it retained the other three high schools.

If Berkeley Heights purchased Governor Livingston and the regional district operated three high schools, the regional school budget tax rates would rise in the following manner in the other municipalities based on the current regional budget: Clark .84 to .92; Garwood .66 to .72; Kenilworth .56 to .61; Mountainside .73 to .80, and Springfield .59 to .64. The Berkeley Heights school tax rate would drop, in these admittedly rough projections, from \$2.17 to \$2.01.

Savitt explained that the Berkeley Heights school board expressed two major concerns, which prompted the initial study: the board thought it would be desirable to control K-12 education in the township and indicated it would be problematic if the regional district decided to close Governor Livingston and to "disseminate" Berkeley Heights students to a high school in another town.

Guidelines Inc. personnel toured Governor Livingston to draft the report. Savitt said the consultants were "impressed by the tone" preva-

lent in the regional high school and that the curriculum contained "a good spectrum in terms of the range of courses offered."

Several audience members and a local board member offered that the Berkeley Heights board should explore deregionalization and then, in turn, regionalization with neighboring New Providence.

If the Berkeley Heights board eventually decides to proceed toward regionalization, it would have to commission a formal study in order to meet state Department of Education requirements.

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Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as early as possible and send to P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Wednesday

□ The Springfield Township Committee will hold its reorganization meeting at 2 p.m. at the municipal building.

Thursday

□ The Board of Education for the Union County Regional School District will hold its first budget work session at 7:30 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

□ The Board of Education for the Union County Regional School District No. 1 will hold its regular meeting Jan. 7 at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark at 8 p.m.

Quarry leased for 25 years

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months, all parties concerned felt it more prudent to hold off on the signing of an agreement until such time as (Pocaro's lawsuit) had been resolved.

As host community, Springfield is not charged for leaf composting at the quarry facility which, county officials project, will have accommodated approximately 100,000 cubic yards of the 19 participating municipalities' leaves by the end of the year.

Police seek robbery suspect

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parking lot on Route 22 West, were it believed a vehicle was waiting.

None of those involved were hurt in the incident, Chisholm said, adding that an undisclosed amount of money and jewelry was taken.

The suspect is described as approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall, thin build, clean shaven and with a plaited face, thought to be acne scars. He was dressed in dark clothing and a dark woolen hat.

Police are urging anyone with information, or who observes similarly suspicious behavior, to contact the department at (908) 376-0400.

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news notes

J.W.V. appoints Kaufman to Holocaust committees

Luna Kaufman of Watchung was presented with two Certificates of Appointment, one as N.J. State Jewish War Veterans honorary chairman of the State Holocaust Committee and as co-chairman of the annual J.W.V. Yom HaShoa Memorial Committee, at a recent meeting of the J.W.V. Holocaust Memorial Planning Committee at the Menlo Veterans Nursing Home.

At the meeting of the committee, it was announced that annual memorial services will be held April 26, 1:30 p.m., at the Liberation Monument, Liberty Park, Jersey City. Kaufman is the chairperson of the Liberation Monument Committee.

Local corp gets honors

Association Management Corporation has received two Mercury Communications design awards, President Peter Allen announced.

A series of brochures for the Environmental Exposition Inc. received a Gold Award and a corporate brochure



SLINGING CAKES FOR THE LAST TIME? — Mountainside Borough Administrator James Roberts, right, dishes up some pancakes for Mayor Robert Vigilante.

Roberts, who has been cooking breakfast for municipal employees every Christmas for 10 years, says this will be the last time. Borough officials confirmed, however, that he says that every year.

Florio addresses host of issues at Union forum

By Chris Gatto
Staff Writer

The county's incinerator, health and automobile insurance, and the state's \$2.8 billion tax package topped the bill during Gov. Jim Florio's first "town meeting" at Washington School in Union Dec. 17.

The session, designed to be conducted in an informal manner, was the first in what is expected to be a string of talks that will allow state residents to pose questions directly to the governor. Questions ranged from those of policy to just about any concerns speakers had as citizens of the state of New Jersey.

Prior to kicking off his chat with the close to 300 people at the school, Florio congratulated the Union High School football team on its undefeated season and playoff win over Randolph. Players were called to the stage in the school's auditorium for commendation.

In opening discussion, Florio called the format "a simple one" in explaining the procedure for the meeting to the residents prior to offering them the floor. "If folks would come to the microphones, tell us who you are — if you represent a group, that's fine — and then just ask a question or make your statement. I will do my best to try to be as responsive as I possibly can," he said.

John Policastro of Union, the first to address the governor, welcomed Florio to the township and called the concept of the town meeting a "renewed idea." He asked if New Jersey residents could expect some type of tax relief in the near future.

"Despite the best efforts of the people in Washington and what seems

like sometimes the state government in Trenton, they tax the pants off my rear end," Policastro said. "Can we expect some tax relief soon?"

In addressing the question, Florio said the answer is "yes," noting that a budget had been passed this year with \$2 billion worth of property tax relief in it. The governor noted, though, that what has happened during the past 12 or 13 years, in comparison to 1991, was the result of trying to bring tax relief to residents.

Florio, in defending the \$2.8 billion tax increase enacted with the aid of a Democratic-controlled Legislature, said that when he was elected he faced a deficit and had to raise taxes to balance the budget. The governor said he cut some governmental expenditures "dramatically," but was still forced to raise taxes.

"The sales tax was increased so as to be able to just keep even. The commission type proposal was passed to finance the school system that the Supreme Court told us we had to change. You may recall that its lawsuit was pending for eight years. I was lucky enough to walk in and have them resolve the case four months after I walked into office," Florio said, noting that the school funding system in effect had been ruled "unfair." A new plan was necessary, he said.

Florio said the money that was raised on the income tax all went to property tax relief, assistance to municipalities and to the counties, as well as to the schools. About \$800 million was added for assistance to the schools last year, but Florio questioned where things would be heading due to the national recession. The governor said that despite economic

County heads get 5% hike; Welsh takes parting shots

By Chaz Repak
Staff Writer

In passing legislation guaranteeing raises for county department heads and constitutional officers, outgoing Democratic Chairman James Welsh took parting shots at his Republican counterparts at the final meeting of 1991 of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The board passed, by a 5-3 vote, an ordinance raising by 5 percent the 1991 salaries of eight county officials and department heads, including County Manager Ann Baran, whose salary jumped from \$99,700 to \$104,685. County Counsel Jeremiah O'Dwyer, whose salary rose from \$93,400 to \$98,070, and Operational Services Director Armand Florio, whose salary increased from \$79,600 to \$83,580.

The increased salary figures are retroactive to Jan. 1, 1991. The 2,300 county employees who are members of unions had their pay increased earlier in the year by 6 percent as a result of labor negotiations, according to Florio.

The ordinance passed along party lines, 5-3, with Republicans Alan Augustine, Linda-Lee Kelly and Louis Santagata voting against the measure.

Augustine said he felt compelled to vote no because "a local spokesman asked me, 'How could anyone ask for a raise with things as they are' in the economy."

Santagata, who will take over the chairman's post when the Republicans form a majority of the board Jan. 1, said the state of the economy dictated that the board "send a message, because if not this year then come Jan. 1, we cannot continue with these automatic raises."

Welsh exploded. "I think we're seeing a little bit of political hypocrisy here," he said. "This year, we had the first tax decrease in county history. When you voted for the labor contract, you didn't send the

wrong message. When you pandered to the county workers during the election, you didn't send the wrong message.

"If President Bush had recognized the recession two years ago, maybe there wouldn't be a recession," he continued. "I think it's a very foolish thing to do" to vote against the proposal. "I think it's punitive, and I think it's been done with malice ... I think come January, we're going to see some principles bite the dust."

Augustine replied, "You talk about being honest with people. But you know the reason there was no tax increase was because the county received 80 percent welfare support from the state."

When Welsh retorted, "Do I hear praise for Governor Florio?" Augustine snapped that the incumbent who received the fewest votes in the November freeholder election, "I didn't know the campaign was going on. Every time someone votes against you, you say it sounds political."

The board had earlier passed, by the same vote tally, a resolution providing 5 percent raises, to \$80,280, for the county clerk, sheriff, 5-3, with Republicans Alan Augustine, Linda-Lee Kelly and Louis Santagata voting against the measure.

At the board's Dec. 12 meeting, the freeholders approved, again along party lines, a compensation package that set salary ranges for county government employees. The package, uses over \$200,000 left after the county's 733 exclusionary, or non-union, employees agreed to a 5 percent raise instead of 6 percent in 1991.

Wolanski pointed figures that show that over 75 percent of the exclusionary workers, including doctors at Rumelns Specialized Hospital and assistant county prosecutors, earn under \$40,000 per year. More than 50 percent of workers earn less than \$30,000 annually.

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student update



Winners of the Peace Poster Club, from left, are Liz Spano, Darcy Hughes, Elizabeth Countryman and Christy Kelly.

Mountainsider takes 2nd place in poster contest

Students from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit recently participated in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest.

Creative Arts Department, Chairperson, Will Cardoll of Summit reported that 12 seventh- and eighth-grade students were involved in this international contest promoting world

peace. This is Oak Knoll's second year of participation. Oak Knoll students were among the thousands of students from around the world who created posters illustrating the theme "Peace Begins With Us." Oak Knoll's award-winners include: First Place — Liz Spano of West Caldwell; Second Place — Darcy Hughes of Mountainside; Third Place — Elizabeth Countryman of Westfield; Honorable Mention — Christy Kelly of New Providence.



A BIT OF GUIDANCE — Irene Willis of Walton School in Springfield gets a bit of artistic guidance from her instructor, Pat Remblis.



FAIRY TALES AT SANDMEIER — Lina Gady's kindergarten class at Sandmeier School in Springfield redramatizes the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. From left are Gabriella Cohen, Jeremy Marx, Jordan Gerber and Stephanie Hsiung.

New arts instructor brings unique style to high school

By Rachel Gorlick Correspondent

Since the September opening of school, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School has had a new art teacher, Janice Metzger. Having always been interested in art, she attended an arts high school in New York City, where enrollees were required to take a drawing test. After graduation, she went to Buffalo State University for her bachelor's degree before becoming an art teacher.

Metzger attended Montclair State College, where she earned a master's degree and continued studying at Stony Hill University, Albany State, and Skidmore.

Not surprisingly, she married an artist who is a painter and teacher at Kean College.

This year, Metzger was awarded membership into the National Association of Women Artists, an organization consisting of 700 members nationwide.

Metzger's favorite artists are David Hockney, Larry Rivers, and Pablo Picasso. She loves contemporary artists, including some of today's women artists who Metzger thinks are "very inventive."

Metzger has been doing many new things with her art students. She has given a great deal of exposure to different kinds of work and allows her students "to do their own thing." In the future, she wants her open studio students to do large sculptures and face casting. She feels that all of her students are "good artists." When Metzger walks into her room at Dayton, she feels as if she has "come into a little corner of heaven."

Many of the students have responded positively to Metzger's accelerated teaching techniques. They feel that the art classes are now filled with "more enjoyment, more techniques to work with, and moral support from the teacher."

Rachel Gorlick is studying Journalism at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield.

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The golden rule by example

An ethics code regulating the actions of school board members and administrators, just approved by the Senate Committee on Education, is welcome and long overdue.

As with elected government officials, school board members allocate millions of dollars on an annual basis in operating expenses, capital projects and salaries.

While their presence on the board is indicative of school board members' dedication to the community and the education of the student population, the absence of a vehicle with which to litigate ethical improprieties has implied ethical perfection.

The actions of current school boards may be well above suspicion, and based on the purest of motives. But somewhere down the line problems are bound to arise.

The proposed School Ethics Law will not only adjudicate alleged ethical infractions, it will act as a deterrent, and re-enforce the ethical standards inherent in most school board members.

The bill, which will now return to the Assembly for approval of the Senate's amendments, has taken a form similar to that of the Local Government Ethics Law, which emphasizes the exposure and regulation of financial gain through the use of elected office.

This proposed legislation differs from the government ethics law in that it does not, in its present form, provide for the establishment of a local ethics board to rule on infractions by its own people.

As with local government officials, boards of education should be given the choice of judging alleged improprieties of their colleagues, or passing that duty to the state's School Ethics Commission, a body proposed by the legislation.

This law is especially significant in the context of education. Inherent in the teaching of mathematical equations, geographic locations and sentence structure, is discipline and an adherence to a high standard of conduct.

A formal outline of ethical expectations for their superiors' conduct, then serves as an example to students in their pursuit of the "Golden Rule."

The code of ethics called for in this legislation is no doubt observed by most school board members. But any question that does arise can be defined and expelled by the School Ethics Law.

Recipe for '92

At this point in time, almost everyone has made New Year's resolutions or at least is thinking about making them.

That being the case, everyone should add the following resolution to their list:

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7. Into each day, put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work, hope, fidelity, kindness, rest, prayer and meditation.

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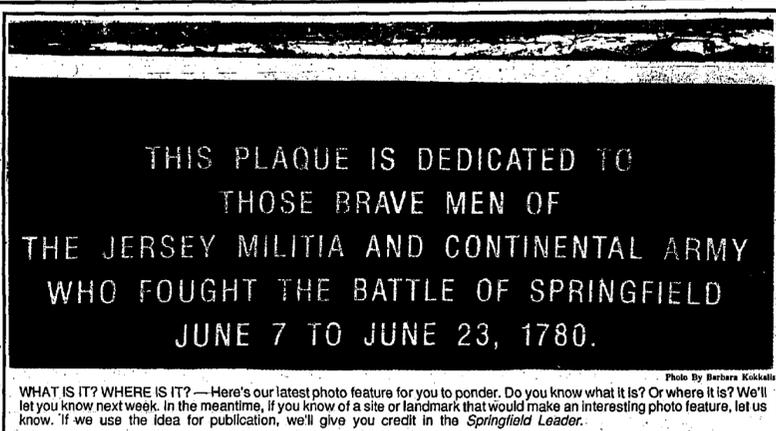


Photo by Barbara Kikkala

WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? — Here's our latest photo feature for you to ponder. Do you know what it is? Or where it is? We'll let you know next week. In the meantime, if you know of a site or landmark that would make an interesting photo feature, let us know. If we use the idea for publication, we'll give you credit in the *Springfield Leader*.

Maybe you should reject that inheritance

If you are about to receive an inheritance, you might consider rejecting it. This estate planning strategy — called a disclaimer — seems to defy all common sense and logic, but it can actually make good financial and tax planning sense. Here's how.

Consider the example of Sam and Betty. Sam recently passed away, leaving his entire estate to Betty. Betty decided that she could live comfortably without receiving Sam's entire estate. She disclaimed \$100,000, which passed directly to their adult daughter as the "contingent beneficiary" of Sam's will. The \$100,000 wasn't taxed in Sam's estate and it is now out of Betty's estate as well. Future estate tax savings for Betty's estate: as much as \$35,000.

Family income tax savings can play a role in using a disclaimer. If a member of the family is in the highest

letters to the editor

Downtown needs a facelift

To the Editor:
Springfield's downtown is in major need of a facelift. In the past, redevelopment plans have been proposed but have never come to fruition. Now, we in Springfield have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the way Springfield will look into the next century.

For the past year, members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Downtown Redevelopment have been hard at work with the town's planning consultant, David Zimmerman, preparing the "Revitalization and Redevelopment Master Plan for the Springfield Downtown."

They have produced a workable plan which is both economical and capable of achieving the goal of creating a substantially improved downtown.

The master plan offers specific recommendations to enhance Springfield's attractiveness to shoppers and merchants.

These include such activities as rebuilding sidewalks with brick-like pavers, providing benches and plantings along Morris Avenue and improving lighting, store signs, facades and rears of buildings consistent with an overall colonial theme.

Finally, the plan takes steps to deal with the lack of parking by creating contiguous parking areas on the north and south side of Morris Avenue.

To find out more about the plan, come to the next meeting of the mayor's advisory committee on Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. Your support is crucial.

Debra Tille
Chairwoman
Springfield Downtown Redevelopment Committee

Repeat the Notch Act

To the Editor:
As New Jersey state commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, I have voiced my opposition to the unfairness of the Notch Law, enacted by Congress in 1977, and I must once again speak out against a law that affects so many of our members, fellow veterans and non-veteran senior citizens.

The 1977 Congressional Act has deprived those retirees affected by the Notch Act of their fair share of Social Security retirement issues. The short fall to those born between 1917 and 1926, many of our senior citizens, averages from 10 percent to 20 percent of their monthly Social Security income. In terms of money, it comes down to an annual decrease of \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year. Certainly, a meaningful amount.

This inequity should be rectified by law. As state commander of the Jewish War Veterans, I strongly urge Congress to eliminate the Notch Act of 1977 by Congressional action now!

Murray Nathanson
State JWV Commander
Springfield

Benefits law needs fixing

To the Editor:
The New Jersey Society of CPAs strongly supports relief for the unemployed. However, the \$5.3 billion unemployment benefits extension law enacted Nov. 15 severely complicates tax filing and uses fiscally irresponsible funding that will increase the federal deficit.

The law's flaw is the provision forcing many quarterly tax filers to pay tax liability sooner by estimating quarterly earnings four times a year. Currently, they can base these payments on the prior year's payments and make any needed adjustments at year's end.

Forcing quarterly filers, many of them small business owners with constantly changing earnings, to guess and project earnings every three months is an incredible burden. It complicates filing so much many filers will be forced to hire tax professionals every few months. Moreover, this financing scheme is not raising new funds to pay for the benefits. It merely speeds up tax collections and uses tomorrow's tax revenues to pay for today's programs. That kind of fiscal



Areas to review for bigger tax refund

If you'd like to give yourself a bigger tax refund, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants suggests 15 areas for you to review closely when calculating your bill to Uncle Sam.

1. **Dependent Exemptions** — Dependent exemptions directly reduce your taxable income. If in 1991 you provided more than half the support for one of your in-laws or even a stepparent, you may be able to take a dependent exemption of \$2,150.
2. **Medical Bills** — Many unreimbursed medical and dental expenses are deductible to the extent that they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income. Your AGI is income from salary, dividends, interest and other sources, minus certain adjustments, such as alimony payments and contributions to an Individual Retirement Account.
3. **Contributions to IRAs** — If you and your spouse don't participate in an employer's retirement program, you can deduct up to \$2,000 in contributions to an IRA if single and up to \$4,000 if married. If you work, and your spouse doesn't, you can shelter up to \$2,250. And if either you or your spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan, you may be entitled to a partial deduction, depending on your income and filing status.
4. **Contributions to Keoghs** — If you are self-employed, you may set up a retirement plan commonly known as a Keogh. You can contribute and deduct as much as 20 percent of your earned income or \$30,000, whichever is less.
5. **State and Local Income Taxes** — If you itemize deductions, you can deduct state and local income taxes.
6. **Real Estate Taxes** — As long as you itemize, any property and real estate taxes you paid in 1991 are also fully deductible.
7. **Mortgage and Home Equity Interest** — Mortgage and home equity interest expenses generally remain deductible.
8. **Miscellaneous Expenses** — Miscellaneous expenses including tax-related expenses, some unreimbursed employee business expenses, and expenses associated with producing income can help to

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9. **Job Hunting Expenses** — Job hunting expenses, such as the cost for preparing your resume and travel to job interviews, can be added to your miscellaneous itemized deductions.
 10. **Moving Expenses** — You may be eligible to deduct unreimbursed moving expenses if you moved within one year of starting a new job and the distance from your old home to your new job is at least 35 miles farther than the distance from your old home to your old job.
 11. **Business Meals** — You can generally deduct 80 percent of business meals.
 12. **Casualty Losses** — Events like fires and floods that are sudden, unexpected or unusual are considered casualties by the IRS and the resulting losses can be taken as itemized deductions, provided insurance has not already covered the loss. A number of limitations do apply, so check with your CPA.
 13. **Charitable Contributions** — Generally, if you itemize on your tax return, you may deduct contributions of money or property that you make to qualified organizations.
 14. **Health Insurance for the Self-Employed** — Self-employed taxpayers may deduct 25 percent of their health insurance costs from their gross income.
 15. **Dependent-Care Tax Credit** — Parents who pay someone to care for a dependent child or relative while they work or look for work may qualify for a special tax credit. The maximum credit is \$720 for one qualifying dependent and \$1,440 for two or more.
- For more information on deductions and tax credits that can reduce your tax dollars, contact a CPA.

'Lame duck' Dems are acting dangerously

Strange things happen to some politicians after an election, especially if it's one that has reduced them to the status of a "lame duck."

Suddenly, they find themselves struggling with a battery of powerful emotions ranging from anger to angst. Those who lose this inner battle undergo a noticeable metamorphosis. Their outlook sours. Their perspective warps.

It's not unusual for principle and common sense to take a back seat to political gamesmanship and revenge. Let's face it. This isn't a frame of mind conducive to the formulation of sound public policy.

That's why lame duck sessions of the Legislature can be dangerous. When time does not allow for thoughtful deliberation and you're not predisposed to act responsibly in the first place, nonsense becomes the norm. A revision of the last-minute spending spree before they turn over the reins of power.

In just a few short weeks since the election, the Democrats have proposed a variety of new spending programs that could exceed a billion dollars if enacted into law. They include:

- A \$420 million bond refinancing plan for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority that would add \$17.5 million a year to the state debt;
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- A revision of the last-minute spending spree before they turn over the reins of power.

Unfortunately, the process has been so perverted over the years that I'm not surprised at the travesty transpiring in Trenton today.

The Democrats who control the Assembly must repeal the tax increases so angry at the people of New Jersey for rejecting them and the way they jammed \$2.8 billion in new taxes down their throats in 1990 that they are willing to throw the state into fiscal chaos to exact revenge.

Now that they've exhausted all the money they wish to repeal the taxes — even though they have no intention of repealing any of the spending programs or funding formulas they created which require a continuing commitment of new tax money.

In other words, after picking our pockets, the Democrats still want to stiff us with the check.

They learned nothing from the election. People were angry at the Democrats for raising their taxes. But they were just as angry at them for the way they did it — with haste, with insufficient thought and with hardly any public input.

One of the biggest messages sent by the voters on Election Day was that you don't raise taxes without a lot of

lands, which all too often must be sold to pay inheritance taxes.

There is one place where the federal tax law needs to be rewritten to do a better land-saving job. It's a complex provision in the 1986 tax law that says if a taxpayer must file an alternative minimum tax return, and he or she is donating property, the resulting deduction must be limited to the value of the earlier purchase price, or basis value, rather than today's fair market value.

For folks with a long history of ownership, that's not much of a consolation, and therefore not much of a deduction.

Philanthropy is always first in the minds of contributors, but deductions sure help! So let your Congressperson know you'd like that reward reinstated. We've lost hundreds of potential conservation acres because of that quirk in the tax law.

It just doesn't make sense that someone who doesn't need to file that kind of return can get the current full market value of the donation as a deduction.

And while you're thinking about it, write out a check to your favorite land trust. I can send you a list of those working hard for you in the Garden State. Contact me at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, 300 Meadowdale Road, Morristown, 07960.

David F. Moore is the executive director of the New Jersey Conservation Foundation.

Be Our Guest

By Garabed Haytaian

I care, and you certainly don't raise them without cutting costs first. The same rules should hold for repealing taxes.

However, the tax fiasco isn't the only reason why the Democrats should just go home and stay there until the new Legislature organizes. They want to go on a last-minute spending spree before they turn over the reins of power.

I believe the *Camden Courier-Post* was on target when, in a recent editorial, it chastised the Democrats for waging a shameless campaign of

political vindictiveness. The editorial concluded with these observations: "The voters have clearly assigned the Republicans the responsibility for whatever changes should be made in taxing and spending. For the Democrats in any to handicap them — and make no mistake about it, the Democrats are not trying to help their colleagues in the GOP — this is a disservice to the people they are sworn to serve. The Democrats should limp away to consider, after this sorry spectacle, whether their party has any principles left on which to base a comeback."

I believe the vast majority of the people believe as I do that the time has come to draw the curtain and end the theatrics in Trenton. If the Democrats refuse to act responsibly they should take their final bows and exit, stage left.

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Time to think about those contributions

We've arrived at the end of another year, one which for many has brought hard times through job losses or business reverses.

It's also the end of the tax year for most of us, and thus the time to think about contributions. The trend to financial belt-tightening makes it tough for nonprofit environmental organizations which depend on the generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations.

Our society benefits greatly from services by volunteers. Examples abound in local governments, and in fire companies and rescue squads.

My own interest is land conservation, and it benefits from extraordinary people and organizations putting in long hours to make sure contributions go as far as they possibly can.

Here at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, which I serve as executive director, the end of the tax year brings lots of land and easement donation activity. Other land trusts operating in this state we're in depend on the same taxes you pay.

Groups such as the Nature Conservancy, which specializes in protecting rare and endangered species habitats and special environments; the Trust for Public Land, working frequently on urban and suburban open space, and the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust, an arm of state government managed by a private-sector majority board of trustees, work statewide.

The Philadelphia Conservationists

Natural Lands Trust saves wetlands in the southern part of New Jersey. Three countywide groups, the Monmouth Conservation Foundations, Hunterdon Heritage Conservancy and the Morris Park and Conservation Foundation, save land in their own county neighborhoods.

And now many others have started too, some townwide, others along watershed boundaries, all working, frequently with government partners, to save the bits of important open space that remain in this state we're in.

Ironically, just when the recession has created a buyers' market for desirable open space land, donated money is undeniably more scarce.

But cash donations are not the only way to save land!

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State We're In

By David F. Moore

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May the new year be better than '91

Season's greetings.
 Another year to tuck away.
 But what do we file 1991 under? Well, that depends upon your perspective.
 While many of us want to be heard singing "Happy Days are Here Again," some could be heard chanting that tune earlier this month. As the 1991-92 school year approaches its longest and busiest athletic season — THE WINTER — a pleasant look back can be taken to what transpired during the recently completed fall campaign.
 There were winners and non-winners. As long as there's the need for a scoreboard to be operated at athletic events that's always going to be the case.
 No losers here.
 Give it your best shot and you have nothing to be ashamed of. Area sports teams provided local towns with many bright moments during the past three months. Here's a brief look at some.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING — On Saturday, Dec. 7 (the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor) Union does what no other football team had been able to do to Randolph for more than five years. The Farmers beat the Rams.
 Union's come-from-behind 24-14 victory was not really an upset. However, the Farmers had to come-back from a 14-0 halftime deficit to snap Randolph's 59-game unbeaten streak.
 Randolph had the longest unbeaten streak in the country until that defeat and set the state record for the longest winning streak (54) and longest unbeaten streak (59).
 All Union did was win its record eighth North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 championship. The Farmers now have an 11-game winning streak and 135-19-3 record over the past 15 seasons.

CREDOS TO THREE JOBS WELL DONE — While the job Union's football staff did this year should not go unnoticed and unappreciated, a pat-on-the-back is in order for the strides made by the coaches at Brearley Regional, Roselle Park and Dayton Regional.
 Bob Taylor's Bears won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship (the team's fourth) as he and his staff led Brearley Regional to back-to-back road victories for the title.
 John Wagner and company kept their composure and never let Roselle Park unravel after pre-season injuries proved costly. Some thought the Panthers might not be that good. Roselle Park won seven straight and earned a playoff berth.
 Tony Maglione came in from Bridgewater West and his wishbone philosophy helped Dayton Regional run roughshod over opponent after opponent. Dayton Regional won only one game last year and scored less than 50 points. This year the Bulldogs improved by five games and scored more than 200.

HOW DOES ZAWACKI DO IT? — Again, Union High School senior girls' tennis player Terry Ann Zawacki proved to be the best in the state. Zawacki's defeat of Columbia Junior Majorie Gantman earned her a second consecutive NISIAA singles title. Zawacki finished a brilliant high-school career with a stunning 9-2 record.
 She will join sister Tracey at Wake Forest University next fall.
ONE TITLE AND ONE NEAR MISS — The Brearley Regional boys' soccer team captured a third consecutive North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 crown by blanking Whippany Park 3-0 in the title game played in Kenilworth.



WHAT'S GOING ON
J.R. PARACHINI

Roselle Park's field hockey team reached the Union County Tournament final as the top-seed. Although the Panthers lost to Kent Place 1-0 before a home crowd, Roselle Park still went on to complete a very successful 10-5-1 campaign.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS — Three area teams captured conference crowns including Union in football (Watchung Conference-American Division), Brearley Regional in boys' soccer (Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division) and Roselle Park in girls' tennis (MVC-Valley).

THE FINAL HIGH SCHOOL PICKS RECORD HERE was 39-7-1 for an 848 percentage. The final two picks of the season turned out to be pretty fair decisions, both victories. They were:
 Union 33, Randolph 14
 Brearley Regional 29, Mountain Lakes 28

Ragula won:
 Union 34, Randolph 14
 Brearley Regional 14, Mountain Lakes 13

So here are two more picks, both New Year Day bowl games:
HALL OF FAME BOWL: Ohio State (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-2) at Tampa, Fla. — This game features former Dayton Regional standout John Lusardi of Springfield. Lusardi has starred at linebacker this year for the Orangemen as they look to knock off their rival Big 10 opponent.

FIESTA BOWL: Tennessee (9-2) vs. Penn State (10-2) at Tempe, Ariz. — Another former Mountain Valley Conference standout will be featured in this contest — Penn State offensive lineman Todd Burger of Clark. The junior played his high school ball at Johnson Regional.

Both teams have five-game winning streaks and appear to have enough returning talent to be just as good next year. Although Penn State is officially considered a member of the Big 10 Conference, the Nittany Lions will play one more season (next year) as an independent.

Penn State joins the Big 10 for football in 1993.
 Here's hoping 1992 gets off to a good start for yours truly as I prepare to bleed Penn State (my alma mater) blue in four days.

THREE ROSELLE PARK WRESTLERS won titles at a quad meet held at Roselle Park High School last weekend. Pat McCafferty (140), Keith Appello (145) and Anthony Barra claimed titles from the meet

which also involved Bridgewater-Raritan, Colonia and North Plainfield. McCafferty dethroned Jeff Case of Bridgewater-Raritan 15-36 (tech fall 6:00). Appello pinned Alex Rios of Bridgewater-Raritan in 3:36. Barra pinned Paul Woerner of Colonia in 3:22.

Panther wrestlers that finished as finalists included Mike King at 119 and Ryan Vanderkooy at 171. King lost a 6-5 decision to Alex Matias of Colonia. Vanderkooy was pinned by Bridgewater-Raritan's Mike Titchin in 3:52.

UNION FINISHED SIXTH in last week's seven-team Governor Livingston Tournament in Berkeley Heights.
HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS COMMENCE today for area wrestling teams. Below is a list of where schools will be:
 Brearley Regional — at Woodbridge Holiday Classic, begins today.
 Roselle Park — at Blue Devil Classic at Westfield, begins tomorrow.

PRIOR TO THIS PAST TUESDAY'S USA Today Super 25 High School Football Rankings, Union High School was ranked fourth in the country. Below were the top five teams as of Dec. 17 rankings:

1. LaGrange, Ga. (15-0). Class AAAA champions.
2. Odessa, Texas (16-0). Defeated San Antonio John Marshall 27-14 last Saturday for Class 5A-Division II title at Texas Stadium in Irving. John Marshall finished 13-3.
3. Doylestown, Pa. Central Bucks West (13-0). Class AAAA champions.
4. Union, N.J. (11-0). North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 champions.
5. Fort Walton Beach, Fla. (13-0). Defeated Fort Lauderdale St. Thomas Aquinas 39-14 last Saturday for 4A title at University of Florida. St. Thomas Aquinas finished 13-1.

The final poll was scheduled to appear in this past Tuesday's USA Today. Wherever Union finishes will be published here in next week's newspaper, Friday, Jan. 3.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the 1992 Roselle Park youth baseball seasons. Roselle Park youngsters between the ages of 5½ and 15 as of April 1, 1992 are eligible.
 Applications are available at all of the borough elementary schools, the middle school, the Casano Center and the library.
 More information may be obtained by calling Kathy Vitale at 908-241-1302.

THE SPRINGFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S Minutemen Football Program was aided by support from the team's cheerleaders. The cheerleaders helped lift the spirits of the three Minutemen teams as they attended three games each Sunday afternoon from late September to late November.

Karen Stock and Pam Circelli coached the group of young ladies that included captains Stacey Rauchbach and Alyssa Stading, Mandi Cohen, Carrie Fischbein, Stephanie Gladstone, Noelle Fabrizio, Lauren Young, Jodi Bruder, Rachel Max, Meredith Pincus, Wendy Harowitz, Danielle Kirsch, Melissa Savin, Jamie Moskowitz, Marni Luciani, Jill Palais, Heather Birch, Nancy Kloud, Nicole Puopolo and Renee Gow.

See you in '92.
 (J.R. Parachini is Worrall Community Newspapers' sports editor.)

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Area teams dribble past opposition opening night

Dayton Regional and Hillsdale got the job done on the boys' side, while Roselle Park, Brearley Regional and Union's girls' teams were successful as the high school basketball season commenced for area teams (North Zone of Worrall Community Newspapers) last Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

H.S. Basketball

Bulldogs a 55-50 fourth quarter lead on the road.

Senior center Terence Young scored a game-high 21 points and teammate Courtney Benjamin, a senior forward, chipped in with 17 for Dayton Regional.

SOPHOMORE GUARD Lamond Adams helped Hillsdale to a 26-15 halftime lead with six points during a 12-5 second-quarter showing in Hillsdale.

Adam had a team-high 15 points, while teammates Terence Clanton and Dwayne Arrington scored 12 and 11 respectively.

SENIOR SWINGMAN Scott Sexton scored 13 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter for the Panthers as they rally to home fell short against St. Patrick's Regional.

The game's high-scoring, Charles Lott, scored eight of his 21 in the fourth quarter to cement the victory for St. Pat's.

Sophomore guard Kevin Kirby added 11 points for Roselle Park.

JUNIOR POINT GUARD Viz Gomez netted 11 points for Brearley Regional, but it wasn't enough as New Providence took a 26-12 half-time lead in its home-opener on the strength of Jason Forster's eight second-quarter points.

RETURNER Tom DiGiovanni was the only Farmer to score in double digits as his 11 points paced Union.

Hasan Grant scored seven of his 15 points in a 23-11 fourth-quarter surge that clinched the victory for Plainfield.

Union lost its first road game of the year, last Saturday as Scotch Plains came away with a 51-47 victory. Cameron Chadwick paced the Farmers with 20 points.

Savage stars for Bears

Brearley Regional's Karen Savage scored four of her nine points to help the Bears open with a 10-2 advantage in Kenton. Tricia Anglim was Brearley Regional's high-scorer with 11 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds.

DENSE LONEKER scored 11 points to help the Panthers post their second consecutive win over Roselle Park to a 15-10 lead before North 13th Street took the game.

In boys' action last Friday night, Dayton Regional and Hillsdale posted Mountain Valley Conference Mountain Division victories last Friday night as the Bulldogs topped Immaculata 64-57 and the Corvets defeated Governor Livingston Regional 63-40.

St. Patrick bested Roselle Park 65-60 and New Providence edged Brearley Regional 39-36 in MVC-Valley Division action.

Plainfield topped Union 69-50 in Watching Conference-American Division play.

In girls' action last Friday night, Roselle Park trimmed North 13th Street Tech 47-24 and Brearley Regional defeated New Providence 34-23 in MVC-Valley Division games.

In MVC-Mountain classes, Immaculata bested Dayton Regional 76-24, while Governor Livingston Regional downed Hillsdale 47-24.

Union edged Madison Central 37-34 last Saturday night in a non-conference affair.

Last weekend's opening scores

FRIDAY
Boys'
Dayton 64, Immaculata 57
Hillsdale 63, Gov. Liv. 40
St. Pat's 65, Roselle Park 60
New Providence 39, Brearley 36
Plainfield 69, Union 50
Girls'
Roselle Park 47, N. 13th Tech 4
Brearley 34, New Providence 23
Immaculata 76, Dayton 24
Gov. Liv. 47, Hillsdale 24

SATURDAY
Boys'
Scotch Plains 51, Union 47
Girls'
Union 37, Madison 34
Mullman lifts Bulldogs
Dayton Regional senior forward Jason Mullman completed on four consecutive free throws, the second two after a technical foul, to give the

Union splashes to 3-0 start

The Union High School boys' swimming team defeated Governor Livingston Regional 108-51 in a home meet Dec. 19. For the first time this season, Union, 3-0, placed first in every event.

"As far as looks so far, we could be on our way to a better dual-meet record than last year's 16-4 mark," head coach Dennis Reinhard said.

Ed Friend won the 200 and 500 freestyle events to remain unbeaten in each.

In the 200 individual medley, Gerard Galinda took first and Dan Plosky was second.

Union swept the 50 freestyle with Paul Ulrich first, Steve Boyd second

H.S. Swimming

Ulrich combined to win the 200 medley.

Union has upcoming home meets scheduled against Livingston, Friday, Jan. 3 and Westfield, Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Farmers will also host perennially strong Seton Hall Prep on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Girls' team falls
Union's girls' team won its share of events, but fell to Governor Livingston Regional 96-74 because of a lack of points, third and fourth-place finishes.

Donna Restivo won the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke events for the Farmers. She set a school record with time in the 100 backstroke.

Union took first in all three relays. The team of Lear, Acque, Plosky and

ball through the hoop in the game played in Newark.

WENDY SALADINO scored half of Dayton Regional's points as Immaculata jumped out to a 22-8 lead after the first quarter and never looked back in the game played in Springfield.

KIM WILSON did the same for Hillsdale as her 12 points were a team-high. Governor Livingston Regional led 18-0 after the first eight minutes in Berkeley Heights.

DARLENE OLIVO made two consecutive layups to rally the Farmers to their home victory.

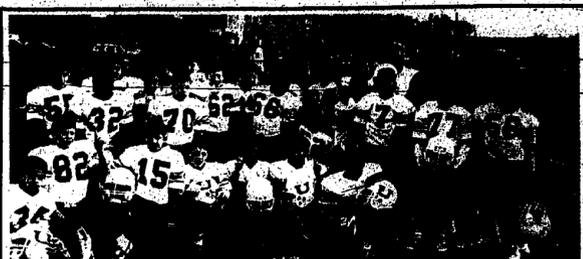
Olivo finished with 11 points and teammate Patricia Biezer scored all 10 of her's to help Union overcome a 20-13 second-half deficit.

Brearley schedules

The following are Brearley Regional's boys' and girls' 1991-92 varsity basketball schedules.

BOYS
Sat., Mon. St. Mary's Tourney at South Amboy
Jan. 7 St. Pat's 4:00
Jan. 9 St. Mary's 7:00
Jan. 11 at Cranford, 7:00
Jan. 13 at Bound Brook, 7:00
Jan. 17 at Middletown 7:00
Jan. 21 at Roselle Park, 7:00
Jan. 23 New Providence, 4:00
Jan. 24 at Johnson, 4:00
Jan. 28 at Johnson, 4:00
Jan. 30 at Pingry, 4:00
Jan. 31 at St. Pat's, 7:30
Feb. 4 at St. Mary's
Feb. 6 Oratory, 4:00
Feb. 7 Dayton, 7:00
Feb. 11 Bound Brook, 4:00
Feb. 12 at Oratory, 4:00
Feb. 14 Middletown, 7:00
Feb. 18 at Manville, 7:00

GIRLS
Sat. and Mon. Metuchen Tourney
Jan. 3 at Johnson, 7:00
Jan. 7 at Cranford, 4:00
Jan. 10 Dayton, 7:00
Jan. 14 Bound Brook, 4:00
Jan. 17 Middletown, 4:00
Jan. 21 at Manville, 7:00
Jan. 23 at New Providence, 4:00
Jan. 24 Roselle Park, 7:00
Feb. 4 St. Mary's, 4:00
Feb. 7 at Dayton, 7:00
Feb. 11 at Bound Brook, 4:00
Feb. 14 at Middletown, 7:00
Feb. 17 Pingry, 4:00
Feb. 18 Manville, 4:00



BOWL CHAMPIONS — The Union Rangers Junior Pee Wee football team capped off a fine 9-1-1 season by defeating Bennett Creek Virginia 25-12 on Nov. 30 in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Bowl played in Towson, Md. Players include Mike Augerath, Gary Baumwoll, Shawn Elliott, Victor Bobo, Mark Bonomo, Danny Clardy, DaShawn Crankur, Derek Fiduck, Eddie Fof, Jimmy Gritschko, David Hoffman, Nolan Ivers, Joe McGrady, Billy Melodick, Scott Olsen, Muhamman Oliver, Eddie Scott, Mike Sevchuk, Joe Sciancalepore, John Soto, D.J. Tomace, Mike Tobla, John White, Antwon Willmore, Robert Wozniak, Kenny Holland, Matt Zieser and Robert Zinkowicz. Coaches include George Harris, Augie Tobla, Dave Hoffman, Eddie Fof, Bob Baumwoll and John White.

Players and team champs to be honored Jan. 15

Baseball Dinner

Several other significant awards will be made to individuals. The Edward R. Cooper Memorial Award will be presented to Frank Malta of Elizabethtown, as the most valuable scholastic baseball player. Malta batted .450 for Elizabethtown High School and was named to the All-County team as its third baseman.

The Hersh Shaw Memorial Award will be presented to Christopher Powers, as the outstanding scholar/athlete. Powers participated in football, wrestling and golf. He was also involved in student government and was a member of the National Honor Society. Powers is presently attending Villanova University.

Kim Egan, a 1991 Brearley Regional High School graduate, was the recipient of the Union County Baseball Association Memorial Scholarship. Egan is presently attending the University of Maryland.

The Jerry Molloy Memorial Achievement Award is being presented to Michael Cerna of Roselle for many years of continued support of the Union County Baseball Association.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 and can be purchased by telephoning the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4906.

Dayton swims past foes

By Michelle Naggar
Correspondent
The Dayton Regional High School swimming team started the 1991-92 campaign with two consecutive victories. The team's first win was a 103-66 win at home against Madison Central on Dec. 9. The Bulldogs followed that up with a 114-71 win at Elizabethtown on Dec. 15.

Against Madison Central, Marty Visitation, Keith Bahierz, Ben Schneider and Jay Geraghty started the meet by taking first place in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:59.4.

The Bulldogs' Rob Bierwirth finished first in the 200 and 100-yard freestyle events with times of 2:08.85 and 5:6.3. Bierwirth also joined Tom Stracey, Schneider and Steven Kleinman to win the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:50.1.

Other first-place finishes included Visitation in the 200-yard individual medley, 2:28.30; Greg Gebauer in the 100-yard butterfly, 1:09.11 and Geraghty in the 500-yard freestyle, 7:18.37.

Baseball Dinner

Memorial Award will be given to Harry Gross of the Hillsboro Petrosks and to Jeff Coughlin of the Watchung Driers.

Gross, team captain and third baseman, batted .456 with four home runs and 27 RBI. Coughlin played in all 36 games for the Driers and batted .407 with two home runs and 39 RBI. He also stole 12 bases and scored 23 runs.

The Most Valuable Pitcher Award will be given to Rob Tumolo of the Petrosks. Tumolo fashioned a 7-1 record, struck out 44 batters in 51 innings and had an ERA of 1.37.

Team awards will be presented to Union-Vauxhall, Watchung Driers, North Hunterdon Best and the Middletown Cardinals.

There was a tie for the Most Valuable Player award this year in the Twilight League. The Ralph Orscollo

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Theater company receives \$500-G NEA grant

Crossroads Theater Company has received a \$500,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its Associate Artists Program during the next four years.

Crossroads, the nation's largest professional, non-profit African American theater company, is one of 40 cultural organizations across the country, and the only one in New Jersey, selected from among hundreds of applicants to receive an NEA Challenge Grant. A total of \$13 million in grants was awarded.

The grants were announced by NEA Chairman John Frohnmayer at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Crossroad's grant will support the ongoing Associate Artists Program, which provides nationally significant black theater artists with an honorarium and "artist home" which they can use as a laboratory for their most creative ideas, particularly those that represent a departure from the discipline or genre with which they are normally associated.

Projects of the selected artists will be given significant support in the conception, commission, development, collaborative, workshop and production phases. The program also will incorporate a series of forums designed to bring the artists together for creative think-tank sessions that

where all the mayhem unfolds, is the original Broadway set designed by Tony Straiges.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. Thursday matinees at 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$24-\$38; Mastercard and Visa are accepted; group rates are available. Call the box office at 376-4343.

Audio-described performances for the visually-impaired are scheduled for Jan. 30 at 2 p.m., Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. A sign-interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired is slated for Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

It is through the support of the Fund for N.J. Blind, the Paper Mill Playhouse Guild, Warner Lambert Company, Beeton Dickinson Company, Anheuser-Busch, Inc., the Essex Chapter of the American Red Cross, Sanford Pharmaceutical Corp. and the N.J. Council on the Arts/Dept. of State that Paper Mill is able to offer these services.

This ensemble comedy features Heather McRae and Michael Minor with Stephen Berger, Linda Carno-Cross, Catherine Campbell, Suzanne Dawson, Ken Kilian, Wiley Moore and Reno Roop. John Brieble is directing and the living room,

where all the mayhem unfolds, is the original Broadway set designed by Tony Straiges.

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Members sought for fencing club

The Westfield Fencing Club is accepting registration for winter fencing classes and invites people ages 10 through adults, beginners and advanced, to learn more about this sport which has been compared to "physical chess."

Classes will run from Jan. 11 through Feb. 8 at Redeemer Lutheran Day School, 229 Cowperthwaite Place, Westfield. Classes will be from 9:30-10:45 a.m. for adult beginners, 10:45-11:45 a.m. for beginner youth, and 11:45 a.m. for experienced youth.

Tom Tomko will conduct the fencing classes. He has coached high school and college fencing teams for more than 15 years.

The fencing classes range in size from four to eight students; however, Tomko tailors his instruction to meet the needs and abilities of each student, teaching them how to use an epee and a foil, and how to develop strategy and improve speed.

The registration deadline for the winter session is Jan. 6. To receive a free brochure on the Westfield Fencing Club, call 908-322-5065.

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Theater company receives \$500-G NEA grant

Crossroads Theater Company has received a \$500,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its Associate Artists Program during the next four years.

Crossroads, the nation's largest professional, non-profit African American theater company, is one of 40 cultural organizations across the country, and the only one in New Jersey, selected from among hundreds of applicants to receive an NEA Challenge Grant. A total of \$13 million in grants was awarded.

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Speedy Car Wash outshines the rest
It's located in an industrial area on Lehigh Avenue — not exactly the kind of place you might expect to find a car wash; but somehow the Speedy Car Wash has managed to do quite nicely over the past 17 years.
According to Rooney, who has operated the business for the past 17 years, the customer receives the best possible service at a reasonable price.
At Speedy Car Wash, an exterior wash goes for about \$1 less than the average car wash, a competitive price in a business where customers can be charged over \$6 simply for an exterior wash, not to mention amenities such as hot wax. The cost of a wash has remained at \$4.50 for two years, a rate which Rooney calls "an inflation fighting" price.
Rooney, though, at his totally "business" operation, provides more than just a lower price, while providing personalized service in what can be a very impersonal, high volume business.
At Speedy Car Wash, Rooney's employees take time to wash off excess dirt from every vehicle before it even enters the conveyor — and the workers must greet each customer courteously because it is their job to do so.
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Acts booked for Montclair First Night

New Year's eve is just around the corner, and Montclair First Night is gearing up for its biggest celebration ever.

It has signed a record 72 acts ranging from Montclair's own music, Yass Hakoshima, to the Harmon String Quartet, known for playing rock music with classical instrumentation.

Paul Ellis, executive director of Montclair First Night, said this year's New Year's eve celebration will be bigger than the previous three. Last year, a record 12,000 people attended the alcohol-free arts festival at schools, churches and public buildings in Montclair's town center.

Ellis said this year's festival will be a dozen acts bigger than 1990 in a bid to avoid overcrowding.

"People got closed out of events last year so we are enlarging the program to make certain that everybody can see what they want, when they want," Ellis said.

This year's roster will include everything from two actors reading the Canterbury tales to a gospel chorus at the Union Baptist church to an 18-piece Klezmer band playing the soul music of Eastern Europe.

Ellis said that one of the coups in this year's casting is the addition of the Hampton Spring Quartet, which has never before performed in Montclair. The group, which has gone gold with its records, is known for treating the Rolling Stones with the seriousness normally reserved for Beethoven.

For those who want their popular music played more conventionally, two big bands will be on hand for dancing at the specially enclosed Park Street parking garage next to the YMCA, which will also be a venue for performances.

Booked so far is the Swing Renaissance band, conducted by Shad Royful, a longtime Montclair resident who has played with some of the most famous names in jazz, including Count Basie and Duke Ellington. Ellis said that First Night Montclair was trying to sign either a salsa or a reggae band to complement the sound swing.

"We also have a square dance group and an international folk dance troop who invite the audience to jump right in," Ellis said.

"If you want to watch dance rather than do it, we have the New Jersey Ballet and Dance Compass, a modern dance company," Ellis said.

"We have 22 different ethnic groups represented ranging from Native American to Brazilian. We have Brazilian jazz, just plain jazz, Italian opera classics, Irish folk singers and Russian balalaika players.

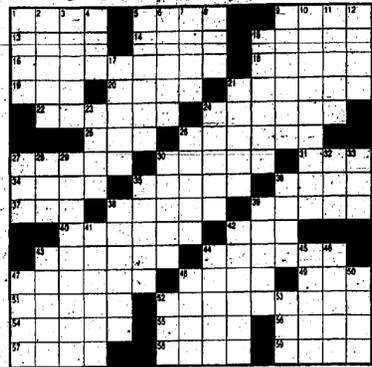
"We're really pleased that Yass Hakoshima has agreed to come back for a second time. He was a big hit in 1989," Ellis said.

Ellis said there will also be plenty of activities for children, including plays, puppets and magicians.

The celebration will begin and end in the traditional fashion, starting with a parade and ending with fireworks over Hillsdale School.

First Night Buttons, on sale for \$5 at local outlets and through Parks & Recreation departments in Montclair and surrounding communities, are good for admission to all events.

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Concert will usher in year

Dana Talley, tenor soloist, and Sue Lane Talley, concert pianist, will present a program of sacred and classical music at a special New Year's Eve concert to be given in the First Congregational Church, 1340 Burnet Ave., Union, Tuesday at 7:30.

In announcing the event, the host pastor, the Rev. Nancy E. Forsberg, has extended an invitation to the community to join in "a different kind of celebration" to bid farewell to the old year and to usher in the new year.

The Talleys are recording artists, who have made television and radio appearances world-wide. Dana Talley made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1979 and has since appeared in 23 roles in such productions as "La Traviata" and "Don Carlo," which were viewed internationally on "Live From the Met" series. The oratorio soloist, who sang "The Messiah" with major symphonies across the country, was telecast world-wide on Christmas Eve 1980 from the Mormon Tabernacle and on subsequent years, with the Utah Oratorio Society on PBS-TV.

He also traveled with the Broadway production of "The Student Prince" and sang in concert and opera in Paris and in Italy, where he lived and studied. Talley has a master of music degree from the Julliard School, New York City.

Sue Lane Talley, who had been giving recitals since she was 5 years old, made her orchestral debut at the age of 16 with the Santa Barbara Symphony. She won many piano competitions including the "New Dimensions in Music," sponsored by the Ford Foundation, and has appeared in concerts throughout Italy with her husband. She performed on Italian radio and television. She has a master of arts degree in piano performance from Western Washington University and has studied opera coaching at the Metropolitan Opera under a grant from the National Opera Institute.

Following the program in the Union church, there will be a social period in fellowship hall. It was announced that the cost for the concert, including refreshments, is \$10. Tickets can be ordered in advance from the church office by calling (908)-688-4333, or by sending a check to the church address.

Mandrell will perform in Rahway

Louise Mandrell may have been overshadowed by her older, more famous sister on the hit NBC series, "Barbra Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters," in the early 1980s, but her talents did not go unnoticed. Now, as a TV and live concert star in her own right, she and her troupe (including kid sister Irene) are booked for a one-night-only holiday show at Rahway's Union County Arts Center, Saturday.

Mandrell, a Texas native, combines bluegrass with pure country harmonies in performances that showcase not only her vocalizing skills, but also her nimbleness and style as a dancer and her versatility as an instrumentalist. In the latter capacity, she moves with ease from her keyboards through the clarinet and drums to a variety of stringed instruments.

She's hosted her own nationally syndicated TV special, made guest appearances on "Hollywood



IN THE MONEY — Larry Reagan, left, co-chairman of the Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Foundation, Inc., Theater Nite fundraiser of Neil Simon's play, "Broadway Bound," recently held at the CDC Theater, Cranford, presents a donation to Father Charles Hudson, right, vice president and founder of the Center for Hope Hospice, Linden. Looking on, center, is Clark Councilman William Caruso, president of the Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Foundation, Hudson, one of the original founders of the Center for Hope, is a non-denominational center which provides the terminally ill with the ability to be treated at home rather than in hospitals or nursing homes. Reagan is a member of the board of trustees of the Hope Center.

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'Separation' will hit George Street stage

George Street Playhouse rings in the new year with the American premiere of Tom Kempinski's "Separation," debuting Jan. 4.

Kempinski's work examines the dilemma of a London asporaphobic playwright who has suffered writer's block since composing a play about a woman confined to a wheelchair. A young actress in New York, who is partially disabled, wants to appear in an Off-Broadway production of his play and has contacted him for permission.

"Separation" is the unconventional love story about this unlikely pair brought together by their transatlantic dialogue. As with his previous hit, "Dues For One," Kempinski shows himself to be an observer of the troubled heart in a crippled body.

GSP's Resident Director Susan Korner directs this love story. Korner, who has directed past GSP productions of "Driving Miss Daisy" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs," is also responsible for the theater's Outreach Program. Now in its fourth year,

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Sit down and catch up with your fall-forgotten business plan for the new year.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) A special wish can come true. Set your priorities and do what you have to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Raise your awareness of what is going on around you. Study current events.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Hold off on making a final decision about a partnership. It would only be premature.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) False judgment hamper you in communications. Keep an open mind. Weigh the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your gracious charm can make you a winner in all you do. So, pour it on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A transportation problem needs to be worked out. Consider all of your alternatives and get it done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your

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reunions

Batlin High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1957, is looking for classmates for a 35th reunion in the fall of 1992. For information, write: Batlin 1957 Reunion, P.O. Box 441, Elizabeth 07201; or call 908-686-2514 or 908-686-1231.

Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1937 is planning a 55th reunion for June 6, 1992 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at El Pescador Banquet Hall, 149 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. Alumni interested in attending the reunion should contact: Franklin Yon, 110 E. Elm St., Linden 07036, 908-486-1231; Richard Tomlin, 12 De Hart Pl., Elizabeth 07202, 908-352-0118; or Joseph Pipoli, 528 West End Ave., Elizabeth 07202, 908-354-4613.

Union High School Class of 1922 is planning its 20th reunion for November 1992. Alumni or family members should contact the reunion committee by writing to: Class Reunion Committee, c/o Kinowitz, 22 Woodside Road, Springfield 07081, 908-686-1231.

Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1982 is planning its 10th reunion for Spring 1992. Alumni should contact Gail Sals, 447 W. 6th Ave., Roselle 07203.

Newark East Side High School, Class of 1942 is planning a 50th reunion for 1992. Alumni are asked to contact Rudy Zaepfel, c/o Newark Shellfish Co., 99 Rome St., Newark 07105 or call 344-0329.

April 25, 1992. Alumni should contact Arlene Glassman at 908-687-2593, Edward Scherer at 201-633-0453 or Pearl Prashker at 908-964-0983.

William L. Dickinson High School, Jersey City, Class of 1944 is planning a reunion. For information, write to Class Reunion, P.O. Box 0204, Monmouth Beach 07750.

Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1937 will have its 55th reunion in 1992. Interested alumni or anyone with alumni information should contact Frank Yori, 908-486-1231, 110 East Elm St., Linden 07036; Dick Tomlin, 908-352-0118; Joseph Pipoli, 908-354-4613; or Bernard Segot, 908-486-8724.

Franklin School Class of 1952 will have its 40th reunion in June 1992. Classmates or anyone knowing of their whereabouts are asked to write to Dawns Hummel Lepore, Bill Mann or Barbara Chambers Wolansky, P.O. Box 73, Stirling 07980.

Food stamps information

For a free brochure that tells how to get food stamps, call toll-free 1-800-453-4000. Find out if you qualify.

Learn about living wills

Copies of a booklet on living wills, prepared by the New Jersey Commission on Legal and Ethical Problems in the Delivery of Health Care, can be obtained by writing to Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden's office at 266 Essex Street, Millburn 07041 or by calling 201-467-5153. The booklet contains samples of three kinds of "advanced directives" and explains the issues one should consider in preparing an "advanced directive" or "living will."

Gov. Jim Florio recently signed into law legislation that will give residents of New Jersey the ability to prepare such documents, which would control life-sustaining care if they become terminally ill.

"The right to live free also includes the right to die according to one's wishes," said Ogden, R-Essex, Union, who sponsored the legislation along with Assemblyman Gerard Naples, D-Mercer.

The legislation enables competent individuals to draw up "living wills" that indicate their specific wishes in the event that they become incapable of making medical decisions.

"I believe people have a fundamental right to accept or refuse medical treatment," Ogden said. "If they don't want their life sustained by artificial means when they are totally incapacitated with no hope of recovery, that should be their choice."

Call elected officials
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DINING REVIEW

REPETTI'S
Superb food served by an excellent staff. One of New Jersey's finest restaurants.

By Debbie Jordan
An extraordinary experience in dining is the best way to describe my recent visit to Repetti's restaurant in Kenilworth. Menu items range from plentiful assortments of pasta, chicken and veal, to seafood, pork chops and steak.

Repetti's fine Italian cuisine is cooked to perfection by head chef Francesco Pizzuti, a native of Italy who has served patrons of Repetti's for three years.

The atmosphere in this charming restaurant lends itself to romantic evenings for two or groups celebrating important occasions. The prices are competitive with any fine dining establishments.

Professional in conduct and appearance, Repetti's staff makes patrons feel comfortable while catering to them with a friendly smile.

Deciding what to order was difficult. My companion and I began with two appetizers from a list of 14 tempting specialties. The stuffed mushrooms topped with mozzarella cheese were out of this world, and the shrimp scampi, served with a cream sauce, was better than I've tasted anywhere. We enjoyed our tantalizing appetizers over a bottle of exquisite chardonnay from Repetti's extensive wine list.

For dinner, my companion chose the delectable chicken and shrimp fra-diavolo, which was sauteed to perfection with a tangy blend of onions. I chose a great favorite of mine — fettuccini Alfredo — and was completely delighted. I can't say enough about the creamy, smooth sauce which enveloped the fettuccini.

We received friendly, attentive service from Jose, an Ecuador native

who has been a waiter at Repetti's for six years. He was knowledgeable about the menu items, and his timing was just right — our steaming entrees were served only minutes after our delicious appetizers were cleared.

Although left with little room for dessert, we could not resist the wide array of choices presented to us on Repetti's dessert cart. My companion ordered the chocolate Grand Marnier cake, and I enjoyed a serving of fresh strawberries with whipped cream.

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Performances by soprano Audra McDonald and bass Luiz Octavio Faria were presented as part of "Julliard in Jersey," an ongoing series of concerts hosted by Schering-Plough Corporation at its executive offices. James Beaser, a native of South Orange, provided piano accompaniment.

The Julliard concert series features performances by young artists of The Julliard School, and is made possible through a grant from Schering-Plough.

The artists performed for Schering-Plough's employees and guests, including community residents and music students from Drew University and Fairleigh Dickinson University. The concert included selections by Schubert, Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Gerashwin and others.

McDonald was born in Berlin, Germany, to American citizens in the U.S. Army. She returned to the United States as an infant and grew up in Fresno, Calif. She began her musical studies on the piano at age 4 and made her debut at age 6. McDonald has won many competitions, including first place in the Reno Jazz Festival Vocal Competition. Other competitions in which she has participated include the Santa Cruz Festival Scholarship in Voice and the Central California Music Festival of Piano.

McDonald has sung leading roles in "Man of La Mancha," "Guys and Dolls," "Evita," "A Chorus Line" and "Anything Goes." She is currently a student at The Julliard School, where she holds the Jennie Tourel and Mary Isabelle Kemp Scholarships in voice.

Faria was born in Brazil, and graduated from the Universidade do Rio de Janeiro. He earned additional certificates in music at Escola de Musica Villa-Lobos and from the Associacao dos Musicos. He was the first winner of the National Carmen Gomes Vocal Competition in 1987, which he also won in 1988.

Before leaving Brazil, Faria sang the role of Tommaso with Carlo Bergonzi in "Un Ballo in Maschera." He made his debut in Germany, singing in "Porgy and Bess," winning an award for his performance. Faria's other roles include Rainald in "Aida," Arauto in "Otello," Sparafucile in "Rigoletto" and Colline in "La Boheme." Faria is currently a full-time student at The Julliard School.

Beaser, who provided piano accompaniment, studied piano and accompanying at Stanford University and The Manhattan School of Music. He is a freelance vocal coach and accompanist in Manhattan.

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Weichert suggests some quick fixes to speed up home sales

Homeowners today are finding that the overall appearance of a home can make the difference in a fast sale. To be sure that your home's first impression isn't the last for a prospective buyer, Weichert Realtors suggests freshening up the home with inexpensive decorating ideas.

"A few easy decorating ideas can do wonders to liven up a home and add to its appeal," said Weichert, Realtors Senior Vice President Phillip Weichert.

Since the outside of a home makes a lasting impression, landscaping should be neat and trim. If necessary, a fresh coat of paint may help the house stand out from the competition. The inside of the home should be clean and well-kept, free of dust, and clutter, or odors from animals, mildew or smoke. Porcelain is an excellent way to help eliminate household odors, and baskets can hold extra items that may otherwise appear as clutter. Also, green plants and flowers add a fresh, decorative look to a home.

Remove old, dark drapes and be sure ceiling and wall fixtures have been dusted and washed to brighten a room. Spackle, sand or paint yellowing or dark walls. If you paint, select neutral, soft colors to help brighten the rooms and create a soothing atmosphere.

A clean carpet is also important to the appearance of a room. If a carpet is beyond repair, use throw rugs or expensive hardwood floors, which appeal to today's buyers. If replacing carpeting, choose neutral colors such as gray, olive blue or taupe.

"Kitchens and bathrooms are often the most scrutinized rooms in a house," Weichert said. Keep these rooms clean and free of clutter.

Home Remodeling Show will offer products for home improvements

Looking ahead to spring, there is no better time to think about home improvement projects than now. And coming just in time to meet every home remodeler's need is the Union County Home Remodeling and Better Living Show which will provide residents of Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties with everything they need for their home remodeling projects brought together under one roof.

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Hours for the Union County Home Remodeling and Better Living Show are Friday, March 27 from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28 from noon to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from noon to 6 p.m.

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Shakespeare festival plans anniversary season

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival has announced the 1992, 30th anniversary season. Under the new leadership of Bonnie J. Monte, artistic director, and Michael Stotts, managing director, the festival finished its 1991 season with an estimated operating surplus of \$41,000... the first time since 1987 that the festival has closed the books in the black.

"This small surplus will certainly help in our efforts to restore NJSP's fiscal health, and it's definitely an encouraging sign as we forge ahead with our plans for the 30th anniversary season," Monte said. "This is a very important year for us. Not only will we commemorate 30 years of the festival's history and the strong traditions established by Paul Barry, but we celebrate the possibilities that lie ahead as well. We are still in the midst of NJSP's evolution. Many of the

changes of the past year will be solidified and more are still taking place as we move towards the next century. It's all very exciting."

The offerings next season represent all that is "most foul, most fair" in the human experience. This phrase epitomizes the range of work being offered in 1992, which starts off with Shakespeare's dark tale of twisted ambition and power, "Macbeth," and ends with one of his comedies, "Much Ado About Nothing." Neither play has been seen at NJSP in more than 12 years. The other Shakespeare offering is "Henry IV, Part I"... a history play about the making of a king. Oscar Wilde's comedy of manners, "The Importance of Being Earnest," and Tennessee Williams' epic masterpiece "Camino Real," will round out the rest of the 1992 summer season. A special holiday offering will run from mid-

November through mid-December. Several plays are still under consideration, including "The Three Musketeers," "The Rover," and "Robin Hood." The 1992 Annual Shakespeare Colloquium will take place on the weekend of Aug. 15-16, 1992.

The 1992 season starts previews on June 10, 1992, with a special gala opening celebration on June 12, 1992. Subscriptions and holiday gift certificates are now available. The box office opens in May. For more information, call 408-3278. The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is in residence at Drew University, Route 24, Madison.

NJSF promotes Stotts to managing director

Bonnie J. Monte, artistic director of the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival, has announced the promotion of Michael Stotts to the position of managing director. Stotts has been the festival's general manager since October of 1991, when he came on board with Monte. Together, they have provided new leadership that has launched a new era at NJSF. Prior to coming to

Madison, Stotts was the company manager at the Manhattan Theatre Club in New York City for five years. He has also served as the general manager for the Source Foundation in New York City, a company devoted to the presentation of modern European drama and he has worked at various theatres in Canada, his native country. He is a graduate of Queens

University in Canada and has an MFA from Columbia University in New York. He currently serves on the board of the New Jersey Theater Group.

Monte said, "One of the reasons that our inaugural season was such a success, despite the immense difficulties we faced, was Mike Stotts. His fortitude, commitment, superb mana-

gerial skills and his passion for the work, are exemplary. It was a great pleasure to promote him to the prestigious position of managing director. I feel very lucky to have such a terrific partner at the helm with me. Together, I know we can make NJSF's future a very bright one."

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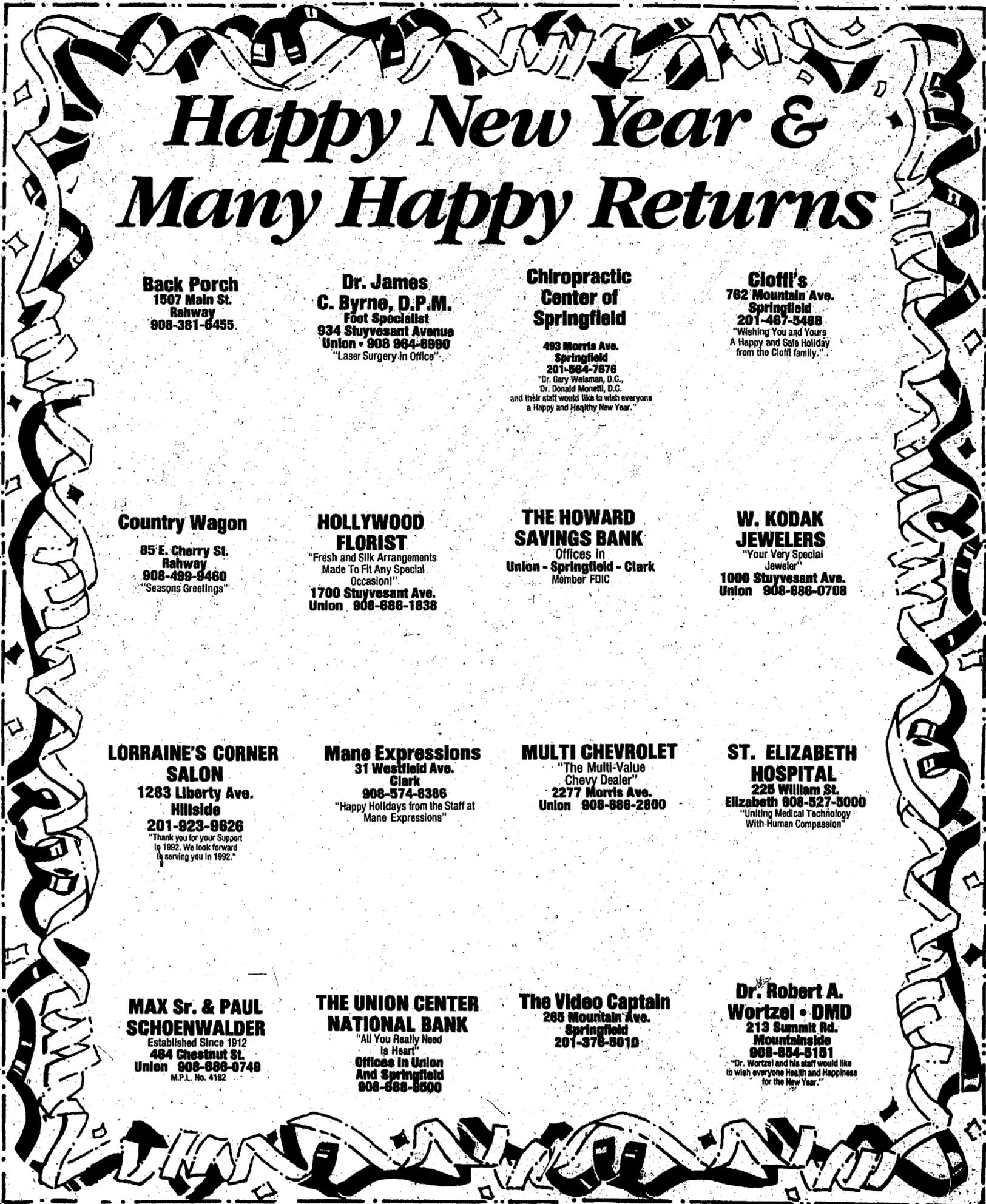
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