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The Senate released the names of those appointed to positions over committees, Page 14.

She loves ballet
Lisa Rumbauskas plays Clara in 'Nutcracker' in two shows. See B3

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Community Update

Students create play
Seventh graders from the F.M. Gaudineer School are creating an original play. The opera company is titled "Seventh Grade Sensations." The production will be held on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaudineer School on South Springfield Avenue.
This is a student-created production with minimal faculty supervision. The "Seventh Grade Sensations" is divided into subdivisions. These subdivisions are made up of make-up artists, costume designers, set designers, electricians, carpenters, composers, writers, a stage manager, a production manager, performers, and a group of public relations people.
This is a curricular course in which the students are given grades and credit for their participation. The course is supported by the Springfield Board of Education.

Pre-K begins 10th year
The Springfield Pre-kindergarten Orientation program sponsored by the PTA is beginning its 10th year. The program has been very successful in acquainting children with the school they will be entering in September 1994. Eligible children must be Springfield residents and be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1.
The program will consist of approximately five monthly meetings beginning in January and ending with Kindergarten Round-Up in May. Each session will last an hour and will be held at Thomas Sandmeier and James Caldwell schools. The curriculum will include tours of the building, meeting the school staff, story time, art, music and crafts.
Forms have been made available to the nursery schools in the area and through the Thomas L. Sandmeier School and James Caldwell School in Springfield.

Referees needed
The Springfield Recreation Department is seeking referees and referees for its Youth Basketball Program. Candidates must be at least 14 years of age and available Saturday afternoons during the months of January and February. Anyone interested or seeking further information may contact the Springfield Recreation Department at (908) 912-2228 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Gymnastics registration
Registration for the Springfield Recreation Department's Gymnastics Program will be held Tuesday at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.
The program is open to all Springfield youngsters in grades 4-8. The registration fee is \$10. The program will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:50 at the F.M. Gaudineer School girls' gym. The program will begin on Jan. 4.
Skills and techniques in tumbling and using gymnastic apparatus will be demonstrated and taught by Nick Corby, physical education teacher at Sandmeier School. Corby will be assisted by student aides.

Cheerleading Program
The Springfield Recreation Department will hold registration for its Cheerleading Program Monday night at 6:30 at the Clapham Community Center. Girls in grades 4-8 are eligible. Girls should dress to participate that evening.

Committee vote favors Menorah

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor
The Township Committee responded to the lack of a traditional Menorah and Creche during the annual tree lighting ceremony in front of the Municipal Building and voted 3-2 to place the religious symbols on the lawn.
Neither the Menorah nor the Creche was displayed this year because last year there were too many phone calls on whether the symbols should be displayed, according to Mayor Philip Kurnos. The home, church and synagogue are places for religion, not in government, he said.
"There was too much controversy and too many people calling on both sides, so it was better to have it left out. Actually it doesn't belong there," Kurnos said.
Committeeman Harry Pappas moved that the committee vote on whether the holiday display should be assembled on the lawn because he said the governing body had not discussed it prior to the Dec. 2 ceremony.
Kurnos said the decision was made by the governing body at the end of the holiday season last year. Committee members said they did not remember a formal vote over being taken.
Committeewoman Marcia Fornan said she was strongly opposed to a Menorah in front of the Municipal Building and if one were assembled there she threatened to call the American Civil Liberties Union.
"I'm offended to see a Menorah up on the front lawn. It's a denigration of religion," she said. "If I thought it would work, I would call the ACLU."
Committeeperson JoAnn Holmes said she was in favor of putting the display on the lawn.
"If it were up to me, everything would go up," she said.
Committeeman Jeffrey Katz said he boycotted this year's ceremony because a Menorah would not be lighted this year. The Township Committee did not vote on the display; that is usually taken care of through recreation, he said. If a change was going to take place the committee should have discussed it first, Katz said, and "there was a not a single word raised to the Township Committee about the holiday display."
The Menorah was lighted for the first time in Springfield in 1989 after it was donated to the township in late 1988. Every year except last year, when it was displayed on the municipal lawn along with the Creche, it was vandalized, he said.
"I'm not happy the Menorah is not there and that's the reason I boycotted the ceremony," Katz said. "I think it's insult to the Jewish community. This is the one time a year we get to celebrate our ethnic diversity."
There were a lot of people who fought for a long time for the Menorah, he said, and since it was donated, "This is the first time I failed to see it up and running."



From the left, Jessica and Ashley Maas and Jimmy Cottage visit the snowman in front of the Municipal Building during the annual holiday celebration, Dec. 2.

Regional High School Concert Choir, who along with the Florence Gaudineer School Chorus accompanied the ceremony with festive holiday songs, said they were upset because a Menorah was not lighted this year.
"The way it appeared to the public, it was a Christmas celebration instead of a holiday celebration, without the Menorah there," she said.
"The holiday season is a time to celebrate everyone's uniqueness."

Liebeskind helps bill pass

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor
Some people have grandiose ideas about reforming laws and making government work for the people, but Harold Liebeskind made those ideas a reality.
Liebeskind was the behind-the-scenes leader and instrumental force in passing N.J. Assembly Bill 1423 into public law, as signed by Governor Jim Florio on Jan. 16, 1992.
Liebeskind was given the Russell T. Wilson award from the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey for his efforts in the passage of Assembly Bill 1423 and was honored with special recognition in Maplewood Tuesday. He is the tax assessor of Maplewood.
"I'm quite excited about the bill," he said. "A veterans bill was long overdue."
He worked on the revision of Veterans Bill Chapter 390, Laws of New Jersey, in which qualified veterans of the Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission, the Grenada Peacekeeping Mission, the Panama Peacekeeping Mission and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm are now included under the existing veterans rights and benefits under N.J. state law, Liebeskind said.
It also confirmed the dates of World War II veterans, Korean veterans, and Vietnam veterans under federal guidelines dates rather than state dates, he said. This legislation took over 10 years of writing and phone calls until Desert Shield/Desert Storm gave the issue new momentum.
Liebeskind, who has been the chief of the Springfield Auxiliary Police for over 35 years, worked closely with the veterans organization in Springfield writing letters encouraging legislators to enact the bill, he said.
"Once it got started it just grew and grew," he said. "The more we did, the greater it got."
He was honored mainly for his efforts toward the passing of the veterans bill of the 1990s in which veterans of Grenada, Lebanon, Panama and the Persian Gulf missions are now included in all veterans benefits provided under state law, and also



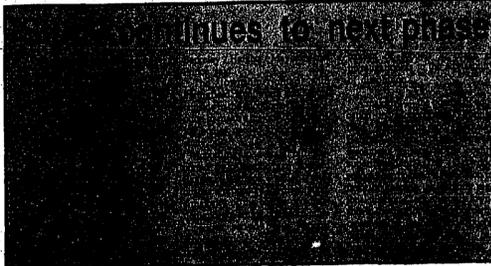
Harold Liebeskind adjusted the war dates of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War to conform to federal guidelines to replace the current guidelines. In addition to this legislative activity, Liebeskind has also been and still is a state vice president of the Municipal Assessors, involved in the Legislative and Executive committees as well as the Ken Beck Scholarship Committee.

15 arrested in credit fraud investigation

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor
Fifteen employees of Autoland were arrested Monday for allegedly gaining illegal access to credit reports of people around the county as the Springfield police, U.S. Secret Service and Postal Inspection concluded a seven-month investigation, police said.
Springfield police arrested four of the suspects and charged them with computer-related theft, police said. The remaining 11 were arrested by federal authorities because of the degree of the unauthorized access, according to police.
The suspects allegedly accessed computer history without authorization and used the information to defraud banks and credit card companies, police said. They also would also apply for credit cards with the identification and receive cash advances, police said.
At this point in the investigation, police estimate they obtained \$250,000 in fraudulent funds as a result of the computer credit access. The people whose credit history was tampered with were customers, potential customers and other people who never even visited Autoland.
The Secret Service is continuing the investigation and checking into a possible 2,000 credit histories that may have been tampered with, police said.
Autoland had discovered an internal problem with accessing credit histories and contacted the authorities, police officials said. "The Secret Service have gone elsewhere to continue."
Springfield police arrested Philip Shabazz, 47, of Newark; Andres Beas-Khouady, 32, of Staten Island; reports indicated. They were released pending court appearances scheduled for later this month, police said.

Early retirement proves costly for municipalities

By Dennis Schaaf
Staff Writer
Both the Springfield and Mountaintop governing bodies, like the vast majority of municipalities throughout the state, appear to be rejecting a state early retirement incentive program for uniformed and non-uniformed municipal employees.
The reason, according to officials, is that the cost to each of the municipalities would be too weighty.
The state deadline for approving early retirements for the so-called civilian, non-uniformed municipal employees was Nov. 30. Both Springfield and Mountaintop took no action by that date, thus rejecting the proposal.
Both municipalities face a Dec. 31 deadline for consideration of an early retirement program for Police and Fire Department employees and both the town and the borough seem to be ready to reject this option as well.
According to figures disseminated at the New Jersey League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City last month, only 28 municipalities in the state had approved early retirement plans.
"The plan was designed for municipalities that are downsizing," argued Springfield Committeewoman Jeffrey Katz this week. "It's an opportunity to get people off the books. Only in this way does it make financial sense."
In theory, the early retirement plan offers municipalities a mechanism for shedding qualified senior employees for lower paid "rookie" replacements. Towns also have the opportunity to consolidate and not replace outgoing workers.
But officials in Mountaintop and Springfield said the dollars do not appear to be cost-effective if the retiring workers would have to be replaced.
The Springfield Township Committee discussed early retirement for uniformed employees at its work session last week and the consensus was "not to go." Committeewoman Harry Pappas said this week.
Pappas said the costs to the township for implementing an early retirement plan for cops would "severely impact the budget."
"Very few committee state-wide went for an early buyout," Pappas said.
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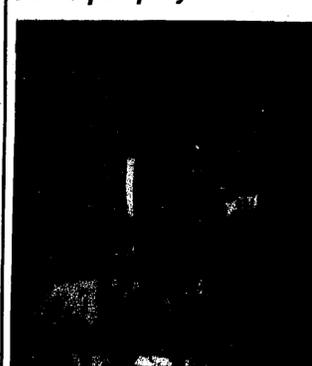


From the left, Jessica and Ashley Maas and Jimmy Cottage visit the snowman in front of the Municipal Building during the annual holiday celebration, Dec. 2.

Deer hunt highlights board agenda

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor
A vote was scheduled for a proposed hunt of the white-tailed deer population in the Watchung Reservation by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders yesterday.
Freeholder Frank Lehr said the board would discuss the possibilities of a hunt and set guidelines if the vote carries.
"We really have not received very many alternatives," he said. If a hunt were approved, it would be under the control and supervision of the state, but the parameters and rules would be established by the board, Lehr said.
The hunt probably would not be conducted by professionals as was once suggested, he said, but instead by 80 state-licensed hunters. The hunters would go into the reservation for four days in January and would be divided into two groups of 40 that would hunt for two days each in assigned locations in two spots, Lehr said.
It would not be feasible for the county to hire professionals because it would end up paying police officers overtime to hunt, and still there would be FREEHOLDERS, Page 8.

Principal plays



Deerfield School Principal Margaret Dolan plays the harp for kindergarten students. From left, Ana Lopez, Tess Perrin, Patrick Klebaur, Linnea Butermoro, Nicolas Januk and Noelle Gostyla.

Tool supplier receives award

Universal Tools & Manufacturing Co. received "Supplier of the Year" from the Westinghouse Horseheads Operations, Horseheads, N.Y. The award recognizes UTM for quality and service to Westinghouse Electric Corp.

Olive Garden joins program

The Olive Garden Restaurant in Springfield has joined New Jersey's Adopt-A-Highway program. Employees of the restaurant will be removing litter from a one-mile stretch of Route 22 to help keep the roadside clean. Adopt-A-Highway groups remove roadside litter from their adopted roads at least four times a year. Clint Griggs, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Adopt-A-Highway coordinator, said groups also may plant roadside flowers and shrubs through the department's new landscape program. The NHDOT provides safety training, trash bags, and crews to pick up the bags. In addition, NHDOT erects an on-site sign crediting the group for its work. The Adopt-A-Highway program has been in place since 1991, and has helped keep the cost of litter removal down. Groups, corporations, and individuals participating in the program should call Clint Griggs at 1-800-2-ADOPT-1.

Library sponsors holiday special

The Children's Department of the Springfield Public Library is sponsoring two special holiday programs for children. A "Hanukkah Celebration" featuring songs, stories and a craft will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 13 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A "Christmas Celebration" will be held on the following Monday evening, Dec. 20 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The evening will include carols, stories and a craft. Both programs are for children of all ages and their families. Refreshments will be served. Sign-ups are recommended and may be done in person at the children's department desk or by phone at (201) 376-4930. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

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Freeholder recovering

Staff Writer
Contrary to the opinions of most political observers, Walter McLeod believes God was working the floor at last month's League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City. The Union County freeholder, who underwent open heart surgery last week at Newark Beth Israel, suffered a seizure and chest pains at the convention. The problem was a defective heart valve that "had been causing problems for 20 years," McLeod said. Doctors told him, and could have given him a heart attack "at any time." "What I had was like a time bomb," he said. Until Dr. Carol Karmar at Atlantic City Medical Center discovered the faulty valve, no other doctor had discovered the problem. "The Lord works in mysterious ways," McLeod said. The former Railway City councilman was released from the hospital Saturday and is recovering well, he said. Doctors gave McLeod "no restrictions." He said, "I just have to build myself up to the point I was before." On Thanksgiving Day, he was transferred from Atlantic City to Newark Beth Israel. En route, the ambulance had a



Walter McLeod

blowout on the Edison Bridge near the New Jersey Turnpike. McLeod was transferred to Railway Hospital until the tire was fixed. McLeod's family — celebrating Thanksgiving at his home only a few minutes away — met him at the hospital. "We had a Thanksgiving reception — without the turkey — at the hospital for about two hours. It was really strange." Although he reported himself to be feeling "really good," McLeod said he may have to "get away" for a little while in order to fully relax and recuperate.

Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the *Springfield Leader* and *Mountainside Echo*. 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, or call (908) 686-7700.

Dec. 13
The Springfield Township Committee scheduled their executive session meeting at 7 p.m. and regular portion at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

Dec. 14
The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for its executive session meeting at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

Dec. 20
The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. for its executive session and 7:30 p.m. for its public session at the media center of the Quadliner School.

Dec. 21
The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for its regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

Dec. 22
The Union County Regional School Board will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the instructional meeting at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Dec. 28
The Springfield Township Committee scheduled their executive session meeting at 7 p.m. and regular portion at 8 p.m. in the municipal building.

Jan. 11
The Mountainside Board of Education has its regular meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Deerfield School media center.

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Chorale prepares for annual Alumni 'Messiah' Concert

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor
Alumni of the six chorale choirs will join the current performers at the annual "Messiah" concert.

Jonathan Dayton Regional High School as they unite for the 21st anniversary special holiday concert of Handel's "Messiah."

The Alumni "Messiah" concert has become a tradition, explained Brenda Kay-Kucin, chorale director. Although she was not the originator of the reunion, she said she is proud to keep it going and the students truly keep it going.

Usually there are between 75 and 120 in the presentation, including the

29 students enrolled in the chorale, she said. The ages range from 35 years and downward, she said. Last year was a special year for the chorale because it was the 20th anniversary of the performance, and she said she went back through 20 years of school records to find alumni from the first presentation.

"I'm always surprised by the response and how much it means to see the students again," she said. The concert is usually at the end of

the month to work around college exam schedules, she said. This year it is slated for Dec. 23 at the Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside. A professional orchestra comprised of local musicians will accompany the singers, Kay-Kucin said.

Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, please write Tom Canavan, editor, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083, or call him at 686-7700 weekdays before 5 p.m.

Municipalities retire plan

(Continued from Page 1)
Only certain employees qualify for the retirement incentive plan: those 50 years old with at least 25 years' service; those age 60 with 20-25 years on the municipal payroll, and those age 60 with 10-20 years drawing a town salary. The categories would entitle workers to varying packages.

In Springfield, according to Katz, no analysis was done for the civilian employees since none of those qualified expressed an interest and about nine uniformed officers would have been eligible.

Katz said that the Springfield finance director estimated that it would cost the town \$600,000 to \$700,000 over 10 years if nine uniformed employees opted for early retirement and were replaced with "rookies." The estimate factors in the cost of promotions to replace the veteran workers.

In Mountainside, according to Borough Administrator Kathy Toland, one civilian employee and five uniformed workers would be eligible for the program.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti said this week that the council's Police Committee met last week with police representatives "to crunch numbers." He said opting for the program does not appear to be in the borough's interest.

The Mountainside Borough Council is expected to discuss the issue at its work session Tuesday. If the council desires to reject the incentive plan, then it would simply take no action. According to Toland of Mountainside, the borough would not achieve any savings unless it chose not to replace some of the outgoing retirees.

The Mountainside council, in its upcoming work session, will consider various estimates on the financial impact of early retirement plan for employees. The different numbers were due to varying assumptions.

Toland said the borough finance officer estimated it would cost the borough \$700,000 over 20 years if six employees opted for retirement.

McKinney Brady & Co. of Livingston, a firm jointly hired by both the borough and Palisades' Benevolent Association Local 126, reported two projections, according to Toland. If the borough did not replace five uniformed workers for nine months, it would save \$222,000 over 10 years. The firm pinned the savings at \$376,000 if the retirees were replaced, but it did not include the cost of certain benefits, Toland added.

The borough's own auditor, Toland said, estimated that funding the retirement of five uniformed employees over 10 years if replacements were immediately rehired would cost Mountainside some \$213,000.

Mountainside Mayor Vigilanti said the early retirement plan has "two negatives": financial and the loss of experienced employees. "Some of these programs would be devastating to the community," Vigilanti said. "Any time you let an employee leave, it's going to cost you."

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ALJ to have new program

By Joseph Niedzialski
Staff Writer

In order to keep up with current technological innovations and to better prepare their students for the work force and college, the Union County Regional High School District will be creating a Marketing and Business Institute at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark.

The district's adult and vocational education supervisor, Charles Seron, presented his strategy for bringing this program to the district at last Tuesday's school board meeting. Seron said that after a review of the past four to five years which noted the changes taking place in the community, the business sector and college education, he felt that the district should address these changes into an offering which would give their students an advantage in the business and college markets.

"They would certainly have a professional edge toward their future," said Seron.

Regional district changes curriculum

By Joseph Niedzialski
Staff Writer

There will be some changes and new initiatives in several departments within the Union County Regional High School District this year. The district's curriculum director, Kenneth Matfield, outlined these changes at the Tuesday evening meeting of the district's school board at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. All of his recommended changes will be voted on by the school board on Dec. 21.

In the science department, Matfield has planned for an advanced placement biology course for all three of the district's high schools. He estimated the cost of the start-up course to be \$39,496, \$3,496 for texts and \$6,000 for lab supplies.

Matfield said that these figures would vary because of the volatile textbook market. He also said that the high supply cost was one reason that refilling kits would be lower after an initial purchase. The amount of additional teaching time had not been finalized, but Matfield used a ratio of less than one teacher at an approximate cost of \$14,400 plus benefits.

For next year, the math department will replace the one semester offerings of Trigonometry and Algebra III with a full year Math Analysis course. The cost for texts could be \$7,200, again taking into account the highs and lows of the textbook market. An expenditure of \$2,400 would be appropriated for four teachers to develop the curriculum. "We've been looking at this for a number of years. We think it will improve our program," said Matfield.

Matfield said that he is also investigating the possibility of advanced placement studio art as part of the district's open studio class. Currently, four courses must be completed including the required Foundations of Studio Art to take the class, however, Matfield reported that teachers in the department feel that three courses would be enough to be able to enroll in the open studio class.

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Education Week



To honor National Education Week parents came to observe their fifth-graders learn about fractions in Douglas Dresner's math class at the Florence M. Gaudineer School.

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Sharing network sponsors food and can drive

In the spirit of giving and sharing, the Springfield-based New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is sponsoring a food and can drive to benefit the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, Plainfield.

The Sharing Network Quality of Work Life Committee members began thinking about how grateful they were not only for the little things but for the generosity of the donor families who helped give hundreds throughout the state the ultimate gift of life. They decided to give something back to the community this holiday season, said Executive Director Denise Payne.

"Being an organ recovery organization and dealing with people awaiting life-saving transplants, we have seen first-hand what it is like to be in need and to hope for something. Whether it be for a donor organ or food, both problems are a national crisis that can be cured with the simple act of giving," Payne said.

The drive began before Thanksgiving and will continue through the week of Dec. 13. So far, The Sharing Network has collected three boxes full of groceries.

The Sharing Network is a non-profit, federally certified organ procurement organization dedicated to providing a link between people waiting for life-saving organ transplants and potential donors. Nationwide there are currently 33,000 waiting for organs and over 500 New Jersey residents waiting.

Area residents interested in volunteering to help the homeless, should contact the Interfaith Council at 908-733-0001. To obtain a donor card or for more information on organ and tissue donation, call 1-800-SHARE-NJ.

Volunteers wanted

The recently formed Railway Center Partnership, an organization working toward revitalization of the city downtown, is in need of volunteer help in running the Cherry Street Festivals being held every Saturday through Dec. 18.

Fifteen hundred to 2,000 people are attending the festivals each Saturday, weather permitting, and shopping at the new Main Street Market that is running on consecutive Saturdays under the sponsorship of the Railway Parking Authority.

The organization is asking for volunteers to help out from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on one or more of the remaining Saturdays. Six volunteers will be needed each Saturday.

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"The press must be free... much evil has been corrected by it. If government finds itself annoyed by it, let it examine its own conduct and it will find the cause."
—Thomas Erskine

Light the menorah

The holiday season began in the tradition of Springfield — politically. The annual tree-lighting ceremony rang in a little differently this year because neither a menorah was lit nor a creche assembled. That will change, however, after a heated 3-2 Township Committee vote during Monday's executive meeting.

The meeting was about to adjourn to a closed session, when Committeeman Harry Pappas asked committee members why, without the governing body's knowledge, a menorah was not displayed on the front lawn of the Municipal Building as it had been for the last four years?

The reply: It was too controversial. That was what Mayor Philip Kurmos said as he explained he would prefer not to combine religion and government.

Committeewoman Marcia Forman however took a much stronger stand. She said she would be personally insulted if a menorah were displayed on the lawn because it would commercialize Hanukkah. And if a menorah were placed in front of the building, she threatened to call the American Civil Liberties Union.

Committee members JoAnn Holmes, Jeffrey Katz and Pappas voted in favor of having the holiday display on the front lawn and invited any religious denomination to donate symbols for display.

These committee members displayed their wisdom and fortitude by not backing down from an issue that was considered too controversial. There is already too much pacifism in society and our leaders need to speak out and set an example for everyone to follow — not back down in times of strife. It's time for Springfield to get in the true holiday spirit and set policies and personal agendas aside.

Don't overlook holiday safety

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it is often easy to overlook the most important element to making this season a happy one — safety.

When everyone is always rushing to and fro, trying to buy presents and make preparations, they are sometimes, through carelessness or simple oversight, fail to take appropriate holiday safety precautions.

We annually bring you a safety message as a reminder that things don't always turn out bright and merry when safety rules are not observed.

Decorations, holiday lights, gifts and entertainment can turn holidays into tragedy if you're not careful.

Here are some tips:
If you're getting a natural tree, select a fresh one by looking for very green needles. Cut two inches off the trunk and keep it in a stand filled with water. Keep the tree away from all sources of heat such as televisions and radiators, use flame-resistant decorations and keep poisonous holiday plants out of children's reach.

Use only Underwriters Laboratories-approved lights and extension cords. Check extension cords and light sets for frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation. Discard the product if any defect is found. Keep cords and sets away from tree stands that hold water. Never use outside lights inside or inside lights outside. Hot bulbs can ignite dry branches, so keep your natural tree well watered.

Avoid leaving a tree or other decorations lit all night or for long periods when people are not present.

When selecting gifts for children, be sure they are well-constructed, durable and safe. Dispose of wrappings immediately after opening gifts, as they may be toxic or present choking hazards if chewed by a small child.

OPINION PAGE

Participatory democracy an idea worth trying

"We are giving people the information and the power to help us answer the most critical questions Oregon faces."
This was the description used in 1991 by newly elected Governor Barbara Roberts of a democratic experiment called "A Conversation with Oregon." While no panacea, this experiment in participatory democracy has broken new ground in helping citizens better understand and more actively participate in the budget process.

When the "Conversation" project was launched in Oregon, the state faced a severe budget crisis and a series of difficult budget choices. Given New Jersey's fiscal problems — a \$1 billion-plus deficit and revenues falling short of projections — and the fact that Christine Whitman's top priority is to cut income taxes and radically reduce spending, the Oregon budget experiment warrants further examination.

While the "Conversation" project had its flaws — any experiment does — it was credited by many, including Neil Pierce of the National Journal as "an unprecedented set of unscripted, interactive televised meetings with thousands of Oregonians."

The *Washington Post* said even Oregon political observers "expressed admiration for Roberts" who, they said, "created an unusually substantive discussion of complex issues without resorting to sound bites."

According to Duncan Weiss, a facilitator of the Oregon Conversation

Screening New Jersey

By Steve Adubato Jr.

Using an educational broadcast system to reach a broader audience, Roberts talked in understandable language, not "bureaucratese," about Oregon's tax status. She had no sales tax, but rely heavily on a progressive income tax — and the services those taxes pay for. She also asked citizens what level of services they would pay for these services.

Such a public, televised conversation clearly has its risks. Despite her desire to implement a sales tax to close a deficit gap, Roberts was unable to get citizens and, in turn, legislators to reach consensus on a controversial policy. However, the ability to get a single fiscal plan enacted cannot be the sole barometer when measuring Oregon political observers' "expressed admiration for Roberts" who, they said, "created an unusually substantive discussion of complex issues without resorting to sound bites."

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Coach calls district hiring practices unfair

For the past five years as a boy's basketball coach at David Brearley High School, the Friday after Thanksgiving was always the same. I awoke at 6 a.m., bought the coffee, doughnuts and was at Brearley by 7 a.m.

The coaches would arrive around 7:15 and the players 7:29 for a 7:30 opening practice. It became habit. This year, for many reasons, I was sleeping on that morning. It felt strange. Maybe, if certain powers that be in the Union County Regional District were fair and honest, I would have been hard at work as a basketball coach in the district this season.

Obviously, the closing of Brearley, to which I was totally opposed, was the main reason I was gone. But I was hopeful that a basketball job in the district would become available to me. I would have been happy with any basketball position. In September when Dayton's varsity coach resigned, I thought it was a great opportunity for both myself and the district. There was a chance for the administration to help with the transition. First, I would be a familiar face to the Kinnelworth and Garwood students. Second, being a former student in this district returned to the district — remember, I was an employee of the district not Brearley — as a coach six years ago, I knew the relevant policies and expectations regarding athletic programs.

While third, I was committed to having a competitive first class program. With these thoughts in mind, I made the foolish assumption that I would be coaching basketball at Dayton this winter. As in past district matters, I followed directions and applied as any aspiring coach would do. I interviewed and expressed to Dayton Athletic Director Peter Falzarano that even though I would prefer the varsity position and felt I was the most qualified, I would consider taking a JV or freshman job. Within a week I was politely told that I was not going to be

Be Our Guest

By Michael Mancino

I recommended to the board for the varsity position. No offer of a JV or freshman position was extended at that time. I immediately called Assistant Superintendent Charles Bauman. He granted me a meeting two weeks later. I explained to him my situation and specifically mentioned that I was surprised that I was not even considered for the vacant JV and freshman positions. His explanation centered around the point that Mr. Falzarano has full authority on coaching positions. What he conveniently forgot was the fact that as the personnel director in the district, he has a final say on all district staff positions. Furthermore, given the circumstances surrounding this year, a responsible administrator would make sure each appointment was properly evaluated.

For Mr. Bauman to pass the buck to a substitute in this already difficult school year was not only wrong but downright cowardly. He did offer me some fine accolades by saying that I did some wonderful work at Brearley and he felt my program was first-rate. In the same hypocritical breath, he explained to me that mistakes were made and many district personnel were treated unfairly in the past year. He continued by saying that I should deal with it as another one of life's problems. "Hang in there," he counseled me, "for we need people like you." He was not "for real," I thought to myself. I concluded our meeting that day by telling Mr. Bauman that his explanation to me was ludicrous. I finished by stating that I realize now "you are not a stand-up guy" and if you were you would con-

rect the mistake that you both admitted to and are empowered to correct. Over the past month I began to question myself. What did I do wrong? As Mr. Bauman admitted, and most will concur, I was able to upgrade the Brearley basketball program. As head coach, I implemented the following: an unprecedented study hall program, two summer league teams, participation in summer tournaments, a yearly three on three tournament, increased player participation, and most importantly, added stability to a program that had five different head coaches in eight years. With six years coaching at Brearley, I became the third longest active basketball coach in the district. I always went the extra mile for my team by attending district field drug awareness programs, various coaching clinics — at my own expense, hosting referee's clinics, writing college recommendation letters and volunteering for youth clinics and the Garden State Games. While in the spring of 1989, when both the JV and varsity coaches resigned, I (upon as freshmen coach) personally paid \$100 to retain a spot for our team in the Westfield Summer League. That team finished the winter season of 1990 with a 17-11 record. Although I do not wish to make this a Mike Mancino promotion letter, and I to assume that I did not do enough for at least a freshmen job!

I spoke to many fellow coaches and parents on this matter. Many expressed to me the main reason I was not considered for any position was that I was from Kinnelworth. Only the responsible parties know if this statement is true. Let me only state that as a coach all my players were special to me. I had a great rapport with both my Garwood and Kinnelworth athletes. I am sure that I will not have a chance to work with and develop the same rapport with the Springfield and Mountaineer boys. I did contact two

board members regarding the whole situation. Both were responsive to my plight but were unable to offer assistance. I don't really blame them since it is not the board who draws hundred thousand dollar salaries to properly hire staff members. Although to some extent, I am disappointed, I would hope that readers understand that my problem is not unlike a major problem in the district right now: Administrators such as Mr. Bauman are now so entrenched in their positions that they are no longer answerable to anyone. They neither feel the need nor possess the fortitude to be a leader and correct an admitted mistake.

I do not wish to offend the many quality staff members and administrators who make up the Union County Regional District. For it is they who always were and continue to be committed to serving the students. I wish to thank Mr. Tom Santaguida, who gave me the opportunity as the youngest head coach in New Jersey in 1990 and for his recommendation for the Dayton position. Also, I want to thank the numerous staff members, teachers and parents who supported me now and during my years at Brearley. I have contacted Rocco Castro, the new Dayton coach, and wished him well this season. I hold no animosity toward him and, in fact, respect his coaching abilities. I am sure he will do well at Dayton. Finally, to my former players, I ask you to play hard and study hard and you will be fine. Thanks to some good people at Dayton, they kept me home on Nov. 26, but they can't keep me from opening night.

Michael Mancino is assistant men's varsity basketball coach at Bloomfield College.

letter to the editor

The political way

To the Editor:

To paraphrase an old song, "What a difference a year makes!" December 1992, as rumor has it, the Republican Party was willing to put anyone into the position of township attorney, even Bruce Began, as long as the choice was not Rebecca Dominguez. On Jan. 1, 1993, Rebecca Dominguez was appointed township attorney amid veiled threats from Harry Pappas and Jeff Katz that such an appointment was illegal and perhaps unethical.

In my comments that day, I spoke of being happy that we appointed a fine lawyer who was a member of a bipartisan law firm with many associates who could work for the good of Springfield. Rebecca has proven to be an asset to our town and has worked hard in the best interests of all of us. To put it bluntly, she definitely earned her "annual \$100,000" salary. And, lest anyone forget, she gave some of that money back to the township in the form of generous donations to the Veterans Memorial Park and Youth in Government.

Two weeks ago, at a Township Committee meeting, Harry Pappas did ask if our current attorney would be replaced. The answer was that no decision had been made. The truth is, to my knowledge, no real decision has been made. The only thing that I cannot understand is why Harry Pappas, as a member of the new minority, is so intent upon choosing the new appointees for various positions. If the Republican candidate had been successful, and I was part of the minority, I do not think that Harry would be calling me up to ask who I wanted

to place in township openings. Like it or not, that is the political way. When I was chosen to run on the Democratic ticket, I was assured by Bruce Began and the Democratic Party that there were no strings attached and that I could vote as my conscience dictated.

When I was elected, I stated that I wanted to do only what was right for the people that I was elected to represent. That still is my goal, but, as I have stated, it is not an easy goal to achieve. I do not have many friends in town, because I believe that I was elected to represent the people of Springfield, not a political party.

When a majority comes into "power," it is expected that many supporters will receive appointments. I believed last year that Republicans, Democrats and independents should be placed in positions throughout Springfield. I still believe that, but the reality of the situation is that there must be a "give and take" in order for progress to come about.

Will some people be given "political" appointments? Without a doubt they will. As a politician for a longer time than I, Harry Pappas understands that. I would ask Harry to go beyond his political crying and try to work as a member of a committee of five people charged with the leadership of over 14,000 people who need us.

Jo Ann Holmes
Committeewoman

Don't overlook miscellaneous expenses incurred this year

You can't afford to overlook any miscellaneous expenses you incurred this past year. The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants points out that these expenses may add up to a valuable tax deduction on your 1993 tax return. Miscellaneous expenses include unreimbursed employee business expenses, job hunting costs, cost associated with the production of income, as well as tax return preparation fees. Here's what you should know about these and other miscellaneous expenses.

If you itemize on your tax return, you may deduct miscellaneous expenses that exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. Taxpayers with AGIs over \$108,450 — \$34,225 if married filing separately — face another limitation: They must reduce the total of their itemized deductions, excluding medical expenses, investment expenses, casualty and theft losses, and gambling losses, by 3 percent of the amount by which their incomes exceed these limits.

As an employee, you can deduct miscellaneous business expenses that include costs of preparing resumes, assembling a portfolio of your work, as well as traveling to and from job interviews. Keep in mind that if you recently lost your job as a construction worker and decide to pursue a sales career, your job hunting costs are not deductible. That's because the tax law does not allow a deduction for costs associated with looking for a job in a new line of business.

Qualified miscellaneous expenses also include costs associated with the production or collection of income or for maintaining income producing property. For example, if you seek advice from an investment advisor about your securities portfolio, the fees you pay to the advisor are deductible.

In addition, you can deduct annual fees paid to a bank or another custodian of your Individual Retirement Account and Keogh plan, as long as the fees are paid with funds separate from your contributions to these plans.

Finally, be aware that in most situations, costs incurred to hire a tax advisor to prepare your income tax return, to advise you on making a claim for a tax refund, or to appear with you in tax court are also considered qualified miscellaneous expenses.

You can fully deduct expenses associated with looking for a job in your current line of work. These can include costs of preparing resumes, assembling a portfolio of your work, as well as traveling to and from job interviews. Keep in mind that if you recently lost your job as a construction worker and decide to pursue a sales career, your job hunting costs are not deductible. That's because the tax law does not allow a deduction for costs associated with looking for a job in a new line of business.

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Freeholders scheduled to vote on possible deer hunt

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not be enough to complete the job, he said.

The plans would follow proposals made by the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, Lehr said.

"We have spent a lot of time and discussed a lot of alternatives," he said. "If we do go to a hunt it would not be people running through our woods going bang-bang. It will be very supervised."

Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden said she would like to see legislation to create a Wildlife Commission that would examine all alternatives from every viewpoint with maximum public input regarding open public areas with similar problems as the reservation. She said she would hope the freeholders would follow the same path as the state and take their time to find the best solution because, regardless of the decision, results will not be seen to the ecosystem within the next five years.

The legislation, if passed, would replace the Fish, Game and Wildlife Division, for areas such as the Watchung Reservation, with the Wildlife Commission, Ogden said. The commission would comprise people of varied expertise and not just sportsmen and fishermen like Fish and Game, she said.

"The ideal thing I think the freeholders should do is establish a blue ribbon committee at the county level," Ogden said. "This is really a complex issue that is not typical of the issues the freeholders have dealt with in the

past. It really calls out for a wide diversity of people."

The director of Conservation Biology at the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Emilio DeVito, said he toured the Watchung reservation with members of the board and pointed out some of its biological needs and how the ecosystem could run more effectively.

"This is nothing new; it happens time and time again. Every situation is a carbon copy of the one prior," DeVito said.

Too many deer have a severe effect on the ecosystem. If the herd were reduced the ecosystem could regain balance, he said.

"If you don't have a hunt, they will just keep getting killed by automobiles, and that is far more dangerous," DeVito said.

A hunt can only be justified with a well-balanced program intended to control the deer population and rebuild the forest, he said.

"A hunt just for a hunt's sake is not the answer," he said. "What everyone screaming 'leave our forest alone' is not the answer either."

A solution must have an integrated plan to manage the herd and restore the forest, including regrowing native shrubs in a protected nursery and experiments to determine a balanced ecosystem, he said.

"You can't expect to see a difference overnight," he said. "It's a slow healing process." It could take three to five years for the forest to begin rebuilding even if all of the deer were to "magically disappear," he said.

Another misconception people

have is that deer are forest animals, he said. Actually, they live on the edges of the forest and only use the forest to sleep and for protection. The creation of suburbs is the perfect habitat for the deer. There have never been so many deer, so well-off, he said.

"Certainly a hunt is one component that should not be ruled out. The only reason not to have a hunt is the animal rights reason," DeVito said. But as a biologist looking at the population, he said, something needs to be done to preserve the reservation and the well-being of everything that lives there.

It is important not to leave out the larger issue, and that is the overall restoration of the reservation, he said. The freeholders were told by members of an animal rights organization that if they permit a hunt in the reservation the group would file suit against the board, he said. Bringing

suit against the freeholders would be a waste of time and effort which could be directed toward a solution, DeVito said.

"If people really care about the reservation, they should hammer out a solution," he said.

Dan Bernier of the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation, who prepared a report for the freeholders, said the main problem in the reservation is the sparse understory created by the browsing deer.

He estimated that there are 300 deer in the area and said to balance the ecosystem there should be less than 100. The only solution available at this time is a hunt, he said.

A hunt would not cure the problem, but it would begin to control the herd to a more manageable size, he said. Although the deer reproduce at about 40 percent, the offspring would leave

their parents who live on the outskirts of the forest and migrate back to the reservation, he said. Deer would still go into the neighborhoods where the grazing is more desirable. However, the number could be brought down, Bernier said.

"A hunt would be done until the goal of the program are reached, and that program is to bring the deer down to a manageable level," he said.

Mountainside, which borders most of the reservation, has an ordinance banning the discharge of firearms. Mayor Robert Vigilante said he was approached by the freeholders to waive the ordinance if a hunt is approved. The mayor and the council said the ordinance would not be waived. However, Borough Attorney John Post said it appears that if the county were to vote in favor of a hunt, it would override the ordinance.

Debate lingers over deer poaching

By Heather MacGregor
Managing Editor

There have been five accounts of possible hunters or "deer jacking" reported in the Watchung Reservation this year, according to Union County Police Chief Richard Mammix.

Reported incidents include a call from Summit of a possible hunter on Jan. 24 in the Scotch Plains area of the reservation, alleged hunters near the Watchung Stables on Sept. 25, alleged bow hunter in Mountainside on Oct. 22. In addition, the remains of a shot deer were found in Scotch Plains on Nov. 9, Mammix said.

"We haven't caught anyone in the actual act of hunting," Mammix said.

Added to the list of deer incidents were eight deer that had to be destroyed by the police this year because of injuries, he said.

Ben Crimando, president of the Union County Animal Rights Alliance, said poaching is a known problem in the reservation.

"Yes, I believe it is a problem," Crimando said. "I've told by sources close to the situation that poaching is rampant in the Watchung Reservation and common know-

ledge. It happens in the daytime and at night."

For example, he said, someone on a Nov. 17 Girl Scout Troop camping trip in the reservation said they witnessed deer being spotted.

A four-wheel drive truck was allegedly spotted shining lights on deer. When the girls saw this happening, they screamed and the driver turned off the lights and sped away, he said.

There are many cases when the police witness poaching, he said. "When they call Fish and Game to report the incident, they are told if it is a bow and arrow account, let them go," Crimando said.

It is apparent that county employees have to know what is going on. It is so blatant, I don't know how they can continue to deny it when Union County Police have seen incidents with deer with arrows stuck in them."

If poaching were controlled, the deer population probably would be under control, he said. They would no longer leave the reservation for safety and cause automobile accidents and property damage, Crimando said.

Mountainside Police Chief William Alder said he receives about three or four calls from residents per year because they bear gunshot



Deer graze on the fields of the Watchung Reservation. Photo by Milton Hill

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people in the news

Kahn passes bar

Eric O. Kahn, a lifelong Springfield resident and recent graduate of Rutgers-Newark Law School, has successfully passed the July 1993 New Jersey and Pennsylvania bar examinations.

Kahn graduated from Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in 1986 where he was a four-year varsity letterman and two-time All-State selection in tennis. He also earned a varsity letter in basketball, and among other academic achievements, was a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist. Kahn graduated from Haverford College in 1990 before attending law school.

Kahn has been associated with the law firm of Javerbaum, Wurgaft & Hicks since September. The longtime Springfield firm has recently expanded and relocated its offices to the newly constructed Park Place Legal Center, located at 959 So.

Springfield Ave. The firm engages exclusively in trial practice and limits its representation to those who have suffered traumatic personal injuries or who have been the victims of professional negligence or malpractice.

Kahn is the oldest son of Sy and Regina Kahn. His younger brother, Gregg, is presently a third-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Lemmerman gets nod

Isadore Lemmerman of Springfield was appointed to the executive board of Deborah Heart and Lung Center and Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills. Lemmerman was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Anne W. Shapiro of New York.

Since 1968, Lemmerman, executive vice president for Pathmark Supermarkets, has been leading the food industry and allied trades nation-

ally in their fund-raising efforts to benefit Deborah. With Lemmerman's participation and dedication, the food industry has raised more than \$7 million for Deborah from 1968 through 1993.

Lemmerman started in Pathmark's grocery department and, during the last 25 years, worked his way up to executive vice president of the supermarket chain.

Active in other community organizations as well, Lemmerman's humanitarian interests also include B'nai B'rith, Israel Bonds, Federation/United Jewish Appeal, Lehigh Valley Youth Organization and DARE. He also served in the Air Force during World War II.

Lowell named director

Veteran journalist and radio personality Joan Lowell Smith of Westfield has been named Public Relations director of Children's Specialized Hospital.

In the health field, Smith served as executive director of the New Jersey Alzheimer's Disease Fund, chairman of the Union County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and on the board of the Union County Heart Association.

Smith was legislative aide to former Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick, public relations director of the New Jersey State Opera and Symphony Hall as well as executive director of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. For 10 years overlapping other commitments, she also hosted weekly radio talk shows on WJDM, WJME, both local and network, and Trans World Radio.

As a freelance writer, Smith has earned several writing awards from New Jersey Press Women, including first place last year. Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *New York Daily News*, *Suburban News* and *Westfield Record*. She continues as a contributing writer for *Union County Family* and *New Jersey Lawyer*.

Locally, Smith is a member of the hospital auxiliary, Westfield DAR, Genealogical Society of Westfield, the Westfield Tennis Club, New Jersey Press Women and is vice president of the Ashbrook Women's Golf Association.

"So many exciting things are happening at the hospital, my goal is to

keep the public aware of the numerous noteworthy programs, activities and accomplishments of New Jersey's only pediatric rehabilitation hospital," Smith said.

Dachnowicz studies

The Washington and Jefferson College Auxiliary has selected two students to receive the 1994 Intersession Awards. The recipients, Dwight Dachnowicz and Ivy Mundell, each will study off-campus during the college's January intersession.

Dachnowicz, a senior from Mountaintide, plans to travel to Russia and the Balkan states during intersession. Son of the late Andrew Dachnowicz and Mrs. Eileen Dachnowicz, Dwight is president of Student Government at W&J. A student coordinator in W&J's Freshman Forum program and a Tour Guide in the Office of Admission, he has been a volunteer in the Washington Headstart program for three years.

Dachnowicz completed an internship during the summer of 1992 in the office of U.S. Senator Bill Bradley and attended the Democratic National Convention. During the summer of 1993 he was selected from among 325 applicants as one of 25 summer interns at the Office of the Union County Prosecutor. An English major, he plans to attend law school.

Lyons named AP scholar

Molly Lyons, a recent graduate of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, has been named an AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations.

Lyons, a freshman at Amherst College, qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations with grades of 3 or higher.

Only about 11 percent of the 424,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1993 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

Lyons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lyons of Mountaintide.

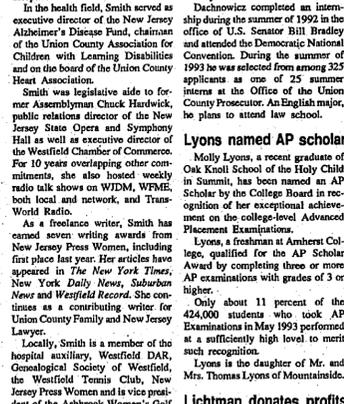
Lichtman donates profits

When a new Burger King opened recently in Edison, owner Norman Lichtman raised \$392 by earmarking a percentage of every "combo meal" sold for the first full month of business, to be donated to Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide.

Barry Haber, Annual Giving Director of the hospital, thanked Lichtman, who owns several Burger Kings around the state. "Norman Lichtman has been very generous over the years," Haber said. "When we held our centennial celebration in 1991 he provided quantities of food and he is already planning to support our annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon next June."



Norman Lichtman presents a check to Barry Haber, Annual Giving Director of Children's Specialized Hospital, representing funds raised at the new Burger King of Edison.



Dwight Dachnowicz and Ivy Mundell, recipients of the 1994 Intersession Awards from the Washington and Jefferson College Auxiliary.



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Council plans second auction of property

By Tom Canavan
Editor

Because there were no bids on the property at 18 E. Grant Ave. in Roselle Park during a recent auction, the Roselle Park Borough Council has decided that it will conduct another auction, but this time, not set a minimum amount.

The decision was made during the council's Dec. 1 conference session, when members of the governing body expressed their desire to sell the borough-owned piece of property while recalling the difficult time the borough endured trying to sell another piece of property when it placed a minimum bid on it.

That was several years ago when the borough tried to auction the old Borough Hall for almost \$500,000 but received no bidders. Eventually, the borough placed a \$65,000 minimum on the auction, and subsequently sold the property for \$110,000.

"It would be a good idea to get that property sold as soon as we can," Councilman Gregory Kinloch said. "If we don't get rid of that property, we're going to have a lot of problems with it."

Kinloch was referring to the condition in which the house is, which has been the topic of discussion among the council for their reasons to place it on the auction block.

"Let's see what we can get," Kinloch repeated. "If it's low, we'll go to an alternate plan. By not putting a price on the house, we're asking for people to say what they think it's worth."

The borough purchased the home, which borders a municipal parking lot, when plans were discussed to construct the new municipal building at the corner of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue. The borough maintained ownership of the house even when the new municipal building was planned and built at its present location on Westfield Avenue.

But now the borough is interested in selling it again.

Because of her concern, the council reminded the mayor that one of the conditions of the sale would be that the governing body has the right to refuse any bid.

"Let's see what we can get," Kinloch repeated. "If it's low, we'll go to an alternate plan. By not putting a price on the house, we're asking for people to say what they think it's worth."

Ryan said she is concerned that if a realtor purchases the house at a low price, "this might be a reflection on the council that someone on the governing body might know a realtor" and therefore accepted the low bid.

"All we're trying to do is sell this property," Kinloch said.

The date of the auction is expected to be during the council's public meeting in January, after the borough has the opportunity to advertise for the event.

Communities awarded grants in crime package

By Tom Canavan
Editor

Several communities in the 21st Legislative District were awarded grants this week under the "Operation: Safe and Secure Communities" program, an anti-crime initiative that bolsters police departments with officers and equipment.

An Assembly panel on Friday announced the award of \$240,000 in grants for police and crime-fighting equipment for communities in the 21st Legislative District.

Under the leadership of Assembly members Lusbader and Mauerer/Ogden, municipalities in parts of Essex and Union counties will receive \$120,000 for police officers and \$120,000 for equipment.

"These grants are a major step in our battle against crime in New Jersey," Lusbader said in a prepared statement. "This is one of the most aggressive anti-crime initiatives between state government and local communities. By working together with our municipalities, we can make our streets and homes safe again."

"We must take an active role in the fight against crime," Ogden said. "By putting more police officers in our communities, we can deter criminals and better protect our citizens. The strong police presence will send a powerful message to criminals that they have no home on the streets of New Jersey."

The Assembly's Safe and Secure Communities Selection Panel

awarded \$15 million throughout the state as part of the anti-crime package, which will put 1,000 additional police officers on New Jersey's streets and another 1,000 police officers next year. The anti-crime package will also strengthen criminal penalties and place a greater emphasis on the rights of victims.

Roselle Park and Livingston both will receive \$60,000 for police officers.

Roselle Park Mayor Helen Ryan was ecstatic when she was informed of the news. "Assemblyman Bagger advised me that Roselle Park fit into the category of we made the application, so we had Capt. Art Christen undertake the effort," she said Tuesday. "His put a great deal of effort into working on the grant, and recently completed a federal grant. We really do not have a grantman, he spent the time working on this grant application, and he is to be congratulated."

Ryan predicted that the windfall in funding would be a "big boost" to the department because now it will mean more manpower on an already tight force.

"Now we can get extra officers on our force," she said. "This is what our policemen have been crying out for. Plus it will be a tremendous boost in cutting down our overtime."

The Roselle Park borough treasurer estimated last month that overtime in the Police Department would reach

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county news

Month targets drunks

December has been proclaimed Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month... The Union County chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will hold its monthly dinner meeting Dec. 15...

Business women meet

The Union County chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will hold its monthly dinner meeting Dec. 15 at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, at 6 p.m.

County group forms

Union County Family members have formed a local Alliance for the Mentally III group to provide support and information for families and friends of individuals with mental illness.

Life member club meets

The Union County Life Member Club of AATF will have its monthly meeting Monday at 1 p.m. at the Union Boys and Girls Club, 1050 Jeanette Ave., Union...

Trailside seeks vols

Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintide is seeking volunteers to help with trailwork in the Watchung Reservation.

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December has been proclaimed Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month... The Y, located at 501 Green Lane, offers a full celebration of the holidays...

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NOW slates meeting

The Union County Chapter of the National Organization for Women will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Westfield...

Holiday dance on tap

Dance, Dance, Dance will be the theme of the annual holiday party for disabled persons presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders...

Summer camp?

Although the winter winds have begun to blow, the YM-YWHA of Union County is beginning to feel the warmth of summer...

Tree lighting set

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Parks and Recreation will hold the county's annual holiday tree lighting ceremony and charity drive Friday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Watchung Reservation...

New world



Mountaintide resident Pat Loiolan, left, and Chatham resident Anne Lyon share a moment during the annual luncheon, fashion show and fundraiser 'A Whole New World' at Mayfair Farms in West Orange...

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Bassano dumped from Senate health chairman post

By Chris Gatto
Staff Writer

Sen. C. Louis Bassano, R-Union, is being bumped off as chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, a move which "blindsided" Bassano. Bassano, who has served as chairman of the committee since the Senate two years ago, at the same time rejected an invitation to serve as chair of a newly formed committee.



C. Louis Bassano

Along with several other modifications in committees announced for the Legislature's coming term, DiFrancesco used his post as Senate President to split the Health and Human Services Committee. Bassano was envisioned as Human Services chairman by DiFrancesco, while Sen. Jack Singra, R-Midwest, has been named as the Health Committee chairman.

"The move came as a surprise to Bassano, who could not even speak about why the action was taken,"

"He kind of blindsided me on that one. I didn't expect it," said Bassano. "It was a shocker, because I don't know what I did wrong."

"What he said is he promised it to somebody else, and you have to say to yourself, well why? Why promise it to someone who has 22 months of ser-

vice versus someone who has 20 years of service?" Bassano asked.

"If he had said, 'You run a lovely committee. I don't like the reform that you enacted. You didn't maintain proper discipline in the committee, the work that's coming out was flawed,' I can accept that," said Bassano. "I can accept that if that were the case. That's not the case."

Phone calls for DiFrancesco on Tuesday were directed to Rae Hutton, spokeswoman for the Senate Majority. Speaking on DiFrancesco's behalf, Hutton noted that there has been no official statement issued from DiFrancesco on the move, because "there was really nothing to issue. He just issued his committee chairman."

The Senate president announced committee appointments last week, but there has been no chairman named for the new Human Services Committee. Bassano, who had been tabbed for that post, has indicated he is not interested.

"He was asked to be the chairman of the Human Services Committee

and evidently he has declined," said Hutton.

Bassano, noting that he had been looking forward to continuing work on state health insurance, said that the Human Services side of his committee had been just about nonexistent during the past two years, and that his "expertise" is on health issues.

"For the last two years, we haven't done one bill in that area. Not a single solitary bill," said Bassano. "It's the health area that I understand. That's the area I want to move forward in."

"If he wanted to give this new fella, Singra, a committee, that's the committee he should have given him," said Bassano. "He should have given him the Human Services Committee" and not have pulled "the Health Committee from under me."

Fifteen years ago, Bassano was a minority member of the Health Committee and remained in that role until he was elected to the Legislature in 1991. In his first two years as chairman, he was instrumental in crafting state health reform laws.

Hutton noted that there are other committee changes that were announced by DiFrancesco for the coming session. For example, there were three new committees formed, including the Senate Urban Planning and Policy Committee, which will address the state's urban centers.

Also, the Senate Management, Investments and Financial Institutions Committee was created, said Hutton. This committee will address past issues of the Budget and State Government committees, she said, noting that in this case the committees were not "split," but there are some issues that will be handled by other committees.

In other committees there were "splits," but the "older" chairman remained on the "primary" portion of the committee, said Bassano. "He did just the opposite with me," the senator added.

There will be a change in the Senate-Assembly Joint Committee on Economic Recovery, which was chaired by Singra. That committee will not yet be considered whether he would remain on that committee as a member of the Senate.

"They were restructured a little bit more to reflect what our priorities are going to be. Health care was a top priority in the first two years," as was

economic recovery, said Hutton. "This is not to say that jobs and health care and so forth are no longer priorities. It's just that the lion's share of the work has been done."

Hutton said that DiFrancesco may have felt that this was the "best way to divide up the committee. I mean, Human Services is a fairly significant area. It's a big part of the state budget."

Bassano differed with DiFrancesco's decision to split the Health and Human Services Committee. "It does not make sense at all," he said, in noting that Gov.-elect Christine Todd Whitman is considering joining the Health Department and the Department of Human Services into one department.

"She's talking about consolidating the two departments: he's splitting the two committees," said Bassano. "He's going just in the opposite direction. He's not even talking to his governor."

Whitman was "anxious to work with me" on health care issues, said Bassano, and "I don't think there was a problem with me working with" the governor-elect. Bassano, a Whitman supporter from the outset, said there is a "closer relationship" between him and Whitman than there is between the governor-elect and the Senate president.

Bassano said that he was hoping to continue to chair the Health and Human Services Committee and had not yet considered whether he would remain on that committee as a member of the Senate.

Singra had been a member of the committee before being appointed chairman. DiFrancesco can still reverse his decision, said Bassano.

Minds-on activity



Joe Miceli and Brian Macmillan, seventh-grade students in Cardice Grimaldi's science class at Harding School, are working together on an activity demonstrating the scientific method. Minds-on activities promote a deeper understanding of science concepts.

Police panel targets law enforcement

Assemblyman Nicholas Lusk, 21st District, is to hold an organizational meeting last week with officials from the Essex and Union County Prosecutors' Offices and police chiefs from throughout the 21st Legislative District in an effort to coordinate state and local efforts to combat crime.

The organizational meeting of Lusk's formal advisory task force, which was held at the Roseland Police Department, was attended by approximately 15 law enforcement leaders.

The purpose of forming this panel, which consists of the Essex and Union County Prosecutors and police chiefs

DiFrancesco appoints leaders to Senate standing committees

Beginning in January, the Senate will have in place a new committee structure that will enable legislators to take a broader view of such issues as urban development and pursue greater oversight into government operations, according to Senate President Donald DiFrancesco.

The new committee structure reflects the priorities of the caucus, including urban affairs, job creation and state investments, and is consistent with our goal of seeking greater accountability in all branches and areas of government," said DiFrancesco.

As part of the committee restructuring, two new committees have been formed for 1994. The Senate Urban Policy and Planning Committee will oversee issues affecting the state's urban centers and will be chaired by Sen. Dick LaRossa, R-15. The Senate State Management, Investments and Financial Institutions Committee, chaired by Senator Peter Inverso, R-14, will examine pensions, personnel and Civil Service, bonding and financial institutions.

The Natural Resources Committee also will take on greater responsibilities, including the promotion of trade opportunities, trade and economic development. It will be chaired by Senator Joseph Kyrtlow, R-13. Senator John Scott, R-36, will assume the chairmanship of the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee, a committee formed in 1993 in response to a voter-approved Constitutional amendment.

The Senate president previously had announced the members of the Senate Leadership team, including the following legislators: Senator John O. Bennett, R-12, Majority Leader; Senator Gerald Cardinale, R-39, Deputy Majority Leader; Senator Joseph P. L. Bubbico, R-34, Assistant Majority Leader; Senator Robert Martin, R-26, Assistant Majority Leader; Senator John Matheson, R-4, Assistant Majority Leader.

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What a difference



Students in Roselle Park Middle School celebrated Multicultural Day last week by attending school in their native costume. Seated, from left, are Dimpal Patel of India, Hena Modi of India, Freddy Vargas of Columbia and Justina Swirko of Poland. Students standing from left are Krizia Jimenez of the Dominican Republic, Joanne Olinick of Czechoslovakia, Armand Caltano of Philippines, Kelly O'Brien of Ireland, and Sergio Duarte of Puerto Rico. Back row are Mrs. Gibeault of England and Roy Dragon of Ireland.

Union Hospital staff members are certified

Twenty-four Union Hospital Patient Care Services staff members have received professional nursing certifications, according to hospital Executive Vice President Patricia Polansky.

Those nursing professionals who have earned advanced certifications are as follows: Vice President for Patient Care Services Muriel Shore, certified in advanced nursing administration; Alma Carter, Joannio Cistrelli, Hazel Dines, Sylvia Dittman, Emelita Espina, Galdys Higgins, Marjorie Morales-Alen, Kusun Patel, Vicki Simi, Dorothy Smith and Leslie Wright-Brown, certified as critical care registered nurses by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses; and Margaret Dean, Sharon DeMatto and Mary Morgan, certified as gastroenterology registered nurses by the Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates.

Delores Dziugaszewski, Lisa Keller and Mary Ann Sauerzopf were certified in oncological nursing by the Oncology Nursing Society.

Brigitte Fussa, Ligoris Logaspi, and Sharon Salmon were certified in medical/surgical nursing by the American Nurses Association.

Suzanne McNicholas was certified in medical/surgical nursing by the American Nurses Association and Patricia Whipple was certified in nursing administration by the American Nurses Association. Florence Foytik was certified as a diabetes educator by the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators.

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Council knocks down plans for leaf collection program

Mayor Helen Ryan said she does not agree with one of Delorio's proposals. However, Councilman at Large Alex Mirabella agreed with Delorio that a bag system is needed in the borough. "Too many times, people take their leaves into the street. It becomes a dangerous situation with cars parking over the leaves," he said.

"The bagging of leaves, as long as we can continue discussion, is a good first step," Mirabella said.

When Delorio asked how many overtime hours in the DPW were needed because of the weekend storm two weeks ago, Borough Engineer Donald Guarriello said there were a total of 16 overtime hours, but that was because of flooding, not because the crews had to remove leaves from sewers.

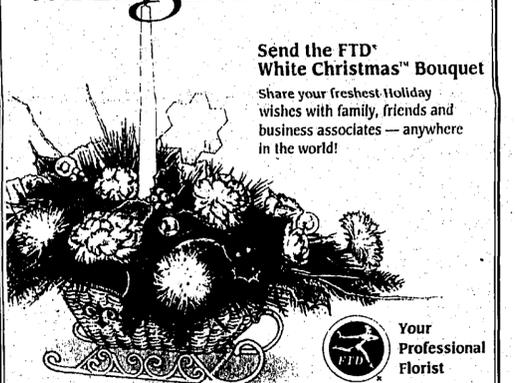
Councilman Michael Kurawski said he was "concerned about the impact" Delorio's initiative would have on senior citizens.

"My concerns are about senior citizens not being able to participate in the DPW year," he said.

The leaf collection program will be reviewed during the budget sessions early next year in order that the borough have a program established before the beginning of the leaf season in 1994.

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1. Appl. #5-930 Applicant Frank & Bill Galan, 111 N. 22 Co. Rd. 139, Lot 4
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The applicant is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

2. Appl. #5-931 Applicant Ruth E. Pless, 1824 Mountainide Echo, December 9, 1993 (Fee: \$8.00)

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1. Appl. #93-14 Applicant Maria P. Scialoja, 854 Mountain Avenue, Box 127, Rt. 45
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obituaries

Harlow Curtis

Harlow Curtis, 72, of Mountaineer died Nov. 29 in Mountaineer Hospital, Glen Ridge.

Nathan Fisher

Nathan Fisher of Mountaineer died Nov. 28 in his home.

Philip M. Spinelli

Philip M. Spinelli, 70, of Mountaineer died Dec. 1 in his home.

Katherine Thomas, 93

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Victor Tomlie

Victor Tomlie, 86, of Springfield died Nov. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Jean N. Schnur

Jean N. Schnur of Mountaineer died Dec. 2 in the Mountaineer Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Peter V. Guerry

Peter V. Guerry, 88, of Mountaineer died Saturday in his home.

Esther K. Shaw

Esther K. Shaw, 80, of Mountaineer died Nov. 25 in the home of her daughter, Roseann Buccino, in Mountaineer.

Richard C. Gromney Sr.

Richard C. Gromney Sr., 81, of Mountaineer died Nov. 28 in his home.

Victor Tomlie

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Fritz V. Olofson

Fritz V. Olofson, 87, of Springfield died Nov. 30 in the Glenaide Nursing Home, New Providence.

Edna C. Cooley

Edna C. Cooley, 102, of Roselle Park died Nov. 28 in the Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune.

Cordella Perry

Cordella Perry, 76, of Roselle Park died Nov. 25 in Union Hospital.

Ann Bromberg

Ann Bromberg, 82, of Kenilworth died Sunday in her home.

Lucia Moniz

Lucia Moniz, 36, of Watchung, formerly of Kenilworth, died Sunday in the Mountaineer Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Marlo S. Reilly

Marlo S. Reilly, 63, of Roselle Park died Sunday in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth.

Edna C. Nailer

Edna C. Nailer, 82, of Roselle Park died Saturday in the John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Lester Schindler Sr.

Lester Schindler Sr., 67, of Roselle Park died Nov. 24 in Union Hospital.

Barbara McConigal

Barbara McConigal, three brothers, Robert, Joseph and August, and seven grandchildren.

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Pretty babies



Kenilworth and Springfield residents displayed their children and took home prizes at a baby pageant at Cornell Hall Nursing Home in Union. All contestants had their pictures taken and were judged in categories including prettiest smile, best dressed and curliest hair.

Red Cross schedules blood drives

The New Jersey Blood Services, in cooperation with the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross, will have blood drives in the following locations in December. 17 services being held at Meridian Nursing Home, 1515 Lambert's Mill Road, Westfield, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hospital announces board of trustees

The Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation has announced the election of its board of trustees for three-year terms, beginning January 1994. The foundation is the principal fund-raising arm of Children's Specialized Hospital.

Michael Harrison of Chester and Thomas J. Sharkey of Watchung have been elected to their first terms as trustees. An attorney in private practice in Denville, Harrison served as advancement chair for the 1993 Umbrella Ball. Sharkey, chairman of Meeker Sharkey Financial Group, is a trustee of Seion Hall University and former member of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Board.

Correction policy

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Bagger honored as public official

Assemblyman Richard H. Bagger, R-27, was honored recently as "Public Official of the Year" by the New Jersey chapter of the American Public Works Association. In making this award, the American Public Works Association, an organization of public works managers, cited Bagger for applying his experience as Westfield councilman, Planning Board chairman and mayor to his current position as a state legislator.

Palette knife oil paintings on display

Argentinian artist Nella Zadra will be the Kenilworth Art Association's demonstrator during its meeting Dec. 16. Zadra is an expert in palette knife oil painting and will show the group her technique on the ground floor level of the Kenilworth library. Anyone interested attending is invited. The meeting is free and open to artists and guests.

Atlantic metals begins conservation program

Atlantic Metal Products Inc. of Springfield has taken advantage of Jersey Central Power and Light's Power Savers Rebate Program to begin an energy conservation program. John Schinestuhl's 22-yard field goal game in overtime was the difference.



From left, Richard Broutig, Jersey Central Power and Lighting, Doug Virgilio, Atlantic Metals' Chief Finance Officer, Richard Bladie, Atlantic Metals Products' President and Peter Kerns of Vision Impact Co., during a ceremony for Atlantic's energy conservation program.

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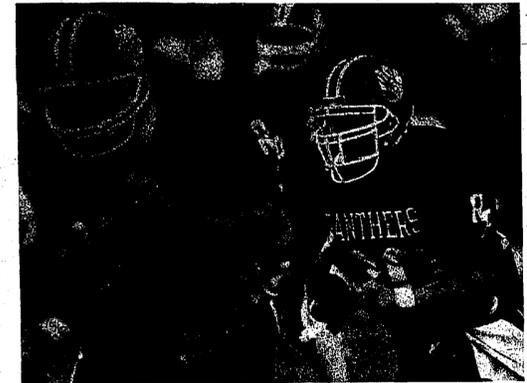
Panthers defeat New Providence 10-7 in overtime on Schinestuhl field goal

By Peter Rosenthal
Assistant Sports Editor
ROSELLE PARK — Roselle Park High School head football coach John Wagner knew it would be tough to beat a team twice in the same season. Especially a team as talented and strong as New Providence. It was tough indeed, but top-seeded Roselle Park defeated second-seeded New Providence 10-7 in overtime last Saturday at Herm Shaw Field to capture its second straight NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship.

John Schinestuhl's 22-yard field goal game in overtime was the difference. Wagner, whose team was held to its lowest point total all season, knew the difficulty at hand. Roselle Park beat New Providence 26-7 Nov. 6 in New Providence for the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division crown. "I knew it wouldn't be easy," Wagner said. "We dodged a couple of bullets in the fourth quarter and we could have dodged a couple of more."

H.S. Football

which it took the ball away from New Providence and then took it into the end zone made it seem like Roselle Park was about to blow another opponent out. But the New Providence defense stiffened and the two teams spent most of the game slugging it out at the line of scrimmage. The first Roselle Park touchdown, which came on a 15-yard drive after Schinestuhl intercepted New Providence quarterback Matt Bernhard (1-0-8 for 14 yards and 2 interceptions) at the 20-yard line, was not telling of the rest of the game. Wagner had to constantly evolve his offensive scheme to counter the size and strength of New Providence's front seven.



Roselle Park running back Mark Carlson, right, looks for yardage behind blocking back Nick Fowler during last Saturday's NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship football game against New Providence at Herm Shaw Field.

Back-to-back 11-0 seasons finally becomes a reality

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor
Back-to-back is now a reality. The Roselle Park High School football team was a heavy favorite to finish 11-0 this year and the Panthers did so by leading off New Providence 10-7 in overtime of last Saturday's North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 title game at Herm Shaw Field in Roselle Park.

H.S. Football

A predominantly junior-dominated squad finished 11-0 last year on route to capturing the school's second sectional title and first since 1979. Roselle Park, repeat champions and winners of a school-record 22 games, dominated most of its opponents this year while compiling record numbers. Perhaps the two most impressive stats this year were that Roselle Park never trailed once in any of its games and the Panthers gave up just eight touchdowns in 11 contests. Below is a look at some individual and team numbers from this year's 11-0 sectional championship squad.

Still running a 7-0 lead, Roselle Park was held to a 15-yard drive after Schinestuhl intercepted New Providence quarterback Matt Bernhard (1-0-8 for 14 yards and 2 interceptions) at the 20-yard line, was not telling of the rest of the game. Wagner had to constantly evolve his offensive scheme to counter the size and strength of New Providence's front seven. "They were stringing us out so well," Wagner said. "We tried to offset that by going straight at them with Kevin Kirby, but they are so big that that didn't work so well, either."

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Roselle Park fullback Nick Fowler tries to get past New Providence tackler Jeff Walsh during last Saturday's NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship game in Roselle Park. Fowler scored Roselle Park's lone touchdown in helping the Panthers to a 10-7 overtime victory.

Roselle Park repeats as sectional champs

(Continued from Page B1) Each team was forced to punt on their next possessions as both defenses continued to impress. A New Providence punt touched off Carlson, who was trying to get out of its way, and the Panthers recovered the ball at Roselle Park's 25. But on second down, a pitch to Libano was missed and Ryan Vanderkooij pounced on it for Roselle Park. Then Roselle Park coughed it right back up on a pitch play of its own to complete the fumble drive.

Back-to-back 11-0 campaigns finally becomes a reality

(Continued from Page B1) This year's starting defense gave up only four touchdowns. Manville's third-quarter score came on a 43-yard quarterback sneak by Marc Pearson. New Providence's third-quarter score came on a 37-yard field goal attempt that fell short, sending the game into overtime. Roselle Park won the toss and elected to play defense first, therefore it could see what it might have to match in terms of a New Providence score. Pioneers fullback John Budd

Tidal Waves swimming team defeats Clinton in first meet

The Tidal Waves swimming team of the Union Boys' and Girls' Club began its 1993-94 season last week with a 204-112 victory over the Clinton Sea Hawks.

Here are some of the results from the Tidal Waves' first victory:

100-Yard IM
8 and 9: Boys: 1. Patricia Heame 3. Billy Hillman. Girls: 1. Laura Fabiano (new team record).
10 and 11: Boys: 1. Brian Jacobs. 3. Tim Ford. Girls: 1. Debra Sincich. 2. Megan Shanahan. 3. Simon Maya.

200-Yard IM
12 and 13: Girls: 2. Jenny Meyer. 3. Amanda Maxwell.
14 to 17: Boys: 1. Doug Finken. 7 and under: Boys: 1. Brian Cwikala. 2. Justin Was. Girls: 2. Angelica. 3. Camacho. 3. Danielle DeCigna.

50-Yard Freestyle
8 and 9: Boys: 1. Matthew Heame. 3. Daniel Mays.
10 and 11: Boys: 1. Scott Santos. 3. Alex Orsberg. Girls: 1. Debra Sincich. 2. Megan Shanahan.
Section, Perez needed Area athletes Scott Sexton of Roselle Park and Joe Perez of Springfield in two players Steven Tech man's basketball coach Charles Brown can count on.

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Young Lindenite to play Clara in 'The Nutcracker'

By Bea Smith
Lifestyle Editor
When 12-year-old Lisa Rumbauskas of Linden takes off on her magical adventures as Clara in her beloved ballet, "The Nutcracker," Sunday at Plainfield High School, she will cross her own world of magical adventures.



As Clara, Lisa Rumbauskas, 12, of Linden, will portray a major role in "The Nutcracker" in the New Jersey Theater Guild's version of the holiday classic Sunday at 5 and 5 p.m. at the Plainfield High School auditorium, 950 Park Ave.

Hanukkah concert scheduled in Union on Saturday evening

The Israeli Festival of Union will hold its ninth annual Hanukkah concert Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in the Union High School auditorium, North Third Street. It will star internationally known David Montefiore, tenor, who has performed in operas in productions throughout the world.

Two perfect seasons

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(A) Roselle Park 34, Johnson 0
(A) Roselle Park 69, Bound Brook 0
(A) Roselle Park 43, Middletown 0
(A) Roselle Park 48, South Hunt. 0
(A) Roselle Park 49, Manville 20
(H) Roselle Park 26, New Prov. 7
(H) Roselle Park 29, Gov. Liv. 0
(H) Roselle Park 43, Mt. Lakes 6
(H) Roselle Park 26, Roselle 12
(H) Roselle Park 10, N. Prov. 7 OT
Record: 11-0
Home: 4-0
Away: 7-0
MVC-Valley: 5-0, Champs
2:1: Champions
Points for: 410
Points against: 52
Shortcuts: 6

'Nutcracker' ballet staged in Rahway

The Union County Arts Center, Rahway, which has announced that "The Nutcracker" will be presented at the extensively restored 1,300 seat center of Elizabeth Union High School on March 11 and 12, 1994 with mixed repertoire programs, one on March 11 consisting of two performances specially for student audiences during school hours.

A Christmas tribute to Dr. King slated

The United Cultural and Economic Center of Elizabeth Union High School Inc. will present an "Evening with Maya Angelou" Saturday, at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, 1148 East Jersey St., Elizabeth. The program will be a Christmas tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

'Magic of Christmas' set by Symphony Orchestra

The music of the holidays will be heard in six performances of "The Magic of Christmas" presented by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra tomorrow to Dec. 19. Guest conductor Bruce Hanges will lead the NJSO and special guests, soprano Becky Budd, the Pro Arte Chorus, the Newark Boys Chorus and Santa Claus in traditional and classical selections.

Unionite Joe Lugara to exhibit oil paintings

Union artist Joe Lugara will exhibit three oil paintings in a group show called "Narrative Patterns" at SoHo's Agora Gallery from Dec. 18 to 19, 1994.

King tribute is scheduled

The musical ensemble, "Return to the Source," founded in 1985 and featured in the First Sarah Vaughn Jazz Concert in Newark two years ago, will perform in Rahway's 1,300-seat Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Jan. 15 to launch a weekend-long local tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the occasion of the slain civil rights leader's birthday.

Ori photo exhibition displayed in hospital

An exhibit of photographs by Nancy Ori is on display throughout this month at Children's Specialized Hospital, Montclair.

Y Summit Folk Dancers international classes set

The Summit Folk Dancers will meet tomorrow at the Summit YWCA, corner of Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Danvers of British Isles, the Balkans, Greece, and Israel will be taught. No partners are needed. It was announced.

Hoffman paintings exhibition planned

An exhibit of paintings by Hannah Hoffman is on display at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountaineer, throughout this month.

Hoffman has taught in the Newark school system, the East Orange Adult School, the Bloomfield Art League, the Elizabeth Y.M.C.A., the Straley Art School, the Clark Art Association and the Westfield Adult School. She conducts classes for adults and children at the Studio Art School in Elizabeth.

Hoffman has exhibited art shows and museums throughout New Jersey and was selected by the American Artists Professional League to exhibit a painting at the Intercontinental

2 concerts in two days are staged

The Westfield Glee Club, under the direction of Evelyn Billeck, will present two 69th season winter concerts. On Saturday at 8 p.m., the Glee Club and the Jubilee Bell Choir will perform at Roosevelt Intermediate School, 301 Clark Street, Westfield, the Sunday Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday will be presented at Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St., Cranford. At the Sunday afternoon concert, John Pivarnik, organist, will perform in addition to the Glee Club Chorus and the Jubilee Bells.

The public is invited to these traditional and seasonal concerts. In addition to the sacred, seasonal, spiritual, and show songs, the Glee Club will sing two Hebrew traditional folk songs, "Shalom Cha'varim" and "El Yimach Haganil - The Lord Will Build Galilee."

At each concert, the Jubilee Bells, under the direction of Ann Minear Weeks, will accompany the Glee Club Chorus in "As it Fell Upon A Night" and "King of the Wild Bells." The Bell Choir will also perform the seasonal music: "White Christmas," "Frosty The Snowman," "Rudolph, the Red Nose Reindeer," and "A Yuletide Sample."

On Sunday afternoon at Calvary Lutheran Church concert, John Pivarnik will accompany the Glee Club in the closing "Adeste Fideles" in addition to his organ solo program.

Donations to the Westfield Glee Club, a non-profit organization, for the concert tickets are: adults, \$10 and students/children \$7.

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DINING REVIEW

COSTA'S
Fine Italian food, elegantly served at reasonable prices

By Debbie Morton
Costa's Italian Ristorante, located at 120 Chestnut St. in Roselle Park, provides patrons with a memorable experience in dining, serving the finest Italian cuisine at reasonable prices in an elegant atmosphere.

The Costa family has owned the establishment for 35 years, having opened the restaurant in Roselle Park, America in 1952 from Calabria, Italy, to overcome tough economic times.

Chefs Carlo Aponte and Enzo Casera have been preparing mouth-watering cuisine at Costa's for five years, concentrating primarily on northern Italian and Sicilian dishes, while broadening meal selections to include continental and French entrees.

In addition to the quality of food at Costa's, the service is unmatched. Staff captain Joe Coletta was helpful in recommending some of the restaurant's specialties to assist in making a difficult decision in choosing from among the wide-ranging menu items. His friendly, attentive service, along with that of maître d' Nicola Cristoforo, was much appreciated.

At a cost of \$9.95 per person, 40 different hot and cold dishes are prepared for parties in Costa's banquet facility, which accommodates 250 people comfortably.

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This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

New arts showcase venture announced

ARTSmart, an all new showcase for arts-in-education programming recently was formed by a collective of 12 New Jersey arts organizations. The collaborative venture was developed for the purpose of providing a well-timed, centrally located showcase for schools and other sponsors to preview performances and workshops for students and young audiences. The first annual showcase of ARTSmart is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 4, 1994, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crossroads Theater, New Brunswick.

Sponsored by the New Brunswick Cultural Center, ARTSmart includes:

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Additional companies will be invited to perform and exhibit annually.

In addition to providing cultural enrichment chairpersons and directors of programs for young audiences with a centrally-timed and centrally located opportunity to preview fully mounted excerpts of performances and workshops by New Jersey's major providers of arts-in-education programming, ARTSmart on June 4 will give the public access to brochures, study guides and other information.

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A literary arts journal, 'Sheaf,' wins 1st prize

The "Sheaf," Union County College's student literary journal, has won first place in the Eastern Division of the Community College Humanities Association literary journal contest.

The honor was in recognition of outstanding achievement, as noted in last year's fall and spring issues of the journal, coming out first among 44 entries from throughout the region.

UCC received an award for excellent overall achievement in style and substance of the two journal issues. The fall 1992 theme was "Images of Heaven and Earth," based on the ideas of William Blake, poet and artist from 18th Century Britain. The spring 1993 theme was the first magazine format that "The Sheaf" embarked upon, as opposed to its previous literary journal format, to which it is returning this semester.

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CHESTNUT TAVERN AND RESTAURANT
Marvelous Italian food in a warm, friendly setting

By Bea Smith
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The food continues to be excellent, delicious and plentiful, and its general owner, Don Waldleitch, explained that after 45 years in Union we have a new look. And it's an attractive one as that—inside and outside. "We also made a new dance floor and have entertainment every Friday and Saturday nights with Teddy O'Connell frequently entertaining on the keyboard for dancing and sing-alongs."

The restaurant is open seven days a week, Sunday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m.

The owner attributes the longevity and success of the restaurant to "the loyalty and efficiency of many of the employees. And we have two really great chefs, Fernando Alvarez and Jack Johnson."

You must be hungry when you come into the Chestnut Tavern. I was, and I ordered an antipasto, huge, juicy, and garnished with the usual goodies. A glass of Chianti, lightly chilled, and extremely hearty, accompanied the meal. Then I ordered linguine with the side dish of sausage, a feast for the kings. The garlic bread, which customers have heard to exclaim is "the best garlic bread around," was so delicious, that after one bite, I felt I had died and gone to heaven!

My companion ordered broiled fillet of flounder, delicately cooked to perfection, with steak fries.

For dessert — actually, there wasn't much room — we shared the best chocolate cake I've ever had in my entire life. It is exceptionally popular at the Chestnut Tavern. And with two cups of coffee, the meal was complete.

The Chestnut Tavern has a homely atmosphere, excellent food and attentive service. No wonder it attracts so many different kinds of people — whole families, young couples, friends and groups of men and women. There also is a special dining room for private parties and meetings for up to 32 people.

Entrees and other foods are also prepared in advance for takeout. You can call ahead at 968-8696 or 686-9875. But whether you dine in or out, the newly renovated Chestnut Tavern and Restaurant is the place to go for the tastiest and the best.

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Health & Fitness

Caregivers of the elderly are often victims of stress

Anger, confusion, fear, guilt. These emotions, which are commonly experienced by victims, also create stress for a growing segment of the population: caregivers.

Caregivers represent thousands of people in their 40s and 50s who have parental responsibilities to their children, and act as caregivers to their parents. At the same time, they are usually maintaining a marriage, career and volunteer obligations. More often than not, women most frequently take on the role of primary caregiver to senior members of the family, whether they are parents or in-laws.

According to Barbara Saad, director of social services at Cornell Hall Nursing Home, Union, it is common for people who care for both an aging parent or parents and growing children to feel like victims at times. "Parents usually expect that they will have more time for themselves and

activities they enjoy as their children grow up. The responsibility of providing care for their own parents alters that expectation and can be confusing as adjustments are made," Saad said.

"Anger is often felt as a person asks, 'Why me? Why is all this happening at the same time?'" Saad said. "Feelings of fear and guilt go hand-in-hand as a parent/caregiver wonders whether she or he is a good parent and child."

"Caregivers often tend to care for everyone but themselves," she said. "And it's important to plan a 'feel good' strategy to provide for their own needs. It is difficult to be everything to everyone when you're out of fuel." To put one's situation into perspective, Saad recommends making a specific list of daily demands and dividing the responsibilities among family members, including the children and the elderly parent. "If your personal resources are

exhausted," she said, "try to take advantage of community resources, such as adult day care, a part-time helper or respite services. Many services are offered by nursing homes and local agencies to assist home caregivers."

Keeping the lines of communication open between family members is vital to everyone's well being. Saad suggests scheduling a weekly family meeting either as a group, or individually with the children and parents to share feelings and concerns.

She feels it is also important for caregivers to pamper themselves occasionally. "Of course, vacations are ideal, but don't underestimate the benefits of a movie, a facial, or just taking time each week to do something enjoyable," said the social service director.

Don't be afraid to seek out a support group. According to Saad, peer support is very valuable when caring for a

parent or relative and family counseling may be necessary and helpful. Friends may also provide an excellent support system.

According to the theory that knowledge is empowerment, Saad feels that it is important to be informed about teenage and older care issues. Libraries are an excellent resource as are newsletters, such as "Traditions," a free publication by Cornell Hall Nursing Home, which features current caregiver issues.

Above all, said Saad, one shouldn't feel guilty. "The only thing most caregivers are guilty of is loving their families, and trying to do what's best for them. When feeling a reborn of time and freedom, caregivers should take stock of themselves and explore different ways of adjusting." To be added to the "Traditions" mailing list, call 908-887-1900, ext. 2019.

Take precautions to avoid injuring the eye this season

The holiday season can be a dangerous time for your eyes, according to Dr. William Constant and Dr. Richard Norden, medical directors of the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey.

Constant and Norden recommend the following precautions to keep a holiday twinkle in your eyes:

- Child proof your home and make sure homes you visit are childproofed. Sharp edged tables, pointed kitchen utensils left out on counters, poorly capped or stored household cleaners or other toxic agents can cause eye injuries.
- Make children's gifts age appropriate. Chemistry sets in the hand of very young children can result in eye injury as can sharp edged toys.
- For all ages, avoid potentially dangerous toys such as bows and arrows or hard plastic or metal swords.
- Household pets with too much holiday spirit can scratch and cause corneal damage. Keep things merry but calm for your puppy or kitten. Now pet arrivals are also skittish and may scratch. Better introduce a new pet after the holidays.

- For adults, too much alcohol can contribute to slips, falls and bumps that cause eye injuries.
- Use caution when opening champagne or sparkling wine. A propelled cork can be a dangerous missile causing eye injury. For safety's sake, aim the bottle at an unoccupied area and drape a towel over the top to contain the escaping cork.
- Prepare holiday meals with an eye to safety. Watch out for oven splatters that can injure the eye. Vent microwave foods properly and uncover away from the eyes to avoid injuries.
- Use fire screens and other protection around the fireplace to avoid dangerous embers.
- To prevent dry eyes resulting from an overheated house, use humidifiers to add moisture to the air and artificial tears to add moisture directly to the eye.
- Wear sunglasses that will filter out ultra violet light when you go out, even in winter and especially in the glare of snow.
- Sign an eye donor card pledging your eyes to the Lions Eye Bank of

New Jersey and discuss donation with your family. The gift of sight is the most precious gift during the holidays and always.

The Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey is a nonprofit organization providing eye issues for transplant surgery that reverses blindness and for sight research. It is a member of TBI, the nationwide nonprofit eye and tissue banking network. Additional information about the Lions Eye Bank and TBI may be obtained by calling 982-2060.

Constant is a corneal surgeon with a practice based in Hudson County. Additionally, he is a faculty member at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical Department of Ophthalmology. He may be reached through his office by calling 962-3977.

Norden is also a corneal surgeon and is based in Bergen County. He also is a faculty member at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical Department of Ophthalmology. He may be reached through his office by calling 444-2442.

Sleep Disorders Institute opens its doors in Morristown

The Sleep Disorders Institute, with locations throughout New Jersey, opened its Morristown location on Nov. 4. As a result of more than 10 years of planning, the institute will have a capacity of eight patient evaluations per night, and is the largest and most comprehensive sleep disorders center in the northeast.

"Sleep disorders are increasingly common, affecting the lives of millions of Americans," said Dr. John Penick, medical director of the institute. "We've established the services to meet the need for a quality and comprehensive center with state-of-the-art facilities. Patients with a wide spectrum of symptoms including snoring, fatigue, as well as insomnia, will be evaluated and treated."

The institute's staff has a background of extensive training and experience in the area of sleep disorders and Penick has practiced sleep medicine for more than a decade. He is board-certified by the American Board of Sleep Medicine, and is a fellow of the American Sleep Disorders Association.

The institute has also established a panel of more than 100 physicians who function on a consultative basis including pulmonologists, sleep specialists, allergists, otolaryngologists, cardiologists, neurologists, dentists, psychiatrists and psychologists. "The proper evaluation and care of patients with sleep disorders demands a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach, and we have also established educational seminars and programs and general public, as well as

health professionals," said Penick. The center maintains support groups for patients with a wide variety of sleep disorders. The AWAKE Support Group is part of a nationwide network of support groups for patients with snoring and sleep apnea. In addition, the institute maintains support groups for patients suffering from insomnia, as well as narcolepsy.

The institute will provide sleep evaluation both in the patient's home, as well as in the newly completed sleep center. "We purposely have established the center to give the patients a feeling of comfort, as if they were sleeping in their own bedroom," said Dennis Siller, a polysomnography technician and technical director of the institute. "No longer is it necessary for the patient to dislocate themselves from home and go to a cold, clinical hospital setting, which, in itself, is disruptive to the patient's sleep."

In addition to the Morristown location, the institute maintains offices in Edison, Bricktown, Princeton, Englewood, Fort Lee, and the Devils/Dover area. The institute has also established a series of frequent day and evening open houses for the general public to provide ongoing education regarding sleep dis-

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Health & Fitness

Fertility expert addresses international congress

Dr. Aric Birkenfeld, who co-directs the Diamond Institute for Infertility in Irvington, was an invited speaker at the fall's Second Congress on the Endometrium, organized by Italy's University of Bologna, the conference site, and New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where he is clinical associate professor. Birkenfeld also served as chairman of the meeting segment dealing with the effect of hormone replacement on the post-menopausal endometrium.

His Bologna presentation

addressed how infertility drugs used for controlled ovarian stimulation affect the endometrium, the highly vascularized tissue lining the uterus. According to Birkenfeld, medically-induced changes to endometrial physiology can be crucial in infertility treatment aimed at setting up a receptive uterine environment. His collaborative studies with Diamond Institute co-director Dr. Masan Yamashita center on this topic and its relation to embryo implantation success or failure.

Birkenfeld is invited to present a lecture to the general session of the Fertility Society of Australia Annual Meeting in Sydney in November. He will review and discuss the morphology, physiology and biochemistry of the endometrium. He also will address and co-chair the Embryo Uterine Co-Culture Workshop, organized by the University of Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital.

A founder of the North American Menopause Society and a member of

the American Fertility Society, Birkenfeld was the latter organization's 1991 second-prize poster winner. He is licensed in New Jersey, New York and Israel. For more than 15 years, Birkenfeld has concentrated his interest, practice and research on reproductive medicine and the incidence and complications of couples' infertility, publishing more than 80 manuscripts and abstracts on his practice and original research. His chapter on medical management of the post-menopausal woman, including clinical implications,

of progressive estrogen withdrawal, written with Dr. Nathan Kasas, was published in the fourth edition of the textbook Office Gynecology, edited by Robert H. Glass.

Founded in 1968 by Dr. Edward Diamond, the Diamond Institute offers complete on-site infertility diagnosis and assisted reproduction treatment, including in vitro fertilization, egg donation, genetic intrafallopian transfer (GIFT) and male infertility evaluation and treatment. Diamond Institute also offers a program for evaluation and treatment of recurrent miscarriage.

Home assistance offered to patients with brain injuries

People who have suffered traumatic brain injuries would be able to receive medical and social services in their homes or other supervised community residences instead of in hospitals or nursing homes, under a new program launched this month by the department's Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.

The initiative is only the third such program for brain-injured people in the nation. It will currently serve 200 people a year and will pay for an array of services such as doctor's care, prescription drugs, physical and occupational therapy, and transportation.

With the support of this new program, brain-injured people will be able to live either with their families or in residences such as group homes or supervised apartments. This kind of community-based service program is generally more therapeutic for people and costs less than institutional care which costs more than \$300 a day.

"I am very pleased that we are able to offer this new type of service for individuals who have suffered a traumatic brain injury," said DMAHS Director Saul Kilkstein.

"The community environment is often more appropriate for individuals' therapy at this stage of their rehabilitation. But equally important, it brings them much closer to home and family, and this can only aid in their recuperation."

The condition of people who have suffered brain injuries varies widely. Some people have near-total paralysis while others suffer motor, sensory and intellectual impairment. The program is aimed at injuries who have already spent some time in a hospital or nursing home and have achieved their rehabilitation potential.

Last month DMAHS received federal approval to develop this three-year pilot program. Programs will be developed for 75 people next year and 50 in 1995. The approval was granted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, which regulates state Medicaid programs.

The program is for people between ages 18 to 65 who are diagnosed as having an acquired brain injury and exhibit medical, emotional behavioral and cognitive disabilities. Individual income must be less than \$1,302 a month and other resources less than \$2,000.

Providing services in the community rather than in hospitals, nursing homes or other health care institutions has been a major initiative for the last decade. The division now provides community-based services in a variety of settings for elderly and disabled and blind people, people with AIDS, and medically fragile children.

Medicaid, operated by DMAHS, is a federal- and state-funded health program for about 600,000 low-income women and children, and aged and disabled people.

Resolve to be fit

With the new year here and everyone making their New Year's resolutions, many individuals find themselves looking to join a health club. Many individuals have already been members of two or three clubs, only to find themselves dissatisfied with the services provided and not able to reach their fitness goals.

When choosing the right health club, it is important to follow these steps to insure making proper decisions. The average person that comes into a health facility has already been a member of three to four other clubs. The most common mistake people made is losing track of what their primary objectives are for achieving fitness goals.

Choose a health club as if choosing a medical doctor, a trained medical professional specializing in a particular problem. You wouldn't choose the cheapest doctor, but rather the one that was qualified in dealing with your problem. Clubs that continually run specials, i.e., two-for-one promotions, are often more quantitative than qualitative.

Join a club that specializes in your particular needs. I recommend that women join all-women facilities. Most co-ed facilities are accustomed more toward male clientele as opposed to those designed for achieving fitness goals.

You shouldn't join a club that obligates you to commit yourself for a long period of time. Clubs may do this in one of two ways. The first way is to require that you put down a minimal amount of money and then commit you to monthly payments with a promise of a low, yearly renewal at the completion of your payments. The second method utilized is the payment of one lump sum to cover one or two years.

A good health facility will let you pay an enrollment fee and then let you pay as you go only for the time that you use it. In clubs that induce you for lifetime memberships, the service tends to be very minimal because even if you do not attend, you are still obligated to pay. As a result, out of 100 percent of the people that join a quantitative health club which obligates them to long-term payments, less than 40 percent are still exercising. In comparison, out of 100 percent of the people that join a qualitative gym, 80 percent are still actively pursuing their fitness goals.

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If It's the Holiday Season Why Do I Feel So Sad?

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Presented by: Peter Bolo, M.D.
Medical Director of Adult Services at Fair Oaks Hospital

All around us the signs of the approaching holiday season appear. Television and newspapers are filled with advertisements giving us gift ideas. Decorations adorn homes, schools, businesses and city streets. With all of this celebration and attention, the expectation associated with the holiday season is that everyone is supposed to be joyous and happy.

Why do many of us experience sadness and blues during the holidays? In this free community education seminar, Dr. Bolo, Medical Director of Adult Services at Fair Oaks Hospital, will be addressing seasonal depression and what we can do to deal with those feelings more effectively.

The presentation will also address depression, which becomes prolonged and causing disturbances in daily functioning. These symptoms may be warning signs of a more serious problem which requires professional help.

This is a free community education program, but reservations are requested due to limited seating. For more information or to reserve a seat call (908) 277-9012.

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Outdoor Christmas story to be enacted by church

By Ben Smith
Lifestyle Editor
A special Christmas re-enactment will be presented outdoors on the front lawn of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, 2815 Morris Ave., Union, tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. The Bible will come alive when the church stages its fifth annual Christmas story.

The Rev. Tom Sigley, pastor of the church, is in charge of the pageant, and during a recent visit to this office, he said, "I do a little bit of everything in preparation for this annual event. Yesterday, we took six hours to build a new manger. There are more than 60 people involved and thousands more who come to see the play every year."

"We have about 10 different scenes," he said. "We change them every year and add to them." The young minister explained that "we do everything in a studio in Upper Collage, East Orange. We make a professional tape of Bible readings of the Christmas story with music between the scenes. Then everything is narrated through our sound system. We use special effects, fog machines, strobe lights and spotlights, different lighting effects."

"And it's all done outdoors. Over the years," Sigley recounted, "we found more and more people coming out to see the play. We had thousands come to see our Christmas shows and our Easter shows, which also are held on the lawn." Marveling about the length of the lawn in front of the church, Sigley said, "We really have a big lawn — and really different from any I've seen in front of any church. It is 400 x 500 feet wide, and we have backdrops set up all over the place to give the scenes authenticity. We have Herod's Court,

the Inn, a prophet at the Jewish Temple, a scene from Mary's house. And," he smiled, "the people in the church made them all."

"For example," Sigley said, "Hank Blackburn did the carpentry. It's very well made. Then there are the families. Hank's wife, Florence, did some of the painting. They are my-in-laws," he smiled. "And people such as Penny MacIver, Doris and Donna Mann helped us a great deal."

"We keep adding to it each year — technically. We have a new scene this year — the Jewish Temple scene. And some of the Messianic prophets from Isaiah the Prophet will be read. People will walk with the actors to each scene. As the actors and actresses move from scene to scene, the people will move with them."

"Our main goal," explained Sigley, "is to present the whole thing in a very professional way. We try to evaluate, to make it look better. We have professional carpenters, seamstresses, artists, people from local television and radio. About 60 of us are all together to try to pull it off. There are about 40 working on costumes. Then we have technical work behind the scenes — sound, props, lighting."

The pastor, who has been with Clinton Hill Baptist Church for the past eight years, "grew up in Union. I was graduated from Kawmwech, then Union High School, where I played basketball." Sigley was graduated from The King's College in Briar Cliff Manor, N.Y., where he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics. "I was hired by the Union Board of Education to teach math at the high school from 1981 to 1992. Then I went back to graduate school at the Biblical Theological Seminary in Hatfield, Pa., was graduated in 1985 and was ordained in 1986 at Clinton Hill Baptist Church."

Y to offer piano lessons

The YM-YWHA of Union County, Green Lane, Union, will be offering private piano lessons beginning Monday, Jan. 3, to children, teens and adults. Emma Masnyova, who has played at the Y's Russian concert series and is a longtime instructor, will lead the program.

Music lessons will be available on a half-hour and one hour basis to beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. The fee for half hour instruction is \$11.50, and \$23 for one hour sessions. Masnyova can instruct in all areas of music, American, popular, classical and international.

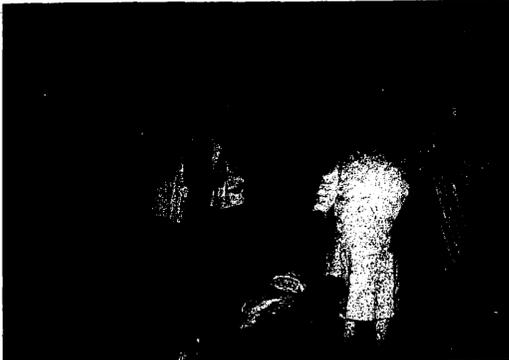
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 26. Of the city
 28. Mougol
 29. Health proposal
 30. Likeness
 31. Owing
 32. Dig
 33. Cattle rumble-up
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2. Dune
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 5. Concealed marksmanship
 6. Very bright
 7. Resistor
 9. Spangler
 10. Point of convergence
 14. Night bird
 15. Winter sport
 17. Blind
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Rehearsing 'The First Christmas' on the front lawn at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, 2815 Morris Ave., Union, which will be presented tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday evenings, are, from left, Dawn Imbimo of Union, as Mary; Paul Sulewski of Berkeley Heights, as Joseph; Christie Imbimo of Union, as the Angel; and Karen and Glenn Caprio of Union, shepherds.

horoscope

For week of Dec. 12-Dec. 18
ARIES (March 21 to April 20) A good week for taking exams and working under pressure. An aggressive approach is what you need to succeed. Don't be afraid to be a bit over the top. If there's a problem, communication is certainly a good way of ironing it out. An invitation will come in the mail.
Taurus (April 21 to May 21) You may be called upon to serve as a volunteer for a charitable organization. Try to be of assistance if possible. A new friendship may be undertaken by family members. Be sure to take radio comments in your stride. A misunderstanding at work will be the cause of agitation.
GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) Be wary of those who approach you with offers that seem too good to be true. Spending on luxury items should probably be avoided. You will have some of your engagement. The quality of your work will be under scrutiny this week. Your efforts will be rewarded.
CANCER (June 22 to July 22) The erratic behavior of a loved one is a danger on weekend activities. You will have to come up with an alternate plan if you want to salvage what's left of your future. Indulging in a favorite hobby is a good escape for you. A long-lost friend will pay a surprise visit.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) Your outgoing personality will charm a new acquaintance this weekend. Things slow down as the week progresses. A minor car problem could keep you from a vacation. Keep opening to a loan minimum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) You will appreciate permanence and stability more now than you have in the past few months. Be wary, something at Scorpio's power is even better than lightning. Be realistic and you can shake off disappointment. You'll decide that some things are just meant to be.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A quiet week will fully restore your energy. Relax completely and you will be able to tackle many sporting projects with ease. You may have to take a somewhat unorthodox approach when dealing with bureaucracy. Advice from a professional may be in order.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't be drawn into seduction because of one disappointment. This is a time to be out enjoying yourself. A friend in a fun way will contact you by telephone. You will learn something about this person just that will surprise you. Keep opening to a loan minimum.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 18) Tuesday and Wednesday will be lucky days. Choose these days to take risks or make large purchases. You will finally convince your partner to see your point on an important issue. Holiday planning will turn out to be more complex than in years past. Keep your cool.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 21) A good week if a substantial financial increase will come your way. The small favor you do

for a friend will end up changing his or her life in a big way. You will feel a sense of satisfaction. Something very good will come out of a bad situation on Friday. Look forward to weekend fun.

Your birthday this week: Finances will be a big issue this year. You'll have to make a few sacrifices to get what you want. Family problems arise at the onset of spring. Use your instincts when dealing with such situations. A new friend — probably a Pisces — will be made this year. You will enjoy many good times with your new buddy. Life will seem perfect at the end of the summer when a family member reaches a major milestone. You'll have many reasons to feel proud. Major purchases shouldn't be made until next fall. Your general health will be better this year than it has been in a while. A new hobby will take a lot of your time.

REHEARSING 'THE FIRST CHRISTMAS' ON THE FRONT LAWN AT THE CLINTON HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, 2815 MORRIS AVE., UNION, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TOMORROW, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY EVENINGS, ARE, FROM LEFT, DAWN IMBIMO OF UNION, AS MARY; PAUL SULEWSKI OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, AS JOSEPH; CHRISTIE IMBIMO OF UNION, AS THE ANGEL; AND KAREN AND GLENN CAPRIO OF UNION, SHEPHERDS.

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Y 'Peace of Israel' benefit event due

The YM-YWHA of Union County will sponsor its annual benefit event, "You Can't Choose Your Family," at the All Union County Festival of the Arts Sunday at the Union County Arts Center, Rahway. Shella Buttermore, director of the Dance Network, modern dance company based in Union, center, guides Tial Marx and Bridget Cookson in their performance.

JCC celebrates Hanukkah

Family games and crafts, and live entertainment will highlight the 10th annual Community Hanukkah Celebration, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., on Sunday at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan New Jersey in West Orange.

Both the JCC and Maurice Levin Theater are handicapped-accessible.

Artwork set at hospital reunions

An exhibit of artwork by Mary Barone-Benevento is on display at the Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountaineer, throughout this month.

The artist has exhibited her paintings throughout New Jersey, and her artwork also can be seen at Reflections on Canvas in Westfield.

Barone-Benevento studied fashion design and Art Education at Parsons School of Design in New York City where she obtained a bachelor of fine arts degree. She also studied at New School for Social Research in New York City and the New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts in Summit, New Jersey. She is married and has twins.

More information can be obtained by calling the hospital's community resource coordinator, Shirley Bigler, at (908) 233-3720, ext. 379.

Show, sale announced

A show of members' paintings has been hung for the holidays in Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaineer by the Westfield Art Association.

Participants in the show and sale are Carol Ballini, Dorothy Wilkinson, Florence MacDowell, Philip Kass, Charles Wren, Jeannette Olds, Burton Coe, Burton Longmarch, and Vicki Trumbore. A percentage of each sale is donated to the hospital by the artist.

In other new going-association loan shows, Joan Polshook has paintings in the showcase in the rear entrance to the Midland Bank, Westfield, and Henry Murphy and Allen Higgs have added their paintings to the show in Spanish Tavern Restaurant, Mountaineer.

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Columbia High School, Maplewood, Class of 1968 is looking for fellow classmates. Alumni, or anyone who has information about them, should write to: Class of '68, c/o Ron Dornbasch, 35 Watchung Road, Short Hills 07078, or call 376-4424.

West Side High School, Newark, Class of 1968 is having its 25th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact SSIS 1968 Reunion, 47 Ross St., East Orange 07018; 672-2808 or 399-2148.

Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1944 is planning its 50th reunion May 1994. Alumni who have not been notified should contact Bill Bauerband, 126 Bernard Ave., Edison 08837. The reunion committee is searching for all class members and faculty members. Also, Thomas Boyle can be contacted at 500 Martin Place, Union, or Ted Johnson, 2177 Keller Crescent, Union, 07083-7977.

Weequahic High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone with information on class members, should write to P.O. Box 23, Lincroft, 07738.

West Orange High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact Rachel Turner, Afon Florida, 184 Columbia Turnpike, Florida Park 07932.

East Side High School Class of 1954 is planning its reunion. Alumni or anyone with information on former classmates should write to: John Palmucci, 1230 Stone St., Rahway 07065.

Orange High School Class of 1934 is looking for alumni for an upcoming reunion. Graduates should contact: Sam Romano, 103 Gregory Ave., West Orange 07052, 731-1156; or Bill Tamario, 12 Abington Road, West Orange 07052, 731-7267.

Irvington High School Class of 1943 is planning its 50th reunion. Alumni or anyone knowing the whereabouts of former classmates should contact the reunion committee at Irvington High School Reunion, P.O. Box 362, Whippany 07981.

Clifford J. Scott High School Class of 1941 is planning a reunion. Alumni should write to: Doris Gawley, 41 Mountain Ave., Bloomfield 07003.

Hillside High School Class of 1973 is seeking alumni for its 20th high school reunion. Anyone with information on alumni should contact Lori Fischer Pughbaum, 14 Shelley Terrace, West Orange 07052.

Burringer Evening High School is seeking alumni from the years 1933 to 1939 for a reunion. Contact Charles Moss, 5 Cary St., second floor, West Orange 07052; 677-1840 or 674-4149.

Central High School, Newark, Class of 1943 is planning a reunion for the spring. Alumni or anyone with information on class members, should write to P.O. Box 23, Lincroft, 07738.

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BAZAAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1993
EVENT: Holiday Bazaar.
PLACE: Lady of Kazan Church, corner of Ridge St. & Heller Pkwy., Newark.
TIME: 12 noon to 4 p.m.
PRICE: Free admission. Refreshments & hot lunch available for purchase. Handmade crafts, gifts & other goodies.
ORGANIZATION: Sisterhood of Our Lady of Kazan Church.

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Plant workers pitch in earlier to make Neon better

Plant-level operators — those who comprise the work force that assembles the cab-forward 1995 Dodge and Plymouth Neons — outnumber their engineering counterparts by more than 4:1.

Yet, as the new car moved toward production at Chrysler's Belvidere, Ill. assembly plant, they didn't wait for the line to start up to play their part.

"It used to be that engineers handed off the project to the assembly plant 28 weeks before production began," said Keith Nelson, Belvidere launch coordinator. "Belvidere's workers, however, stepped in to begin working on the Neon 186 weeks before job one."

With an invitation to actively participate in the early development process, the Belvidere work force pitched right in with an enthusiasm and tenacity rarely seen before in the U.S. auto industry.

"This is the first time in my 30 years in this business that hourly people and management all sat down at the same table and brainstormed the car from birth to when we put it out to pasture," said Lynn Baker, an assembly technician.

At various stages of Neon development, as literally hundreds of engineers traveled en masse to ready the car for production at Belvidere, the Belvidere manufacturing crew — some 1,500 employees, or half the plant's work force — went on periodic training trips to the Chrysler Technology Center in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Of course, their participation didn't stop there, but continued at Belvidere itself. It included workers from the paint shop, body shop, trim, chassis, production control, skillful trades and the satellite stamping and fascia plants.

Along the way, many shared some unique experiences. For example, they drove the competitor's cars — Honda Civic, Saturn, Ford Escort and Toyota Corolla — for comparison to the Neon. A group of plant workers even accom-

panied engineers doing customer research at a ride-and-drive program in San Diego. They learned first-hand what customers really wanted the Neon to be. And they understood.

Work force involvement, which began in early 1992, was mutually advantageous, agreed both sides. While the plant personnel got heavy doses of training from the 80 process engineers on site, their inputs often convinced engineers there just might be a better way to get a job done.

Many of the 4,000 employee suggestions not only were incorporated into the product itself, but in more efficient, ergonomic methods of putting the car together. They know from experience. And the engineers responded.

Two workers, Ron Swain and Gary Snow, suggested changes to the Neon's door-installation equipment, so the glass would fit perfectly. Since Neon's design includes no upper door frame to guide the glass, even the slightest gap would cause wind noise or water leaks.

"Employees influenced the design of the setting fixture right from the beginning," said Frank Ewasayshyn, general manager, large and small car assembly operations. "They changed the handles, changed the sequence, changed almost everything in the early stages."

Once a tool is set and handed to the operator, Ewasayshyn contended, the operator isn't likely to offer any input, other than if it doesn't work.

"This time, they were part of the development group," said Ewasayshyn. "They're part of the actual development activity and in the end, it really is their tool. They have ownership, which makes a big difference."

Other employees were instrumental in the development of assist arms, ergonomic tools used to move or load various components into the cars, as they travel down the assembly line.

"In the past, the instrument panel tooling, for example,

would be developed somewhere in the engineer group," Ewasayshyn said. "It would be built and the first time the operator would see it would be the day he or she showed up on the job to use the tool."

"This time, the employees were part of the development process. They worked with the suppliers right from the beginning. They helped us in determining the best place for the handles, what the handles should look like, how fast the tool should move, whether or not it should be motorized. We used their inputs extensively," he said.

As an extension to the platform team concept, aided by unique local agreement with the United Auto Workers union, Belvidere management was able to send the large numbers of plant personnel to the CTC for hands-on training at the pilot plant.

"Normally, if you're just running one shift, which was the case in early 1992 with the prototypically assembled products, the night shift is taken off," Ewasayshyn said.

"Because of our unique relationship with the local union, we were allowed to operate two weeks with one shift, then two weeks with the other. In this way, we could send the people from the second shift to CTC for training," he said.

Belvidere, which, until recently, produced the now-phased out Dodge Dynasty and the former Chrysler New Yorker and Imperial models, was chosen to assemble the Neon partly because much of its work force had previous experience in building the Dodge Omni and Plymouth Horizon small cars in the late 1970s.

"It's a mature work force," Ewasayshyn said. "Many of the operators have been there 20 years or more. But they were receptive to the new way of the Neon program."

One of the key elements of the program's success, Ewasayshyn believes, not only was the direct employee involvement in the development process, but employees could see their ideas and suggestions weren't falling on deaf ears.

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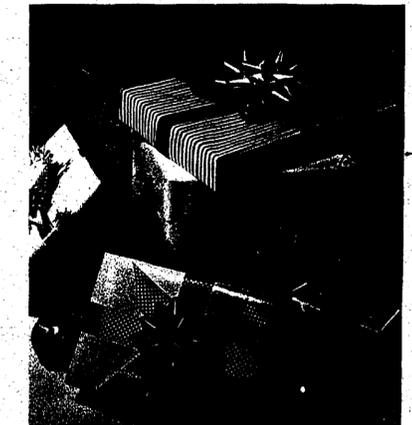
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Holographic label will cut counterfeiting of products

Consumers have a new tool to help them identify electrical holiday decorations tested to national safety standards—a holographic label. Underwriters Laboratories Inc., the non-profit product safety testing and certification organization, uncovered a few instances of holiday decorations with counterfeit or phony UL certification marks last year.

UL developed the new holographic label last year to help deter unauthorized use of the UL mark. Holographic material is easy for consumers to identify and more difficult for counterfeiters to forge. The new label will appear on decorations, such as candle lights and illuminated ornaments, the product categories affected by last year's counterfeiting, according to UL field representatives.

"UL takes all the appropriate steps to protect the integrity of its mark," said Bob Levine, UL vice president, follow-up services. "Last year's counterfeiting instances involved less than a fraction of 1 percent of 6.2 million

marks placed on products each year. Although very few of those instances were associated with any potential safety hazard, we realize that any counterfeiting can affect the confidence that consumers have in UL. That's why we developed the holographic label."

When UL field representatives found counterfeit labels last year, they confiscated those phony labels whenever possible to help prevent these mis-marked products from reaching the marketplace. UL also issued a public notice to warn consumers of the counterfeiting and possible safety hazards.

"Counterfeiters and consumers should know," said Levine, "that in addition to these holographic labels, UL field representatives will continue to randomly select samples from factories and stores, so UL engineers can verify that products bearing the UL mark continue to meet UL's standards for safety."

The holographic labels are in a

transition period for the 1993 holiday season. According to Levine, many decorations for sale this season were already in inventory with authorized UL marks when UL introduced the new labels. Consumers may find either the familiar tan and yellow

labels previously used on those products, or the new holographic labels. The new labels have a silver base, UL marks and print in black, with multi-colored shapes, and UL marks which appear to float in the background.

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Buying a holiday tie: The casual approach

Casual ties are the hot neckwear gift this holiday season, but don't let your gift become a casualty of the new trend.

Men are wearing the more relaxed neckwear out on the town, to parties, and even down to the office on casual

Friday, according to the Neckwear Association of America.

"There are many occasions in men's lives today when neither T-shirts and jeans, nor a pinstriped suit will cut it," Gerald Andersen, executive director, said. "This new look in

ties allows a guy to cut loose and say something about himself, while maintaining a neat appearance."

Buying a casual tie is uncharted territory for most shoppers who know what kind of a tie their guy wears in a business meeting, but will be wear a cartoon tie to a holiday party?

Andersen offered another consideration. "Many of the relaxed ties are statement-oriented. In many ways, they are much more personal than some dressier looks," he said.

Still, with a little thought, it's not hard to make a selection that he will have fun wearing.

The NAA offers a few suggestions: Consider his interests. Many casual ties have a sports or outdoors theme. Others are very statement-oriented and deal with subjects from rock and roll to classic movies. For example, if he's an environmentalist,

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The 12 stress-free days of the season

We're all familiar with the traditional "Twelve Days" and all too often, the stresses associated with the holiday season. Calendars are full, shopping lists are long and our regular workloads continue, in spite of all the added commitments. In order to minimize the stresses of the season, Dr. Clifford Goldman, medical director of Fair Oaks Hospital, has added a new twist to an old catch, the "Twelve Stress-Free Days."

Following are his 12 suggestions for creating stress-free days during the holiday season:

□ 1. Remove the emphasis of holidays from commercialization. Try to focus instead on the true meaning and spirit of the season. Increase the importance of holiday traditions

with your family, or better yet, create some new ones of your own. And don't be bound by the way things have been done in the past. Establish meaningful traditions that fit your family's lifestyle.

□ 2. Increase your physical activity. When you are nervous or upset, release the pressures through exercise or physical activity. Running, walking or playing racquetball are just some of the activities you might try. Physical exercise will relieve that uptight feeling, relax you and turn the frowns into smiles.

□ 3. Take care of yourself. Get enough rest and eat well. If holiday parties and extra temptation to overindulge, then plan ahead and save up your calories for that special occasion.

If you are irritable and tense from lack of sleep or not eating properly, you will have less ability to deal with stressful situations.

□ 4. Share your stress. It helps to talk to someone about your concern and worries. Perhaps a friend, family member, teacher or counselor can help you find ways to share the extra responsibilities you've taken on during the holidays. Just don't be afraid to ask for help. It could prevent more serious problems later.

□ 5. Know your limits. Learn to say no to additional demands on your time and energy. If a problem escalates beyond your control and cannot be changed at the moment, don't fight the situation. Learn to accept what is, for now, until such time that you can

change it.

□ 6. Avoid unrealistic expectations of what your holidays should be like. Be realistic in planning your holiday activities. You don't even have to bake cookies for all your neighbors and create hand-made gifts for every friend and relative. And don't be too hard on yourself when it comes to planning holiday meals and parties. A simple gathering of friends and family can be even more meaningful than elaborate parties with all the trimmings.

□ 7. Make time for fun. When making plans for the holiday, don't feel obligated to everyone else. Make time for yourself and your family, and be sure to schedule time for recreation. They can be just as important to your well-being as work.

□ 8. Be a participant. If you're sad or lonely during the holidays, make an extra effort to get involved in community services or volunteer organizations. There are plenty of opportunities to do things for other people during the holidays.

□ 9. Check off your tasks. Trying to take care of everything you need to do at once can seem overwhelming, and can actually keep you from accomplishing anything. Instead, try making a list of the tasks you have to do. Then do them one at a time, checking them off as they are completed. Give priority to the most

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□ Consider his personality. Is he outgoing and expressive, or quiet and reserved? If he doesn't like to be noticed, some of the zander conversationals might not be a good fit, but an air-inspired abstract or floral would be a solid choice. If he likes to say something about himself, you will have no trouble finding something to say among this season's crop of conversational and theme ties.

Shop celebrates sixth

Sweet and Fancy Emporium is celebrating its sixth Christmas downtown. Its store features hand-crafted candles for the holidays and all occasions; customized wedding, bridal and baby shower favors; as well as baking and decorating supplies. In addition, Sweet and Fancy offers cake decorating classes, as well as hosts children's birthday parties. Sheila and Debby, sisters and co-owners, work with the community to help local boy and girl scouts earn their craft badges.

□ Consider his business wardrobe. If he is a three-piece suit and sporty kind of guy, he probably won't wear a cartoon tie on casual Friday. Try a nautical, fox hunting or fly-fishing motif, or a wool tartan.

□ Consider his sportswear wardrobe. If he favors sweaters and vests, an all-over pattern is probably preferable to a panel design, where the pattern only shows in the lower portion of the tie. If denim shirts and jeans are his thing, anything goes.

□ If he doesn't quite know what to do with it, give him a big hint by buying him a denim or brushed cotton button-down sports shirt, and a tie.

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