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## Community Update

By Jeffrey C. Turbitt  
Staff Writer

### A Christmas party

The Mountainside/Springfield Chapter of UNICO National, the largest Italian-American service organization, is having its annual Christmas party on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire on Route 22, Mountainside. UNICO is looking for a few good men of Italian heritage, according to membership Chairman Dom LaMorgese. If the idea of service to your community and to continue honoring your heritage appeals to you, attend UNICO's Christmas party. Women, wives, girlfriends and women friends of UNICO will be attending. For dinner reservations, call LaMorgese at 376-5851.

### Green nets grant

Andrea Green of Springfield, chairperson of the English/Fine Arts/Mathematics Department at Union County College, received a \$1,500 grant from the Union County College Foundation. Green will use the funds for a project, "Living Issues: Two Lectures on Ideas and the Classroom." The funds are provided to bring two outside speakers to the college specifically for faculty enhancement. Twenty-one proposals had been submitted totaling \$227,000 in the first set of grant awards that are planned to become an annual activity with the college's Development Office. According to Nadine Stern Brechner of Metuchen, executive director of development, as the foundation's assets grow, the organization will be able to award additional money in large grants during future years.

### Plans are under way

Plans for Jonathan Dayton Regional High School's annual Project Graduation are well under way for the senior students of the communities of Springfield, Kenilworth, Mountainside, and Garwood. Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol and drug free celebration the night of graduation which has proved to be successful and rewarding for our teens, parents and community. Project Graduation will cost \$15,000 and the money is raised as a communitywide function through fund raisers, parents, grants, businesses and teachers. The major fund raiser is "A Day with the NY Nets" at the Meadowlands on Jan. 22, 1995, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and include a Nets baseball hat, and a free meal at White Castle. Mail a tax-deductible check to: PTSC Project Graduation, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081. For more information, call Joanne Mack at 276-6662.

### Styles is topic

"First impressions are lasting ones," therefore it is important for today's woman to look her very best in professional and social settings.

Mary Mistakes of About Face and Styles in Springfield will present a wardrobe capsule and accessories workshop for women at the Springfield Free Public Library today at 1 p.m.

The program is free and open to all. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information, call (201) 376-4920.

## Committeeman, PBA head dispute salary figures

By Jeffrey C. Turbitt  
Staff Writer

After voting against approval of a police contract last week, Committeeman Herb Sloze continued his attack against what he sees as high salaries in the Springfield Police Department by sending the Springfield Leader a fax detailing police salaries and benefits for 1993.

In his extended chart, Sloze claims Springfield is paying an average of \$83,317 for a typical officer, with \$102,410 being the high mark. Sloze's figure includes pension payments, insurance and 10 percent on outside employment.

Sloze, who last week complained that sick days are being abused by police, said officers have averaged 46.5 days out, with a high of 98 days

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— Mitch Fenton  
PBA President

out. Sloze's figures include vacation, sick time, etc.

Springfield Policemen's Benevolent Association President Mitch Fenton said Sloze's figures are reckless and irresponsible from someone in his position.

"The guy is a joke. Mr. Sloze is anti-cop. We have guys with no sick days. Those figures are ridiculous, and I think it is totally irresponsible. He should have gone to the chief," Sloze said he gave no thought to

possible backlash of police concern about the figures, which he says are all publicly available data.

"It's public information. There should be no problems," Sloze said. Sloze also expressed concern about public awareness of police salaries and benefits.

In a letter to the newspaper being published today, Sloze said: "Our wage package is so attractive that more than half our force comes from other towns."

Fenton said his salary is no source for shame.

"We don't make as much as some people and we make more than some other people. But the fact is, these guys go out every day and put their life on the line. There is nothing in my pay I'm ashamed of. Patrolling Route 22 is no cakewalk."

Fenton also said negotiations over a new contract, which were completed and signed last week, left a bad taste in his mouth.

"They treated us with no respect. If I had unlimited funds I would have fought them in arbitration just over the principle of it. The town made out," he said.

Fenton said morale on the police force is sinking to a new low, and he says he has no one in power to turn to

to address the problem.

"I've got a big morale problem and no one wants to talk to me about it. I can't go to Herb Sloze and tell him about a problem because Herb Sloze is a problem."

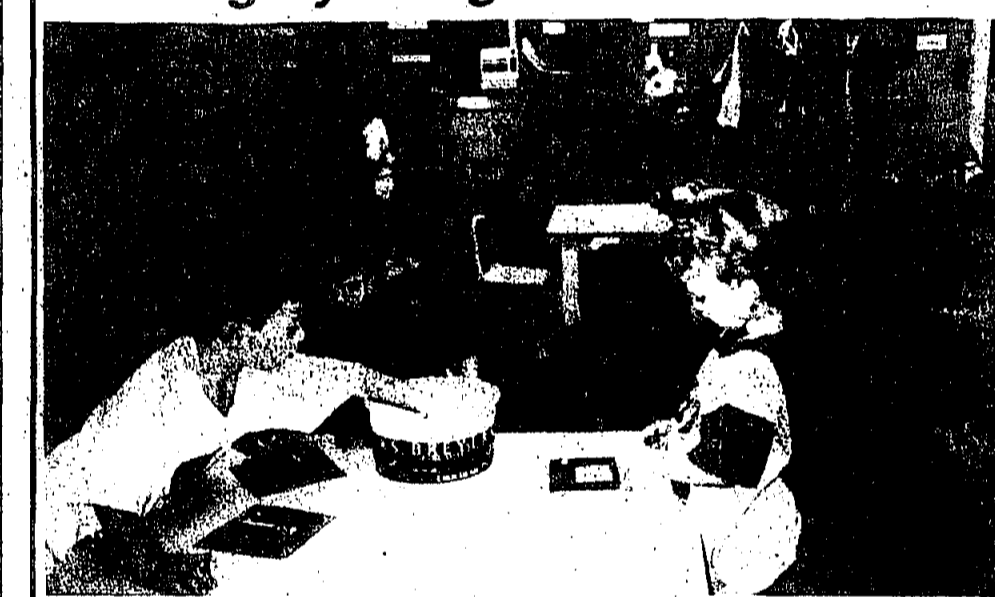
Outgoing Committeeman Harry Pappas said Sloze's figures have long been a source of confusion to him.

"He comes up with all kinds of figures and no one knows where he gets them from," Pappas said.

Committeeman Jeffrey Katz said he could see no point to Sloze's chart without including a comparison to the salaries of officers in other towns of similar size.

When told of Fenton's anger with Sloze about the contract and the chart, Sloze said, "I'm not going to get into a back and forth over what Mitch Fenton thinks about it."

## Learning by design



Children in Mrs. Greene's preschool class, from left, Joel Loeshelle, Benjamin Zwelman, and Corey Winter, at Walton School create designs using colorful cutlery rods.

## Budget figures reflect decrease

By Jay Hochberg  
Managing Editor

With eyes on the bottom line and possible deregionalization, the Springfield Board of Education discussed budgetary issues and ways to operate a community high school during its meeting Monday night.

Statistics of the non-educational financial needs of Springfield's schools for fiscal year 1995-96 were presented. The projected outlays for the next school year totaled more than \$3.1 million. That sum reflects spending decreases of nearly \$148,000 from this year's budget, despite the costs of planned equipment replacements and building modifications.

"It's commendable that so much control has been kept over the budget without sacrificing the quality of education," board member Robert Fish said at the end of the budget discussion.

The most substantial spending cuts, totaling 33 percent, are found in the outlays for facility upkeep, according to Jim Richman, who presented the figures to the board.

Paving and curbing at Walton School will continue, as will replacement of the ceiling. Installation of the school's intercom system will be completed next year when microphones and speakers will be added to the school's existing network of wires.

Caldwell School's heating system will be modernized, Richman said. Its two 50-year-old boilers are expected to be replaced pending an engineer's recommendation, with the costs to be covered over five years, possibly with the help of matching funds from a federal government energy grant.

Future spending for architecture and engineering consultants also are expected to be down from this year; the savings will be commensurate with the lowered costs of material and labor at Walton and Caldwell schools.

In other business, board members Ruth Brinen and Judge Shanes discussed their recent fact-finding tour of New Providence High School.

Voicing her impressions of that school's college preparatory courses, Shanes expressed her satisfaction with using New Providence as a role model. "They have a middle college program that lets students' matriculate credits in English and psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University."

The school also allows students to come in for a 7 a.m. gym class in order to accumulate additional academic study during the day, Shanes said. Other flexible aspects of the district's scheduling enable students to gain an extra half year of study during their otherwise standard four years of high school.

The board has been visiting high schools ranked by New Jersey Monthly magazine to be among the best in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. They have been analyzing the schools' methods of operation and determining which, if any, may be applied to a future, local school in Springfield.

Their tour is expected to continue next year to Mountain Lakes, Madison and Chalfont high schools.

## Committee studying kindergarten and pre-kindergarten mergers

During the past two years, families whose children attend the Springfield public schools have been hearing that the elementary schools will undergo a restructuring process. This is mainly due to a substantial increase in enrollment that is a continuing trend. This restructuring will result in a coming together of Springfield's kindergarten and pre-kindergarten programs at the Edward V. Walton campus.

The kindergarten program is currently housed in James Caldwell and Thelma Sandler schools while the pre-school is located at Edward V. Walton School.

Superintendent of Schools Gay Friedland has created a districtwide Steering Committee for Reorganization to ensure that the process runs smoothly. The committee is comprised of representative staff from all four schools, along with each building's administrator, and PTA representation. Other members represent the Springfield

Board of Education, including Friedland, Assistant Superintendent James Richman and William Polera, head of Building and Grounds.

Together, the committee is creating a strategic plan for the 1995-96 opening. Objectives for diverse areas including transportation, facilities usage, resource allocation, staffing, philosophy and publicity are being developed. Action plans are being generated and subcommittees are actively engaged in the process of implementing the changes.

The committee has designed a publicity plan to keep information flowing to the Springfield community. As action plans are completed, residents will be made aware of the work being done through information pieces in the district and school newsletters as well as through the media, officials said.

## Spend the holidays safely and wisely

As the holiday time draws closer, most residents will spend many hours shopping for gifts. Here are some tips that will help make the holiday a safer one.

- Don't carry large sums of cash on your person. Carry only the cash you will need to purchase the article(s). If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between your purse, pocket and wallet.
- Don't carry excess credit cards. Carry only those cards for the stores that you intend to shop in. In addition, make sure that you have recorded, at home, the account numbers for each of the credit cards you own.
- Don't carry your purse by the handle, or place your arm through the strap and let it dangle. Place one end of the purse in the palm of your hand, the other in the bend of the elbow, or carry it upside down with the clasp unlocked, but hold closed in your hand.
- Don't put packages on the rear seat of your car and leave them unattended, even for a moment. Place all packages in the trunk and be sure the trunk is locked.
- Don't leave delivered packages out on your door step. Arrange to be home when a delivery is anticipated.
- Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand.

## Students who care



From left, Rachel Welsh, Megan Buckley and Sara Coan were among the many James Caldwell students who decorated cards to send to hospitalized children and senior citizens as part of the "We all make a Contribution" theme, as organized by the school's Sensitivity Committee.

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**Township is recognized for pedestrian safety**

How often do you think about driving safely to your destination? Especially when you're traveling by foot. If you're like most people, hardly ever.

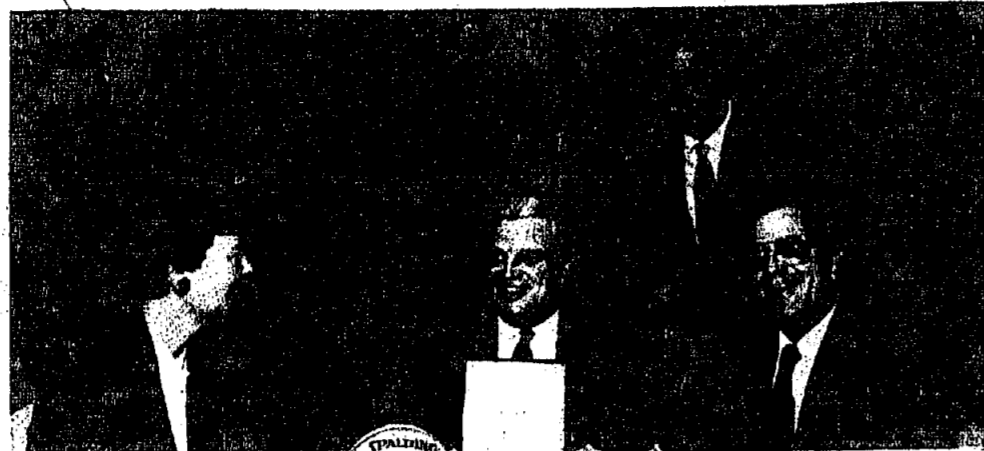
Recently, Springfield was one of 57 communities recognized by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club for its commitment to pedestrian safety. The community received awards at AAA's second annual "Breakfast of Champions." Springfield received AAA's Pedestrian Safety Citation Award, which is presented to communities that have not had a pedestrian death in nine or less years.

"Every day thousands of local residents travel safely to their jobs, home or school via car, bus, train or foot

because of the community safety efforts to communities like Springfield," said Frederick L. Gruel, club president. "While Springfield may consider their efforts routine, the AAA views them as heroic."

"The Springfield Police Department is continuously making every effort to ensure the safety of the public through active patrol efforts and ongoing public awareness programs," said Lt. Keith Strom.

In its 55th year, AAA's Pedestrian Protection Program strives to make the roads safer for all pedestrians by improving communication and action among local program managers, traffic engineers, police and safety organizations.



Marilyn Platz, chairperson of the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club's Board of Trustees, takes a moment to chat with Lt. Keith Strom and Lt. Peter Hammer of the Springfield Police Department along with former New Jersey Nais standout, Mike O'Koron, standing at AAA's recent Breakfast of Champions. Springfield received AAA's Pedestrian Safety Citation Award, which is presented to communities that have not had a pedestrian death in nine or less years. O'Koron served as the guest speaker.

**news clips**

**Pet adoption day**

Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue, a nonprofit all-volunteer animal welfare organization, is sponsoring a pet adoption day at Pet World, 111 Route 22 East, Springfield.

The event will be held Dec. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Many lovable, healthy cats and kittens desperately need loving homes, and would make great companions for other pets.

A donation will be requested for each pet adoption. All of the cats have been tested for FeLV and FIV, inoculated and spayed and neutered if old enough. A refund for a holiday flower arrangement will be held to benefit the animals.

For information, call Noah's Ark 815-1633, 306-9530 or 925-0293.

**Residents presents plays**

"Laugh Time," an evening of short funny plays, will be presented at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The humorous one-act plays were written by Springfield resident Sid Frank. Performers will include Murray and Rhoda Staub of Mountaintop, Margaret Gerst of Springfield and Frank.

Frank has a long career in theater and has written the last person out lyrics for a series of educational musical presentations including *Jazz*, a play about New Jersey, *Tartuffe*, about North Carolina, *One for Good Measure*, a musical history and introduction to the metric system; *They Knew New Brunswick*, for the city's tercentennial; and *Rebel*, a musical adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's play *The Devil's Disciple*.

Frank has written the lyrics for songs recorded by Johnny Ray, Frank

**Safety tips offered**

A weekend or a day away from home during the holiday season should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. You can make the trip more enjoyable and carefree if you will take a few simple steps to reduce the possibility that your house will be burglarized or vandalized while you are gone.

Before you leave:

- Neighbors have been instructed to watch your home?
- Deliveries have been stopped, or pickup with mail by a neighbor?
- Automatic timers are in use for lights and radio?
- Shades and blinds are in normal positions?
- You removed extra cash from your home and deposited it in your bank account. Store expensive jewelry in a safe deposit vault.
- You turned down the volume control on the bottom of your telephone so it cannot be heard from outside.
- You made sure the last person out locks the door. Take a walk around the house and check the doors and windows.
- You made sure that your home will have that "lived in" look.
- Remember, lock up, light up and have a safe and pleasant trip.

**Court of Honor held**

Troop 73 of Springfield recently held its first Court of Honor for the

**Choir entertains**

Jonathan Dayton Concert Choir will entertain the OPWC Springfield Women's Club on Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held in Sarah Bailey Civic Center, Church, Mall.

The club will have a holiday boutique.

When registering, indicate the child's name, address and telephone number. For more information, call the 4-H office at (908) 654-9854.

**Build a house**

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County 4-H Program will conduct a workshop Dec. 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on "Building A Cookie and Candy Holiday House."

This is a model house made of cardboard and frosting and decorated with cookies and candies. It will brighten a home or office during the holidays and, if properly stored, can be used again for next year's holiday season.

The workshop will be at the Cooperative Extension auditorium, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield and is open to all children, 7 years of age or older, accompanied by a parent. The \$5 fee is for supplies to make the icing for each house, but, as additional supplies will be required,

**Registered participants will be notified**

as to what materials to bring with them.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 20.

Advance registration with payment is required. The deadline for registration is Monday. To register, make check to New Jersey Cooperative Extension and mail to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield, 07090, attention Edith Jones.

When registering, indicate the child's name, address and telephone number. For more information, call the 4-H office at (908) 654-9854.

**Scholarships available**

The National Society of Professional Engineers is making available scholarships to aid graduating 1995 high school seniors interested in pursuing engineering studies. In addition, a \$500 scholarship will be provided by the NJ Society of Professional Engineers.

Applications have been distributed to the guidance departments of all public, private and parochial secondary schools in Union County. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 6, 1995. For more information, contact Frank Wessinger, scholarship chairperson for the Professional Engineers Society of Union County, at (908) 654-0494.

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**Civic calendar**

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the *Springfield Leader* and the *Mountaintop 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 Ray Lehmann at (908) 686-7700, ext. 321.

**Today**

□ The Mountaintop Recreation Commission will sponsor a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. The bus will depart from the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path, Mountaintop, at 9 a.m. and leave the museum at 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$15, \$11.50 for seniors. Reservations can be made at the Recreation Office at Borough Hall.

□ The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the freeholders meeting room, sixth floor of the administration building, Elizabethtown Plaza.

**Saturday**

□ The "Visions" support group will hold its annual dinner dance. For reservations, call Mary Ellen at (908) 232-5987.

□ The "Visions" support group will hold a "Game Night and Cookie Exchange" at 7 p.m. at St. Helen's Parish, 1600 Railway Ave., Westfield.

□ There will be a presentation titled "All About Oats" at 12 p.m. at the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop. Visitors will learn about the impressive constellation and other features of the winter sky. Admission is \$2.75, \$2.35 for seniors. It is not recommended for children under 6 years old.

□ The Springfield Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast for the St. James Church improvement fund from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Council House, Harvard St. in Springfield, right off of Shampko Road. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages five to 12, and children under 5 get in free.

**Monday**

□ The Mountaintop Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountaintop.

□ The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

**Tuesday**

□ The Mountaintop Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at the Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 7 p.m. Residents are welcome to play.

□ The Springfield Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for Dec. 20 has been changed to Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

**Coming events**

**Dec. 18**

□ The "Visions" support group will hold a "Christmas Celebration and Festival of Lights" at 7 p.m. at St. Helen's Parish.

**Dec. 19**

□ The Springfield Board of Education will hold a regular meeting in the Board of Education Conference Room in the rear of Florence M. Gardner Middle School, S. Springfield Avenue. Executive session starts at 7 p.m.; public session starts at 7:30 p.m.

□ The Mountaintop Borough Council will meet at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountaintop.

**Dec. 22**

□ The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the freeholders meeting room, sixth floor of the administration building, Elizabethtown Plaza.

**Dec. 26**

□ The Springfield Township Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

□ The Mountaintop Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, Mountaintop.

□ All municipal offices will be closed today and Jan. 2, 1995 in observance of the holidays.

**Dec. 27**

□ The Mountaintop Duplicate Bridge Club will meet at the Mountaintop Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 7 p.m. Residents are welcome to play.

**student update**

**Owens cited**

The 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 43 students, including Springfield resident Stacy Owens of Trenton State College, who have been selected as national outstanding leaders.

Owens joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included these names based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Owens joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

**Ficchi completes training**

Marine Private First Class Joseph A. Ficchi, son of Joseph A. and Irene A. Ficchi of Springfield, recently completed training during the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, S.C., recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Although the Marine Corps is scaling back, its investment in high-quality recruits continues. The Marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year.

Ficchi is a 1993 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School of Scotch Plains.

**Aufiero performs**

Carmine Aufiero, son of Armando and Salvina Aufiero of Springfield, will perform with the Westminster Synphonic Choir in a holiday concert at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday.

Joined by jazz pianist George

**Meteor showers expected**

Each year in mid-December, the earth passes through an area full of meteoroids. These tiny rocks and dust are remnants of a comet. As these objects burn in the atmosphere, what are commonly referred to as "shooting stars" can be seen in the night sky.

On the evenings and early mornings of Dec. 12, 13 and 14, the Geminids will offer an excellent opportunity to view such a meteor shower. It is not unusual to see between 40 and 60 meteors an hour. The name "Geminid" comes from the fact that the meteors seem to radiate from the constellation Gemini. Most Geminids are very bright and can be easily seen. Some are even fireballs.

The Mountaintop Nature and Science Center will host a Geminid Meteor Watch on Dec. 13 from 9 to 11:30 p.m. The program will begin at Trailside's planetarium with an orientation to the current night sky and tips on where to look for the meteors. Once outside, participants can locate the real thing and keep warm around a campfire. Meteor watchers should bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Registration is required and a fee of \$3 per person will be charged. For registration or other information, call Trailside at (908) 789-3670. Trailside is a facility of Union County Division of Parks and Recreation.

**student update**

The following students from Springfield have been elected class officers at the Pingry School, Short Hill Campus: From left, Amanda Adler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew I. Adler, has been elected vice president and Student Council representative for Homeroom 6-U; Gregory DeAngelis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence DeAngelis of High Point Drive, has been elected Student Council representative in Homeroom 6-C, and Nicholas DeAngelis, who has been elected president of Homeroom 4-G.

**Gornstein joins chorus**

Marcie Gornstein of Springfield is a member of the Franklin & Marshall College Chorus.

Gornstein, a senior physics major, is a 1991 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School. She is the daughter of Jane Waldman of Summit and Martin Gornstein of Springfield.

The College Chorus recently performed several Motets and Graduals by Austrian Romantic composer and organist Anton Bruckner, featuring both a cappella music and pieces accompanied by organ and trombones, in a concert Nov. 4. The chorus is under the direction of assistant professor of music Simon Arltweber.

Founded in 1787, Franklin & Marshall College is a nonsectarian, liberal arts institution. Approximately 1,850 students are enrolled in the college's 23 academic disciplines.

**Shearing, the choir is under the direction**

of Joseph Flummerfelt.

The program will include Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols, Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, Shostakovich's Shakespeare Songs, and jazz arrangements of holiday favorites.

Composed of students at Westminster College of Rider University in Princeton, the Westminster Synphonic Choir has performed and recorded with most of the great orchestras and conductors of our time, including Bernstein, Nui, Mehta, Omandy and Masur. The choir has sung more than 300 performances with the New York Philharmonic and is the first chorus to appear on public television's "Live from Lincoln Center" in a performance of Verdi's Requiem in 1980.

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## Paper Mill hosts symposium on homelessness

By Pat Wilson  
Managing Editor

Children desperate with hunger, forced to work as slaves in poverty is the theme of the Charles Dickens classic novel "Oliver Twist." It was also the theme of the free symposium on homelessness and hunger in New Jersey, sponsored by the Paper Mill Playhouse.

The symposium — made possible in part by a grant from The Prudential Foundation, administered by the New Jersey Theatre Group, and additional funding from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities — was designed to run in conjunction with the theater's production of "Oliver," a musical based on Dickens' novel.

Featured panelists included Kathleen DiChiara of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey, a 280,000-square-foot warehouse based in Hillside which distributes over 1 million pounds of food a month to pantries, shelters and soup kitchens across the state; Ciro Scaleria of the Association for Children of New Jersey, a statewide child advocacy organization which deals with health, education, mental health and children's legal issues; Barbara Aaronoff of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, an organization dedicated to providing a continuum of care for the homeless and economically disadvantaged by giving them temporary shelter and eventually finding permanent housing for their clients; and Wynona Lipman, a New Jersey state senator representing Essex and Union Counties.

DiChiara, who began feeding the hungry 20 years ago, focused her

speech on personal experiences with the people she has encountered, trying to dispel the myth in the public's mind that there is "the poor person out there who is trying to do something wrong."

"Every day there are people going without something to eat, people who we should be considering our brothers and sisters," DiChiara said.

Though she is now executive director of one of the largest food bank operations in the country, DiChiara began her own food distribution program by asking people if they knew anyone who was hungry and giving them her home phone number.

DiChiara said when she started, there was one main soup kitchen in each urban center which dealt mainly with alcoholics, and now there are many soup kitchens in each urban center, as well as suburbs and rural areas, dealing with more families.

In her experience, DiChiara explained that the middle- and upper-class overestimate their support of the disadvantaged.

"It is the poor who are feeding the poor. It is the poor who are housing the homeless," DiChiara said.

Aaronoff related a story which is familiar to most Americans — a mother instructing her children to eat all of the food on their plates and to be grateful that they live in America instead of starving countries like Bosnia or Armenia. She explained how these days an American mother can now include children starving in their country when she warns her children about cleaning all the food on their plates.

"We have become our own Arme-

nia," Aaronoff said.

Having been executive director of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County for five years, Aaronoff said one of the biggest problems facing the homeless is fragmented services. As they are forced to go to different government departments for aid, people in crisis find it very difficult to get the services they need, Aaronoff said.

A proposed consolidation program would require more transitional and supportive housing to be built, according to Aaronoff, and if implemented, the program would allow people to become productive and find a solution to the problem.

"Most people want to work, want what all of us want for their children," Aaronoff said, again emphasizing the need to look for a long-term solution, instead of "blaming the victim."

A release about the Interfaith Hospitality Network made up of churches in towns like Summit, Union, Roselle and Springfield which provide temporary shelter for the homeless, said, "Children consistently make up 50 percent of the nation's shelter population, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network's figures continue to reflect this ongoing trend."

Scaleria, who has been a lobbyist on behalf of children for several years, said that out of the 1.2 million children in New Jersey, 300,000 to 400,000 are at risk of poverty and 166,000 children have no access to regular health care.

The child advocate said the public has to recognize that "these are complex, inter-related problems," adding that the government has taken a "cat-

egorical approach" to them.

"The government has a responsibility to reform itself," Scaleria said. He went on to say that the public also has to change its mind about public assistance programs for the disadvantaged.

"Welfare was built up over 30 or 40 years. It won't change in 100 session days of Congress," Scaleria said.

In this country, programs are designed to intervene when a problem has reached a critical level, Scaleria said, adding that "we need to do things more creatively and find better ways to engage the community."

"Often times we spend a lot of time chasing symptoms and not the root causes," Scaleria said.

Lipman also said problems like homelessness and hunger are intertwined, adding that she did not think the solution to poverty was to watch the movie "Boyz n the Town," as Newt Gingrich suggested to Hillary Rodham Clinton before she disagreed with taking children away from welfare mothers and putting them in orphanages.

In defense of government, Lipman said, "I think we have reasonable people in the Legislature, and I cannot believe any of them would vote to see people go hungry. The milk of human kindness is not dead in the Legislature."

The senator said one of the best ways people can aid the disadvantaged is to find information about bills that would help these persons, and write to their representatives and senators, asking for the bill to be heard.

it is primarily entertaining and decorative.

A graduate of Montclair State College with a masters of arts degree, Ciampichini has exhibited throughout the tri-state area. His work will be on display at the Palmer Museum through Dec. 25.

The Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Library, at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The museum is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



The work of artist David Ciampichini is being featured this month at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in Springfield.

## Ciampichini's works on display at library

During December, the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library will feature the work of painter David Ciampichini. Ciampichini credits his greatest influences to include the court portraits of 18th century French artist Elisabeth Vigee LeBrun, as well as the glamorous photography of Hollywood's "golden" era. His main subjects are beautiful, flamboyant women, his style combining the elements of pop with a type of pre-Raphaelism. The artist likes to invest his work with a slightly "campy" quality as he views

at least keep one hand free. Check in all directions before you start to unlock your door.

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- Never, never, never get into a car with an assailant. If an assailant surprises you, drop to the ground. Try and position yourself so your feet are facing the assailant. Use your security whistle.

The YM-YWHA of Union County, located at 501 Green Lane in Union, will hold its annual holiday celebration Dec. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A children's dinner will be served along with wine and holiday treats. A live band, balloon and party favors will be featured. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

For information or reservations, call Myra Friedman at 289-8112, Ext. 29.

## Police Department offers holiday safety tips

The Springfield Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is issuing the following personal safety tips to ensure an enjoyable holiday season through the month of December.

Personal Safety Tips

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- Be aware of your surroundings and what's going on around you. The greatest weapon a criminal has is the

element of surprise. Take away the element of surprise and you gain the advantage.

- Always try to go shopping, especially in the malls, with a friend, spouse, etc.
- Park as close to the building as possible.
- If you park your car during day light and don't expect to be finished shopping until after dark, park under a light.
- Never carry more than one shopping bag. Make several trips to your

car if you have to and lock your packages in the trunk. Always have at least one free hand.

- If an assailant grabs your purse or packages, do not resist.
- When walking back to your car walk far enough away from the parked cars so that you can see into the spaces between the cars. Always stop and check between your car and the cars parked next to yours.
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# OPINION PAGE

## Voting records tell a different story

Whether right or wrong, politicians live and die by their voting records. What may seem like a particularly innocuous or unimportant stance at the time can, and often does, come back to haunt an elected official come re-election time.

Take the connection between light rail and outgoing Committeeman Jeff Katz, for instance. Although Katz, like the four other members of the Township Committee, has been vocal this year in his denouncement of the light rail proposal, he is still held to public scrutiny — primarily in letters to the editor from Committeeman Herb Slote — for having voted several years ago in favor of urging the county to attempt to secure the rights to the old Railway Valley Railroad should the light rail possibility in Springfield prove worthwhile. Voting to consider a proposal and voting in favor of a proposal are not exactly the same thing, but trying to sell that to voters. It was a lesson Katz has learned, one would think, all too well.

Mayor Marcia Forman has been caught in this conundrum before as well. A scan of her voting record — and drum beat her voting record will be scanned should she choose to run for re-election this year — would have one believe that in 1991, she did not support honoring the troops in Operation Desert Storm or that in 1993, after having been strangely renegated by Republicans Katz and Harry Pappas, she did not find herself qualified to be mayor. The truth is not quite so black and white.

In the case of the resolution about the Persian Gulf soldiers, it was the rhetoric of the resolution, which seemed to glorify fighting a monster that we had, in fact, created, with which Forman took exception, and not those who were fighting that monster. In rejecting the opportunity to become mayor one year early, she was merely trying to avoid getting involved in the party games of Katz and Pappas in their effort to kick their colleague, Phil Kurnos, out of the mayor's seat. Both votes had been blown up into election issues and, once again, the voting record could not tell the whole story.

In their negative votes to the introduction of two resolutions this week, Forman and Slote have set themselves up to fall victim to this kind of political shell game once again. The first resolution was moved by Democrat Joe Ann Holmes and would create a "nonpartisan" citizens committee to look into the possibility of the township breaking off from the Regional Board of Health and establishing a township Department of Health. The other, moved by Katz, would require any individual who simultaneously holds the positions of township attorney and municipal party chairman — i.e., Bruce Bergen — to report all contributions he or she solicited for the municipal party to the Township Committee at the end of each year.

The resolutions both passed for introduction by the coalition of Holmes and the Republicans. That part was easy. Since they introduced the resolutions, they obviously had prior knowledge of them. Slote and Forman, however, did not. Both resolutions were introduced, briefly read, and subsequently held to a vote within the last 10 minutes of the meeting. With a Board of Health meeting and a heated Planning Board meeting set to start, there was no time for discussion on either resolution. In truth, there was no time for real consideration to be given to either resolution. Taking the resolutions to be nothing more than well-timed political moves by the Republicans to rush some last things through before leaving office came January, Forman and Slole voted no on both of them.

If they had been given the proper time to consider these resolutions, Slole and Forman may very well have still voted no. One might even speculate that they probably would have. But, that night at least, they did not profess clear objections to the content of the resolutions. Rather, Slole and Forman said they objected to the manner in which the resolutions were introduced and, in that case, they have a legitimate beef. Trying to keep the wheels of government in motion is one thing, but no one wants a government that acts on whim, with no forethought to consequences. In this instance, that is exactly what a yes vote from either Slole or Forman would have been.

What they seem to have missed, however, is that a negative vote also carries with it the declaration that the official has made an informed judgment. Slole and Forman should have abstained. If, upon review, they felt the resolutions were either worthy or unworthy of endorsement, they would have had the opportunity to vote their conscience during the public hearing Dec. 13. That is the only way they could have gotten their message across without contradicting themselves.

The contents of the resolutions are another matter altogether. Certainly, the citizens committee, or at least the subject it is set to study, shows promise — although whether or not a "nonpartisan" committee of ordinary citizens is something to be desired over, say, a panel of experts when discussing what to do with the Board of Health is yet to be seen. As far as Bergen having to make reports of his contributions, one would think if his record is as squeaky clean as he says it is, there should be no objections to holding it to public scrutiny.

But in voting no, Slole and Forman must accept that they voted against the resolutions, not the way in which they were introduced. When not if — this becomes an issue come election time, it is on this basis that they will have to justify their votes. They had the opportunity not to take a premature action, and both turned it down.

As always, the voting record doesn't tell the whole story, but it doesn't lie either.

## Just chalk it up to discredited politicians

In a farewell show of contempt for Springfield's voters, two discredited politicians — Harry Pappas, rejected as a candidate by his party, and Jeff Katz, rejected decisively at the polls — have made a circus of the most important financial matter to come before the Township Committee this year.

As the year's end approached, the unions became increasingly restless to come to terms with the township. Next year would bring a new set of circumstances, radically altering bargaining strengths. Under the guise of saving money on consultant's fees, Pappas and Katz created an atmosphere of crisis in which they manipulated a heavy settlement. There was neither need for haste nor advantage to the community.

A little background: Common differences between public unions and employers are resolved by a process called interest arbitration — made law in 1977 — in which each side makes his final offer and a state-appointed arbitrator selects one or the other. For years, the process has heavily favored the unions, with disregard of the communities' financial position or any other of the factors which go into an employer-employee relationship.

However necessary, this procedure may have been for the reasonable protection of union rights in 1977. By 1991, it became so onerous to public employers that a bill was introduced in the Assembly seeking to reform the original act. It died in the Senate. Since then, growing awareness of the abuses, and public demand for change produced another bill, introduced in May 1994, which has a good chance of becoming law. Meanwhile, reacting to two New Jersey Supreme Court rulings, arbitrators have begun to change their ways.

The local picture: The police union retain one of the most powerful labor lawyers in the state. The firm has been through countless negotiations, representing only the union interest. They know

## Slole has township employees going crazy

Once again, I find myself in the position of questioning the statements or actions of Committeeman Herb Slole. A review of them over the past several months is proof positive that he is abusing his "privilege" of serving on the Township Committee and whatever power he thinks goes with the title has gone to his head. Mr. Slole has some employees going crazy trying to keep up with his requests of "demands." With one employee he "demanded" something that was against township policy. With members of the Township Committee he forgot statements that he places on the record or is quick to change his mind. There is no consistency with such actions and it is embarrassing to the point that it is harmful to the workings of the committee and the business before it.

On the subject of our labor contracts, Mr. Slole agreed to offer our employees a three-year contract, adding that if we didn't, we would have to start all over again in 1995. He agreed to the increases over the next three years and agreed that we would perhaps lose on the question of doing away with longevity. I believe we could have done better, however, a commitment was given to the unions by Mr. Slole as a direct result of his negotiations. What Herb doesn't understand is that once you give a

## sound off

### Give Ruth a raise

I am calling for Ruth, the Springfield senior citizen bus driver, for her to get a raise. I would like her to get a raise. She hasn't had a raise in two years. I ride the bus all the time, and she's wonderful.

Chaire Herowitz  
Springfield

### It affects everyone

I am calling regarding the low-income housing proposal being considered in Springfield. I was at the meeting on Nov. 30 to voice my objections to the low-income housing problem. I was really surprised that only 200 residents showed up to object to this. This affects every resident in Springfield and everyone of you should attend the next meeting.

I urge every one of you to stop talking about it to your neighbor and show up at the next meeting. It is time to show the Township Committee and the Planning Board members that the

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better." In typical fashion, mouth police have a contract increasing the base wages 15 percent over three years — probably a bit more when longevity is factored in. None of the other contract benefits or troubling language carried over from previous years have been addressed. We have made no progress toward getting an equal, businesslike footing with the unions. Our changes for accomplishing this had never before been better and may never be as good in the future.

In mid-year, the Township Committee unanimously selected an equally experienced public sector labor counsel who represents only the employer side of the equation. His presence, plus the stable change in salaries plus the probable change in the law, plus the fact that we have two sympathetic ears on the committee — these are the things that make this police desperate for a settlement before the end of the year.

This was the leverage Mr. Pappas and Mr. Katz threw away. The final meetings of the Township Committee were a travesty of municipal government. The agenda was navigated, matters were brought up without prior notice, decisions were forced without time for discussion or reflection. Five contracts — prepared by the unions' lawyers — and four ordinances emerged with magical speed and were voted before either I, as half of the negotiating team and chairman of Finance, or the township attorney could review them all. At one closed meeting, at least, the president of the police union knew what would be discussed before I did. This wasn't negotiation; this was surrender.

And when it was all over, not a fix, Mr. Pappas remarked "the police were happy ... we could have done like them. Gilbert Press again printed another 500 business cards and Herb Slole had them either. Now with 1,000 business cards on hand, Herb decides to go to another printer and order another set of 500 for a current total of 1,500 business cards at a cost of \$133.

The \$133 is not the issue as I don't think the \$133 will dent a \$14 million budget. The issue at hand is that I informed Herb back in January that business cards are paid for by each member of the committee and that Jeff, John and I paid for our own as he should do.

He should do. I don't think so. Herb purchased his third set of cards, he "demanded" that the printer be given a new purchase order by a township employee. On Sept. 13, purchase order No. 7461 was issued. Not only did Herb "demand," but he broke existing policy and caused the employee to knowingly do the same. Our policy is very clear, nothing short of an emergency can be purchased without first receiving a purchase order number. If any item is purchased, a voucher must be submitted to the township staff and the Township Committee for approval. Herb has been the Finance chairman since Jan. 1, and is well aware of our policy. It was unconscionable on his part to put

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that employee in a position of knowingly breaking our policy and I believe he owes both employees an apology. In addition, I am requesting that Marcia and Herb pay for their own business cards by paying the township back. It is my understanding that Herb has since seen the light and has opted for the third set of cards.

Lastly, Herb and Marcia are both under the impression that because my term and Jeff's term run out at the end of this year, that we should both go to sleep. I don't think so, folks. Serving on the Township Committee is a privilege and not ordained by anyone. Should Marcia or Herb try to walk on water, I would suggest they first obtain a purchase order, and only then, go purchase life jackets. This is the same Herb Slole who has become Marcia's second choice to serve as deputy mayor in 1995. Good golly, Miss Molly, here comes Marcia and Herb. I hope our taxpayers are ready for this new group. If anyone in our town wishes to serve as deputy mayor, or call Marcia today. She just might appoint you.

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## Christmas day through the eyes of a child is more than blessing

### The Way It Was

By William Frolich

young generation, that Santa Claus would not visit any child who was bad, or if he should come, he would just leave a lump of coal in any stocking. These thoughts put a severe strain on the minds of the youngsters, as, after all, how "good" was it necessary to be "good enough?" As the great day neared, one could almost see the halos over the heads of some children.

A clean house was heard on Mom-

ma's list of things which had to be done before the holiday, and she made good use of her small helpers. Santa himself did not have such willing elves in his workshop. The carping had to be swept, or vacuumed if the house had such a device, and it did not need an adult to do it. There was furniture to be dusted, also, and anyone could use a duster. In the kitchen there were cookies to be made and using a cookie-cutter was child's play.

Once these time-consuming chores were completed, there were more interesting things to do, such as hanging up wreaths at all of the front windows, and perhaps an evergreen or holly garland over the doorway. This was usually Father's work, and, of course, he could always use a helper.

There was one very important

detail to be done many days before Christmas and that was the letter to Santa Claus. Without such a letter, how would Santa know just what he should bring to each deserving child? The letter was a sort of wish list of toys and games that the hopeful writer might find under the Christmas tree in the morning after Santa's mid-night visit. It was necessary to carefully compose this missive so that it did not seem to have a "gimme" or demanding tone about it, but instead was an earnest request for desired items. Sometimes a skillful letter-writer might try to hide the fire-cracker wish among a number of minor items, hoping that Santa would think those small items would be insufficient gifts for such a good child.

Finally, it was Christmas Eve and bedtime came early but there were still a couple of last minute things to do. Stockings had to be hung by the fireplace so that Santa would have a container in which to deposit little goodies such as candy, nuts and fruit. It seemed a bit unfair that some members of the household had much larger stockings than others but you had to use your own or Santa might become confused. A plate of cookies and a glass of milk had to be set out for Santa Claus to refresh himself after all of the many miles he had to travel that night. Placed near the fireplace where Santa was sure to see them, the goodies were a thoughtful gesture and not a bribe. Well, not much of a bribe, anyway. Then it was off to bed.

Sleep, however, did not come easily as there was too much excitement in the household. Even though he was tucked away in bed upstairs, a young child could hear the footsteps and hushed voices of the adults who seemed to be more active than usual. The ticking of Grandfather's clock seemed louder tonight and dozing off

to sleep did not help much, as it was difficult to stay asleep. It must surely be the longest night in the year and every wakeful moment revealed only the darkness of night without a trace of dawn.

Another 40 winks of sleep and suddenly it's morning! Christmas morning at last! No time to dress, just night-dress, bathrobe and slippers, and let's see if Santa really was here. "Hey, Mom, hey Daddy, let's go down stairs!" Strangely, the grown folk in the house don't seem as anxious as the children to get out of bed but they are finally persuaded to do so.

Downstairs in the front parlor a miracle has happened. In the corner by the fireplace stands a huge evergreen tree, so tall its angle on top brushes the ceiling, and shiny, colored balls of fire hang from every twig and branch. On the floor around the tree are gaily wrapped packages, each with a tag bearing a name of whom it is to receive. Santa Claus certainly must have come, for the cookies and milk are gone, and look, there's his sooty footprint on the hearthstone! He really did come down the chimney. He must be magic.

He also must have received the letters that were written to him, for he brought almost everything that had been asked for. Being extra good was really worthwhile. Merry Christmas!

William Frolich is a resident of Roselle and member of the Union County Historical Society.

## Quick response possibly can save your life

### Shenanigans

By Cheryl Holt  
Staff Writer

There are a million stories waiting to be written out there, and each is special. But none are more poignant when the story is your own.

I'm a pretty tough person, both as a reporter and in my personal life. I have overcome many obstacles, including being a single parent and achieving a lifelong goal of becoming a journalist despite being dyslexic. And while the road I travel has not always been easy, it is one of my own choosing.

Like most people, my career and personal life are very important to me. You see, this career and love came late for me, and it is very precious. In fact, both are my life.

I don't think much about losing everything I had because statistics are about other people, not me. It's a common mistake we make as people. We think we are invincible, but we are not. I know that now, but the lesson was not an easy one.

I suppose I should start at the beginning during the hottest summer months. It was June when I first noticed the lump. It was one of many I said to myself, knowing that this lump didn't feel like any lumps I'd found before during my haphazard monthly self-breast examination. This lump didn't go away; it was growing. But I said no one. It was a secret I kept to myself, a secret that tortured me day and night.

By July, I had accepted a new position and made excuses to myself that there was no time right now to go for a mammography. Besides, I rationalized, it's probably nothing. Still, in the back of my mind, I wondered what it was doing there — in my breast.

I recalled all the stories I had read, the movies I had watched in which women agonized about a lump being cancerous, of that terrible operation that would make them "half a woman." I thought they were stupid if they worried about those things when the alternative was dying from cancer. I thought that if it were I, I wouldn't be worrying about my breast and how much it was a part of my femininity. That was before the lump was in my

breast, but I imagined the worst. I imagined that I would lose my breast and every bit of self-confidence I had gained during my lifetime. I would revert to the 13-year-old waiting for some sign that I was a woman. That night would never appear. So I kept my lump a secret from everyone, even my husband. Every minute of every day, however, I knew it was there. And every minute of every day I wondered if my lump was one of those lumps that killed you or just one of those other kinds of lumps that were benign.

It took a good friend to snap me out of my stupor. You see, she had a mastectomy, and bravely faced the fact that losing a breast was nothing compared to losing your life because of pride. The day we went for her

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### Ink sketches on display at library

Mountains and peasants' faces share silent strength in Sun Jia-Ming's pen and ink sketches. A selection of these sketches will be exhibited in the meeting room of the Springfield Library throughout December.

Most of Sun's works are huge and powerful black ink sketches. The paintings exhibited in the library this month are of his small works, recently completed. With this show, he is trying new techniques with more abstract style that can still touch viewers as deeply as his more traditional faces.

Although many of his works are huge portraits, he never thinks of himself as a portrait artist. A face is not a face, it is a bridge to the abstract, to his philosophy, he said.

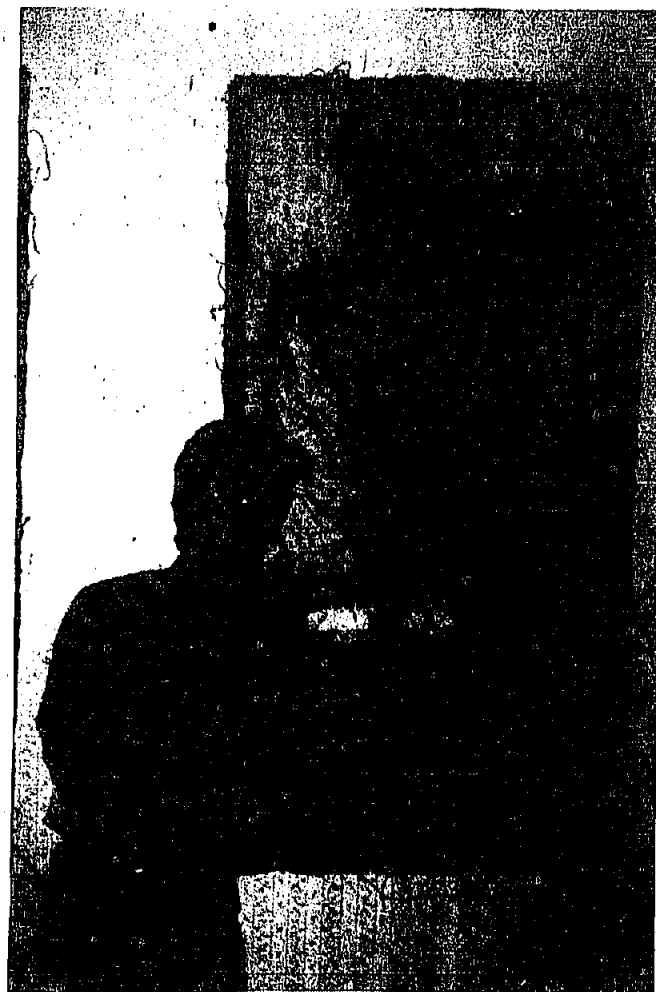
Looking at Sun's faces, viewers may feel like they're facing the history of the human race, something mysterious, unknown and as powerful as nature.

Sun uses black ink because of the tradition of the ink from thousands of years of its use in China, but also because he thinks it to be more pure, more powerful than colors.

To him, black ink is more pleasing to the mind than to the eye. Sun Jia-Ming, a native of Beijing, came to the United States after living and teaching in France for several years. In China, he studied math, science, philosophy and only later became an artist.

He attributes this shift to the cultural revolution when he was forced to live in the country and look at his life in a new way. His father is a professor of mathematics at Beijing University and his mother is a doctor, trained in Western medicine.

Sun's work has been displayed in Beijing, China; Paris and Cannes, France; and in Kyoto and Utah since his emigration to the United States. He has taught fine arts at the Beijing Fine Art & Design University, Beijing; the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs, Paris; and Boise State University, Idaho.



An example of Sun Jia-Ming's artwork on display at the Springfield Public Library.

The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of December. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Editorial deadlines  
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### Senior council embarks on county assistance program

The Union County Division on Aging, Department of Human Services, and the Senior Citizens Council of Union County Inc. have launched separate employment programs for seniors, with the aim of matching prospective employees with appropriate employers, announced Freeholder Elmer Ertl, liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging.

"Union County, through its Divisions on Aging and Employment and Training, has begun a new 'Older Worker Program' which seeks to bring seniors needing jobs with employers looking for workers," Ertl said. "Through contacts with employers in Union County, numerous job opportunities have been identified, including part-time and full-time positions in various fields. The program just started around Nov. 1, so no figures are available yet."

The Senior Citizens Council employment program, like the county's, is for those 55 and older, and also because statistics covering more

than 14 million senior workers indicate that most employers using older workers find them to be more reliable and having better than average work attitudes.

On-the-job and/or classroom training is also available through the Job Training Partnership Act.

"This program enthusiastically moves to match capable senior workers with available job opportunities, giving employers quality workers and helping seniors supplement fixed incomes while remaining in touch with society," Ertl said. "Now there are two programs for seniors to contact for employment opportunities."

For the Union County Division on Aging Older Worker Program, call Donna Farrell, coordinator, at (908) 527-6775 or 527-4872. For the Senior Citizens Council Program, call Richard Felber or Richard Stone at (908) 964-7553.

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### RVSA's treatment plant runs clean

Staff Writer  
Sewage treatment is a process that always seems to be taken care of by "somebody else."

For much of Union County that "somebody else" is the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Located at the eastern end of Hazelwood Avenue by the Rahway River, the facility treats on average 29 million gallons of sewage a day for a population of 259,000 — this from a plant that employs under 60 people.

RVSA Executive Director Richard Tokarski said that it takes about six to eight hours for untreated sewage to become "treated." By the time this treated effluent is discharged into the Arthur Kill about 94 percent of the impurities are gone, Tokarski said. In fact, a recent look at the discharge revealed water clean enough to support algae.

Sewage treatment is a multi-step process that purifies water and separates out sludge.

First, sewage is cleared of debris and grit. Then it is pumped into a series of primary settling tanks. During secondary treatment sewage is aerated and exposed to bacteria that break it down further. Before discharge, the water is disinfected with sodium hypochlorite.

Throughout the treatment process sludge is separated from the sewage. Between 44 and 66 tons of sludge a day are trucked away for various commercial uses. This week, sludge was being sent to Harrison County, Ohio for a land reclamation project. Recently, Tokarski said, RVSA sludge went to Warren County to fertilize crops for livestock.

An environmental laws have become increasingly regulated. There was a time, Tokarski said, when sewage was discharged into the Arthur Kill after primary treatment and sludge was dumped into the ocean.

Twenty-five percent of the RVSA's volume comes from commercial and industrial users, Tokarski said. The largest of these is Merck & Co.

The RVSA's nine member communities are Springfield, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Cranford, Westfield, Garwood, Clark, Rahway and Woodbridge. The RVSA, which formed in 1951, also serves Mountainville, Winfield and Scotch Plains.

### Leaders unite to discuss teen drug, alcohol use

As Hanukkah begins and Christmas and New Year's follow closely behind, the Summit Municipal Alliance and high school PTA join together in sponsoring a panel discussion titled, "Teenage Drinking: Know the Risks Before You Serve and Lose." It will take place Monday at 8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Panelists include Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo; Stephanie Coyle, claims superintendent, State Farm Fire & Casualty; John Maher, city prosecutor; and John McCandless, Summit Police juvenile officer. Alliance Chair Louise Binno will be moderator. Margie Burke of the Alliance is program coordinator.

Adults and students are invited to attend, as are the chairs of other Union County Alliances and juvenile officers.

The Summit Municipal Alliance was founded in 1990 as an offshoot of the mayor's task force on drug and alcohol abuse. Funded by the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcoholism, its sponsored events include Adult Football Night, Soccer in the Street, First Night and others.

### My dad can add!



Math career week at Summit Middle School included talks by parents on the importance of math in the career world. Guest speaker and parent James Moriarty, left, and son Miles take a break from their math lesson. Moriarty, an importer, demonstrated to teacher Winny Smith's class, that math is an integral part of business from conception through production.

### Young Einsteins



Visiting scientist John Farina of Science Plus Inc., a science education company, instructs fourth-graders Tillary Beggen and Peter Busath of Summit's Franklin School on how to build an electrical circuit. Farina recently visited the school to conduct a workshop in which students learned about electricity and its uses, constructed simple circuits.

### Pasqua is top student

Rev. Paul R. Manning, headmaster of Oratory Catholic Prep School, Summit, announced that senior Robert Pasqua has been named Student of the Month for October.

The son of John and Carol Pasqua, Pasqua has been a member of the National Honor Society for the past three years. He was named in Who's Who Among American High School Students, a publication which honors those who have achieved success in academics as well as in leadership roles.

In addition to these accomplishments, Pasqua is this year's sports editor for The Omega, Oratory's school newspaper. He has also been a member of the Math Club since sophomore year and has been a participant in the Service Club for the past two years. This latter organization is responsible for conducting a variety

### Football party features Giants on large screen

The Summit Municipal Alliance is sponsoring a football party on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oakes Memorial Outreach Center, 120 Morris Avenue, at the corner of Russell Place.

The event is open to the entire Summit community. Free food and soda will be provided. The Cincinnati Bengals/New York Giants football game will be broadcast on an 8-foot projector TV screen.

The party is the second of three scheduled by the Summit Municipal Alliance to prevent alcohol and drug abuse. Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 29, 1995, will be the next football party. For more information, call Richard W. Nelson, 76 Woodland Ave., Summit, 07901, at (908) 273-3271.

### Interweave announces its schedule of winter events

The Interweave Center has announced a number of special events for the month of December.

"Jesus's Tree: The Roots and Power of Christmas Hanukkah and Valentine" with Robert Corin Morris, sponsored by the Interweave Center and Calvary Church Adult Education, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit, 3 Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$25, \$20 members. For more information call (201) 763-8312.

"Reverent Souls/The Unity of Science and Spirituality" with Peter Brostrup-Jensen, retired engineer from Bell Labs at the Interweave Center, 31 Woodland Avenue, Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$12, \$10 members. For information, call (201) 763-8312.

"Panyama" with Jane Hunter, Dec. 13 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Cost: \$25, \$20 members. For information, call (201) 763-8312.

"Sufi Dance/Group Meditative Movement" with Puran Perez, the Interweave Center, Dec. 11, 2 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$15, \$12 members. For information, call (201) 763-8312.

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The Rotary Society will sell their Christmas poinsettias and the Knights of Columbus will be on hand taking orders for their famous peanut brittle. For more information, call Jean Merisko at (908) 647-2693.

### Holiday bazaar, bake sale

A holiday bazaar will be presented by the Home School Association of Our Lady of Peace School in New Providence on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featured will be professional crafters, a bake sale and a special Christmas Wish Tree.

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The program will be "Denver Highlights." Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

### African violet chapter to meet

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The building above, the Methodist Church of East Summit, was dedicated on Nov. 22, 1903, when it was enlarged to accommodate a growing congregation. The original wooden building was constructed on March 20, 1893, and a brand new stone structure was completed in May 1919. Stone for the building was taken from surrounding fields and hewn to fit by members of the church. The name was changed to Oakes Memorial Church and flourished for many years until the late 1970s-1980s when attendance began to drop and programs were cut back. About 10 years ago, the church became known as the Oakes Memorial Outreach Center of the United Methodist Church of Summit. The church, located at the corner of Russell Place and Morris Avenue, is used for special outreach programs. Members of the former congregation worship at the United Methodist Church of Summit at the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. The photograph was taken around 1913 by C. Grant Myers when Rev. William S. Cooyman was pastor. He served from 1904-1905 and from 1910 to 1913.

## Association warns residents of chimney sweeps

The Union County Fire Prevention Association and the Cranford Fire Department issued a warning this week concerning chimney sweeps.

Captain Robert Bendlin, Cranford fire official and association president, noted that there have been problems throughout Union County with chimney sweep companies soliciting business that are not doing a professional or safe job, and sometimes charging large fees for small jobs. The elderly are often the targets of their solicitations.

The role of the chimney sweep is important and should not be dismissed as a quick brushing of the chimney, he said. A professional sweep will, in addition to sweeping and cleaning all areas of the chimney, evaluate the condition of the chimney, prescribe changes to improve the performance, and educate the consumer about its safe and efficient operation.

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## Booklet to be released

By Lisa Ann Battito  
 Staff Writer

In an effort to stem incidences of domestic violence, a free booklet that was developed by the Union County Sheriff's Office will be circulated nationwide.

The booklet was brought to the attention of B'nai B'rith International by Sid Isler, community volunteer director of the Linden Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Isler distributed copies of "You Are Not Alone" to the business committee members, who voted to support the project. The organization, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C., will pay for the circulation and printing of the booklet.

"We will not mass distribute the booklet, but we will send it out upon request," Isler said. "We will tell people how they can obtain it."

The booklet explains how battering victims can seek help, and research will be conducted so the content of the 19-page publication is pertinent to the entire county, since domestic violence laws vary from state to state. A list of agencies and telephone numbers also will be featured, along with other information victims need.

"We have not determined if we will make it generic for the entire country or if we will include the laws in each state. We will be conducting the research, but we have not reached that stage yet," Isler said.



Warner Gray of B'nai B'rith International presents the Chal Award to Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich because of his publication of the "Play It Safe" handbook.

Ralph Froelich received B'nai B'rith's "Chal Award" for his work on that booklet and it was Isler who brought the booklets to the attention of the business committee as well.

"We are in our fifth printing of 'Play It Safe' and it took us over a year to get it going," Isler said, predicting it will take longer for "You Are Not Alone" to get off the ground because of the research involved.

"You Are Not Alone" originated through the efforts of the Sheriff's Office, the Elizabeth Police Department, Kean College's Department of Communications and Karen Hoffman

of the college's design production studio. The publication is available locally from police departments, the Union County Prosecutor's Office, the Sheriff's Office, community agencies and area hospitals.

**Editorial deadlines**  
 Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Friday noon. Entertainment - Friday noon. Sports - Monday noon. Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. General - Monday 5 p.m.

## reunions

Planning a reunion? There is a brochure available which gives complete information on how to go about it. For information, call 1-800-222-5277.

**Orange High School Class of 1955** is planning a 40th reunion. Alumni who need to update their addresses or who know the whereabouts of former classmates should call Lenore at 201-887-9398.

**West Side High School, Newark, Class of 1944** is planning a 50th reunion. Further information can be obtained by calling Ruth Ellenman at 201-256-5430 or by writing to her at 19 Carlson Parkway, Cedar Grove 07009.

**Central High School, Newark, Class of 1945** is planning a 50th reunion on May 20, 1995. For information, contact Dominick Scudato at 417 E. Passaic Ave., Bloomfield, 07003, (201) 338-7747 or Beatrice (Ammo)

**Uici, 40 Maple Ave., Nutley, 07110, (201) 2920.**  
**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 Donbusch, 35 Weatching Road, Short Hills 07078, or call 376-4424.

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

**Barringer 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; 201-677-1840 or 201-674-4149.

**U.S. Constabulary Troopers**, who served in Germany after World War II from 1946 to 1952, are being sought by a national veterans association for a reunion. Write: B.J. Chambers, 530 Park Ave., Lancaster, Pa. 17602, or call: 717-397-9704.

**St. John the Apostle School, Linden, Class of 1974**, is trying to organize a class reunion. Information on the whereabouts of any classmates can be submitted to Mary Jo Tantiello Baker at 815-0184, Rimoldi Westerland at 314-9339 or by writing to West, 7 North Wood Ave., Linden, 07036.

**Railway High School, Classes of 1962 and 1970**, are planning 25th and 26th anniversary class reunions in 1995. For more information, one can write to Margaret Roselli, 174 Forbes St., Ridgewood 07065.

**Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, Class of 1964**, is planning a 30-year reunion. One can contact

Richard Maselli of 3830 Edger Ave., Boynton Beach, Fla. 33436, or call 1-407-737-8193.

**West Side High School, Newark, Class of 1964**, is scheduling a class reunion in the fall of 1994. All classmates should send their name, address and telephone number to West Side Reunion 81, 7 Commonwealth Ave., Newark 07106.

**Union High School, Class of 1985**, is planning a high school reunion on Nov. 24, 1995. Classmates can write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call 908-780-834.

**New Providence High School, Class of 1974**, is planning a high school reunion on July 15, 1995. Classmates can write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call 908-780-834.

**Hillside High School, Class of 1965** is planning its 30th reunion for April 8, 1995 at the Tower Steak House in Mountaintop. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former class members should write to: HHS 65, 25 Taxedo Dr., Livingston 07039.

**Roselle Park High School, Class of 1957** is looking for classmates. A reunion is planned for April 1995. Contact: RPHS-57, P.O. Box 601, Oldwick 08858.

**West Orange High School, Newark, Class of 1975**, is planning a high school reunion on Nov. 24, 1995. Classmates can write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call 908-780-834.

**Clifford J. Scott High School, Newark, Class of 1984**, is seeking alumni members for a 10-year class

reunion. Contact Bruce McCluskey, CJS 94 Reunion, P.O. Box 9582, Newark 07104.

**Irlington High School, Classes of January and June 1945** are planning a 50th reunion in June 1995. Those interested can call Gloria (Rothstein) Rosenblatt at (908) 255-8435, or contact Gloria Wirtzel Sherman, 23 South Derby Road, Springfield, N.J. 07081; Eleanor Fexa Javel, 168 Ramapo Way, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076, or Thelma Freed Osteinstein, 38 Kipling Ave., N.J. 07081 or call (201) 376-0716 after 5 p.m.

**East Orange High School, Class of 1945**, is seeking classmates for a 50th reunion in mid-1995. Contact Lucius A. Bowser, 758 Shirling Drive, East, South Orange 07079-2425, for further information.

**Irlington High School, Class of 1975**, will hold a reunion on Oct. 14, 1995. Classmates can write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726, or call (908) 780-834.

**St. Casimir's Elementary School, Newark, Class of 1966**, is looking for fellow classmates. Alumni, or anyone who has information about them, should call (201) 635-5844, or write to Ron Killian, P.O. Box 91, Chatham 07928.

**David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, Class of 1976**, is planning a 20-year reunion in 1996. Most current information to DBRHIS Class of 1976, Terri Genova Harris, 429 Station Ave., Roselle Park 07064.

**Clifton High School, Class of 1945**, will hold a 50th anniversary reunion May 21, 1995. More information can be obtained by calling Dorothy Poulton at (201) 744-7627.

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designers at the salon so they too can provide their customers with the latest look. Taggart invites all citizens to come in and experience the latest holiday and spring '95 hair fashions such as the precision cuts in popsicle brights like lemon, tangerine and fuchsia (Vidal Sassoon). Or, you could try monofiber extensions to create volume and movement, especially in shorter hair (Antenna) or return to a 1940s feel in hair — soft waves, coiffed tresses (Antenna). Become a blonde bombshell — short, textured styles in pastel palette (Rita Rusk). Or if you prefer, returns to the 1970s and experience the "afro" styles of the disco era — tightly coiled and permed hair, slightly backcombed and raised to new heights (Cobella). W'hair It's At is open Tuesday through Saturday. Stop in or call (908) 273-1925 for an appointment. W'hair It's At offers hair accessories with all of their holiday hair designs.

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### Girl Scouts to sing carols on Dec. 10

The Girl Scout Scouts will perform their annual tree and Christmas caroling event Dec. 10 at the Milton Avenue Emerson Avenue triangle.

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Okay, you've decided on that top-of-the-line audio/video center for dad, a new Radio Broadcast Data System car radio for Uncle Bob, and a multimedia upgrade kit for your cousin Joanne. Now that you've taken care of the big holiday gifts, it's time to figure out what you're going to stuff those proverbial stockings with.

How about some blank audio and video tape or consumer electronics accessories? They all make great stocking stuffers, and are guaranteed to put smiles on the faces of your friends and family. What's more, fresh blank tapes and accessories help to extend the lives of consumer electronics products, a tremendous benefit to their owners.

"Open the stocking wide this year," says Leo Kennedy, marketing director for Scotch magnetic tape at 3M Company. "Blank audio and video cassettes are the type of gifts that anyone can now use, and everybody in the family will always enjoy, especially around the holidays. Video cassettes for camcorders are perfect for capturing those once-in-a-lifetime moments with friends and family. And cassettes for the VCR record all the classic holiday movies to add to the family video collection, while still other tapes catch the holiday TV specials both children and adults love to watch.

"For audio buffs, blank audio cassettes are terrific gifts for making recordings that can be used holiday after holiday — and throughout the year as well," Kennedy

continues. "With the widespread use of camcorders, VCRs and audio systems, blank audio and video cassettes are natural stocking stuffers that even Saint Nick would appreciate."

Peter Brinkman, national marketing manager for Maxell Corporation, says blank audio tape is "the perfect accessory to buy for the holidays, especially for people who love music. Since people are probably going to get a lot of prerecorded music as gifts, the idea of stuffing holiday stockings with blank audio tape is a great one — people can then make taped compilations for their car and on-the-go listening."

Tim Sullivan, national promotions manager for TDK, says, "Camcorder users and home audio enthusiasts are always thrilled to receive blank tapes as gifts, and it's especially gratifying for them when the grade of tape they receive matches the type of recording they love most.

"Home movie buffs, for example, need an extra high-grade tape formulation that can handle the tough durability requirements of video editing, a variety of lighting conditions and repeated viewing, while maintaining the highest standards of picture and sound quality. And, for those music lovers who want the best sound when recording audio programs from CD, a high-bias audio tape is ideal. Normal-bias audio cassettes are best for high-speed dubbing and boombox use."

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For millions of men of all ages, beards and mustaches are always in style. Facial hair makes a personal statement, as well as a fashion statement. But why is it more popular than ever? "Baby boomers are looking for ways to recapture some of the excitement and vitality of their younger days," says trend-tracker Ross Goldstein. "Growing facial hair was one of their first acts of rebellion. Sporting facial hair today is a way to say that they haven't sold out."

For many, growing a beard is the easy part. Maintaining it takes dedication and the right tools. Wearing the right style and keeping it neatly groomed are essential to making a positive fashion statement.

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Wahl and Combe feel trimming and coloring naturally go together. "Beards and mustaches are back, and we're both dedicated to helping men who grow them look good and feel good about themselves," Anello says.

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### New Holiday Toy Lets Kids Create Favorite Cartoon Action Figures

It's the time of year when parents pace the seemingly endless aisles of robots, dolls, books and games in search of the perfect toy to bring a year's worth (or hopefully more) of smiles to little ones' faces. And parents know there's nothing like getting their money's worth, a toy is only as good as its ability to stimulate creativity, and promote fun and long-lasting play with children. Even adults today remember how much fun they had making and playing with rubbery Creepy

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With a full range of items and styles from which to choose, you'll have no problem pleasing everyone on your holiday shopping list. Would your future all-star like to collect basketball cards or store his Shaquille O'Neal replica jersey in his miniature kid's locker? Would you like to keep your special dribbler clean with a bit emblazoned with an NBA team logo? Would dad like to show his team's colors with an NBA team watch every time he takes a time-out?

Produced by the industry's most reputable companies, NBA products come in every popular style and color. They're durable enough to take the rigors of competitive basketball, yet fashionable enough to be worn to school. To ensure authenticity, all NBA merchandise features a hang tag or sticker with a counterfeit-proof holographic image.

NBA products are not just for kids. Research confirms that more than 66.8 million Americans (40 percent) own/purchase NBA merchandise, and one look at the latest music video, hit television show or blockbuster movie confirms the popularity of NBA products. Even the casual observer can see that NBA merchandise means style, whether in the gym, school or mall.

There are many different products available for the NBA fan in your life. Apparel: replica game jerseys, practice wear, warm-ups, team caps, T-shirts with team logos and player caricatures, team jackets and sweatshirts. Games and Toys: electronic video games, trading cards, a full line of videos and books, basketballs, backboards (portable or permanent) and player posters. Specialty Items: team watches, backpacks, gym bags, school supplies (pens, pencils, loose leafs, notebooks and folders), miniature kids' lockers and home furnishings (comforters, lamps, wallpaper and blankets). And if you're still looking for more ideas about NBA merchandise, keep an eye out for local advertisements.

### Themed Gifts Help Make Holidays Memorable

As the holiday season approaches, gift-givers will once again test their creativity as they try to find new, meaningful gifts for old friends and cherished relatives. One way to make a memorable and long-appreciated impact is to build the gift around an unexpected theme. Here are a few simple and creative ideas that can be tailored to fit any budget.

- **Backyard Barbecue:** Whether you're looking to please a young couple just starting out or an entire family, one of Thermos' innovative grills is sure to bring smiles of delight. The VIPTM Gas Barbecue Grill is stylish enough to enhance your backyard, as well as it enhances your cooking. This year's models are available in forest green, cobaltstone red and metallic silver, and all VIPTM Gas Grills feature Thermos' patented Minute Grill® factory assembly system. For apartment or condominium dwellers, the Thermal Electric™ Grill is easy to operate and fits conveniently on a balcony. Gift-givers can complete the package with a chef's hat and apron, Thermos® cooking utensils, a gift certificate from the local butcher and the Thermos® Gas Grill Cookbook.
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## Home Theater Is a Movie Buff's Dream

During the upcoming holidays, friends and family will be gathering together to wish each other good cheer and good luck in the new year. Where will they be gathering? Well, if you're the person with a home theater, probably at your house. In fact, if you do have a home theater, you may have a hard time getting people to go home. If you don't have a home theater, however, the holidays are a great time to hint for the gift of a surround sound amplifier, a hi-fi stereo VCR or a laserdisc player. This way, your house can be the meeting point for your friends and family during next year's holiday season.

Home theater places you in the center of the action — one minute you're alongside Harrison Ford, chasing the one-armed man and fleeing from federal marshals in "The Fugitive," and the next you're tagging along with Bill Murray on his search for otherworldly beings in "Ghostbusters." This marriage of large-screen televisions and projection systems with high-quality surround-sound-equipped amplifiers, hi-fi stereo VCRs and laserdisc players brings the movie theater experience into your home, minus the popcorn and cold drinks.

The home theater fan in your life (it may even be you!) may be starting from scratch or be looking to replace some equipment he already has. He could be looking for a new, more powerful surround sound amplifier, or a rear- or front-screen projection television (remember, bigger is definitely better!).

As Jeff Cove, general manager of the television division of Matsushita Consumer Electronics Corporation, says, "I think it's a U.S. phenomenon that the bigger, the better. When you look for a larger screen...make sure that it is not only a bigger picture, but a better picture." Cove adds that, for home theater, "you're looking for a movie-style theater experience, and generally, a good-quality, big picture is going to give you a better experience than a small one." Watching a big screen, he says, is "like being in a movie theater... (it's) a pretty thrilling experience."

Joseph P. Clayton, executive vice president, marketing & sales — Americas & Asia, Thomson Consumer Electronics, explains that "while television screen sizes are getting bigger to more accurately reflect the movie panorama, the sets are housed in smaller cabinets that allow more flexibility in room location. Even projection models boast now 'slim line' profiles with cabinets that have been reduced in depth by some 30 percent."

The center of attention in the home theater is the screen, according to Juan Collado, director, sales and marketing, LCD products for Sharp Electronics Corporation. "The larger the screen image, the more exciting and life-like the experience," he says, adding that "for the ultimate movie theater effect, liquid crystal display (LCD) projection systems deliver bright and vivid images from 20 inches up to an amazing 200 inches, from virtually any viewing angle."

The component that some say drives a home theater system is the audio/video, or AV, receiver, which includes an AM/FM receiver and Dolby Pro Logic surround sound (end amplification of the five channels it utilizes). An AV receiver allows you to connect both your audio and video components to it, providing an easy-to-use routing center for the signals being generated by all of your home theater components (you can also purchase separate amplifiers and tuners, if you wish).

According to a recent survey conducted by Yamaha Electronics Corporation, "Most consumers want audio/video amplifiers and receivers that sound good on both music and movies," says Tom Graham, marketing director. Graham points out that "movies and music require different kinds of ambience creation. When picking a gift, the buyer should have a budget in mind and an idea of the features most wanted by the recipient."

"If you do happen to have an S-VHS camcorder, and you make your own tapes... you will get the benefit of the 400 lines of resolution that go with S-VHS," he says. Hametz suggests getting a universal remote control to take the place of additional remotes you may have that operate your other home theater components.

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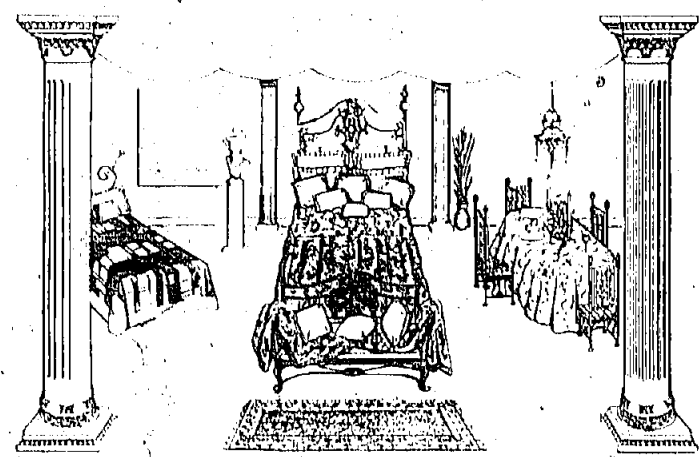
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SECTION B

**From The Editor's Notebook**  
by Tom Canavan  
Editor in Chief

A great deal of discussion during the aftermath of the tragedy at the El Balcon in Elizabeth, the dance club where four people were crushed to death Saturday morning, centered on the fact that three of the victims were under the legal drinking age. The tragedy, others said, was that these underage Elizabeth residents were permitted into an establishment where they had no right to be.

Not only was there a great deal of discussion about the incident, but there were just as many questions raised. National media converged on the city of Elizabeth throughout the weekend and into Tuesday, law enforcement officials were spending the time trying to chronicle the events that led to the tragedy to try to decipher what actually happened.

Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo Jr. made the most poignant statement. "Tragedies such as this raise disturbing questions," he said.

Some of those questions are:

- Why were 400 to 500 people in a club whose maximum capacity is 300?
- Why was one of the exits from the building locked?
- Why were citizens under the legal drinking age permitted to be in a club that holds a liquor license and, with at least 400 people, leaving the potential for any one of them to be served alcohol?

The 13-year-old who was among the four victims of the tragedy was forbidden to go to the club by her mother, according to Ruotolo. "Parents Sherri's fate speaks most clearly to this tragedy," Ruotolo said. He said Sherri's mother thought she was staying at a friend's house because she had forbidden her daughter, a seventh-grader at Theodore Roosevelt Middle School in the city, from going to the club.

The media apparently started, authorities and witnesses said, when one male youth danced with and kissed another's girlfriend. The two males got into a fight, which spread to other patrons in the tight confines of the club.

Perhaps this tragedy will awaken city officials and make them realize that tighter control over public establishments that hold liquor licenses must include more than just an infrequent visit.

I don't agree with Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwege, who remarked, "This is a city of 110,000 people. We can't be expected to monitor everywhere."

It may be a city of 110,000 people, but there certainly are not that many clubs in the city. Stricter control over these establishments could have sent a warning to club owners, especially this one, and a tragedy could have been prevented.

## Deer committee recommends controlled hunt

By Ray Lehmann  
Staff Writer

Almost six months of contentious debate over the future of the deer population in and around the Watchung Reservation came to a head this week, as the members of the Deer Management Subcommittee submitted the results of its final report to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. A clear majority of subcommittee members signed off on the recommendation that the county sponsor a controlled hunt this winter by means of selected sharpshooting agents.

The subcommittee, which is comprised of representatives from the reservation-bordering communities of Mountainside, Springfield, Summit, Scotch Plains and Berkeley Heights, as well as representatives from the county's Division of Parks and Recreation, the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, the Union County Federation of Sportsmen, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, the American Humane Society, New

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— Chuck Sigmund  
Director, Parks and Recreation

Jersey Animal Rights Alliance, and Freeholder Liaison Linda Lee Kelly, has been meeting since early June to examine deer-related problems, evaluating past deer management efforts, determining existing and desirable deer population densities, studying a variety of control methods, and, if necessary, recommending a course of action for continued management.

"We've taken our task very seriously, working some very long, frustrating nights. We've taken field trips into the reservation to see some of the

deer-related damage and we've been provided with volumes of information by Mr. Bernier," Springfield representative and subcommittee chairman Robert Weinberg said, referring to Director of Parks Operations Dan Bernier. "Due to the diverse makeup of our committee, we could not come to a unanimous decision. So we have submitted both a majority report and a minority report. We have also agreed to keep meeting once a month to continue to address some of the concerns suggested by the minority report."

The minority report, which was signed by Mountainside representative Michael Kalellis, Berkeley Heights representative Sylvia Herenza, Scotch Plains representative Lois Russell, Springfield representative Eleanor Guril, Humane Society representative John Tomaine, and NJARA representative Linda Medwede, took exception to the subcommittee's proceedings and recommended that the county take no action this year and that the subcommittee continue to meet under the direction of a strong, neutral facilitator.

"The process under which the subcommittee functioned was not conducive to proper decision-making," the minority opinion read. "The mistake that a recommendation be made to the Board of Freeholders within a fixed, abbreviated amount of time is in conflict with the controversial nature of the issues before the subcommittee and the subjectivity surrounding those issues."

Some of the steps the minority report suggested to help cope with

deer-related problems while some of these questions could be addressed, included exploring further the possibility of an immunosuppressive vaccine for deer, installing swardflex reflectors and reducing the speed limit on local roadways, mounting an effort to fight poaching in the reservation, and conducting a full-scale ecological study of the reservation, something which the report points out hasn't been done since 1956.

Democratic Freeholder Linda Stender questioned the subcommittee as to how it arrived at the projected cost of only \$3,000 for sharpshooters, when figures for last year's hunt have been estimated as high as \$54,000.

"The thinking is that with sharpshooters, it would not necessarily involve quite the same degree of security. For instance, we wouldn't envision the need to shut down Route 78," Director of Parks and Recreation Chuck Sigmund said. "But that is not to suggest the program is any less safe."

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## Kowalczyk to resign from freeholder board

By Tom Canavan  
Editor in Chief

Union County Freeholder Casimir Kowalczyk, one of the three Democrats on the board whose terms will expire in 1995, announced this week that he is resigning after six years on the board.

Kowalczyk delivered the news of his resignation during the Dec. 1 freeholder meeting. His resignation will become effective Jan. 1, the same day he also will complete his 21-year tenure as a member of the Elizabeth City Council.

"It is now time for me to retire and spend more time with my wife, Helen," Kowalczyk said. "We want to spend time with our children and grandchildren, and do some traveling." Kowalczyk did not seek reelection to the City Council post.

Union County Democratic Committee Chairwoman Kathryn Broek said this week that three Democrats already have approached her to express interest in filling the position. Donald Sullivan, a member of the Elizabeth Board of Education, and unsuccessful freeholder candidates Walter McNeil Jr. and Robert Everett are among the field of candidates who must be considered by the county Democratic committee, she said.

Under state law, the Democratic must convene and select a replacement for a board member if a vacancy arises. Broek said the law states that it must be filled by a vote of the Union County Democratic Committee at a special meeting called for that purpose. Based on Kowalczyk's intention to resign on Jan. 1, that meeting has been scheduled for Jan. 11. A majority of the membership must attend, and a majority vote of the group will determine who will replace Kowalczyk.

"I'm happy for Mr. Kowalczyk. We'll miss him, but I'm glad he thought about what would make him and his family happy," Broek said.

Kowalczyk was first elected to the Board of Freeholders in 1989. During those five years, he has served as liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Environmental Health Advisory Board, the Hazard-



Casimir Kowalczyk

ous Materials Task Force, the Union County Emergency Management Council, the county's Mayors Advisory Board, the Elizabeth River Flood Control Commission, the Board of Schools, Estimate-Union County College, the Criminal Justice Review Board, the Mental Health Advisory Board, the Mountain Central Advisory Board, the AIDS Advisory Board, the Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, and an ex-officio member of the Union County Utilities Authority.

Kowalczyk also has served as chairman of the Administrative Code Committee, and as a member of the Fiscal Affairs and Policy Committee.

After retiring from Alltel Signal in 1992, he accepted a position with the state's Violent Crimes Compensation Board. Kowalczyk said he also expects to resign from that position at year's end.

The father of four and grandfather of two has been a resident of Elizabeth for more than 40 years. For more than 21 years, he has served as a member of the Elizabeth City Council, where he has been twice district council president.

"I am thankful to the many people at the county and local levels who have supported me over the years. They were always there when I needed them," Kowalczyk said. "and I remain grateful to them."



The Rahway First Aid Squad receives a matching grant for purchasing a portable cardiac defibrillator through the Prudential Heart Program. Six other squads throughout the county also were honored.

## Seven volunteer squads cited for purchase of defibrillators

Seven Union County volunteer first aid and rescue squads were honored last week by the Prudential Insurance Company of America and local government officials for acquiring portable cardiac defibrillators through the Prudential Heart Program.

The three-year program, launched this year, is a statewide matching grants initiative to help

volunteer rescue squads purchase the life-saving equipment.

Defibrillation units are used by certified medical personnel to help revive cardiac arrest victims before they are transported to hospitals, improving their chance of survival.

Prudential Helping Hearts Director Urbano Venero addressed members of seven Union County volun-

teer first aid squads — Cranford, Roselle Park, Linden, Kenilworth, Rahway, Union Township and Winfield — at the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth on Nov. 30. The squads were praised for their volunteerism and initiative to increase the emergency care service they provide.

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## Teen Arts exhibit continues tour

The Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street at Park Avenue, will host the Union County Teen Arts Exhibit during December. The exhibit consists of 25 pieces of art selected from the 500 visual artworks shown at the 1994 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March.

Freeholder Linda Lee Kelly, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said, "We are pleased to have the Plainfield Public Library join us as a host site for the teen arts exhibit. The enthusiasm of the public for the teen arts exhibit is indeed rewarding."

The Union County Teen Arts program is supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Panasonic Company, Secaucus; PSE&G, Cranford; Elizabeth Board of Education; City-Grady, Summit; United Jersey Bank/Central N.A., Princeton; Alenburgh Piano House, Elizabeth; Suburban Cablevision, Union; Summit Bank,

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Major funding also is provided by the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education through a grant from the New Jersey State Department of Education and other private sources.

For information about the Union County Teen Arts Program, contact the office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, at (908) 558-2550.

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### Seven emergency squads honored

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 "We're pleased to be able to help volunteer first aid and rescue squads purchase this life-saving equipment," Venero said. "To date, four cardiac arrest victims have been revived by defibrillators purchased through this program."  
 This year, the Prudential Helping Hearts Program has granted 90 volunteer rescue squads up to \$2,500 to cover half the cost of a defibrillator unit. Each grant allowed a squad to acquire its first defibrillator.  
 Each year, approximately 400,000 Americans fall victim to

### Commission seeks top women

The Union County Commission on the Status of Women is sponsoring its third annual dinner celebration honoring women who live or work in Union County and have made a significant contribution in either their occupation or community.  
 Ten women will be honored, one from each of the following categories: Volunteer, Business/Corporate, Government, Law, Law Enforcement, Entrepreneur, Medicine, Education, Journalism, and Human Services.  
 Interested applicants should mail a cover letter and resume to 21 Munsee Drive, Cranford, 07016, no later than Dec. 16. Individuals wishing to nominate someone for an award should submit their nominee's name and address with a brief description of the nominee's qualifications to the above address. Winners will be notified by Jan. 31.  
 The commission also is sponsoring a "Women Who Have Touched Our Lives" essay contest for high school seniors. For an application, students should contact their English teacher or Guidance Department, or they may

### Freeholders cite hospice for 'compassionate' care

Union County's hospice program was honored with the presentation of a resolution by Freeholder Linda Lee Kelly, liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board. The resolution honors the program's caregivers for the compassionate care they give the terminally ill in Union County who want to be cared for at home.  
 "These programs make it easier for terminally ill to be cared for at home, staying with their loved ones. They are also cost-effective programs in that they avoid unnecessary nursing home or hospital care and include the services of caregivers who give themselves in a loving and compassionate manner, she noted.  
 "Our county Division on Aging is instrumental in administering grants to these very worthy organizations to assist them in carrying out their role to patients who have no other available form of reimbursement," Kelly added.  
 The freeholder board acknowledged that the month of November was designated by President Clinton as National Hospice Month. The board, co-chaired about the needs of the terminally ill, saluted the expert caregivers of these hospice programs and declared November as "Hospice Month in Union County."



Freeholder Linda Lee Kelly, center, liaison to the Hospice and Home Health Care Advisory Board, presents a resolution on behalf of the Board of Freeholders to representatives of Union County hospice programs. From left are Leslie Coyne of the Visiting Nurse Health Services Hospice; Margaret Colony of Kenilworth, of the Center for Hope Hospice; Kelly; Eileen Scarinci of Mulmberg Regional Medical Center Hospice, and Diane Majeski-Felle of Union, of Overlook Hospital Hospice.

### 'Views' targets shared housing

"Vintage Views," the seniors' cable television show produced by the Union County Division on Aging's Department of Human Services, will feature this month the relatively new Shared Housing Program.  
 "Shared Housing allows senior homeowners to offer unused housing space to potentially homeless persons, through a contractual agreement which reduces the financial burden for both parties through the exchange of space for service," said Freeholder Elmer Ert, liaison to the Advisory Council on Aging.  
 Lou Covello, host of the show, will discuss the advantages and limitations of this concept with Deborah Krusick, coordinator of community education for Community Access Unlimited.  
 "Vintage Views" is produced through a production agreement with direction of TKR Cable Co. of Elizabeth. The schedule: TKR, Channel 12 - Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; Fairchild, Super Cable, Channel 20 - Monday at 5:30 p.m.; Suburban Cable, Summit area, Channel 36 - Tuesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Suburban Cable, all other locations, Channel 32 - Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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### Fitts is member of school board

The recent announcement of Charles S. Mancuso's election as president of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education included the roster of board members. The name of Leonard D. Fitts was inadvertently omitted. As Union County Superintendent of Schools, Fitts maintains a permanent seat on the board.  
 Therefore, the complete roster in addition to Mancuso is Gill Iannarone, vice president; Jan Leber, Robert Schmidt and Fritz Donald DiFranco; secretary; and board attorney Edward Mellage as treasurer.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Actress performs while singing in church

**By Bea Smith**  
Lifestyle Editor

Nathalie Yafet of Hillside, who recently played the lead role in the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" at the Oakes Memorial Outreach Center in Summit, wanted to "take it all" when she was a child.

"I wanted everything when I was a little girl in Milwaukee, Wisconsin," she smiled, during a recent visit to this office. "When I was 6 years old, I wanted to be a nun. At the same time, when I used to watch old movies, I wanted to be Ginger Rogers. I realized, even at that age, that it would be a conflict. So, I chose performing of course."

And though all the years of singing and performing in lead roles in theater and opera, Yafet still held on to her interest in the church. In fact, today, she said, "I've continued to sing in church in St. Catherine's in Hillside. I'm one of the lectors and leaders of song."

Yafet, an attractive young woman who possesses a warm smile and a positive attitude about everything, obtained her theatrical training at the University of Wisconsin, where she received a bachelor's degree in music. She also attended the Aquinas College Theater Program, Goldovsky Opera Workshop, Acting for Commercial and Soaps and Acting Opera classes.

"Love of performing," she said, "is like a disease. You're just not happy if you're not acting it."



Nathalie Yafet

Locally on stage, the actress played Blanche in "Brighton Beach Memoirs," Melaine in "The Cafe," Elizabeth in "The Crucible" and Madame de Croisy in "Dialogues of the Carmelites." In the Brooklyn Lyric Opera in New York, Yafet portrayed Siebel in "Faust," and in Madison, Wis., she was Maria in "West Side Story," Kaitaba in "The Mikado," and in Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich., Marion in "The Tale of Robin and Marion."

Yafet, who married Steven Yafet 11 years ago, then came to New Jersey to reside in Plainfield for four years until they "found" a Victorian house in Hillside seven years ago, and moved in. Steven is a systems analyst in New York. He's a very fine pianist and that's how we met at the University of Wisconsin. He was studying voice."

After college, she said, "I was doing more opera. And I worked for a while as an administrative assistant at different companies and just getting used to this wasn't easy for me. Also, I would just do musicals. In fact, my voice teacher, at Aquinas College, where I went for one year to study music and theater, suggested that I try opera. "A good opera singer," she said, "is going to be a good actress."

Yafet chuckled. "It's just that I like to do everything — opera, musicals, straight theater. Recently, I served as a Halloween story teller at the New Providence Library."

for as entertainment is concerned, "I went to do everything. Even this recent part I had in 'You Can't Take It With You.' I was dancing and just singing at the end, 'Happy Days Are Here Again.' I played the role of Essie, a ballroom dancer who's been studying for eight years and still doesn't have the knack."

Christiane, who is known to Union school students as Mrs. Castaneda, a foreign language teacher, will be accompanied by jazz pianist Annen Donelican and bassist Gerry Rabo. She also will sing at the mid-eight Mass on New Year's Eve in a concert for senior citizens in Sacred Heart Church, Bloomfield.

Additional information about the Dec. 10 concert, which will feature Robert Dohil, director, and Suzanne Fackelman as accompanist, can be obtained by calling Peter Fenton at (201) 377-5998. Tickets also can be obtained at the door at 70 North Ridgewood Road.

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## Concert artist to sing Dec. 10 in Maplewood

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## Christine Chang to sing in Carnegie Hall concert

**Christine Chang**, daughter of Young and OK Cheng of Springfield, will perform with the Westminster Symphonic Choir in a holiday concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City, Dec. 13.

Composed of students at Westminster College of Rider University in Princeton, the Westminster Symphonic Choir has performed and recorded with many great orchestras and conductors, including Bernstein, Multi, Melts, Ormandy and Masur. The choir has sung more than 300 per- formances with the New York Philharmonic and was the first choir to appear on public television's "Live from Lincoln Center" in a performance of Verdi's "Requiem" in 1980.

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Laara Christilano

Graham has portrayed the water view and island locales of familiar places including Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Bay Head and Bermuda.

Patton specializes in painting gardens, still-lives, homes, and pet portraits.

Her work is represented in public and private collections throughout the country and in foreign countries. She has received more than 100 awards, including three Grawebach Medals and the Winsor and Newton Award, and has been featured on the Network Show of the Arts. She created the New Jersey Festival of Ballroom's Poster for 1990, the Arc Challenge posters in 1993, and Little Yellow Book covers.

Patton has been teaching watercolor demonstrations for many years. She also designs, creates and exhibits one-of-a-kind jewelry under the name Diana Lee.

Individuals or groups who plan to visit the display, which is open to the public daily between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., can enter the hospital's East Wing.

For more information, one can contact the hospital's community resource coordinator, Shirley Riegler, at (908) 233-3726, Ext. 379.

The works are for sale, with a portion benefiting Children's Specialized Hospital.

Children's Specialized Hospital, reportedly New Jersey's only comprehensive pediatric rehabilitation hospital, is located on New Providence Road.

## Graham, Patton artwork hung at hospital

An exhibit of artwork by Tina Kattland Graham and Diane Lee Patton is on display at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintop throughout December.

Graham started her career in the early 1980s as a creator of pastel por-

## Trishka set to play banjo

**Trishka**, whose name is synonymous with bluegrass banjo virtuosity, recreates the musical daring of his 1993 album, "World Tuning," in the second performance of an 8 p.m. at the Burglert Center in Maplewood.

Opening with music from West Africa, the birthplace of the banjo, three-time FRET Award-winner Trishka and his five-piece band will embark on a kaleidoscopic journey, as he traces the instrument's roots from its primitive beginnings to America through slave music and the pre-Civil War minstrel styles to reggae and finally, bluegrass, where the banjo moved to the musical forefront.

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## Celebration Singers to return to Rahway Union County Arts Center on Dec. 17

The Celebration Singers will return to Rahway's Union County Arts Center Dec. 17 to perform matinee and evening Christmas shows at 2 and 8 p.m. The group's appearances have become an annual event at the showplace.

The Celebration Singers will present a Carolfest, under the direction of Anthony Godlefski, which also will feature the Mary Stewart Scottish Folk Dancers, a bagpiper, harp and organ, a children's choir, a storyteller and Father Christmas, all attired in medieval costumes. There will be audience participation in Old English style.

Members of the Celebration Singers have been singing since 1938 when they had their beginnings as a group of male employees of a local oil corporation who "simply liked to sing." The group subsequently underwent several name changes while evolving into a mixed chorus.

Under the direction of Anthony Godlefski, the nonprofit chorus has, through its performances, helped raise funding for charitable causes.

The traditional Christmas celebration will include new features and song, in addition to its seasonal favorites such as "Silent Night" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Set in "An Enchanted Forest," the show will weave together both the spiritual

meaning of Christmas and the festive celebration of the New Year.

Seats for the holiday special are \$10 for either show. Tickets can be purchased now at the Arts Center box office, or reserved for later pickup by calling the box office at (908) 699-9226.

The 1,300-seat Union County Arts Center, a restored 1920s vaudeville movie palace, is situated at the junction of Central Avenue and Irving and Main streets in Rahway's historic restoration district.

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1 Cup Virgin Olive Oil

Pepper

Prepare the vinaigrette. Mix mustard, thyme, vinegar, salt, pepper, slowly whisk in the oil. In a bowl combine the radicchio with the oil, thyme, garlic, pepper.

Mix the greens in a bowl with the vinaigrette to coat slightly. Place the cheese in the oven for 1 minute at 450 degree F.

Divide the greens in 4 plates. Top each salad with a slice of the cheese. Serve immediately.

Instructions for preparing this Recipe will be given by our Chef this coming MONDAY at 3 p.m. at The Garden Restaurant 943 Magie Ave. Union, N.J. 07083 (908) 558-0101

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**REVIEW**

**Ocean Buffet**

An enticing variety of mouth watering dishes.

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spaghetti with meatballs, and a selective salad bar.

For dessert, we chose soft ice cream wafers, gelatin, fresh fruit, Chinese cookies and of course, fortune cookies, which told us what we wanted to know.

"I think we will be successful," said Cheng. And we agreed with him when we discovered that there are always large crowds at Ocean Buffet. They also have regular dinners, but with such marvelously enticing foods at the buffet bar, one can truly be satisfied with a most unusual offering.

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# Smokey Warren set for Rahway

By Bea Smith  
Lifestyle Editor

Smokey Warren of Linden, the "Eastern King of Western Swing," has once more come out of "semi-retirement" to appear in a country music special at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, Dec. 10 at 7 and 10 p.m. He will share the legendary sounds of country music with Waylon Jennings.

"I've been in the business for more than 52 years," said Warren one recent afternoon, "and for many years with my brother, Shorty, who is fully retired and living in California. He and I and the boys in our band, the Black Diamond Stringers, with Phil Quigley, Tony Richards, Nick James and Kenny Kay, became the first western band to play and sing on the network show, "Death Valley Days." During the years, he said he had seen country and western music expand "to include a broader spectrum of listeners. When I used to sing country music in New Jersey, people used to laugh. What they didn't know was that I made my debut in Phoenix, Ariz., and spent some time there learning the music."

He explained that evidence of the growing "synergy of country and western music" is showing up in movie themes and the types of bands being signed by western companies. Still, during the 1950s, Smokey and Warren were hosts on a country television show, "The Garden State Jamboree," which was broadcast by WHET-TV in Newark. The weekly program featured top country stars.

Warren, who also is a free-lance country music writer, appeared with many Grand Ole Opry stars. He has served as producer and promoter of country music artists and shows, as a country music disc jockey on regional radio. Among his numerous recordings are "Ball of Fire," "Prisoner's Dream," "Jersey Central Special," "Swore to Later," "I'm My Own Favorite" and "San Antonio Rose." He has received more awards than he can remember, and most recently, he was featured as the Pioneer of the Month by Country Music News, a monthly entertainment guide, and was awarded the "C&W Pioneer Legend."

from the Country Music Association of America. Warren will appear on the Rahway stage in two performances. According to the theater, he will be "back by popular demand."

"They called me from the Union County Arts Center," he said. "And they told me there would be two legends coming in Waylon Jennings and Smokey Warren. He does traditional and contemporary music like myself. I guess," he said modestly, "they felt that I did real well in the 50th anniversary show in January 1992. They said," Warren laughed, "that they wanted to take me out of retirement. If you call that retirement!"

Warren explained that he had been "working 25 to 30 years for organizations and country theaters. They always use my group on the Fourth of July at the Somerset County Park. This is my 15th year there, and I even book entertainment there right after the fireworks."

"Over the years, they've helped me out in my career. I think it's one of the things I always do."

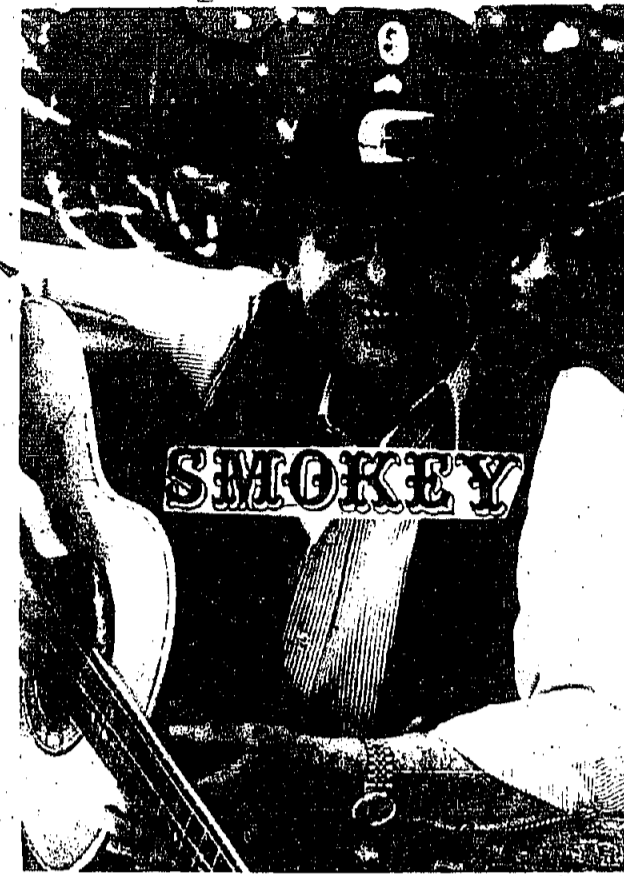
Warren appeared most confident about real retirement. "I'm going to retire in May 1995 in conjunction with my 50th wedding anniversary. My wife, Gena, and my daughter, Carol Perrain, were quite surprised when I made up my mind. That's it," he grinned.

"Except, of course, next Fourth of July. I'll be back strumming my guitar and entertaining at the Somerset County Park. It's so hard to say 'no.'"

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Smokey Warren of Linden will share the bill with Waylon Jennings in a country western jamboree Dec. 10 at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

## 'Heroes and Heroines' scheduled in Summit

"Heroes and Heroines: From Myth to Reality" will be the name of the musical program funded by Sony Corporation of America at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit.

A members' preview reception will be held Jan. 13, 1995 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Special programs include Arthur Chamber Music Society's "Heroes and Myths," and feature a concert and lecture on Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. On Feb. 5 at 3 p.m., there will be a storyteller, Mary Rachel Platt. The snowdate is Feb. 19. Admission will be free for this event.

The Members' Gallery will offer "Howard Nithenson: New Works,"

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## What's Going On?

**CRAFT**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1994**  
EVENT: CLP's Winter Wonderland Craft Boutique & Bake Sale.  
PLACE: Our Lady of Peace Auditorium, South St., New Providence. Information call 908-464-5600.  
TIME: Sat. 9 AM-5 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM-2 PM.  
PRICE: Free admission. Knights of Columbus taking orders for their "fabulous" annual baffle. For sale: potteries, craft gifts, homemade baked goods.  
ORGANIZATION: Our Lady of Peace Church.

**CONCERT-MUSIC**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1994**  
EVENT: Christmas Candlelight Concert.  
PLACE: Park United Methodist Church, Broad & Park Sts., Bloomfield.  
TIME: 4 P.M.  
PRICE: Free will offering. Chancel, children & soprano choirs, organ, harp & guest soloist.  
ORGANIZATION: Park United Methodist Church.

**BAZAAR**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1994**  
EVENT: Christmas Bazaar  
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 134 Prospect Ave., Irvington.  
TIME: 9 AM to 3 PM.  
PRICE: Tables available for \$15.00. Call 201-372-0068 or 201-763-3291. Great Christmas items, table of handmade crafts & stocking stuffers. Hot lunch & homemade treats.  
ORGANIZATION: Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**OTHER**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 10, 1994**  
EVENT: Christmas Tree Sale  
PLACE: Driveway of United Methodist Church, 321 North Wood Ave., Linden.  
TIME: Fri. 5 PM-7 PM; Saturday, 10 AM-7 PM.  
PRICE: \$5.00 per foot.  
ORGANIZATION: Linden United Methodist Church.

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**'The Grinch,' a musical, to be staged on Dec. 17**  
"The Grinch," a musical for children of all ages, will be presented Dec. 17 in Connecticut Farms Elementary School, Chestnut Street in Union.

It is being directed by Candice and Sam Capewego, choreographed by Cathy De Leo with musical direction by Mark Filan.

The cast members are from various schools throughout Union.

Bea Smith, Editor  
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## Special holiday fare



Kean College Concert Band will perform in a holiday concert Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at Woodbridge Center Mall, Woodbridge. Bob Yurochko of the music department, conducts the band. There is no admission fee. Further information can be obtained by calling (908) 527-2107/8.

## 42 grants to be given

Forty arts groups and presenters of arts programs will receive a total of \$68,430 from the Union County Arts Grant Program 1994-95.

"That sum represents the majority of the grant of \$86,500 from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to our Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs," said Froehler Linda-Lee Kelly, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "The remainder and a cash match of \$16,970 provided by the Board of Chosen Froehlers will enable the Office to hire a part-time staff person, provide technical assistance work-steps, and provide other programs for the benefit of Union County artists and residents," she added.

Marcia Cohen, chairman of the Arts Grant Committee of the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, explained that the applications were initially evaluated by professional panels and then were reviewed by the Arts Grant Committee.

The organizations receiving grants through the Union County Arts Grant Program will be recognized at the All Union County Festival of the Arts, with host entertainer Clint Holmes, on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Union County Arts Center, Rahway.



Fifth Grade School Chorus will join with the Westfield Glee Club in a Christmas concert Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt Intermediate School, Westfield. Fifty-two boy and girl volunteer singers from five of the town's schools, will perform. The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Westfield Avenue and First Street, Westfield. At that concert, the Holy Trinity Interparochial School Children's Choir will sing. The director, Rives Cassoli, also will present a brief organ program.

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## Hospital volunteer spends days cheering cancer patients

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Perhaps they hear her bubbly voice saying, "Hi, how are you doing today?" or they may hear music coming from down the hall and realize that she is probably dancing and singing with another patient. No matter how they find out, you can be sure every patient knows volunteer Linda Rodriguez is around and soon will be stopping by their room to bring some happiness and cheer.

Rodriguez, who has been a volunteer at Union Hospital for more than three years, looks just like any other wife and mother of three — well, at least most of the time she does. You may, for example, find her walking the halls dressed in her bath robe and slippers with her hair in curlers. But she isn't running late that morning; she just decided to throw a pajama party for the patients.

"I have to see unhappy people," said Rodriguez. "So I come in dressed up and have fun with each patient while cheering them. By doing these crazy things, I help bring smiles to their faces and brighten their day."

This is just one of the many costumes that Rodriguez has been known to wear to give patients a good laugh. On any given day, she could show up in a crazy outfit, or just walk around doing silly things to make patients feel good. She doesn't stop at dressing



Linda Rodriguez, left, with oncology patient Jane Bell, or 'Grams' as her friends call her, doesn't always show up for her volunteer work at Union Hospital in her bathrobe and curlers, but on this day Rodriguez was throwing a pajama party for the patients of the cancer unit. Rodriguez volunteers her time and herself to the benefit and delight of the patients she works with.

can be cheered up by others. The patients always make me laugh and cheer me up when I am down. We're here for each other."

Rodriguez said she feels that her caring nature comes naturally. She volunteers her time because it is important to her to make others feel happy and cared for. "During my whole life, I've brought up caring for people. It just feels right."

Rodriguez lives in Hillside with her husband, Whitken, and their three children: Whitten, Diane and Jamie. Rodriguez is a full-time nurse and when she's not volunteering at the hospital, she is a coach on the Union Hospital softball team and coaches a local girls softball team.

"You can always learn from other people, no matter who they are and what their situation is," said Rodriguez. "The patients on this unit give back to me just as much as I give to them. Everybody has a bad day and

## School opens doors for dance classes

The Westfield School of Dance will again provide an opportunity this month for the community's interested dancers to receive a dance class with a world renowned choreographer, director, performer or teacher that they otherwise might not receive.

In October, the Westfield School of Dance hosted master tap classes with Crystal Chapman. Chapman's credits include choreographer for "Oklahoma!" and "Annie" and The Night Visitors. Chapman has also appeared with Tommy Tune in "A Demand Performance" at Lincoln Center. Currently, she is on the faculty at Broadway Dance Center.

Douglas Wassell, also on the faculty of New York City's famous Broadway Dance Center, will teach this year's December master ballet classes. Wassell's credits include solo and principal roles with the Les Grands Ballets Canadian, on faculty at David Howard's, owner of Ballet and Theater Dance from 1992-96, and guest teaches internationally.

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Our retail advertising department is looking for outside sales representatives for Union and Essex counties. Positions involve selling and servicing a variety of businesses in existing territories. Advertising experience helpful, but if you have the right stuff, we'll train. Dependable transportation is a must. We offer salary plus commissions, and full benefit package. Please call to arrange an interview.

**WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS**  
908-686-7700

**HELP WANTED**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Must be experienced in Customer Service, Westfield Letter to work for Union County services company. Call Mr. Phillips, 908-687-4494

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Female, Westfield Letter to work for Union County services company. Call Mr. Phillips, 908-687-4494

**ADVERTISING DIRECTOR**  
Competitive weekly newspaper group in New Jersey seeks experienced, motivated, energetic, self-motivated individual to direct advertising sales. Good pay, full benefits. Apply to: Mr. Smith, Avon Independent Sales Representative, 1000-2000

**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTOR**  
America's leading fitness chain needs Certified Aerobic Instructors. Good pay, full benefits. Call 908-687-5727

**AVON SALES**  
All Areas  
Call 204-545-8390

**DRIVER PART TIME**  
Driver needed for deliveries in New Jersey and Pennsylvania using company vehicles. Must have clean driving record. Call 908-687-5636

**DRIVERS WANTED**  
For local suburban company. Full time positions available. Call John or Dawn at 201-762-5700

**DRIVER(S)**  
With van, for overnight newspaper deliveries on a week to local post offices and other locations. NO COLLECTIONS, NO SUNDAY PAPERS.  
Call Mark Cartwell  
908-686-7700, ext. 305.

**DRIVER**  
The need to respect state and other OTM's. Home weekly (part-time), assigned trucks, great benefits. \$1,000 experienced sign-on bonus. Burlington Motor Carriers, 1-800-828-8282

**DRIVER WITH CLASS C**  
and passenger endorsement to drive 12 passenger van, part time. Must be dependable. 6:10-10:00.  
EARN MONEY reading books \$30,000/year. Home weekly (part-time), assigned trucks, great benefits. \$1,000 experienced sign-on bonus. Burlington Motor Carriers, 1-800-828-8282

**EARN THOUSANDS**  
processing mail at home. Home weekly (part-time), assigned trucks, great benefits. \$1,000 experienced sign-on bonus. Burlington Motor Carriers, 1-800-828-8282

**EARN UP TO \$700 weekly**  
No experience. Own car. Home weekly (part-time), assigned trucks, great benefits. \$1,000 experienced sign-on bonus. Burlington Motor Carriers, 1-800-828-8282

**ELECTRICIAN**  
WILL TRAIN. Must have valid New Jersey's driver's license. Call 908-686-9882, after 5:00 PM.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
Circulation Assembler Growing company in Mountaintide is seeking persons with excellent writing and editing skills for positions available throughout the state. Please call 908-789-8700.

**YOUR AD could appear here for as little as \$4.00 per week.**  
Call for more details. Home weekly (part-time), assigned trucks, great benefits. \$1,000 experienced sign-on bonus. Burlington Motor Carriers, 1-800-828-8282

**EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY**  
Sales experience a plus. Insurance experience not required. Possible even in excess of \$50,000 first year with quarterly bonus opportunity. Attractive benefits, Superior training and mentor system, professional environment. Complete 200766 investment products, multi-line marketing, high income, full paid organization. Free opportunity for those interested. EOE. Call Howard Diamond, 908-563-6746.

**FLOORTIME PART TIME**  
Home flexible. Full position, 8:00-10:00 AM. Call 908-686-7070

**HAIREDRESSER WITH**  
blowing or rent chair. Full position, 8:00-10:00 AM. Call 908-686-7070

**HOUSEKEEPER NANNY**  
for end and 3 year old children. Full time. Live in South Orange. Must drive stick. Call 201-762-0444.

**HELP WANTED**

**CHILD CARE**  
needed full-time Monday-Friday for 4 1/2 month baby in Maplewood or your home. Call after 5:00pm. 201-762-0474.

**CIVILIAN DISPATCHER**  
BOROUGH OF ROSSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Full time with workweek schedule. High school diploma required. P.O. degree preferred. Must be at least 21 years of age. Minimum age 18 years, warm and background check. Must meet physical requirements. Minimum 1000 hours of experience. All benefits. Applications available at the Borough Clerk's office, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ. Will be accepted thru December 22, 1994.

**COOK WANTED**  
Part time, Bloomfield area. Competitive salary. No benefits. FAX resume in confidence to: Dr. Harrison, 201-442-1422

**DESIGNER**  
PART TIME and Full Time. Must have 5+ years experience in design. Full time. Health benefits included. 9:00am-5:00pm. Florida, 1354 Shuyesant Avenue, Union, NJ. NJ 07083

**DOCUMENT SCANNING OPERATOR**  
Growing company in Union now accepting applications for full time positions. Must be computer literate. Excellent benefits. Knowledge of a PC in a plus. Call 908-687-5636

**HELP WANTED**

**INFANT CARE**  
Cover and Certified Pre-school Teacher positions open at Peanut Shell Child Care Center, Livingston. Candidates must be enthusiastic, responsible and have experience with young children. 201-533-1511.

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
West Orange degree for some accomplished litigation secretary. Two plus years experience necessary. Word Perfect II a must. Please call office manager, 201-669-0100.

**LIVE IN**  
In a beautiful home. Honest and responsible. Please call 201-872-1800

**MANAGER PART TIME**  
ARAMARK  
School Nutrition Services  
Union Township School District  
Seeking qualified applicants for an Elementary cafeteria manager. Position is full time. Interested individuals should contact Debbie Smith-Holmes at 201-872-1800, EOE.

**POSTAL JOBS**  
Start \$11.41/hour. For exam and application information call 219-789-8301 ext. NLS17. 9AM-5PM, Sunday 21-872-1800

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Opportunities to join Greenhouse drug store leader. No experience necessary. Will train. Competitive salary and comprehensive benefits. Apply in person  
406 Springfield Avenue  
Union Twp. (near Pizaz)  
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# Real Estate

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IF YOU can spare a few minutes, I can show you how you can get a service sector business. No investment. No sales. No inventory. No risk. For information, call 607-525-5661.

**INVESTORS!** Now available Northeast PA, 21 unit retail apartment building with 25 garage spaces. Money maker! \$250,000. (607) 253-2482. Contact: Wallingford, Colwell Barker, Commonwealth Realty, 717-253-4822.

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ELIZABETH, FOR sale, 3-story home, 3 1/2 baths, 2 family, base offer. Call: 908-682-5003 or 908-682-5003.

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### APARTMENT TO RENT

HELSDINE, 2 1/2, room, semi apartment, carpet and paint, private entrance, near New Jersey transportation bus and train, one month's security, 908-555-6552. Available December 1st.

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### NEW JERSEY MORTGAGE RATES

Lender, City, Phone	APP FEE	30 YR FIXED RATE	15 YR FIXED RATE	OTHER RATE	PT'S APR	PT'S APR	
Action Mortgage Corp, Union	800-303-2887	0.85	3.00	0.80	11.50	2.75	4.30 F
American Federal Mtg, Union	800-888-8500	1.00	7.75	3.00	0.80	11.50	2.50
American Savings Bk, Bloomfield	201-748-3000	0.10	1.30	2.50	0.41	0.63	2.50
Bankers Savings, Perth Amboy	609-442-4100	350.00	1.30	2.75	0.40	0.75	2.50
Capital Funding, Parsippany	908-862-8700	0.25	1.00	3.00	0.80	1.00	0.63
Chesed Fin Svcs, Hackensack	201-342-8594	255.75	2.50	0.93	0.13	2.50	0.66 A
Columbia Savings Bk, Linden	908-682-4000	300.00	2.50	0.92	0.63	2.50	0.91 A
Coreslates Mortgage Services	908-688-3885	250.00	0.88	3.00	0.96	0.38	3.00
First DeWitt Savings, W. Caldwell	201-378-5000	400.00	3.00	0.95	0.63	3.00	0.95
First Fidelity Bank	908-428-7233	375.00	0.90	3.00	0.96	0.75	3.00
First Savings Bank, Edison	908-225-4400	325.00	0.75	3.00	0.10	0.25	0.80
Goness Mtg Svcs, E. Brunswick	908-257-5700	375.00	1.10	3.00	0.47	0.63	3.00
Gibraltar Savings Bank, Newark	908-372-1221	395.00	1.10	3.00	0.47	0.63	3.00
Imperial Credit Ind, Parsippany	908-246-2700	245.00	0.89	2.50	0.28	0.63	2.50
Investors Savings Bank, Millburn	201-378-6100	300	N/P	N/P	N/P	1.10	0.73 A
Ivy Mortgage, Belle Mead	908-489-5363	300	0.75	3.00	0.69	0.38	3.00
Key Corp Mtge, Laurence Harb.	908-539-6878	250	0.90	3.00	0.97	0.63	3.00
Lehigh Savings Bank, Union	908-688-0003	350	0.90	3.00	0.94	0.50	3.00
Midstate Bank, N.A.	908-382-3600	380	0.10	3.00	0.95	0.63	3.00
Morgan Carlson Fin, Ridgewood	908-682-4100	450	N/P	N/P	N/P	0.50	2.75
Mortgage Unlimited, Lyndhurst	908-686-2274	195	0.88	3.00	0.21	0.50	3.00
Natwest Home Mortgage	908-988-8761	350	0.75	3.00	0.00	1.10	0.83
New Century Mtge, E. Brunswick	908-300-4600	375	0.95	2.13	0.22	0.50	2.13
Premier Mortgage, Union	908-687-2000	375	0.76	3.00	N/P	0.25	3.00
Pulsak Savings Bk, Springfield	201-564-0000	350	0.75	3.00	0.00	0.80	4.88
Pulse Savings Bank, Cranbury	908-385-0088	350	0.90	3.00	0.34	0.25	2.50
Stirling National Bank, Clark	908-682-8728	195	0.50	2.75	0.81	0.25	2.75
United Jersey Bk, Ridgely Pk	908-682-0811	325	0.90	3.00	0.94	0.50	3.00
Valley National Bank, Wayne	908-682-4100	450	N/P	N/P	N/P	0.50	2.75
West Mortgage, Cedar Knolls	201-306-2728	250	0.90	3.00	0.58	0.50	3.00
West Essex Savings Bank, SLA	201-876-7080	370	0.65	1.00	0.74	0.25	2.00
Worce Financial Svcs, Warren	908-586-9710	0.50	0.90	3.00	0.50	0.13	0.80

APP FEE - single family fees  
N/P - Contact lender for calculated Annual Percentage Rates  
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UNION, 1 LARGE bedroom, Pilevis 1/2 bath, kitchen, laundry, private garage. Available immediately. No smoking. \$275 per month. Includes utility. Call: 908-682-5003.

### HOUSE TO RENT

UNION, DUREX, 8 rooms, 1 1/2 baths, detached garage, pool, finished basement. \$1100 monthly plus utilities. 1 1/2 months security. Call: 908-682-4400.

### HOUSE TO SHARE

UNION, SENIOR female seeking female to share private home. \$200 per month includes utilities. Call: 908-682-4400.

### VACATION RENTALS

POCONO, SUN MOON, 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, and full townhouse with jacuzzi, indoor swimming, tennis, restaurant, golf, hot tub, cable, Christmas or New Year's. Call: 908-682-4400.

### WILMINGTON VERMONT

WILMINGTON VERMONT, Skiing, 3 bedroom chalet, fireplace, deck, woodstove, hiking trails, scenic views, walk to transportation and minutes to Mount Snow. Week/Weekends. 703-938, 908-479-3952.

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Colorful 4 bedroom, 3 baths, living room, dining room, open full basement, kitchen and family room (one with fireplace). Open onto in-ground pool. Poolside setting. Approximately 1 acre. By owner. \$539,000.

### CEMETERY PLOTS

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# Automotive

## Corvette - the 1995 Indy Pace Car

Chevrolet's Corvette, the definitive American sports car, has been named official pace car for the 79th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 28, 1995.

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COASTAL, NC, like near the beach \$100,000. Beautiful, quiet Swainsboro, high wooded lot with access to the beach. Ready to build. Call: 908-682-5003.

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Typical drivers will travel approximately 70 feet during an emergency stop, from 65 miles per hour, before their feet reach the brake pedal. With poor eyesight, bad lights or squeaking windshield wipers, or if under the effects of alcohol or medicine, their reaction times will be even slower.

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### The real scoop on rental insurance

There you are, bagging in hand, visions of a great vacation dancing through your head. And then, the person behind the rental car counter starts asking questions like, "Do you want the collision damage waiver, CDW?" If you're like most people, even if you know what a CDW is, you probably haven't given it much thought.

Most travelers don't, until they pick up their rental car at the busy airport — not the ideal place or time to make important financial decisions, warns Raymond Jajko of the Independent Insurance Agents of Union County (IIAUC).

The controversial waivers have caused widespread confusion for consumers around the country. A collision damage waiver is not insurance, it is an agreement you make with the rental car company that protects you from paying for collision damage incurred while the car is in your possession. By paying an additional fee, the CDW releases you from financial responsibility if you damage the rental car, provided you comply with the terms of the contract.

Restrictions vary considerably. Exclusions that invalidate the waiver range from driving on unpaved roads, drinking, or driving in a careless manner. Although rental companies can be forced to disclose fees, they are not subject to regulation by a state insurance commissioner, therefore, CDWs are not technically considered insurance.

You should be aware of your options and the risks involved before you sign on the dotted line. If you don't, you could be flirting with financial disaster or, more frustrating, paying for something you already have.

Each case is different, but a quick review of a few basic facts before you rent a car can save you time, money and a giant headache later.

Your first step should be to contact your insurance agent to find out your options, risks, and what your policy does and does not cover.

You may already have sufficient coverage for rentals under your own auto insurance policy. Experts estimate that 60-80 percent of car owners have coverage that applies to any rented or non-owned car — subject to the same exclusions and deductibles that apply to the car you own.

Often, rates advertised do not include the price of the CDW's, and may even double the daily rental car.

Membership in certain associations or automobile clubs may already provide automatic collision coverage as a membership benefit. Using a specific credit card like American Express, or the gold edition of Visa or MasterCard to charge the rental car will also give you that coverage.

However, in some cases, you may be safer opting for the waiver. For example, if your auto insurance policy does not provide coverage for you driving a car you don't own, or if your policy record is blemished — one more ticket or accident and your policy may be cancelled.

Another point to keep in mind is if the car is damaged, most rental agencies will add on loss-of-use fees and administrative charges while the car is being repaired. This means that you will be charged for the money the company loses while the car is out of service. Even if your insurance policy provides coverage for rentals, most do not include coverage for these fees.

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### Cold weather car checks

Record-breaking winter temperatures can leave you with enough car repairs to break your bank account. That's why it's no time to let simple preventive car maintenance procedures fly south with the birds. Consider these tips for a smooth ride this winter.

**Shocks and Struts** — Alternate freezing and thawing can produce hazardous driving conditions — such as potholes. Even the most precise drivers can barely escape a whole winter without a single damaged tire or broken spring, but sometimes the jolt from the one you couldn't dodge can be very expensive. The loss of a muffler and

sometimes the pipes that go with it can be prevented by regularly inspecting the undercarriage. If you survive a pothole, let an expert do an alignment check to assess any damage that may have occurred to shock absorbers, struts and other suspension parts.

**Tires** — When outside temperatures begin to drop, tires should be checked at least once a month, since cold weather reduces your tire's inflation pressure. Driving underinflated tires causes tire tread to wear faster and unevenly, and it can reduce ride performance, affect vehicle handling, and decrease your vehicle's fuel efficiency.



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## The Buick Roadmaster and Estate wagon — many luxurious improvements for '95



The Buick Roadmaster sedan and Estate Wagon receive a number of improvements for 1995. The Roadmaster wagon is now offered in the more luxurious Limited trim level. Roadmaster Limiteds, both sedans and wagons, have comfortable new front and rear seats.

Other improvements on Roadmaster include a family of user-friendly radios, larger fold-away exterior mirror and on Estate Wagon, a standard "vista" shade for the vista window in the roof and security cover for the cargo area.

Roadmaster retains the full-frame, rear-wheel-drive design preferred by many traditional buyers. With its 260-horsepower V-8 engine and electronically controlled four-speed automatic transmission, it provides brisk performance and excellent fuel economy. With the optional trailer-towing package, Roadmaster sedan and Estate Wagon offer a 5,000-pound trailer-towing capacity.

A third, rear-facing seat continues as standard equipment on all Roadmaster Estate wagons, bringing maximum passenger capacity to eight. Roadmaster Limited Estate Wagon



The Roadmaster Estate wagon, previously offered only in well-equipped standard trim, is also available with the more luxurious Limited package for 1995.

The Limited package includes automatic climate control, automatic programmable door locks, automatic power antenna, remote keyless entry, six-way power seat for the driver and passenger and other luxury features.

As before, standard equipment on all Roadmaster sedan and Estate Wagons is extensive, including V-8 engine, anti-lock brakes, dual air bags, air conditioning, power windows and automatic door locks.

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# 1995 Ford automobiles

## Ford Thunderbird

As it marks 40 years of production, Thunderbird continues to provide the kind of customer satisfaction that has made it the top-seller in its market segment (middle specialty cars) for six straight years.

Thunderbird comes in two models, LX and Super Coupe, with a choice of V-6, supercharged V-6 or 4.6-liter V-8 engines. A new option for 1995 is an electronic AM/FM stereo radio with compact disc player and premium sound.



The 1995 and 1995 Ford Thunderbirds

## Ford Contour

Contour is Ford's all-new five-passenger sedan. The product of the best of Ford Motor Company's global engineering and design capabilities, Contour provides exceptional ride, handling and performance.

Positioned between Ford Escort and Ford Taurus, the mid-size Contour is designed to attract singles, young couples and young families.

Contour has two technologically advanced multi-valve engines. One is the 125-horsepower 2.0-liter 16-valve DOHC four-cylinder Zetec engine. The Zetec is standard on GL and LX series. The other is the Duratec engine, an all-aluminum low-maintenance 2.5-liter DOHC V-6 engine. The Duratec, rated at 170 h.p., won't need its first scheduled tune-up until its odometer hits 100,000 miles, thanks primarily to its platinum-tipped spark plugs. The Duratec V-6 is standard on the Contour SE.

All Contours are equipped with a standard MicroAir® Filtration System. The system adds to occupant comfort by removing microscopic pollen and dust particles from outside air as it enters the passenger compartment. This replaceable filter is a first for cars in this segment.

Exterior refinements sharpen the dash of the Probe, the best-selling front-wheel drive sporty car. Both Probe and Contour GT have redesigned taillights. The GT also offers a new rear-bumper facing and new 16-inch five-spoke aluminum

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The 1995 Ford Contour GL

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America's best-selling car further broadens its appeal in 1995 with the addition of a new model, the SE. Connected with younger buyers in mind, the new model has sport bucket from seats derived from the Taurus

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