

Concept car takes Geneva



Saab whets the appetites of performance purists with two all-new concept cars... an aggressively styled coupe, above, and a convertible... Both Saab concept cars will be unveiled during a press conference at the International Auto Show in Geneva, Switzerland on March 5.

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blue and white ASE outdoor sign and post their technicians' credentials in the customer service area. Officials with the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence...

Chevy Monte Carlo wins NASCAR Cup

Jeff Gordon, driver of the No. 24 DuPont Automotive Engines Monte Carlo, captured the 1995 NASCAR Winston Cup manufacturer's championship for Chevrolet with a victory Sunday in the Mountain Dew Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

Gordon, a 24-year-old driver with only 85 career starts on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit, leads the way in several categories this season: Gordon leads in victories, 6, poles, 8, and laps led, 2,051.

On Goodwrench's Silverado Monte Carlo, he led in the standings, 204 points behind Gordon. And the Chevrolet rookie is also battling it out in their Monte Carlo's own Winston Cup circuit.

It is the combined effort of all the Chevy drivers and teams that produce a manufacturer's championship... The Chevrolet Monte Carlo, returning to the track for the first time since 1989, was led into the pits by the 1995 Winston Cup winner's circle this season.

Advertisement for Miller Pontiac/Cadillac. Features a large 'SUPER WHEELS!' graphic, a '20 DOWN' offer, and a table of car prices including the 1996 Sedan Deville for \$32,730. Includes the Miller logo and contact information for Route 27, St. George Ave., Rahway, NJ.

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Charted waters Mike Chertoff, former U.S. attorney for New Jersey, is advising GOP on Whitewater, Page B1.

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They want you The fire department needs some able-bodied volunteers to keep the township safe, Page 6.

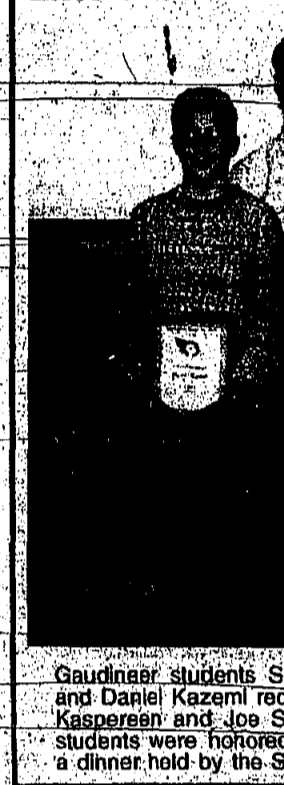
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Community Update

Blood drive North Jersey Blood Center will hold a blood drive at First Presbyterian Church, located at 30 Church Hill, on March 19 from 1-9 PM.

Elk honors



Gaudinbar students Scott Kessler, front row left, Jonathan Au, Monica Swartz and Daniel Kazem receive trophies from teacher Eric Daniel, top row left, and Jerry Gasperini, top row right, for their participation in the First Meringue Period from Gaudinbar.

Board suspends accused teacher

By Blaine Dilport Staff Writer The Board of Education announced Monday that it had voted unanimously to suspend teacher John Howarth without pay pending child molestation charges brought against him by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office.

State to announce date of referendum

By Blaine Dilport Staff Writer The Union County Regional High School Board of Education met Tuesday night and set a date for the referendum on decentralization which will be held on March 15, 1996.

Women's self-defense

Having Kharma studios is offering a women's self-defense course, consisting of two separate sessions concentrating on self-defense awareness, focus, balance, breathing and relaxation with hands-on practical techniques for defensive application.

Tax assistance

Free income tax assistance is available Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Library, located at 64 Mountain Ave. Call the library at 375-4930 to arrange an appointment.

Meeting changed

The meeting of the Recreation Commission scheduled for March 19 has been rescheduled for March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Sarah Balch Civic Center.

Rabies clinic

The Westfield Board of Health will conduct a free rabies clinic from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Westfield Fire Station #2 on Central Avenue.

Law provides no job for Merachnik

By Blaine Dilport Staff Writer With the date of the referendum on decentralization expected to be held in the district, the Regional High School District Superintendent Donald Merachnik has been piling step closer to possible unemployment.

Commission questions tree plans, quarry use

By Kathryn Fitzgerald Managing Editor At its workshop meeting on Monday the Township Committee heard from Chris Harick of the Environmental Commission, who addressed concerns regarding continuation and use of township property.

Blueprint buddies



Sandmiller students Courtney Mandans, Robby Shabat, Brandon Elam and Jacob Stadler display the model bridge they'd made while learning about bridge design and blueprints with Patrick Hogan, center, who visited the school.

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Library lessons



Denise Hunt-Norman, left, leads to Gaudinier fifth-graders in the school's library. She appeared to teach the students about February being Black History Month and March being Women's History Month.

Law provides no job for Merachnik

(Continued from Page 1) The Legislature's passage of a law that would strip the state of its right to sue Merachnik, who was already a defendant in a lawsuit filed by the state, is a surprise to Merachnik, who was already a defendant in a lawsuit filed by the state.

Seminars give financial tips

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Board discusses class for disabled students

(Continued from Page 1) The board will discuss creating a new preschool handicapped class to accommodate two Springfield students as well as three tuition students from New Providence and one from Union.

Commission questions tree-planting schedule

(Continued from Page 1) The commission is awaiting response to a letter they sent earlier, explaining the situation and asking Deputy Mayor Herbert Stone to meet for certain that the trees on Morris Avenue in fact were in very bad condition and warranted replanting.

Mayor Gregory Clarke commented that the Township Committee had thought it had state approval, but said he would check.

Health Day in Garwood

The Garwood Board of Health will sponsor Health Day Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Garwood Municipal Building, 403 South Ave. The health program offers an extensive blood screening, consisting of a SMAC 26, a Complete Blood Count and a High Density Lipoprotein. Additional tests will also be offered.

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Civic Calendar

- The Civic Calendar is prepared each week by the Springfield Leader and Mountain Echo. It is a listing of government meetings that are open to the public.
Monday: The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
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March 18: The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Gaudinier Middle School.
March 19: The Mountaineer Borough Council will hold its regular meeting at 9 p.m. in Borough Hall.
The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse will hold its "Alliance Orientation Program" at Union Hospital Community Services Center, located at 2343 Morris Ave. in Union, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education will hold a regular board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the library of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.
March 22: The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
March 26: The Springfield Township Committee will hold its executive session at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
April 1: The Springfield Township Committee will hold its weekly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
April 2: The Springfield Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
The Union County Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse will hold its "Marking Your Alliance" program at Union Hospital Community Center, located at 2343 Morris Ave. in Union, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

Springfield, Kenilworth plan for dissolution

By Kathryn Fitzgerald, Managing Editor. Students at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School may not have to worry about a transition, should the dissolution of the regional district occur, both the Springfield and Kenilworth boards of education have been working toward providing easy transition to the local systems.

The boards have called for open communication between the two municipalities to be established, since many students attending Dayton live in both towns. An ad-hoc committee has also been called for to develop a transition plan to allow parental and student concerns.

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Exhibits at Palmer Museum announced

The work of two local artists will be exhibited at the Donald B. Palmer Museum, located in the Springfield Free Public Library through March 14.

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Two other artists, Kelly Moran and Joy Krewes will exhibit together at the museum from March 16 through April 18.

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When it comes to ADHD, Family Matters. Families with an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) child do not have to confront their challenges alone. Family Service of Summit, a division of Overlook Hospital, is offering a two part lecture series for parents, educators and other interested professionals. The first lecture in this two part series is: Treating the Attention Deficit Hyperactive Child: A Family Approach. Speakers: Kristen Peck, PhD, Sarah Behr Moaba, LCSW. The Program is Free and will be held at Overlook Hospital, Middletown, March 13, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Health Connection at (908) 522-3353.

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Volunteers planning the tea dance include DBE officers Martin Brock of Summit, and Windecker, of Cedar Knolls, and Monica DeWitt, of Summit.

Tea dance to benefit retirees

The Daughters of the British Empire, Queen Elizabeth II Chapter, and the Friends of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will hold a tea dance March 24, from 4:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, 68 Elm St., Summit.

Seminars give financial tips

An eight-session series of seminars on financial planning, designed to give laypersons an idea of how to plan, will be offered during the spring semester at Union County College's Cranford campus.

Residents star in Kent Place play

The Kent Place School Theater Department is staging the off-Broadway hit "The Apple Tree," Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 and 8 p.m., in the school's Performing Arts Center.

Philanthropy seminars

The second in a series of seminars, titled "You Can Be Philanthropic!" will be held March 19 at 7 p.m. in suite 405 of the Overlook Hospital Medical Arts Center at 33 Overlook Road, Summit.

Volunteers sought

Volunteers, including retired or former teachers interested in learning more about ecology and working with children outdoors, may register for a series of seminars.

Campaign begun

Summit Bank locations throughout New Jersey are bringing to the green for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through March 15.

Woodruff J. English

Woodruff J. English, 86, of Summit and Liberty Corner, a prominent lawyer whose career spanned four decades, died March 3 in Meadow Lakes, Highlands.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Siebe then was a custodian at Gov. Livingston Regional High School, Berkeley Heights, before retiring eight years ago.

Antonio Ferreira

Antonio Ferreira, 87, of Springfield, died March 3 in Union Hospital. Born in Miami, Portugal, Mr. Ferreira lived in Newark before moving to Springfield in 1956.

DEATH NOTICES

TRUCK - May J. (nee Pizzarello) of New Providence formerly of Linden on March 7, 1996, wife of the late John, mother of Richard and Robert, sister of Rose Pizzarello, nee-in-law of Clara Armstrong Turley and Mrs. J. Miller, sister of Rose Pizzarello, nee-in-law of Charles Pizzarello.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

A grid of small advertisements for various services including contractors, carpenters, painters, and home improvement services. Advertisers include MELO CONTRACTORS, SMYTHE VOLVO DEALER, and many others.

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Advertisement for kitchen and bath remodeling: Don't take a bath on your new kitchen! Your new kitchen or bath is a vital investment. Let an award-winning team at Abbey's help you create the most beautiful and affordable design for your home.

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Advertisement for Seton Hall University Graduate Corporate Communication: Seton Hall University invites you to an Open House in Graduate Corporate Communication. Wednesday, March 20, 1996, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Advertisement for tax services: FREE TAX WORK! CALL 686-9898 and enter a four digit selection number below.

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In step
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Mountaineers kick up their heels and learn the finer points of line dancing. These sessions are provided by the Recreation Commission and take place every Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Brechtwood School, located at 1487 Woodcross Drive in Mountaindale.

Haddasah meeting
The Springfield chapter of Haddasah invites the public to celebrate at their April 18 luncheon at the Chantilly Center where they will honor Miriam Gershwin as "Woman of the Year."

Preschool workshops
Congregations Beth Hatachvah will continue the preschool program that is initiated last year with a series of holiday workshops.

Ladies Group meeting
The Ladies Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will meet on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Hill.

Peace-keepers
Worrell Community Newspapers wants to keep our readers in touch with their neighbors serving in the military, whether stationed in the United States or abroad.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD 933 W. 24th St., Dallas, Texas 75219. Pastor: Rev. W. B. Baker. Sunday School 9:30 AM. Worship Service 10:45 AM. Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:30 PM.

WORSHIP CALENDAR
Victory Baptist Church, 1000 W. 15th St., Dallas, Texas 75210. Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. B. McMillen. Sunday School 9:30 AM. Worship Service 10:45 AM. Sunday Evening Service 7:30 PM. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7:30 PM.

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SPORTS

NJIAA Wrestling Tournament Continues Tomorrow and Saturday at Atlantic City's Convention Center

By J.R. Parrinello
Sports-Editor
Who was the biggest winner at the Region 3 Wrestling Tournament that concluded at Union High School last Saturday?

Bulldog grapplers have winning season Patel, Handler, Reino faced New Jersey's best at Region 3

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Parrinello Hills, Cobleskill lost to Tenczer for the second time, the first coming in the UCT semifinals.

Area grapplers who wrestled in Region 3

The following is a complete rundown of how wrestlers from our eight area schools (Roselle Park, Union, Rahway, Johnson Regional, Elizabeth, Linden, Dayton Regional and Roselle Park) performed in the Region 3 Tournament held at Union High School Feb. 28, March 1 and 2.

Region 3 at Union CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

103-Craig Frost, Roselle Park, dec. Tommy Doer, South Plainfield, 7-5. 113-Bonnie DeFilippis, Seton Hall Prep, pinned Justin Meadows, Roselle Park, 1:22.

LOCAL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Chapin, 1995 State Champion, won his second straight title in the 120-pound weight class at the NJIAA Wrestling Tournament.

Veronneau scores career 1,000th in quarterfinal win over Pingry

Saturday, Feb. 17, with only seconds left in the first half of the quarterfinal of the Torontonian, Oak Knoll center Kato Veronneau lifted the two-point shot and made it 19-17.

Girls' Basketball

Playing despite an injured knee, Veronneau stayed in the game disregarding his obvious pain until she scored the milestone-making point.

UC senior softball looking for players

The Union County Senior Softball League is looking for additional players to add to its age-50 and age-60 leagues.

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Center earnings down

Center Bancorp Inc., parent company of Union Center National Bank, reported fourth-quarter earnings of \$985,000 for 1995, a decline from \$1,044,000 in 1994. Fourth-quarter earnings of \$246,000 for 1995, a decline from \$267,000 in 1994. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1995, Center Bancorp reported earnings of \$4,040,000, a decrease compared to the \$4,777,000 reported in 1994. On a per-share common basis, earnings were 66 cents for the fourth quarter of this year as compared to 67 cents earned for the comparable period in 1994. Earnings per share for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1995, were \$2.83 as compared with earnings of \$2.83 per share for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 1994. These figures reflect the 5 percent dividend paid Aug. 1, 1994.

'Best Chef' competition

Food and beverage specialists from many of the area's fine restaurants, bikeries, caterers and beverage suppliers, will be featured during the upcoming "Best Chef Night" on March 25 at L'Affaire in Mountaineer. The evening of classic sampling also will offer patrons an opportunity to cast their ballots for their favorite specialty, entrée, dessert, beverage and beverage service. "Best Chef Night" is a competition that has become a tradition in the restaurant industry. It is an opportunity for chefs to showcase their talents and for diners to enjoy a variety of exceptional dishes. The event will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information, contact Gail Stecker, Messinger Associates, Inc., 1135 Spruce Drive, Suite 201, Mountaineer, NJ 07922; (908) 232-2620.

BUSINESS

Messinger relocates to Mountaineer

Messinger Associates Inc., a full-service advertising and public relations agency specializing in business-to-business industrial marketing communications, has expanded and relocated to a centrally located office in Mountaineer at 1135 Spruce Drive. Messinger Associates Inc., founded in 1985, is known for creating marketing communications programs for a variety of clients in the packaging, pharmaceutical, construction and machine design industries. For more information, contact Gail Stecker, Messinger Associates, Inc., 1135 Spruce Drive, Suite 201, Mountaineer, NJ 07922; (908) 232-2620.

Artful plans

Cheryl Good, left, manager of community relations of Kings Supermarkets, meets with Marge Baker, director of fund development at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, to finalize art layout and design for posters and flyers announcing "Best Chef's Night," scheduled for March 25 from 6-10 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountaineer.

Boys basketball program ends

The 5th-8th grade Mountaineer Boys Basketball program, which began in 1994, has come to a close on Feb. 29 with a consolation tournament similar to the one held in 1995. The program was organized by the Mountaineer Recreation Center. The 31 boys in the program were divided into four "regional" divisions. The 5th-8th grade Mountaineer Girls Recreation Basketball program will end Monday with a game against the Westfield team at 7 p.m. All teams won the Midwest regional by default.

Local attorney to appear on Law Journal

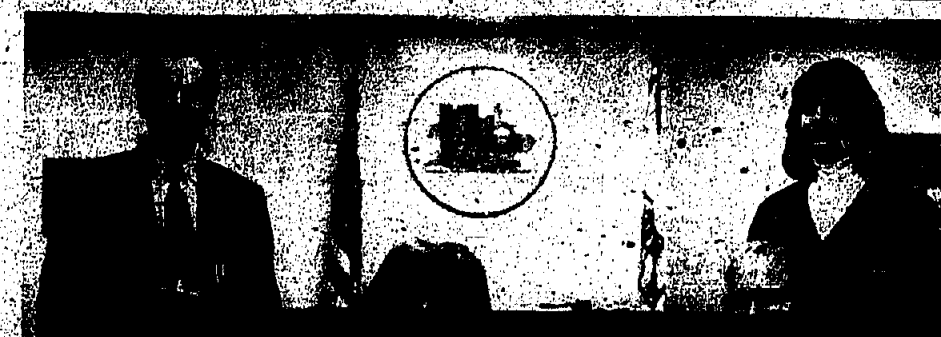
What happens when the medical experts disagree in a malpractice case? On Tuesday at 8 p.m., Springfield attorney Peter Korn of the firm of McDougall, Korn, Robinson & Boyle will discuss "Medical Malpractice: Witness for Hire, When Experts Disagree" on this week's edition of Law Journal, the weekly syndicated television program on the law hosted by New Jersey attorney Christopher DeLuca. The program will air on Channel 50.

Chertoff would make us proud

Michael Chertoff, a resident of Westfield and former U.S. attorney for New Jersey, has been named as a candidate for U.S. Senator. Chertoff is currently serving as the chief counsel to the Attorney General. He has a long record of public service and is widely respected in his community.

County Seag

Frank Piro, the ongoing investigation of the City of Newark and its Board of Education was begun under Chertoff. Chertoff was appointed as the special prosecutor to investigate the case. He has been working closely with the county and city officials to resolve the matter.



Freaholder Carol Cohen, center, presents a resolution recognizing the week of Feb. 11-17 as Vocational Education Week to fellow Westfield resident Jennifer Roby, Roby's daughter. The group is standing in front of a banner that reads "Vocational Education Week." Other people in the photo include a man in a suit and a woman in a dark jacket.

Vo-Tech supplying county with well-trained workers

The theme for Vocational Education Week, Feb. 11-17, was "School-to-Work: Transition," recognizing that each program has done for the county's work force. The week-long celebration was organized by the county and its vocational schools. It included various events, seminars, and workshops designed to highlight the importance of vocational education in the workforce.

Task Force tops \$15 million mark in recoveries

The Essex County Task Force, in less than five years of operation, has recovered over \$15 million in stolen vehicles. The task force has been instrumental in identifying and recovering thousands of stolen cars and trucks. Their efforts have significantly reduced the number of stolen vehicles in the county and have provided a source of revenue for law enforcement.

Those who make travels easier are rewarded

The county is looking to recognize the efforts of those who make travel easier for individuals with disabilities. The Access/Union County Program has been established to provide information and resources to help people with disabilities travel more easily. The program includes a directory of accessible businesses and services, as well as training and support for travelers.

Children 'spellbound' by prison experience

A group of 52 parents, school children in grades 4-12 and church leaders from Plainfield last week watched drug dealers getting sent to state prison. The children were spellbound by the experience, which was part of a community outreach program. The program aims to educate children about the dangers of drugs and the consequences of criminal behavior. The children were taken to the prison to see the inmates and hear from them about their experiences.

Edmonds, Gruba to join authority

A pair of county residents will be seated as alternates on the Union County Utilities Authority's Board of Commissioners during its March meeting. Walter Edmonds, a New Providence resident, and James Gruba, a Westfield resident, have been named as alternates. They will serve a five-year term and will be seated by Albert Dill, now a full commissioner. Edmonds is employed by Marsh & McLennan Protection Consultants as an injury management consultant. Also, he is affiliated with a variety of state and federal organizations that promote workplace safety.

Barry tops among Irish in county

William E. Barry of Westfield has been selected as "Irishman of the Year" by the Union County Chapter of the Irish Sons of St. Patrick. Barry is an executive at Spalding Sports and secretary of the Elizabeth W. Barry Veterans Center. He has been a member of the organization since 1990 and has been active in many of its programs. Barry was honored during the organization's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Westfield.

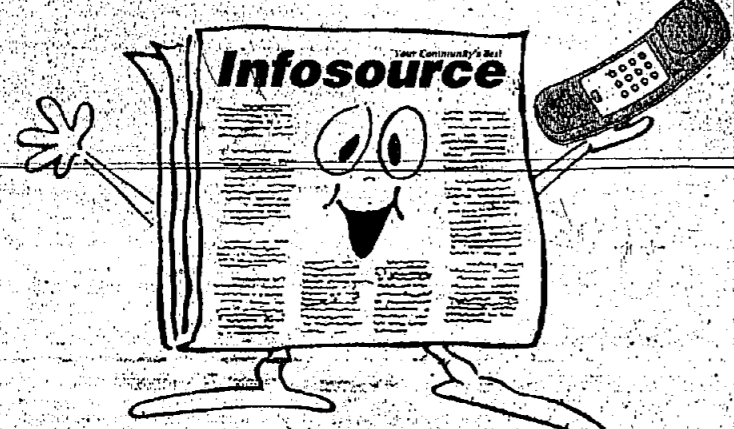
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Building a volunteer base focus of planned workshop. Cultural organizations, whose primary strength comes from their volunteers, are constantly striving to broaden their volunteer base.

Whitman proclaims March Valerie Fund Month. Gov. Christine Todd Whitman has proclaimed March "Valerie Fund Month" throughout New Jersey.

Freeholders honor three during chamber dinner. The Union County Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit, independent, non-union, nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization.

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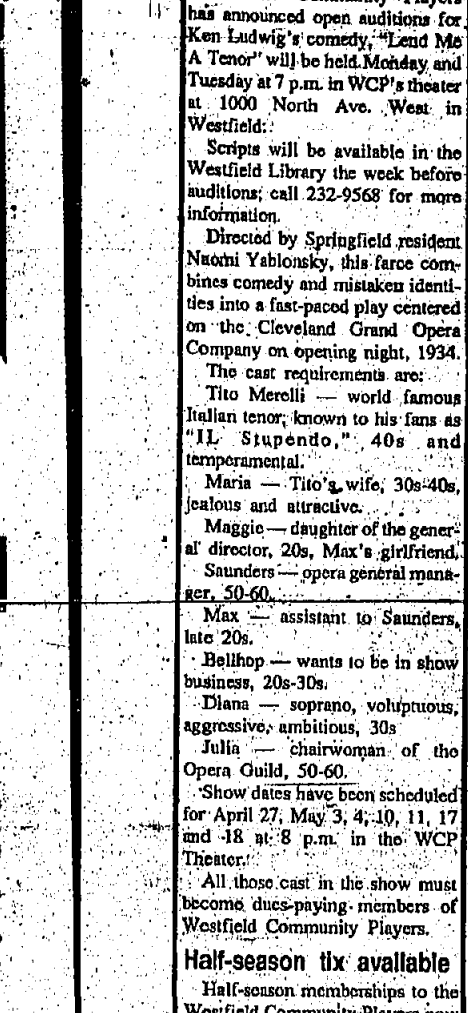
For all to see, Clint Holmes puts his life on stage

By Bea Smith
Clint Holmes of Summit, whose autobiographical musical play, 'Comfortable Shoes,' made its debut recently with himself as playwright and star to standing applause at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, apologized for being a little late for a luncheon interview.

It was the first time in months and months I'd been able to sleep through the night and awake late in the morning, he said a little breathlessly. That's probably because after so much work, reviews and worry, the play is finally beginning to stand on its own. And now Holmes can relax a little during the day and a lot at night.

Search for identity
The charming, handsome playwright-actor explained 'Comfortable Shoes' is a true story of his interracial family's struggle to find its identity. The musical tells the story of how Holmes' parents met during World War II. The American GI and English open stage fell in love, managed to overcome racism and finally became accepted and comfortable with each other.

Playwright, musician, actor, Clint Holmes, and his wife, Brenda, a television producer and teacher, spend time together backstage at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, where his autobiographical musical 'Comfortable Shoes' is being staged. The production will run through March 24.



to know something about me," her husband said. "Actually, it's a story of a family, and it's all about me." Before the time has been tight in terms of the relations in his country. It's a real life time," Brenda said. "It's his life, and it's his own drama," she added. "And your children must grow up and know their roots."

Show and sell



The coordinators of the Westfield Hadassah Art Show and Sale announce that the event, which will feature more than 1,000 sculptures, paintings and drawings, will be held at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield on March 17, from 1-9 p.m.; March 18 and March 19, from noon to 9 p.m.; and March 20, from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 233-6531.

Big band vocalist to play Watchung

"She is a remarkable singer," writes jazz historian and critic Don Moyes, "who takes her cues, not from the latest pop, but from the great jazz song stylists of jazz - notably Lee Wiley. And she approaches that tradition from the heart, not from the perspective of campy nostalgia."

Half-season tickets available

Half-season memberships to the Westfield Community Players now are available for \$20, said WCP Membership Director Lory Hinkak. For \$20, theatergoers will receive tickets to the remaining two productions.

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Tenor auditions planned

Westfield Community Players has announced open auditions for Ken Ludwig's comedy, 'Lord Me A Tenor' will be held Monday and Tuesday 7 p.m. in WCP's theater at 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield.

Skuiski show continues

The Skuiski Art Gallery in Clark will present an exhibit of paintings and graphics by Jwona and Jerry Plaskowski through Saturday.

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Locals compete for 'Best Chef' honors

Kings Lets, Inc. Cheryll Good, left, manager of community relations of Kings Supermarkets, and Marge Baker, director of fund development at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Council, will announce 'Best Chefs Night' on March 25 from 6-10 p.m. at L'Affaire in Mountainside.

Food and beverage specialties from many of the area's fine restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and beverage suppliers will be featured at the upcoming 'Best Chef's Night' on March 25 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. The evening of cuisine sampling will also offer patrons an opportunity to cast their ballots for their favorite appetizer, entree, dessert, beverage, table presentation and "Best of the Night."

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Automotive

GMC Truck introduces the all-new 1996 Yukon SUV

Last year, GMC Truck threw the industry for a loop by introducing the ideal in between sportability vehicle—the Yukon 4-Door. That successful model and its two-door cousin are back for 1996 with a raft of worthwhile improvements.

One of the truck industry's most revered engines—the Yukon's 5.7-liter V8—has been reengineered for 1996. The new 2700 V8 for 1996. The key benefits come from new sequential central port fuel injection. Like central port injection used exclusively on GMC Truck's V6 engines, fuel is delivered to each port via small tubes. This year's advancement is a delivery schedule that synchronizes injector operation to each combustion cycle. With sequential central port fuel injection, there are six micro injectors located at the center of the intake manifold instead of just one. As each injector is activated, fuel is dispensed to the proper intake port through a flexible transport tube. A poppet nozzle located at the end of each tube opens in response to fuel pressure then closes after the fuel is delivered to the air structure. This results in fuel economy, and drivability are all improved with sequential central port injection.

Another new feature for 1996 is a lightweight two-part intake manifold design. The bottom half is cast aluminum, as usual, but the upper half is made of composite-material-constructed for weight savings, thermal insulation, noise attenuation, and improved air flow. This is the first application of a composite intake manifold on any GM-built truck.

Cooling system improvements include standard dual electric fans across the full range of GMC Truck models—a quieter composite cooling fan, a new electric water pump bearing. Efficient glycol-based coolant allows the change interval to be extended to five years or 100,000 miles. Noise reduction is more efficient than over thinks to more rigid accessory mounting.

All this adds up to a substantial performance gain of 50 horsepower to a peak of 250 horsepower at 4600 rpm. The torque improvement is 25lb-ft to a new peak of 335 lb-ft at 2800 rpm.

Due to the fact that the V8's 3000 rpm engine puts out more torque than its predecessor, the manual transmission backing it up had to be fortified. A lower first gear ratio is now along with wider input and fifth gears. These changes give the New Venture 3500 five-speed durability for 1996.

The Yukon 2-Door comes equipped with a manual transmission and has new electronic slave cylinder design for lower pedal effort, shorter pedal travel, and greater durability. Most of the external clutch mechanism hardware is eliminated.

A newly formulated ethylene-glycol-based coolant is specified for

all 1996 Yukon models. This coolant has a change interval of 100 years or 100,000 miles versus just two years for the coolant it replaces. In addition, water pump seal life is longer with this formulation.

New spring-hinged doors now lower auxiliary power plugs. The nearby cigar lighter stays within the driver's reach at all times.

By keeping headlamps hit at a low and focused beam, the Yukon's improved lighting system is more intense, the visual profile looking more like a substantially revised, rather than a multi-vehicle collision. No effort on the part of the driver is necessary to see headlights and taillights are not illuminated in the daytime mode. Operation of the vehicle's lighting system for nighttime use is unchanged.

To improve back-seat passenger comfort, the 1996 Yukon has new padding near the driveline tunnel for resting head or neck. The improved passenger comfort in cold conditions is now on par with front-seat-passenger comfort.

To facilitate a more comfortable entry, the 1996 Yukon has 1800 lb-ft of torque. This new 3-tray fit for 20 seconds—40 seconds with the keyless entry option—after the last door is closed. Illumination is activated as soon as the ignition is turned on.

To improve passenger comfort, seat-side "airbags" are improved for 1996. The shoulder-mounted D-ring for the shoulder belt is height adjustable to accommodate occupants of varying heights.

A new optional electronic-shift mechanism for models equipped with automatic transmission, and four-wheel drive allows the driver to move from a traditional manual mode to another at the touch of two switches—one for two-wheel drive, another for the four-wheel-drive high or low. Indicator lamps built into each switch light display the mode engaged. This option also eliminates the floor-mounted shift lever and increases the usable space in the front seat.

Yukon equipped with an up-level bench front seat are now fitted with an improved control arm that doubles as a storage compartment. A large writing board is mounted to the outer surface of the armrest. Opening the lid of the armrest reveals a coin holder, a snap net, and a holder for several cassette tapes.

Night-time glare in the driver's eyes is reduced by a new electronic headlamp leveling mirror. This device automatically senses incident light and adjusts its reflectivity to all appropriate levels to maintain forward vision. If the transmission is shifted to reverse, the mirror reverts to the high-reflectivity mode. In addition, an eight-point compass is built into the mirror face. Both mirror functions can be selectively switched off if the driver so desires.

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The public library presents several displays highlighting local artwork. Page 7.

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Community Update

Blood drive
North Jersey Blood Center will hold a blood drive at First Presbyterian Church, located at 30 Church Mall, on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors should be 18 years old, 175-lb or over with partial consent, can donate. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be free of cold or flu symptoms.

Women's self-defense
Hwang Kwang student is offering a women's self-defense course, consisting of two separate sessions. For more information, call 908-888-0044.

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Freelancers on TV
The Union County Freelancers meeting of Feb. 15 may be seen on Tuesday at 10 p.m. on TV-36.

Mended Hearts
The Union-Exeter Chapter meeting of the Mended Hearts will be held on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building on North Trivet Avenue.

Tax assistance
Free income tax assistance is available Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Avenue. Call the library at 376-0320 to arrange an appointment. Those using this service should bring copies of their previous year's state and federal tax returns, 1099 forms and other relevant material showing income for 1995.

Meeting changed
The meeting of the Recreation Commission scheduled for Tuesday has been rescheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center.

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May 14 is referendum date

The state Department of Education announced May 14 will be the date of the referendum on the proposed dissolution of the Regional High School District.

The election process was settled after a meeting conducted Feb. 2 by former Union County Superintendent of Schools Leonard Pitts. During that meeting, local board of education members and superintendents submitted questions regarding election procedures.

In addition, a bill was signed into law Dec. 13, 1995, that transferred responsibility for conducting school elections to the County Board of Elections, which will be responsible for posting notices, mailing sample ballots and setting guidelines for absentee voters and voter registration.

The regional district will prepare the referendum question and interpretive statement for the ballot. According to state guidelines, the question must be presented in simple language that can be easily understood by the voters and set forth the true purpose of the matter being voted upon.

In addition, the ballot question will have to document the financial debt each of the constituent districts will assume upon dissolution of the district.

District adopts tentative budget, seeks tax cuts

The Union County Regional High School District Board of Education adopted a tentative budget designed to lessen the financial burden on its member towns in 1996-97.

The budget of \$34,287,973 reflects a decrease of \$307,500, or 2.3 percent, from the district's current operating budget. The board agreed to adopt the budget on a 6-2 vote, with one member absent.

The tax levy for the coming year is also decreased: at \$24,489,162, the levy will be \$117,888, or 46.9 percent, less than that currently incurred.

While saving money for the residents of its six member towns, the budget will provide funding for the education and non-curricular programs of Jonathan Dayton, Governor Livingston and Arthur L. Johnson regional high schools for the coming school year.

According to Regional Superintendent of Schools Donald Menchink, this clearly indicates that the Regional Board of Education is cognizant of the taxpayer's burden. The board has done everything in its power during the budget development process to keep the total budget and tax levy as low as possible.

The voters of Mountainside, Springfield, Garwood, Kentwood, Berkeley Heights and Clark will be able to vote on the amount to be raised by local taxation for the regional district's General Fund-Regulate Budget on April 16, school election day.

The public will be able to discuss the budget again on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. when the board holds its public hearing on the 1996-97 Budget Statement at Dayton. The board will vote on a final version of the budget at the conclusion of this meeting.

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Playing by ear, local pianist wows the crowds

Eleanore Bruck's beautiful band, with its long fingers just made for playing a piano, played the piano the other Sunday afternoon during a slugging at the James T. Schaefer Gardens in Union. While she played such old-fashioned tunes as "A Bicycle Built For Two," "Downtown Tootie's Bell" and "Mazurka," to a happily responsive audience, one realized that this lovely, smiling woman from Springfield, who is in her early 80s, does not use a music sheet.

"I play by ear," she admitted between performances. "I've been doing it ever since I was a child. Whenever my mother would take me visiting, and I saw that person had a piano, I'd pick out tunes. I remember," recalled Bruck, "that I wanted to take piano lessons when I was 7 years old. I said to my mother, 'I'd like to take piano lessons. But the music field I had to be 9 years old for music lessons, so I played by ear.'"

She smiled. "The others are great. They are Ed Cardinale of Springfield, who plays the sax; Frank Franzen of Springfield, who plays two instruments, John Armentano of Union, who plays the bass; Herb Hauptwasser of Chatham, who plays the sax and Walter Triner, also from Chatham, who plays the bass. You'd be surprised. See PIANIST, Page 2

Bruck, who is the only female member of a 20-piece jazz musical group in Springfield called Eleanore and the Grand Dads that volunteers its services to nursing homes, hospitals and senior citizen parties, said she had a grand time during these excursions.

"I love it," she exclaimed. "Now, we have five men and we go to nursing homes at Runnels Hospital, Pine Acres Nursing Home and King James Nursing Home. It takes a lot of getting used to." Bruck admitted, "I've been with the group for four years, but these men started 20 years ago. All volunteers. Unfortunately, we lost two of them recently. One was Henry Hubert, who had served as the pianist for the group. I was quite a piano player when I couldn't play."



Eleanore Bruck of Springfield plays the piano during a sing-along at James T. Schaefer Gardens in Union. A senior citizen, Bruck is a member of a Springfield Senior Citizen group called Eleanore and the Grand Dads which voluntarily entertains at nursing homes, hospitals and senior citizen events.