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TWO SECTIONS

Proposed Gaudineer budget shows \$3,000 drop from current bud

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

At the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night, discussion focused on Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School's 2002-03 proposed budget of \$185,522, which is down roughly \$3,000 from this year's middle school

"As you know we've been having our meetings in various locations and concentrating on one particular school each time in order to go over some of the information that is being used to build our budget," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "I say that so everyone recognizes that it's a very preliminary budget at this point."

Gaudineer Principal Dennis McCarthy made the proposed budget presentation in front of the board. He explained how Mahler and himself extrapolated all of the middle school expenses from various parts of the overall district budget to reflect only a middle school budget.

McCarthy gave an example of how the fifth grade trip used to be something that was not included in the middle school budget, "In other words I would put it someplace in the central budget rather than in the middle school budget," said McCarthy. "Our sports program — supplies, salaries, officials, et cetera were in the high school portion of the sports budget."

"So, in order to better reflect a true budget from FMG we decided that we would put all of the pieces that represent FMG into our budget," said McCarthy. The proposed Gaudineer budget does not include teacher salaries and an increase in staff. The projected enrollment in the middle school for 2002-03 is

571 students, which is up from this year's enrollment of 555 students. t "If you remember when I first came to the middle school we were at 418," said McCarthy. "This is my ninth year at the middle school and we're going to be at 571 next year, so we continue to grow."

Mahler stressed how hard it is to plan a budget like this and commended the principals, teachers, and staff on such a wonderful job.

"When you look at the backup data, the information that we've been discussing when these numbers are then built, as to what the teachers are considering, it's very impressive to see teachers who are actually anticipating 18 months ahead what they are going to need," said Mahler.

Also discussed at the meeting was the proposed athletic bud, Dayton High School. Athletic Director Dan Gallagher made that presentation to the board. His 2002-03 proposed budget is \$355,502.

"Mr. Gallagher has been meeting with the coaches and the advisors to the clubs, just as the principals meet with the teachers in each of the buildings, and has also put together a budget to try and reflect what the coaches feel is necessary," said Mahler.

Each school will be presenting their proposed budget in front of the board. "We are meeting with each of the administrators, who in turn are meeting with the staffs in their schools and are coming up with what they believe they need in order to operate their school," said Mahler. The schedule is as follows: • Monday, Edward V. Walton School and special education presentation at

· • Feb. 25, James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School presenta-

• March 4, District-wide presentation at Dayton.

Springfield's first 2002 baby makes four for the time-juggling McElroys

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Mornings are hectic for Jim and Mary McElroy. There are four kids in the house. Nine-year-old Matthew has to get to James Caldwell Elementary School. Seven-year-old Deirdre has to get to St. James the Apostle School. Two-year-old James is running around, getting into everything. And now there's the new baby to take care of.

John Timothy McElroy was born Jan. 2 at 8 a.m. in Overlook Hospital in Summit, weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 201/2 inches. Following an exhaustive search of area hospitals, John Timothy is the winner of the Echo Leader's annual first baby contest as Springfield's first baby of 2002. He is named after Mary's father. "And the name Timothy means to honor God," said

accepted their newest little brother. Mary explained that James isn't really sure if John is here to stay yet and

"I like him 'cause I get to help take

care of him," said Deirdre.

However, thing aren't always so easy in the McElroy household. Aside from these quiet, peaceful moments, there's the rest of the day to contend

"It's interesting with school schedules for the oldest and toddler schedules," said Mary. "We have to be carefully orchestrated to get everyone out of the door on time."

Mary said having a newborn with three other kids in the house is very, very interesting.

"There's more to worry about,"

Jim and Mary rise out of bed every weekday at 6 a.m. "Everybody has to get up and have breakfast," said Mary.

Deirdre has to be at St. James by 8 a.m. "We have to deal with the Gaudineer traffic and the construction at St. James," said Mary.

Matthew has to be at Caldwell by The other kids seem to have 8:45 a.m. There is no carpool for the McElroys. "Dad usually drops me right when we get there," said Matthew.

> running out of school, kids jumping up and down, kids buying candy, kids

coming home to the McElroy house.

"What I find interesting is after school, because they have homework that has to be done and there's a toddler running around, getting into everything," said Mary.

The older kids do help out. "I feed him sometimes," said Matt.

Deirdre keeps a watchful eye on John when James gets a little too close. "I guard John."

Jim and Mary have been married for 13 years. They've lived in Springfield for the past 11 years and in their current house for the past two years.

Right now, since John is still so little, he sleeps in his parents' room. Eventually, he'll share a room with

"No," shouts Deirdre. "I want John in my room.

James.

Finally, everyone is in bed. John is ... not crying for the tithe being. Jim and Mary can get part of their four hours

"I've been watching a lot of latenight movies," joked Mary, once John does start to cry.

"Coffee helps," Mary said.

Too soon it's 6 a.m. again and it all



Deirdre and Matthew McElroy enjoy their new baby brother, John Timothy, Springfield's first baby of 2002.

Program lets young prisoners share stories of their struggles

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

It was the first time that the Project PRIDE/SALT program had ever been done at Deerfield School, and Monday morning brought the shocking and dramatic program to life, when four young people, now incarcerated, told their stories to the children.

You could hear a pin drop in the packed gymnasium, where about 350 fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighthgraders learned how the wrong choices brought the heartbreaking conclusions to these young inmates; two young women and two young men, all in their early 20s.

Project PRIDE stands for Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education, while SALT is an acronym for Save A Life Today. Both are sponsored through the efforts of the Mountainside Police Department and John Hef-

fernan Jr., who is executive director of SALT.

Working with the Department of Corrections anti-crime program, Heffernan has taken the program to all the middle and high schools throughout Union County, so that children learn about true life experiences from the inmates themselves.

Patrolman Andrew Huber of the Mountainside Police Department serves at the school. He was on the scene with the children he knows so well along with police, dignitaries, parents and teachers who filled the gymnasium to overflowing.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller commented before the program, "The children need to see this; it is a dose of reality." Assistant Principal Priscilla Church agreed. "The way ' the world is today, we need to catch children young enough to create an

awareness about making good choices in life," she said.

Mountainside Police Chief James Debbie welcomed the children and told them to pay careful attention to what they were about to hear. He acknowledged all the guests who were present, thanked Union County Freeholders who were partial sponsors of this program; Assemblyman Eric Munoz, and Heffernan, who had arranged the event. Debbie then turned the program over to Officer

Michael Ritter, PRIDE coordinator. Ritter said first, "I want you to know that these inmates get nothing for doing this, no special privileges at all; they are doing this for one reason because they care about you." ' Only their first names can be used, and each spoke frankly and movingly about their own personal experiences to a very quiet audience.



Officers T. Fioreno and S. Johnson watch the Project Pride/SALT program at Deerfield School in Mountainside with Gregory, one of four young prisoners who told his story to the students.

Shadee, 23, and Gregory, 22, are each in Mountainview Correctional Facility in Annandale; Shadee for three years and Gregory for a fivevear sentence. Miranda, 21, and Tina, 23, are each in the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton for three years and five years respectively.

Alcohol and drugs played a role in each of their lives to bring them to this point, with a combination of being in bad company and making the wrong

choices at the wrong times. Shadee was an honor role student who loved to play soccer and football. He started smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol in seventh grade, and alcohol became so important he lost interest in sports and school. Things went from bad to worse, and he was arrested in his senior year for selling

drugs. He tried other drugs, using acid and ecstasy and lost even his memory and traveled with the wrong crowd. He closed his talk by telling the children.

'Please, just say no.'
Miranda, too, was an honor student with many dreams for the future. She also became involved with others who drank. When her friends were expelled from school, she too quit school, smoked marijuana and proceeded downhill to cocaine and even to heroin. One day she overdosed and nearly died. Shoplifting and stealing to support the habit put her in prison. "All my so-called friends left me, but my mom stood by me. I beg you, if

you are in trouble, talk to somebody;

reach out - it can happen to you." Gregory wanted nothing more in life than to be a wrestler, and he was good at it. He started drinking in eighth grade; made some bad choices for friends, and went on to smoke pot and became an addict over it. It led in turn to cocaine use. In selling drugs, he ended in prison. He hit someone with his car while high, did not even know he did it, and now must serve five years. "I am sorry, but now I must pay the price. Don't be like me."

Tina had the saddest story of all. A college student who had never been in trouble of any kind, she said she began drinking and smoking to "fit in" as all her friends in college drank and partied all the time.

She never said no, and even tried LSD while in college where every weekend was a wilder and wilder party. It got worse; one party became her downfall. Her parents were away and she was home on break and threw her own-party, with lots of beer and alcohol. She stopped, then said, "I woke up in the hospital and didn't even know how I had gotten there; I was pretty badly hurt." There had been a bad accident; she had gotten into her car drunk with a boyfriend and hit a tree. She didn't even remember driving. She didn't know he had not made it out alive.

Her voice broke as she closed by saying, "That's some responsibility that I live with."

Towns address state aid

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Stressing that it is unrealistic to expect any increases in state aid to local governments this year, Gov. James E. McGreevey recently asked New Jersey mayors to look for ways to help resolve the state's \$2.8-billion budget gap.

"We are just grateful to hear that there won't be a cut," said Springfield Mayor Steven Goldstein. "I was anticipating a decrease, but I am pleased."

Goldstein said McGreevey's freeze on state aid could affect the township in higher taxes or an increase in areas that will need to be trimmed.

"Right now we are still in our preliminary budget," said Goldstein. "We're considered an upper income town by the state. Anytime you go from surplus to a huge deficit in three years, it's a cause for concern."

Goldstein said the township has a high collection rate for taxes, which is currently at over 99 percent. He also said 85 percent of the township's budget is fixed before they even get to see it. The majority of its costs include insurance, salaries and benefits, all of the elements that go into running a

He said the preliminary budget will be completed within the next month, and that to address the situation the township may put off any capital expenditures this year.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti said McGreevey's plan is similar to what happened with former Gov. Jim Florio more than 10 years

"I think it will almost be like deja vu," said Viglianti. "I think we will reflect on this for years to come."

He anticipates an increase in property taxes for Mountainside as a result of the freeze on state aid, but is not certain how much.

"Naturally, our costs are not going down and if the state takes the money away, we will have to raise them somewhere," said Viglianti. "We will have the same expenses we had last year and then some."

He said the Borough Council is working on the budget now, but will not be able to complete it until they get the state aid figures.

Emphasizing his point in a written statement, McGreevey, the former mayor of Woodbridge Township, said, "The state simply cannot spend money it does not have. Everyone is going to have to make sacrifices to ensure New Jersey's fiscal integrity."

Springfield Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler said he is very concerned about the amount of school aid the district will receive this year.

-"Most of the aid we get has to do with transportation and special ed," said Mahler.

These are the two biggest areas of state aid that the district is depending on. For this year, Mahler said he was recently notified that long-distance learning, a program for improving technology support for the schools, will not be taking place due to lack of funding.

Thinking of areas that will have the minimum impact on the classroom, school officials are scrambling to come up with answers as they devise their budget which will be completed by March

"We are planning any number of alternatives," said Mahler. "We are starting to think of what areas we may cut if we have to."



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EVENTS

Pancake breakfast Saturday at Deerfield

The Mountainside PTA will sponsor its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School Cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, Saturday, from 8:30 to

Take a break from the winter doldrums and join family, friends and neighbors for this old-fashioned community event. All are welcome to attend this fun and friendly feast. Door prizes will be awarded. The snow date is Feb. 9.

The menu options are: Adult Portion - 4 pancakes, 2 sausages, fruit. beverage for \$5; Smaller Portion - 2 pancakes, 1 sausage, fruit, beverage for \$3.50; and the Bagel Breakfast bagel, fruit, beverage for \$2.50. Ticket purchase forms are available

at the Deerfield School, the Mountainside Library and Borough Hall. For information, call Teri Schmedel at 908-301-0147 or Carol Goggi 908-789-9420.

Trailside offers astronomy primer

Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road Mountainside, conducts an Astronomy Primer for visitors who want to learn how to use the Big Dipper and Orion to find "Asterisms," and to discover other heavenly bodies. The event is offered Sunday, Feb.

10, 17, and 24, with show times at 2 and 3:30 p.m. For children 6 years and older. Admission is \$3.25 per person or \$2.80 for seniors.

Call 908-789-3670 for information.

Trailside visitors get groundhog study

Did the groundhog see his shadow? Besides predicting the weather, groundhogs are furred bulldozers and excellent lawn weeders.

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The Mountainside PTA sponsors its annual Community Pancake Breakfast in the Deerfield School cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

All are welcome to attend this fun and friendly feast. The snow date is Ticket purchase forms are available at Deerfield School, the Mountain-

side Library and Borough Hall. For information, call 908-301-0147.

Sunday Visitors to Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd. Mountainside, can check to see whether or not the groundhog can see his shadow, and then hike to his winter den and learn all about the life of this unique mammal in a special program at 2 p.m.

A donation is suggested. For information, call 908-789-3670. • The Sunday Planetarium Show begins today at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, and continues Feb. 10, 17 and 24.

Show times are 2 and 3:30 p.m. for children 6 years and older. Admission is \$3.25 per person, \$2.80 for seniors. Learn what heavenly bodies to look for and how to find them.

For information, call 908-789-3670. • The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside sponsors a bus trip to "Tony's Ireland," a St. Patrick's Day Musical in Caldwell. The cost is \$68 which includes cost of Sunday Brunch, the show and transportation. The bus leaves at 11:30 a.m. from the Echo Plaza in Springfield. For reservations and information, call 908-232-1404.

Monday • The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, offers a Rosary and Novena at 7 p.m. followed by a service with Rev. P.J. Leonard at 7:30 p.m., and a talk and video showing with Carolyn Bright at 8 p.m.

For information, call 908-232-1162. • The Springfield Board of Education meets at the Edward V. Walton School, Mountain Avenue, 7:30 p.m.

• "Air Force One" and "Inside the White House" are part of the next installment of the Springfield Public Library's True Adventure Lunchtime Video Series at noon.

Join National Geographic for a privileged look inside Air Force-One and the White House. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. Call 973-376-4930 for information.

• Beginning today, the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. is starting a second- and third-grade reading club, from 3:15 to 4

The group will read "A Frog and Toad Story," by Arnold Lobel, and

den Sunday at 2 p.m. at Trailside

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To register, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 232. • The Book Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library. 66 Mountain Ave., continues with "The Witching Hour" by Anne Rice at 7:30 p.m. The story involves a dynasty of witches that spans the Call the reference department at 973-376-4930, Ext. 28, to reserve a

copy of the book.

• The Blood Center of New Jersey conducts a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at First Choice Executive Suites, 1199 Route 22 East, Mountainside.

For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ. • The Guidance Department of Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, sponsors its annual college program for eleventh-grade students and their parents. The workshop will be conducted at 7 p.m. in the library. 138 Mountain Ave. Each parent will get materials related to the college admission and financial aid process.

For information, call 973-376-1025. • The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

Upcoming Feb. 7

• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will conduct a luncheon noon at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

• An artist's opening for Tomm Scalera's exhibit "Attack of the Valentines" will be conducted from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Donald B. Palmer Müseum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Feb. 10 • Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will celebrate the second anniversary of the church's Perpetual Adoration Chapel, 9:30

a.m. A brunch will follow, all are welcome. For information, call 908-232-1162. Feb. 11 • The Springfield Newcomers Club announce their first meeting, 7 to 9

p.m. in a private home. The club welcomes any resident of Springfield who wishes to help plan or participate in social and community events for other members of the township.

To get involved, call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679 for directions and information or email at cimiller20@home.com.

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a workshop session in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West. 8

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive. Feb. 13

•-The Springfield Board of Health will meet 7 p.m. in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

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Pool fees increase

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

To prepare for the coming summer season and keep pace with rising costs, the Mountainside Recreation Department recently announced a 3 percent increase in membership fees for the community pool.

The increase roughly translates into an extra \$5 for each type of membership. A resident family membership was \$205 in 2001 and has now gone up to \$210 for 2002. Single memberships rose from \$103 to \$105 and senior citizen mem-

berships increased from \$63 to \$65. Recreation Director Sue Winans said the increase was largely due to the rising costs of chlorine and trying to keep the same staff from year to

"We only raise fees when we have to," said Winans. "When people June 8 and close Sept. 3, the day after receive their bills, it'll have the new Labor Day.

rate. We are expecting a fairly large number of people returning."

Winans said membership pool fees were increased last year as well, with an estimated 3,200 members for the 2001 season. She expects the number of members to rise-slightly this year. Assistant Director Frank Masella

said the rise in membership fees shouldn't affect enrollment. He pointed out the rising cost of keeping the same staff and increasing their wages from year to year, even though several people usually move on after "There's a small turnover but we

because it's seasonal," said Masella. "That's basically where it comes

try to keep the same employees

The community pool will open

Handmade puppets



Kevin Conolly, 5, happily displays his handmade puppet. Each kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently took part in a group of activities that help build motor skills and teach students how to follow directions.

Firefighters answer call for motor vehicle accident

On Jan. 20 at 7:37 a.m., the Springfield Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident at Route 24. mile post 10. At 1:02 p.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a Mountain Avenue residence.

• On Jan. 21 at 7:24 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Silver Court business. At 11:07 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at an Independence Way residence. At 1:53 p.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue business.

• On Jan. 22 at 7:58 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Marion Avenue residence. At 8:53 a.m., they rushed to a Battle Hill residence for a medical service call. At

FIRE BLOTTER 9:06, a.m. they responded to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue

At 10:46 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Route 22 business. At 4:19 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Highlands Avenue residence. At 4:35 p.m., they rushed to a Mountain Avenue residence for a medical service call. At 5:31 p.m., they responded to a Route 3:18 p.m., they answered a medical 22 business for a medical service call.

 On Jan 23 at 8:26 a.m., they answered a medical service call at the intersection of South Springfield and Schaffernoth. At 9:50 a.m., they Independence Way residence. At Sports - Monday noon. attended to a person stuck in an eleva11:33 a.m., they investigated a broken Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m. that they want the ordinance.

tor at a Morris Avenue apartment. water pipe at a South Trivett Avenue At 11:10 a.m., they responded to a residence. At 11:49 a.m., all units Forest Drive apartment complex for a responded to a Morris Avenue apartmedical service call. At 1:17 p.m., ment complex for an activated firethey answered a medical service call alarm. At 2:56 p.m., they attended to a at a Mountain Avenue business. At medical service call at a Millburn 1:52 p.m., they attended to a car fire Avenue business. At 8:23 p.m., they

responded to a medical service call at • On Jan. 26 at 10:44 a.m., they a Fadem Road business. At 1:32 p.m., attended to a furnace problem at a they rushed to a medical service call Fernhill Road residence. at a Mountain Avenue business. At service call at a Meckes Street

 On Jan. 25 at 7:42 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at an Entertainment - Friday noon.

on Route 78 West, milepost 49.3. assisted the Police Department at a • On Jan 24 at 8:48 a.m., they Route 22 East business.

Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social - Thursday

Warehouse

Since Dr. Jerrold Goldstein, whose hormone replacement and weight loss practice at 475 Morris Ave. does not have enough parking for his patients, he has hired valets to park cars on nearby residential streets in an attempt to address the conflict.

parking doctor. The approval came at a Jan. 22 meeting.

Residents of Tower Drive say their street is next.

New streets added to

resident only parking

By Joshua Zaitz

Colfax Road and Profitt Avenue were the latest streets to have resident-only

parking ordinances passed by the Township Committee, in the wake of the valet

In addition to Colfax Road and Profitt Avenue, Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Park Lane, and Lewis Drive also have the resident-

only parking ordinances. The ordinance makes the streets resident-only parking from 8 a.m. until 6

p.m., Monday through Saturday. Residents receive one resident permit for each vehicle that is principly house-

d, garaged, or parked at the resident's address. Contractors, service or delivery vehicles are exempt. "So if someone comes to mow your lawn or deliver something, they do not need a permit," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. Visitors permits are also issued so that when residents have guests come over they can park without being ticketed. Also, if a resident is having a big party,

they can let the police department know so that no tickets will be issued to cars parked outside of that residence. "We all know why this was passed and if you see a violation by someone who you know should not be there for the reason that we passed this thing in the first place, then you should call the police department and they will come out and

ticket," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. Residents of those streets must come to the clerk's office at Municipal Hall

100 Mountain Ave., to pick up their permits. The Township Committee has approved similar ordinances in an attempt to

make the valets park elsewhere. So far it has worked. "This adds to a long list of streets that have been affected by a parking problem in that area and it's our intent to continue to try to help people in dealing with it," said Committeeman Gregory Clarke. "It's not a perfect solution, but it's the best one we've been able to come up with which is within our legal

However, as the Township Committee has increased the number of residentonly parking streets, the valets park on other residential streets that are further from Dr. Goldstein's office. The residents of Tower Drive fear that their street

is the next target. Residents asked if the committee could make a motion at the meeting to have the same ordinance issued on Tower Drive and other neighboring streets. Committee members said that they have to have the necessary paper work to approve the ordinance, including a signed petition from residents on the streets

Motorists Sealy. are cited Overstock Clearance

• On Jan. 25. at 3:03 p.m., David Eaglesham, 34, of Island Heights was stopped on Route 22 East at Lawrence

Avenue for not having an inspection sticker. • On Jan. 27 at 8:33 p.m., Andrew Bethea Jr., 22, of Paterson, was stopped on Route 22 West for speeding. It was revealed that he was a suspended driver.

POLICE BLOTTER

Springfield • On Jan. 15 at 10:28 a.m., Tyrone Glenn, 44, of Newark was arrested at Ballys on Route 22 East, on an outstanding warrant issued by Hillside. • On Jan. 14 at 6:19 p.m., a Union resident reported that his Honda Civic was stolen while parked on Stern Avenue. At 6:21 p.m., another Union resident reported that his vehicle's front corner panel was damaged and front headlights were stolen, while

parked on Stern Avenue. • On Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m., a Union resident reported that her 1992 Plymouth Duster was stolen from a parking lot on Padem Road.

• On Jan. 18 at 9 p.m., Taco Bell, on Morris Avenue, reported that an employee's key ring was stolen from the front counter. Included on the key ring were keys to the front door, to the cash register, to the bank and to the money vault in the store.

near, 38, of Eatontown was arrested on an outstanding warrant at Police Headquarters on Mountain Avenue. • On Jan. 21 at 8 a.m., a Beverly Road resident reported that four music CDs, one bottle of cologne and one aerosol defroster can were stolen from

• On Jan. 20 at 4 p.m., Dino Capa-

his car parked outside his residence. • On Jan. 22 at 10:52 a.m., Blair Moss, 36, of Kenilworth was arrested for criminal mischief and criminal trespassing on Morris Avenue.



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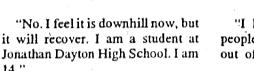
PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications of Manuel Aranjo, 478 Mary Allen Way, Block: 7.B, Lot 1, and Ruth Kurz, Trustee, 10 High Point Dr., Block 7.A, Lot 3, for a minor subdivision in the R-2 Zone.

Application of Richard Yerich, D.B.A. Mr. D's Restaurant, 899 Mountain Ave., Block 13, Lots 4 & 4.A, to request a change in hours of operation in the B

Triple Net Investments for The ARC of Union County, 1137 Globe Ave., Block 23.C, Lot 8.O, to permit a school for

developmentally disabled children in the L-I Zone with full site plan and bulk



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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 7 — TRAFFIC, TO PROHIBIT PARKING, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY NEW JERSEY
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordi

nance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a regular meeting of the Township from multae of the Township of Springfield held on January 22, 2002. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U8749 ECL Jan. 31, 2002 (\$8.00)

SPRINGFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR THE COMIMG YEAR ARE SCHEDULED FOR:

FEBRUARY 18, 2002
MARCH 18, 2002
APRIL 15, 2002
MAY 20, 2002
JUNE 17, 2002
JULY 15, 2002
AUGUST 19, 2002
SEPTEMBER 16, 2002
OCTOBER 21, 2002
NOVEMBER 18, 2002
DECEMBER 16, 2002
JANUARY 20, 2003

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE ANNEX AT 20 N. TRIVETT AVENUE AT 8:00 P.M. "MEETING OF JANUARY 209, 2003 WILL BE HELD AT 8:15 P.M. U8737 ECL Jan. 31, 2002 (\$9.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER III,
POLICE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, CHAPTER
XVIII, FIRE PREVENTION CHAP-

PUBLIC NOTICE SHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO INSTITUTE AND AMEND ORDINANCES AS CONCERNS SNOW AND SNOW REMOVAL, AND RELATED MATTERS

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a regular meeting of the Township committee of the Township of Springfield held on January 22, 2002, KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC

ZOO2, KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U8751 ECL Jan. 31, 2002 (\$11,00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER II,
ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
COMMITTEE, BY THE TOWNSHIP
OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF
UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a regular meeting
of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield held on January 22,
2002.
KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
Township Cierk
U8752 ECL Jan. 31, 2002 (\$7.50)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER II,
ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH A THREE YEAR TERM FOR
THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL
COURT ADMINISTRATOR, BY
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION,
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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER 7—
TRAFFIC, TO ESTABLISH ON
STREET RESIDENT ONLY PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS BY
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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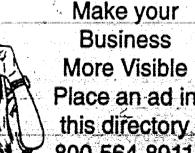
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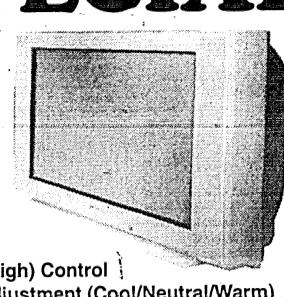
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APRIL 10, 2000
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 13TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY A.D. 2002
By virtue of the above-stated writ of
execution to me directed I snall expose for
sale by public vendue, at the UNION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at
two o'clock in the atternoon of said day. All

PUBLIC NOTICE ccessful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as 3 DIVEN STREET, SPRINGFIELD NJ 07081
BEING KNOWN as LOT 37, BLOCK 123, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield
Dimensions: 65ftx.101ft.x65ftx.101ft.
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The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to
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BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
LEGAL NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE that Triple Net investments XV, L.P. (the "Applicant") filed an application for a Use Variance, Site Plan Approval and Bulk Variances with the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside seeking permission to convert the existing building located at Block 23-C, Lot 8-O on the Borough of Mountainside, New Jersey Tax Map (also known as 1137 Globe Avenue) to a school for developmentally disabled children who are three (3) years of age through nine (9) years of age (pre-school through elementary school) together with administrative staff to be located therein to be operated by the ARC of Union County. The property which is the subject of said application is located in the L-1 Zone. The Applicant is seeking variances from the following provision of the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of Mountainside (the "Zoning Ordinance"):

(a) Front Yard Set-Back Conditional Use Section requires front yard set back of 36 ft. 30.5 ft is provided (Existing Condition) Conditional Use Section requires rear yard of 50 ft. 30.78 ft. is

Maximum building coverage allowed by Conditional Use Section is 15%. Proposed use has 25% building coverage (Existing Condition)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant also seeks such approval, waters and variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as may be necessary of required at the hearing in this matter.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside will meet at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, February 14, 2002, in the Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, at which time opportunity will be given to all those in interest to be heard and at which time the Planning Board may approve, modify or deny the application. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all pertnent maps and accompanying documents are on file at the Construction and Zoning Department, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, and shall be available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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(\$140,983.04)

Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2002
U8391 ECL (\$95.00)

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH/55759
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F394099
PLAINTIFF: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS
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WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: WAIT OF EXECUTION DATE.

JANUARY 10, 2001

SALE DATE:

WEDNESDAY THE 27TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY A.D. 2002

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Block 2001 on the Official Tax Map of the Township of Springfield, and also commonly known as 244 Milltown Road, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. The dimensions of the premises are approximately 50.08 feet by 145.00 feet by 50.08 feet by 145.00 feet, The property is located approximately 460.00 feet from the intersection of Milltown Road and the southwesterly side of Melsel Avenue. This description does not constitute a full legal description of the premises and a full legal description of the premises can be found in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Union", JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-THREE CENTS (\$132,027.63)

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PUBLIC NOTICE SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH755746

FEBRUARY A.D: 2002
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the atternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their

two o'clock in the atternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
VS. LORENZO R. PECANA, ET UX, ET AL
DOCKET NO. F-7769-00
The property to be sold is located in the
Township of Springfield, County of Union
and State of New Jersey.
It is commonly known as 40 Meckes
Street, Springfield, New Jersey.
It is known and designated as Block
2904 (Vk/a 124), Lot 29 (Vk/a 28).
The dimensions are 39.0 feet wide 101.0
feet iong. feet long.
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Jan. 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2002
U8392 ECL (\$99.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER II —
ADMINISTRATION, TO CLARIFY
THE OFFICE OF THE RECYCLING
COORDINATOR, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY
BIT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP
DIMITTEE of the Township of Spring-COMMITTEE of the Township of Spring-field, County of Union, State of New Jersey,

SECTION I - AMENDMENT Section II-3 RECYCLING COORDINA-TOR, is hereby amended as follows:

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PUBLIC NOTICE (A). Paragraph 2-30.1 is hereby retitled as "Establishment", and shall read in full as follows:

There shall be, within the Department of Public Works, an Office of Recycling Coordinator. The duties of that office, as hereinater set forth, shall be performed by those persons within the Department as designated by the Township Administrator in consultation with the superintendent of the Department of Public Works. The duties of the office may be performed by one or more persons, and need not be the only duties of such person.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in force and effect. SECTION III - SEVERABILITY SECTION III - SEVERABILITY in case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

SECTION V - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immedi-

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, January 22, 2002, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on February 5, 2002, at which time and place any person or persons interested therein any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. Copy is posted on the builatin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRK-PATRICK, INC. BY THE TOWN-SHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield, is in need of contracting for engineering, and related services for North Trivett Avenue Road Improvements within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must

be available for inspection; and WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has submitted a Certificate of Available

e available for inspection; and WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer as submitted a Certificate of Available has submitted a Certificate of Available Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BEIT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Klikpatrick, Inc. for the following services: surveying, engineering design, construction coordination, and inspection services and a construction stakeout, at a fee not to exceed \$21,900.00; pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law.

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Stender steps down Monday

One daily newspaper ran a majo story last week on the nomination by President Bush of two Nev Jersey appointments to become federal judges. After approval by the Senate, the appointments become lifetime jobs and they are important to the operation of government and

The first 11 paragraphs of the story described the appointment of former Essex County Congressman Bill Martini to a post. In the last paragraph we are informed that "also Wednesday, Bush nominated Stanley Chesler." Chesler, our neighbor from Mountainside was shortchanged. The fact is that often our neighbors do amazing things, which we may not be aware.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Chesler has been a United States Magistrate since 1987. His legal lineage included previous time as an assistant U.S. attorney in Newark, deputy chief of the Newark Organized Crime Strike Task Force and prior to that chief of Bronx District Attorney's Office. He graduated law school from St. John's number one in his class in

In his position as Magistrate he was termed, "being in the renches." In addition, his job has the double responsibility of hearing complex civil cases and facing the daily pressure of reducing a large trial case docket. The job can

grade of A. He received a near percomplex cases and ability to apply proper procedure to evidence.

shop. Listening to his travel agenda. I promise never to complain

to mention just a portion of his trip

home, upon completion of his

Because he is a friend, I get up the nerve to ask him the real ques-

cal party presents three candidates

Democrats will meet Monday to name-replacement

Regional Editor The Union County Democratic Committee will meet Monday night to appoint a new member to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Rick Proctor, the Democratic municipal chairman in Rahway, is expected to get the nod to replace Freeholder Linda Stender of Fanwood. Stender, the longestserving current member of the freeholder board, officially will resign on Monday. She was elected in Novem-

By Mark Hrywna

ber to her first two-year term in the Union County Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo said the county committee will meet to select Stender's replacement on the all-Democratic nine-member board. A meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Nuno's Pavilion in Linden. She said

Proctor has been the only candidate to express interest in the seat so far. When vacancies occur on municipal governing bodies, the local politi-

from which the local council selects one. In the case of county vacancies, DeFilippo said the committee will elect one person.

Freeholders are considered parttime positions which come with an annual salary of \$25,875. Members of the Assembly and state Senater, also considered part-time positions, earn \$49,000 annually.

Stender, who began her ninth year service on the board this year, reflected on the upcoming year for the county as she leaves the freeholder board. "The budget is very, very serious for us in Union County, and in the state. It's a terrible mess in terms of the debt structure," she said, referring to the state debt.

"I think it's going to be a tough year for the board in making choices, just like at the state. But that's what we're elected to do," said Stender, whose final freeholder meeting will be

Stender has been appointed to the Assembly's Transportation Committee and the Tourism and Gaming Committee. She also will be vice chairman of the Environmental and Solid Waste Committee. Stender's exit from county govern-

ment leaves Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, who began his eighth year on the board this month, as the seniormost freeholder. He was appointed to fill a vacancy in January 1995 before winning election later that year and re-election in 1998 and 2001. Stender first was elected in 1993. the only Democrat that year, along with Republicans Linda DiGiovanni of Union and Linda-Lee Kelly of

Elizabeth. In 1996, she earned re-election, with running mates Nicholas Scutari of Linden and Donald Goncalves of Elizabeth. She was chairman of the freeholder board in 1997 after Democrats regained a 6-3 majority on the nine-member panel. The Democratic



Linda Stender

municipal chairman in Fanwood earned her third term with Scutari and Angel Estrada of Elizabeth in 1999.

Future looks bleak for NJ Transit

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

Martin Robins of the Voorhees Transportation Center at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy painted a bleak picture for New Jersey Transit during his presentation at a meeting of the Raritan. Valley Rail Coalition Monday night

in Westfield. Robins helped author the study, "A Recent History of NJ Transit's Operations and Capital Bugdeting," which was released in November and funded through a \$25,000 from the J.C. Kellogg Foundation.

"There were rumblings of problems on the horizon," Robins said of NJ Transit, but the situation is "far more grave" than first understood, "The story is not a happy story. It's going to take a lot of coping and courage." Despite an increase in ridership during the 1990s, there was a growing gap in the transit agency's net operating deficit that was "hidden from view" and "quite significant," he said. In 2001, the net operating deficit was estimated to be \$470 million.

The growing deficit was the result of a number of factors: increasing costs with revenues not keeping pace, a trend of disappearing federal assistance which once totalled \$30 million annually, and changes in gubernatorial and legislative policies.

In 1993, NJ Transit received assistance of \$300 million. In 2000, the agency received \$150 million. "No system can bear that," Robins said. As a result, NJ Transit began diverting funds from its capital budget to pay for operating expenses. Soon, the agency was draining significant amounts from its capital budget, and by 2004, \$352 million already will b taken up and unavailable for capital

"It's not all NJ Transit's fault," of decisions that added up; decisions made by people at higher levels than See CAPITAL, Page B2

Town center businesses beat holiday expectations

Associate Editor

A difficult 2001 did not seem to stop area residents from patronizing local town busineses during the holidays. In fact, many businesses in area town center shopping districts — such as Cranford, Linden, Summit, Union and Westfield - fared quite well; most claimed that they exceeded expectations and either equalled or

beat last year's holiday sales. Not even the recent appearance of superstore-filled new malls, such as Watchung Square, Union's Plaza 22 or Linden's Aviation Plaza, seemed to detract from residents' desire to support their local shopping districts. "People will shop in the local stores

for things that are not in the mall," said Susan Jacobson, vice president of the Union County Chamber of Commerce. "People like to patronize local businesses — they don't always feel like battling highway or mall traffic." Mall competition Most store owners — as well as

Special Improvement District and Chamber of Commerce administrators - didn't seem to think the malls took much away from their holiday

"I don't believe the malls had much of an impact" said Mike Minitelli, director of Union's Special Improvement District. "The business center

"Our downtown businesses offer different merchandise," she said. "The malls are heavily into soft goods, which would be apparel, and .

comfort of being near home again. "It just felt good to be in your own town," said Prunty, "And I think the small businesses know that if they've fared OK this year."

and collectibles, after realizing such stores comprised the town's business

Avenue, in Linden.

Prunty also said people like the

For the past 31/2 years Cranford's state in 1986, has worked to build a offering home furnishings, antiques

has adjusted itself to compete in this downtown counterpart, Wood

our downtown people feel too much

competition from any other place,"

Aviation Plaza, which is still undergoing construction at the site of the former Linden Airport, is a new outdoor shopping mall where a number of new megastores — A.C. Moore Arts and Crafts, The Home Depot and Target — have opened, and Old Navy

and ShopRite are set to open soon. "In some ways the Aviation Plazacomplements the local downtown," said Jacobson. "Linden can support both. The downtown is so lovely, and it's becoming a popular place." She believes people like to shop in the local stores for items not found in the

had the goods and services, then they malls, but said malls probably have the edge when it comes to certain items, such as appliances and hard-SID, the first to be implemented in the ware. base of niche stores, such as those always been the biggest competition for downtown stores. "I don't think

nator for the Summit Chamber of Commerce. tricts, such as Aviation Plaza and its

another and you see a lot of the same stores," said Gallo, "Summit stores very often carry unique merchandise, so I don't think they feel pressure

> from the malls too much." Familiar service Something the downtown stores offer and the mall stores often cannot offer is personalized customer serbusiness owners did not think the malls negatively impacted their busi-

ness. In the realm of service, they said, the malls can't compete. "Once you build a reputation through the years doing normal, everyday work for people, you build a trust," said Irwin Sablosky, owner of William Rich Jewelers in Union. "It's easier for them to come to a neighborhood jeweler than to go somewhere

they don't know."

Sablosky said customers can feel comfortable knowing the store owner will remember them.

jewelry, if there's a problem with what you buy, you come back." said Sablosky. "We know who you are and treat you right. We don't forget that

found there are mainly specialty stores, not the kind one finds in a mall. was between his store and a mall store carrying the same merchandise. Mor-"Basically, you go from one mall to ris Raiffe, the owner of Raiffe's Youth Center, a children's clothing store on North Wood Avenue in Linden, said "It's called full-service. We do free gift wrapping, we have a sales

> marantee it." Raiffe is also a member of Linden's

person to wait on you, and we have

knowledgeable sales people." More

so than the mall stores? "Oh, yes. I

The customer service is outstanding at all of Westfield businesses, according to Debbie Schmidt, executive director of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. "In many of the small businesses the owner is there, and you get to talk to him or her and develop a relationship with the business, so you feel very much at home

shopping," said Schmidt. Special improvements In many ways the successes, or the lack thereof, of downtown businesses may be attributed to the efforts of the SIDs. The SIDs help local businesses with advertising, beautifying the streets, window displays, special events and even advertising. Each store owner within a designated dis-

trict pays a fee to support the SID's See MERCHANTS, Page B2

The Union County Chamber of Commerce honored two businesses and a bi-state organization at its 90th annual awards dinner Jan. 23 at L'Affaire. The honorees were selected for their commitment to the chamber and contribution to

the economic growth of the region. "Each year the chamber selects a large," medium and small business to receive the Company of the Year Awards as a way to acknowledge the vital role successful companies play in the economic growth of the area," said Jim Coyle, Union County Chamer of Commerce

"The Union County Chamber is the fatest growing chamber in the state and one of the fastest growing in the nation, now ranking fourth in size in New Jersey. It is the participation of companies such as our honorees that make this possible and make the region as a Company of the Year Award for a small business and Imperial Weld Ring Corporation of Elizabeth received the Company of the Year Award for a medium size business. In a break with tradition, the chamber this year named the

Award for a large business, even though it is not technically a business. "The Port Authority is a vital part of the economy of the region. Its staff, who always work hard for the area and make significant contributions to the chamber, have, during this past year, gone above and beyond their normal

who was the keynote speaker, praised the Port Authority and others for all they did on and after Sept. 11.

"After the attack, the members of the Port Authority went to Jersey City and opened offices immediately to make sure everything was running as well as it could be. They lost many colleagues, many of whom were safe and went back into the buildings to save people. Those heroes should never be forgotten.

Jersey City from Lower Manhattan, saving more lives. And then there was the anthrax. This has been an all-consuming effort," DiFrancesco said. "We would have to say thank you a million times over and it would still not be adequate for all that these people did."

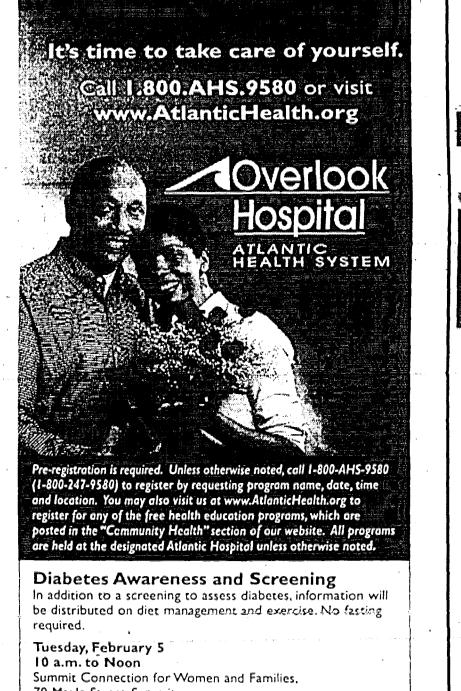
the dinner, which is the largest business affair

in northern New Jersey, was the American flag that was under the rubble at Ground Zero and has since been flown at the third, fourth and fifth games of the World Series, which the Yankees won, and will be used in the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics and at the

Accepting the award for Port Authority Chritopher O. Ward, chief of planning and external affairs, said the past year presented the bi-state agency, which was the builder and owner of the World Trade Center, with a greater challenge than it had ever faced before. Although the agency created more than 450,000 jobs in the region and generated \$50 billion in economic activity and is responsible for much

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Overlook Hospital, Wallace Auditorium, 99 Beauvoir Avenue, Summit Speakers and Panelists: William Tansey, M.D., Mark Krell, M.D., Christopher Magovern, M.D.

Edwin Blumberg, M.D.

Additional Panelists: Roberto Roberti, M.D.

Use Variance is required because, although proposed use is permitted as a conditional use in the L-1 Zone District by Section 1004(e), it does not meet all the conditions established byf said Section of the Zoning Ordinance and, thus a Use Variance is required. The following bulk variances are required and are being sought by Appl-

(c) Parking located in front yard and within 25 ft. of property lines (Existing Condition)

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has submitted a Certificate of Available Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BETT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Township Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized, respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with Keller & Kirkpatrick, Inc. for the following services: surveying/base map, engineering design, construction coordination, and inspection services, at a fee not to exceed inspection services, at a fee not to exceed 57,000.00; pursuant to Proposal for Professional Services dated January 15, 2002. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Services Contract" in accordance with NJ.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(i) of the Local public Contracts Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

tracts Law.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2002.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, Township Clerk U8747 ECL Jan. 31, 2002 (\$20.75) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KELLER & KIRK-PATRICK, INC. BY THE TOWN-SHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield, is in need of contracting for engineering, and related services for various roadway and related services for various roadway improvement projects within the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the contract for professional services without competitive bids and that the contract itself must

Public Contracts Law.
TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSK

Rackets Narcotics Bureau in the Chesler is an example that competency in a profession does not have to come at the expense of civility. Last year's annual survey of the federal judiciary by the state's law journal is a guide. This is when the tables are turned and the lawyers rate the judges. As usual. Chesler came out on top.

> The survey gave him an average fect score in being "free from bias based on race or ethnicity." He also received top grades in subjects such as courtesy, ability to handle

The survey said "seating parties around his conference table or even engaging in shuttle diplomacy, Chesler has a good sense of how much pressure to put on. He knows what the hot buttons are." Also, last week while sitting at lunch with Ronald Marotta, neighbor who lives near me, I really had an ulterior motive. We also works in the same building. I saw the perfect candidate for a car pool the next time my car goes in the

about my commute again. Ron had just returned from business trip to South Vietnam. As vice president for NYK Logistics, this guy is the Babe Ruth of frequent flier miles. With his skill in getting production facilities up and running and then having the goods economically shipped back to the United States, the lifelong Cranford resident is in demand. His travels have taken him to Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and most of Europe

But the recent trip to Sou Vietnam dominated our lunch. I called it "a country still in transi tion." The poverty that he witnessed is repeated in his description of the visit. Within the country there has been investment. including U.S. companies anxious to tap into the new market. Incredibly. Marotta says there are even a growing number of Westerners who actually go on vacation to Vietnam. Something about the lure of the pristine beaches and the opportunity to visit the wartime spots. For Marotta, the trip is just business with a quick return to

tion on my mind. Namely when the time comes, where does he go on his vacation. Without even cracking a smile he tells me that he still See PART, Page B2

For more on business and economic development in the past year, see our special Progress section.

YUKON HO — Taylor Carpenter of Troop 235, left, chops wood to help prepare lunch during the Patriot District's 45th Klondike Derby in the Watchung Reservation on Saturday. Troop 59 Scoutmaster Neil Schmidt checks the time and

items located by Alex Thew of Berkeley Heights during the annual sled race and scout skill contest.

Cranford's SID director, Kathleen Miller Prunty, doesn't believe the new malls have had much of an impact on Cranford's downtown businesses

we're not reliant on that."

said Diane Gallo, promotions coordi-Jacobson thinks large malls can coexist with downtown shopping dis-

TERMS of Berkeley Heights received the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as the recipient of the Company of the Year

duties to try to help the area recover from Sept. 11," Coyle said.

Former Acting Gov. Donald DiFrancesco,

Three entities recognized at annual chamber

"New Jersey State Troopers ferried people to

This year, displayed behind the head table at

of the area's transportation infrastructure, Ward

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senior citizens. Elizabeth Playhouse is

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zabeth. For information, call

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will

present "I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rud-

nick Feb. 8 to 23 at the CDC Theater,

78 Winans Ave., Cranford. Shows are

at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Tick-

Leisure Lifestyles TIBE CADADIS NADADIS

Recipes help hosts score touchdown on Super Bowl Sunday together until smooth. Remove from

tant than the lineup on the field on

Superbowl Sunday? The lineup of food on the snack table!. This year, instead of the traditional chicken wings, potato skins and chips, put a contemporary spin on your party by serving quesadillas. These tasty filled tortillas are particularly popular among the younger set; according to the Center for Culinary Development, nine out of 10 Jack. "tweens" — 10- to 13-year-olds enjoy quesadillas. Pre-shredded cheese blends make preparation a snap, vital for the host who wants to spend time with guests, rather than behind a stove. Add variety by using a

combination of cheeses, flavored tortillas and traditional toppings such as sour cream, guacamole and salsa. To get your party started, try these recipes from the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. "Kickoff" Quesadilla (Quesadilla Especial)

Yield: 6 servings 5 medium cloves garlic, unpeeled * I tablespoon vegetable or olive oil I medium red onion, thinly sliced 1 can diced green chilies, drained (4 ounces) 4 (8-inch) flour tortillas

8 ounces Asiago cheese, thinly sliced ** salsa (optional) sour cream (optional)

guacamole (optional) Heat a medium-heavy skillet over low heat. Add garlic cloves and cook until garlic skin is dark brown, approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from heat; cool. Peel and slice garlic. Heat oil in same skillet over medium heat. Saute onions until slightly limp, approximately 3 to 4 minutes. Add garle and chilies. Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with paper towel. Place one tortilla in skillet. Arrange one-fourth of the cheese on half of the tortilla. Top with 11/4 cups) one-fourth of the onion mixture. Fold

What's the only thing more impor- remaining half of tortilla over filling. (about 1 cup Cook on each side until light brown, approximately 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from skillet and repeat with remaining ingredients. Cut each quesadilla into thirds. Serve immediately, * Note: Five roasted garlic cloves can be substituted for pan-roasted garlic. Roasted garlic in jars is available at many supermarkets. ** May substitute with Monterey

> "Extra Point" Tropical Quesadillas Yield: 24 appetizers I tablespoon butter

% cup chopped red onion 1 cup chopped red pepper 2½ cups (10 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack cheese

1 large mango, peeled, thinly sliced and cut into 1-inch pieces * 6 8-inch flour tortillas Preheat oven to 250 degrees F. In large skillet, melt butter over medium heat and saute onion and red pepper

until almost softened, 2 minutes, Lay

out three tortillas. Sprinkle tortillas

with onion and pepper, half the cheese, and arrange sliced mango on top. Cover with remaining cheese and top with remaining tortillas. Cook tortillas over medium heat, one at a time. turning carefully, browning both sides until cheese is melted. Keep quesadillas in warm oven on a foil-lined baking sheet until ready to serve. Cut into wedges and serve immediately. * Note: You can substitute sliced

"Touchdown" Quesadillas Stack Yield: 6 servings I medium vellow onion, cut into

pears instead of mango if desired.

quarters and thinly sliced crosswise (about 1½ cups) 1 medium red onion, cut into quarters and thinly sliced crosswise (about

1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced 2 cloves garlic, minced

3 cups shredded cooked chicken 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained * ½ teaspoon salt

4 10-inch flour tortillas 2 cups (8 oz.) grated Mexican blend 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro,

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

optional Coat large skillet with nonstick

cooking spray and heat over mediumhigh heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 minutes or until beginning to brown. Add peppers and garlic; cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in chicken, tomatoes and chilies with liquid, salt and cumin; cook about 7 minutes or until liquid evaporates, stirring

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Grease large baking sheet or pizza pan. Place one tortilla on baking sheet. Spread with one-third of chicken mixture; sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheese. Repeat layers two more times; top with remaining tortilla and ½ cup cheese. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until tortilla stack is heated through and cheese is melted. Serve in wedges; sprinkle with cilantro, if desired. * Note: Plain diced tomatoes can be substitute for a non-spicy recipe.

> Black Bean "Blitz" Quesadillas Yield: 4 servings

4 cup canned black beans (drained) 2 tablespoons mild chunky salsa I tablespoon chopped green onion 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro 4 ounces (1 cup) Pepper Jack cheese, shredded 8 flour tortillas

Mash beans slightly; combine wiht salsa, green onion, cilantro and

spreading almost to edges. Top with remaining tortillas. Cut into wedges. Cook quesadillas in generously buttered skillet on medium to medium-low heat until browned, 2 to 3 minutes on each side.

The following recipe is by Chef Jeff Blank of Hudson's on the Bend restaurant in Austin, Tex. "Quarterback" Chicken Quesadillas Yield: 4 quesadillas

cup Cheddar cheese, grated 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese, 1 tablespoon minced garlic 1/4 teaspoon basil 1/4 teaspoon oregano 1/4 teaspoon thyme 1/4 teaspoon tarragon 4 flour tortillas cado slice. Fold tortilla in half. 1 avocado, quartered and sliced

lengthwise

ic and herbs in a bowl.

Heat olive oil in a large saute pan - non-stick surface works best -1 8-ounce smoked boneless chickover medium heat. When hot - the en breast, or 2 to 3 smoked boneless chicken thighs, sliced % cup olive oil 1 teaspoon salt Combine cheeses, sour cream, garl

oil will begin to shimmer, or throw in a small sprig of parsley and it will sizzle - add quesadillas and cook until browned, about 2 minutes. Flin quesadillas and cook an additional 2 minutes. Cut each quesadillas into Place bowl over simmering water. thirds and serve immediately.

heat and generously spread cheese

and herb mixture over one side of

each tortilla. Lay 3 slices of avocado

over top half of each tortilla, and place

a slice of chicken between each avo-



Score a touchdown on Superbowl Sunday by serving Kickoff Quesadillas.

1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced cheese. Divide mixture on 4 tortillas EDUCATION TODAY!

County seniors can enjoy choice of two free classes

The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corp., in conjunction with the Westfield Foundation and the Learning Is ForEver L.I.F.E. Center of Union County College, will sponsor two classes on its premises during the spring semester of

"Age of Revolution" will continue with Christopher C. Gibbs. This course covers the American and French revolutions as well as the Scientific and Industrial revolutions. The class will be held in the building at 1133 Boynton Ave. Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning Jan. 25.

'Age of Revolution' covers the American and French revolutions as well as the Scientific and Industrial revolutions.

The second course offered is "Music Appreciation," taught by Professor Vince DiMura. The emphasis of this course is on increasing sensitivity to classical music, but also includes jazz and rock music where appropriate. The music class will be held in the building at 1129 Boynton Ave. Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Jan. 28.

The L.I.F.E. Center courses are offered free of charge to Union County senior citizens. Registration will take place during the first sessions of each class, Parking is available. For information or directions, contact Susan Lampert at

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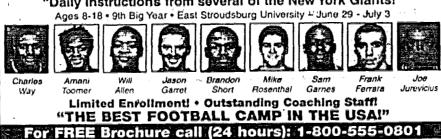
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Place Gallery, Kent Place School, in Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Kent Place School is located at 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-0900, Ext. 332, or visit www.kontplaco.org.

PRINT AS PARABLE - monoprints, etchings, collographs and giclee prints by Jessica Lenard — will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Sumnit through Feb. 15.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

DOWN TO THE BONE, works by Bisa Washington, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library on the Cranford campus of Union County College Friday through Feb. 21.

Gallery hours are Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays through Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155. FICTIONAL BIOGRAPHIES: "The

Next Shelf," works by Joe Lugara, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit through Feb. 28. Hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located at 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

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and by appointment. The Arts Guild of ENCE AND VICTORIA MALVEY will, appear at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in "An Evening of Romance," at which the authors will read from thelf books and discuss the romance genre. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West. Springfield. For information, call

> ussion Group will meet in the coming weeks to discuss various novels. Feb. 20: "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" by Gregory Maguire Meetings are at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Friberger Park on

Morris Avenue. For information, call BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Spring-

field. For Information, call 973-376-8544 THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-ING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call

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located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear in concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, including ticket prices, call UCAC at 732-499-0441 or WSO at 908-232-9400, send e-mail to wso@-

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BARITONE KURT OLLMANN will appear in concert Feb? 15 at 89.m. in Wilkins Theater at Kean University 973-376-8544. Union. The appearance is part of Kean's International Classical Concert Series. Tickets are \$20 for orchestra soats, \$15 for mezzanine seats and \$7 for students. Kean is located at 1000

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information, call 973-467-8278. DISCUSSION JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by

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Rahway will present "Mahalia," a gos-

rik Ibsen through Feb. 17. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$8 for students and

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ren's Hour Series. Tickets are S6.

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Union, For information, call ets are \$15. For information, call 908-527-2337 or visit www.kean.edu. 908-276-7611. THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA of New Jersey will present the Dan VARIETY Crisci Trio in "Improvise!." the second THE TROUPE, a popular area band in program in the Music for Kids series, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Summit YMCA, With a Little Help From Our Friends," a 67 Maple St. Tickets are \$10 each: \$5 dance concert Saturday at 7:15 p.m. at each for members of the Summit "Y." Holy Trinity School in Westfield, Tick-For information, call 908-226-7300. ets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in door, and include admission, refresh-Rahway will present "Peter Pan" Feb. ments, beer and wine. For information, 16 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$9. UCAC is call 908-389-1970. located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-499-8226 or visit THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will

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March 5: Samantha Kane For information, call \$08-810-1844 THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St. Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wed nesday night.

For information, call 732-815-1042 THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will present karaoke and the 100-Proof Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladies Night. For information call 908-925-3707

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Antone has received many distin-

guished awards; she has earned the

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Million Dollar Sales Club Achieve-

and has also been honored with the

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2000. She has been a real estate pro-

fessional for 10 years, specializing in

Mountainside, Cranford, Westfield,

New Providence and the surrounding

areas. She was also named to the

Burgdorff President's Club for

2000-2001. She is a 28-year resident

of Mountainside, is a volunteer at

Overlook Hospital and is a member at

July Sagan, vice president/manager

of the Westfield office, said, "Joyce is

an integral part of our office. Her hard

work and dedication to her clients is

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Cuccaro joins Burgdorff

Burgdorff ERA announced that Ileen Bocchino Cuccaro has joined the company as a sales associate in the Westfield office, located at 600 North Avenue West.

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As a top producing sales agent, Cuccaro has achieved membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club on many occasions, awarded with Silver Level, 2000 and the Bronze Level, 1996-99. She has been a full-time Realtor since 1996 and belongs to the Garden State Multiple Listing Service, Greater Union County Association of Realtors and Middlesex Coun-Board of Realtors.

Cuccaro has served on the Planning Board in Garwood and prides herself on being there for her customers, saying, "I have been very fortunate to have the type of clients that refer other people to me over and over again, so I really believe I must be doing something right. To put the trust of their friends or family in my hands is an bonor to me."

Cuccaro attended Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and graduated from David Brearley High School in Kenilworth after moving to Garwood. She is working toward an advanced degree in urban studies. Before entering the real estate profession, she was a hair stylist in Spring-

field for 15 years. Cuccaro is married to John Cuccaro and has a son, Eric Meyer. Cuccaro has lived in Garwood for more than 30 years. She can offer first-hand information about the area to all her clients. She specializes in Union County properties, with knowledge that comes from living in the area she serves. She is familiar with local school districts, housing inventory, neighborhoods, shopping, dining,

Reed earns award

at regional level Lola Reed of the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors earned a November regional award in the category of resale revenue units. Reed earned a place in the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the the company's President's Club for Silver Level. In addition, she earned a the year 2000 and the Leader Circle place in Weichert's 2000 Million Dolar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2000 Ambassador Club. To contact Reed, call Weichert's Westfield office, 908-654-7777,

located at 185 Elm St.

Three are honored Three sales associates at the Westfield office of Weichert Realtors were honored in December for their

accomplishments. Patty O'Connor was honored for her outstanding achievement throughout December, O'Connor is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the Bronze Level and Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales

and Marketed Clubs. Holly Cohen led the office in listings during December and is a member of the 2000 New Jersey Million Dolar Club at the Silver Level. In addition, Cohen earned a place in Weichert's 2000 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Club and Weichert's

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2000 Ambassador's Club. Brenda Putzer led the office in dollar volume throughout December and earned a place in the 2000 New Jersey Million Dollar Club at the Silver 'Level. In addition, Putzer earned' a place in Weichert's 2000 Million Dol-

ar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2000 Ambassador's Club. To contact these sales associates, call Weichert's Westfield office, 908-654-7777, located at 185 Elm St.

Splinter excels

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Splinter has received many distinguished awards; she has earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors' Million Dollar Sales Club Silver Achievement Award in 2000, Bronze Award in 1997-1999 and has also been honored with the NJAR Distinguished Sales Award for 2000. She has been a real estate professional for nine years, specializing in the Westfield and surrounding areas, and has recently obtained her certification in the marketing of luxury and historic homes. Splinter also ranks in the tob 10 percent in closed units year to date of more than 650 Burgdorff ERA

for 2001. Judy Sagan, vice president and manager of the Westfield Office, said. "It is obvious that hard work and dedication to her clients' needs have resulted in high production in yet another fabulous month for November. She is a great asset to our office

sales associates and is a member of

and a role model for all agents. We are very proud of Cathy and congratulate her in her many outstanding accomplishments." Contact Splinter at her direct line at

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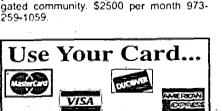
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Weird noises from engine can stump even the most seasoned mechanics

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Fixing the cause of those annoying and sometimes even frightening noises your car can make is usually no big deal.

Often it involves simply tightening a bolt or replacing a clamp. But sometimes finding the source of that noise can be a real challenge. In fact, it often takes a joint effort on the part of your mechanic and you to find the source of a particular noise.

It might help you to understand your role if you knew some of the obstacles and challenges mechanics face when "fixing" noises.

Most of the time, when we hear the noise that the customer is concerned about, we know what it is. And most mechanics will share this information with the customer free of charge.

I'll never forget the time a lady - I never saw her before - pulled up to my service bay with a Honda that obviously had a very loud water pump noise. Every mechanic in the shop could hear it. Even the shop's apprentice recognized it as a water pump noise.

Without turning off the motor, she got out of the car and asked if we could tell her what was making that awful noise. I immediately got out my "special noise diagnostic tool." I shook a bunch of nuts and bolts in my hands and dropped them in front of the noisy Honda.

Then, reading them like tea leaves, I pronounced, "It's your water pump!" I

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/

her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.
YOU, Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Under the terms of the "Open Publid
Meetings Act" P.L. 1975 C. 231, there will
be Departmental Budget Hearings with the
Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County
of Union.

Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.

her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Credit-Based Asset Servicing & Securitization LLC is plaintiff and Rosa L. Grady, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after January 31, 2002, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$105.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated April 1, 1996, made by Rosa L. Grady to Intercounty Mortgage Inc. and duly assigned to plaintiff, Credit-Based Asset Servicing & Securitization LLC, and concerns real estate located at 1054 Myttle Avenue, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Rosa L. Grady, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors The meetings will be held at the Union The meetings will be note at the Union County Administration Building, Freeholders Meeting Room, 6th fl., 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ.
BY ORDER OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

M. Elizabeth Genrevich Clerk of the Board U8719 WCN Jan. 31, 2002

COUNTY OF UNION
THE MORSES CREEK
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TAKE 'NOTICE that pursuant to the
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The regular monthly meetings of the
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will be field on the first Monday of each
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guess she wasn't in a joking mood because she thanked me and drove away no sense of humor. The point of the story is, if your mechanic doesn't know the cause of the

noise just by hearing it, you should ask yourself if you're dealing with a mechanic with enough experience. You'll have to be the judge of that.

Of course, there are times when trained, experienced mechanics do not immediately know the source. It's these times we have to use our tools and wits to try to determine where the sound comes from or what's causing it.

If the noise is heard while the car is stationary, we simply use our stethoscope to narrow down the cause. Sometimes the stethoscope only gets us to within the general vicinity of the noise. But, by removing this or that, we soon have the answer. No big deal.

Sometimes the noise will only occur with the car in motion. This is where it get's a little tricky. We can't run alongside the car with our stethoscope while someone else drives, so we have to try to recreate the noise.

We "bang on this" or "tug on that," kind of like your doctor trying to find out

exactly where it hurts. Sometimes we jump up and down on the car trying to simulate the car going over a bump. This is probably how the term "grease monkey" got started.

The next-hardest category of noises to solve are those that only occur when the car is driven. We can't duplicate them in the shop no matter what we do. For these, hearing the noise is an absolute must. Many times, by hearing the noise, we can get a sense of what might cause it and, using our stethoscope, where it might be coming from. We can then inspect that area of the car back in the shop to see if anything is out of whack.

If we don't see any bad or loose components, we can perform a "chassis torque" where we go under the car and put a wrench on every bolt and nut we find and make sure it is tight. Many, many times, I've solved noises this way and never knew exactly what the culprit was.

If the chassis torque doesn't solve the noise, then we're looking at the "trythis-and-see" method of car repair. No mechanic likes to be in this situation.







