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## Budget for Walton School up, Special Services dow

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

At the Springfield Board of Education meeting Monday night, presentations were made for the proposed 2002-03 budget of \$42,706 for Edward V. Walton School and \$1,196,210 for Special Services.

Walton's proposed budget has an increase of slightly more than \$1,000 from this year's budget, while the Special Services' proposed budget shows a decrease of nearly 6 percent from this year.

"The numbers you are hearing are very pre-

liminary," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "I will publicly go out on a limb though and tell you that the Walton budget is very bare boned. I can't imagine cutting anything out of the Walton budget."

Walton School Principal Rose Krosche made her school's proposed budget presentation, explaining that Walton has six sections of pre-kindergarten and eight sections of kindergarten.

Krosche broke down this year's budget and compared it with what she is proposing for next year. She spoke about each of the special programs Walton has to offer, such as art, music, physical education, health, and library, and what their proposed budgets are.

Krosche then went into detail, discussing Walton's pre-K program. "Our pre-K students are well prepared with a variety of skills necessary for success in our kindergarten program," she said. Some of those skills include alphabet recognition and number recognition.

Supervisor of Special Services Leslie Vaccarino made the proposed Special Services budget presentation. The 225 students in the Springfield School District who are classified as needing special education fall under the branch of Special Services.

"We're approaching 2,000 students in the district," said Mahler. "So to have 225 classified may sound large but that percentage is fairly average in the state of New Jersey."

According to recent statistics, Mahler said, New Jersey is second to Massachusetts in the rate of students who use Special Services.

Vaccarino's department also handles such programs as ESL, home instruction, and speech, and language services.

"This is a proposed budge

"What we try to do is work with the staff to build up to the point where we know what it costs to run each of the schools."

Each school in the Springfield's district will be making its proposed budget presentation to the Board of Education. The remaining dates are as follows:

• Feb. 25, James Caldwell School and Thelma L. Sandmeier School presentation at Jonathan Dayton High School.

• March 4, districtwide presentation at Dayton.

## Roof blows off Deerfield

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

An emergency was created by Mother Nature last weekend, when the strong windstorm on Friday blew off a portion of Deerfield School's roof. Luckily, it happened in the middle of the night and no students were in classrooms or on the playground.

The Mountainside Board of Education conducted an emergency meeting Tuesday night to make building repairs to the roof immediately.

"The section of the roof over the second and third grade area class-rooms sustained damage, 2,500 square feet actually was lifted up and blew off the building and even cracked a window in the classroom below," board President Richard Kress said.

"The damage took place about 2 or 3 a.m. The Mountainside police contacted us and we came in on Saturday morning and put on a tarp over it temporarily." Kress said the school then was able to contact several roofers. The Board of Education chose ARCON Inc. of Elizabeth and entered into an agreement for the emergency repair in the total amount of \$11,860.

Meanwhile, it was necessary to put another tarp on Sunday. The school's architect, Noel Musial, also was contacted and he was on the roof to take a look at the damage.

Kress recalled that initially, Musial had recommended replacement of the entire roof at Deerfield School, but it was not done due to the cost. "At that time, it probably would have been in the vicinity of \$95,000 to \$100,000, and so we didn't do it," he said.

The roofer also looked at it again, and said he could put on a new section of roof, at the agreed upon cost. He also said he could do it quickly. "The adjustor came and he thinks there may be coverage," Kress said.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said there also was another emergency. 'Emergencies come in twos for us, it seems. There was also a water main crack at the Beechwood School. We need to have that fixed immediately as well," he said. The leak was noted by contractor Ciro Randazzo.



Photo By Jeff Granit

Amanda Fischer, 6, concentrates closely as she cuts out a heart for 'Love Lions,' a project each kindergarten class at Deerfield School in Mountainside recently took part in. The exercises help build motor skills and teach students how to follow directions while having fun.

## Churches offer Ash Wednesday services

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

For Christians everywhere, the solemn Lenten season begins Wednesday with Ash Wednesday, and area churches are observing the holy day in varying ways.

This day is called Ash Wednesday because in the early church, ashes were a sign of repentence and humility, and parishoners received ashes on their foreheads to mark the beginning of the 40-day period of fasting and prayer leading up to Easter Sunday, the day of Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Roman Catholic churches, the practice is still observed in special services, and many Protestant churches also have re-adopted the distribution of ashes as well, to those who wish to have them.

Springfield

• The First Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall, will have a unique Ash Wednesday event, at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Daniel Russell said, "We will nail our burdens to a cross in the church, writing them on a sheet of paper. Then we will burn them into the ashes, using those ashes for annointing later in the service. All are welcome."

• The Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, beginning Ash Wednesday, will offer a lunch of sandwiches and beverages at 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. There will be devotional jazz piano and prayers, called "Jazz, Jesus, Lunch, Lent."

On Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., there will be a traditional service, preceded by a soup and bread meal at 6:30 p.m.. Ashes are available for those who wish them.

• Holy Cross Lutheran Charch, 639 Mountain Ave., will offer the Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m. at the sanctuary. Holy Communion will be offered.

• St. James Roman Catholic

Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., offers Masses beginning at 7, 8 and 11 a.m., with a 7:30 p.m. Mass. Ashes will be distributed within each of these Masses. This year, as something special, there also will be a Women's Morning of Reflection from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with child care available. In addition, there is a Service Of The Word at 3:30 p.m. with ashes distributed at this service.

#### Mountainside

- • Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, 300 Central Ave., will be distributing ashes during the 7 and 8 a.m. Masses on Ash Wednesday. There also will be two services, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., when ashes also will be distributed.

• The Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, will host an 8 p.m. service for Ash Wednesday, entitled "A Service for Wholeness," Holy Communion will be offered.

# Dayton students take part in state contest

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Tomorrow, 19 sophomores from Jonathan Dayton High School will represent Springfield's congressional district in the "We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution" state finals, at the State House in Trenton.

"We're excited to be part of it," said Supervisor of Social Studies Barry Bachenheimer. "This is the first time that Dayton has been in a competition like this."

The competition is part of a state-wide contest. Each congressional district in New Jersey will be represented in the state finals. The winner there will go on to represent New Jersey at the national finals in Washington, D.C. in May.

There are 13 congressional districts in the state, however, only nine will be participating in tomorrow's competition.

"Some districts just didn't get an entry," said Bachenheimer. "There was a glitch for some of the schools or a travel problem or something like that. So we're competing against eight other schools."

Dayton had two history classes compete in the Jan. 10 congressional hearing.

At the hearing, students argued current issues based on constitutional research. Six people from the community participated as judges and asked questions from six different topics. They ranged from philosophical and historical foundations of the American political system to how the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shaped American institutions and practices.

The six judges were Joe Calimano, a retired East Brunswick High School teacher, who represented New Jersey in the 'National Competition from 1987 to 1998; Supervisor of Educational Programs for Springfield Pamela Gray; environmental lobbyist Deborah Herr; Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes; Township Administrator Richard Sheola, and an alum of the competition, Naseer Siddique.

The hearing tomorrow will be conducted the same way that the Jan. 10 hearing was done.

"The ante is up a little bit on this one," said Bachenheimer. "Instead of

competing against their peers at this school, they're now competing against the best of the other schools; the other disrticts."

The eight other high schools that are competing include Arts High School in Newark, Bayonne High School, East Brunswick High School, Montclair High School, St. Joseph's of the Palisades High School in West New York, Stein 't High School in Hamilton, Wallkili Valley Regional High School in Hamburg, and West Windsor-Plainsboro High School.

"Most of the students that are going to be down there from other schools are seniors," said Bachenheimer. "We're only sophomores so these kids have two years less education than a lot of the students who are going to be there."

Bachenheimer explained that the Dayton students are very focused on tomorrow's competition. "All along they've been getting ready," he said. "They've been reworking their speeches, they've been doing research, they've been reading through documents like the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

The judges for this competition will be a combination of politicians, political scientists, educators, legislative aides, and other people in public life.

"They're looking for more brevity and condensing of ideas," said Bachenheimer. "I'm hoping that number one, the students have learned to edit and how to make improvements on something that was pretty good already and secondly, how do you do when there's more pressure; in terms of public speaking and getting your ideas across."

The students who will be participating are Danielle Schwartz, Teddy Chelis, Alyssa Mason, Andrea Handeli, Lisa Listowski, Keith Dworkin, Hana Nahmias, Drew Krumholz, Jayme Sablosky, Matt Traum, Lisa Cypcar, Allison Sharpe, Renu Shah, Amanda Garlen, Steven Luxenberg, Larry Fish, Marc Cicchino, Erica Rosenbaum, Genny Schwartzberg and Margaret Myslieweic.

"They're going to be a little more nervous especially in the environment and what's at stake," said Bachenheimer. "In life you get a lot of stressful situations, so I'm hoping they learn to deal with these stressful situations and do well."

## A woman's wish becomes reality

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Elisa Sanaman never liked to think of herself as a volunteer. "When you go to visit a friend, do you say you went to volunteer to visit your friend?"

For a number of years she was involved in helping young people who were living in nursing homes. "You think of the elderly as living in nursing homes but these were people ranging from their 20s to 50s and so on," said Sanaman.

While there, Sanaman met a young man who had been in a diving accident and was living in the nursing home ever since. "He asked me 'How am I ever going to get out of here?"

The young man's question rouned around in Sanaman's head. "How was

he point to get out of there?

Sanaman thought that maybe there could be something done at the next level; community organization. She thought about building housing for the disabled. She founded a small beautiff! organization called NJ

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— the mission of this project was to build affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities and low income," said Sanaman, who is the founder and director of the organization.

Their first project is the Freeman Apartments, located on Hillside Avenue in Springfield. The apartments are barrier-free. The doorways are wider to accommodate wheelchairs, the counters are low, the outlets are higher, there are several phone connections, and bathrooms have wheelchair access with roll-in showers and more space so wheelchairs can

The building has a total of 14 units, with 12 one-bedrooms and two two-bedrooms. Thirteen of the units are already occupied.

"What happeas is, if there's a vacancy you would get on a waiting list, you would call the management agency," said Sanaman. "You would fill out some applications with information as to your income because you have to be income eligible and you have to be physically disabled."

The building however, is not for people who need assisted living help.
"We do have a superintendent there

who takes care of the building but he does not take care of the people," said Sanaman.

Preeman Apartments is for people who need barrier-free apartments. "For instance, if you were blind, you'd be disabled, but you wouldn't take priority over someone who was in a wheelchair," said Sanaman.

NJ Connect was corporated in 1994 and approved for funding in 1996.

"There will be people with a range of disabilities, some more disabled than others, which means that some people will use more of the accessibility features than others," said Sanaman.

This is the only site that NJ Connect has built so far. "We want to see this one up and running because we're a grassroots organization," said Sanaman. "This is our first project and we're tending it the way you would tend your first born — with great care and attention."

The name of Freeman Apartments was designated in memory of Sanaman's father, Samuel D. Freeman, who died in 1996. "It also has the meaning of free man," said Sanaman.

"It's a double meaning because people had been living in institutions and now they're free."

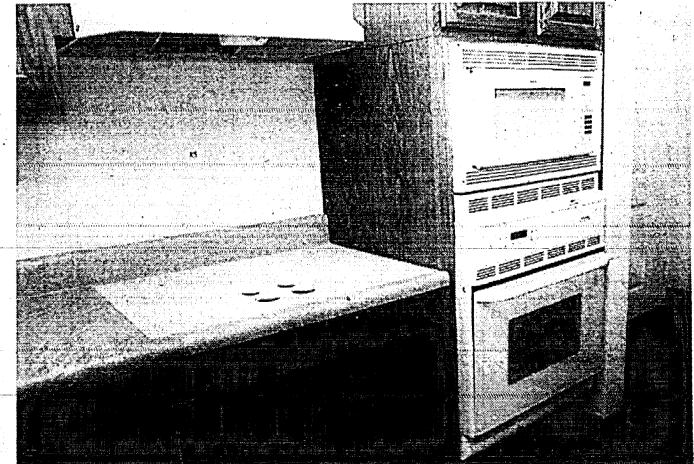


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Each of the rooms in the new Freeman Apartments complex on Hillside Avenue in Springfield feature lower counters and appliances for wheelchair-bound tenants. The facility was built out of one woman's efforts to help the disabled live independently.

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## District to decide upgrade

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer The Springfield School System is

evaluating whether or not a network computer server known as ClassLink will be more cost effective to use or if it would make more sense to buy new computers to replace the old ones. With ClassLink, old computers that

are slow and don't even have a CD-ROM drive, can still be used as a way to access all the software that will be placed on the network.

"Together with the administration, we are evaluating this system," said Daniela Tattoli, management of information systems coordinator for Springfield Schools. "We are not certain that we will be going with this system. It certainly looks like an ideal way to resolve obsolescence."

A very low-end computer, without any hard drive, can be attached to the ClassLink network. "You're not running any programs from your hard drive anymore. You're running them directly from the server," said Tattoli. "So for that reason you don't have hard drives so there's less maintenance."

These are things that school system administrators are looking into "There's a lot a math to be done and to. see whether or not in the end it is profitable," said Tattoli.

Each ClassLink server can support 50 computers. District-wide the Springfield School System has just over 500 computers, so at least 10 servers would be needed.

tried on an interim basis on some of the older computers just to see how it There are several advantages for

both students and parents if Springfield does decide to use ClassLink. "From home, any student that has a computer will be able to access software that is on the network," -said

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Judy Zimmerman. "We can place folders that will be accessible to students with software programs that we want students to be able to use," The students would log-on via the Internet. Each student would be given

a user name and password so that they can access their folders. "The students won't have to finish the work in school," said Zimmerman. "They can go home, bring up their folder, open it from their own computer, and continue whatever they

were working on." If the student does not have a computer at home, the school system is looking into obtaining additional computers that they can loan out, or the student could go to the Springfield Free Public Library and use one of the

computers there. "It will help eliminate some problems that recently happened at the library where the Springfield Public Library does not allow students to come in with their own disks, pop it in the computer and use it. They're afraid of viruses," said Zimmerman.

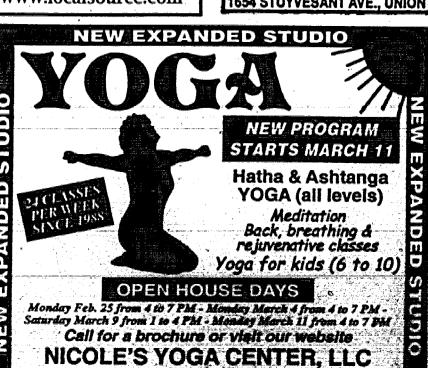
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• The Foothill Club of Mountainside conducts a luncheon noon at B.G. Fields, 560 Springfield Ave., Westfield. Guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 908-232-3626.

• The Mother Goose Group promotes enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. The program will be conducted 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66

No advance registration. For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 232.

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

• Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, celebrates 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. • The St. James Pack 73 Cub Scouts host its 46th annual Blue and Gold Gala at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield

Avenue, Springfield. Scout Families who would like to register can call Committee Chairperson Katie Bentancur at 973-258-1613.

• 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 Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., conducts registra-

tion for its upcoming Spring I session classes at 7 a.m. for family The Spring I session will run from March 4 to April 28. The YMCA

offers a full range of preschool, youth, and teen classes. For more information, call 973-467-0838.

• The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a workshop session in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West, 8 p.m. • The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the Deerfield School Media Center, 302 Central Ave. and School Drive. Wednesday

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

• The Springfield Garden Club meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Presbyterian Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Mary Kent, president of the Plainfield Garden Club, will talk about the Shakespeare Garden in Plainfield. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

For information, call 973-376-3436. Upcoming

Feb. 14 • The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West, 8 p.m.

Feb. 17 To celebrate President's Day, the Historic Cannon Ball House, c. 1740. will have on display a letter written by George Washington from Springfield in 1780 shortly before the famous Battle of June 23. The house is located on 126 Morris Ave., admission is free. For information, call 973-376-4784.

Feb. 19 • Trained volunteers will be available to help taxpayers with their

income tax returns every Tuesday, beginning today, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., by appointment For information, call 973-376-4930.

• A new knitting group is forming and will be hosting its first meeting at the Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be conducted at the same location the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Knitters of all levels are welcome. and can bring a project to work on.

For information, call 908-687-8477. • The Mountainside Borough Council meets for a regular session in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 West, 8 p.m. • The next installment of the Springfield Free Public Library's "True

Adventure Lunchtime Video Series" is scheduled for noon with "The Lost Children of Berlin" and "Secrets of the Titanic." Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. The library is located at 66

Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Feb. 20 • The Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society, 300 Central Ave.. Mountainside, will host an annual Fish and Chips Dinner catered by the Thistle Restaurant of Kearny. Take out will be available 5 to 5:30 p.m. and sit-down dinners will be served 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Coffee, juice, and desserts are included in the meal price, which is \$10

per adult, \$5 per child under 12. For information, call 908-232-7322. .. The Ladies Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will conduct their regular monthly meeting in the Chapel, 37 Church Mall, after attending a Lenten Service in the Sanctuary. Plans for

the coming year will be discussed. All ladies are invited to attend. For information, call 973-379-4320,

• The Mother Goose Group promotes enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes, simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 11/4 to 3 years old and their parent or caregiver. The program will be conducted 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

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• Aristotle's "On Happiness" will be discussed at the Great Books Discussion Group, 10 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Moun-

The group welcomes new members. For information, call

973-376-4930. Feb. 22 • "Hello, I'm Ilyse and I'm a Drug Addict," is a special drug addiction prevention program offered at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive,

Springfield, 8:30 p.m. The speaker, a former drug addict, will talk about the long, tragic years she spent abusing drugs, followed by her tremendous road to recovery as a Jew. The program is open to all. For information, call 973-376-0539

• "Purim — When Heroism Triumphed Over Evil" is a special program open to the public at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

The night begins with a Maariv at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Costume Parade in the Sanctuary at 6:40 p.m., a Megillah Reading in the Sanctuary, A Purim Shpeil Play and a Purim Puppet Show. For information, call 973-376-0539.

March 8

• The Springfield Recreation Department will host a trip to the Continental Airlines Arena, East Rutherford, for an all new 123nd edition Circus, 7:30 p.m. in the lower level seats.

The fee is \$30 per person and includes cost of ticket and transportation

The bus departs 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

For information, call 973-912-2227.

## Springfield firm ranked No. 1 in Fortune magazine

The Springfield financial services firm Edward Jones announced that Fortune magazine ranked Edward Jones number one in its annual listing of the "Best Companies to Work For" in America. The ranking appears in the magazine's Monday edition, available on newsstands this week.

This is Edward Jones' fourth consecutive appearance on the list, but its first No. 1 ranking.

The magazine says that despite difficult economic times, the firm had no

97 percent of Edward Jones employees praise the management's honesty. Edward Jones Managing Partner John Bachman said that to be on the list of the "100 Best Companies to

Work For" is an extraordinary honor, but to be at the top of the list is beyond anything the firm could have imagined. "One of the keys to being an attractive workplace is the fact that everyone is organized around a single customer and a single mission," said

"We know our responsibility is to serve the serious long-term individual investor, and in order to do that effectively, we have to align all of our resources so that we are focusing on a can to support that relationship between our investment representa-

tive and the customer." More than any other national survey of companies, the Fortune 100 Best ranking is employee-driven, with

how randomly-selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an in-depth team effort and doing everything we analysis of company culture and human resources practiced.

> The applicant probed 279 employees of choice that evaluated trust in management, pride in work and the company, and camraderie.



## Springfield FD raises \$20,000 for NYC fund

Staff Writer

They call each other brother. Their kinship wasn't formed because they listened to the same bedtime stories read by Mommy or ate the same homemade apple pie baked by

They're firefighters and the Springfield Fire Department recognizes all firefighters as brothers. So when their New York City

sisters-in-law were widowed and their nieces and nephews were left as orphans after the tragic events of Sept. 11. Springfield firefighters raised money to help their family out.

"We had a banner made and we staved at four different intersections around town," said firefighter Carlo Palumbo. "What the banner said was, 'Springfield Fire Department Fund Drive For FDNY: Help Us Help Our

Springfield firefighters hung the banners and signs with that saying on busy intersections around town so that people would see them.

The fund-raiser took place on Oct. 20. Firefighters were stationed at the intersections of Mountain and Henshaw Avenues, Morris and Maple Avenues, Morris and Meisel Avenues, and the one-way part of Morris Avenue by Scotty's Steakhouse. They stood with firemens' boots that said 'For FDNY' on it, collecting money from people driving

"What we did was we split everybody up and each guy went out there and we were in our fire department tee-shirts," said Palumbo. "We were there from eight in the moring until

two in the afternoon." All members of the Springfield Fire Department helped with the fundraiser, a combination of the 21 full-time firefighters and the five volunteer firefighters. "As they drove by or we walked

past them, they just dropped the money in the boot," said Palumbo. "Some people asked what it was for and we told them." They managed to raise nearly \$14,000 and kicked the total up to \$20,000 when Springfield firefighters

contributed their own money. "People were really generous," said Palumbo, "There were people dropping \$100 bills and people writing checks — it was kind of weird to see — they're pulling over as soon as they found out it's for New York City, sav-

ing, 'Here, let me write you a check.'"

All the money went to the widows and children fund for the members of the New York City Fire Department.
On Sept. 11 Springfield sent almost every member of its fire department over to New York to help out. The town's firefighters were stationed on Staten Island.

"A little bit after the towers came down we were on our way to New this happened in our area I'm sure New York would come together," York," said Palumbo.

The Staten Island Firehouse that said Palumbo. "It's just part of the

said Cavallo. "We get very good sup-

port from Mountainside, Berkeley

Heights and area businesses. Cash

donations or donations of goods and

The Project Graduation Committee

runs several fundraisers to help raise

money for the event. March 1 they are

"Event types of things like the

spaghetti dinner, while they don't

bring in a lot of dollars, they give us

The committee also does a clothing

"People bring us their used clothes,

"Believe it or not, it brings in a couple

of thousand dollars each year. You

wouldn't think that we could do that

but the type of communities we're

dealing with, thank goodness, they are

services are always welcome."

hosting a spaghetti dinner.

#### Governor Livingston kicks off fund-raiser for Project Graduation Pizza, subs, snacks, desserts, and Graduating seniors' parents are Principal Benjamin Jones. "It's a "We accept cash, money is nice,"

all night long."

and volleyball.

for the student to participate; it's a and drug-free environment and it goes

check to them.

for the NYC Fire Department.

"We just know that if anything like

also asked to make a donation.

request," said Cavallo, "Some do and

some don't and that's fine. Either way

On June 26, GL students graduate.

They talk to their families for a little

while, accept their congratulations.

Then they have an opportunity to

change their clothes since they'll

bring with them sweatclothes, a bath-

ing suit, and a towel, and then they

board buses that take them to Rutgers

"We've done it at Rutgers every

The students enter into a Rutgers

year that our date has been available,"

said Cavallo. "There have been three

University in Piscataway.

but that's our first choice.

hours of activities.

the event goes on."

"That's certainly not a condition

their personnel to the World Trade brother firemen."

To help their brothers and sisters in New York City, Springfield Firefighters Jimmy Beyer,

left, and Michael Mastroeni hand a \$20,000 check to David Ferrero of the Staten Island

Fire Department. The money will go towards the Springfield Fire Department Fund Drive

they were stationed at, Engine Com- tradition of the fire service to help one this is what we did. Since they were so

pany 162, Ladder Company 82, sent another. We're all interconnected as good to us we did the boot drive, and

returned to that same Staten Island

On Jan. 11 Springfield Firefighters

"We called them up and said that

great thing for the kids because it pro-

vides them with a safe, alchohol-free

Facilities will be available for

"There's other entertainment aside

Additional activities will include a

"They have a lot of activities

swimming, racquetball, basketball.

from the athletics because not all stu-

dents are interested in that," said

disc jockey, temporary tattoo artist,

planned for the kids," said Jones. "A

lot of it is kept sort of secret so it's a

Cavallo did allude to some of the

analyst or a fortune teller," said

Cavallo, "Some people take that the

We have a disc-jockey with us all

caricaturist, and game room.

surprise when they get there."

Firehouse and donated their \$20,000 Palumbo, "We made a presentation to

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

- Starting this month, Governor Livingston High School is kicking off its fundraising activities for the 14th annual Project Graduation.

Each year, the communities of Mountainside and Berkley Heights join together to raise over \$15,000 to provide an all-night, drug- and alchohol-free event for the entire senior class on the night of graduation.

good publicity," said Cavallo. "Peo-"It's a yearlong undertaking," said ple see our name." Project Graduation Committee Treasurer Linda Cavallo. "We kick off in drive twice a year at the Berkeley February but fund-raising and event planning really go on on a yearlong Heights Community Center.

Contributions from local busines- linens, boots, stuffed animals, things or four times that come to mind when major source of funding for the event. us ten cents a pound," said Cavallo. Donations of money and gifts of goods and services are also sought. Prizes such as gift certificates, phone cards, disposable cameras, and other going-to-college items are also given out during the evening.

By Joshua Zaitz

At the Springfield Township Com-

mittee meeting Tuesday night, Mayor

Steven Goldstein announced that the

township was honored with an award

from Statewide Insurance Fund, the

award for 2001," said Goldstein.

Township Administrator Richard

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"We received the loss control

township's liability carrier.

won the award.

on our graduation night," said GL discarding year in and year out." Township gets award from liability insurance fund over a period of years," he said.

> seven years those dividends are able to roll back to the municipality. "In our case we chose to take those dividends and apply them to this year's premium," said Sheola, "It was

> > J==0....

Springfield is looking to do the

about a \$12,000 savings."

According to state Department of take the cash in instead of applying it Insurance regulations, after six or to the premium In other news, the Township Committee approved an ordinance that

> "What we are attempting to do here is move the recycling coordinator to

same thing in future years. In previous the Department of Public Works and years, the township has decided to to thereby allow several people to occupy the position, recognizing that there are different skills required for that job," said Committeeman Gre-

facility that is filled with hours upon—wrong way but it's really just in fun.

"We have excellent participation night if anyone's interested in dancing

Committeewoman Clara Harelik will clarify the office of recycling commended the people behind Springfield's recycling program. "You're able to put out your bottles,

magazines, your mixed papers, your mixed mail and you make it as easy as possible," she said." "So I want to commend our recycling coordinator for the effort that they do."

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## Dems have monthly meetings By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer and talk about what's been going on

They nibble on Girl Scout cookies around town. This is the Springfield Democratic Party's monthly meeting. This is how it is.

"We're very informal in terms of membership," said Democratic Chairperson Marcia Forman. "If you're a Democrat you can come but most people have not known until recently that we have regular meetings and I decided that it was time to publicize

them." They meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m., at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall. There are no membership dues. Democrats can just come, grab a seat and cookie, and talk.

"What we do is get people up to date on what's going on because that's one way of keeping the membership informed," said Forman. "It's to get a feeling for the opinions that people have on various issues. I think it's very important to keep the membership involved."

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen s there. He tells the members the latest ordinances and resolutions that the Township Committee has approved: he focuses on the Jan. 22 meeting. "The snow ordinance is something we've been working on for a long time," he said. "It does a couple of things. It forbids people from piling snow up around fire hydrants."

Mayor Steven Goldstein is in attendance. He asks everyone what's going sodas will be served all night, with a

They talk about taxes.

"I will very rarely now blame politicians for taxes going up because if you don't do anything; they still go up," said Goldstein. "You've got municipal workers who are guaranteed raises. We're now going to get hit with an assessment from the Sewage Authority for four or five percent. Everybody wants an increase." They talk about Meisel Field and

of its senior class attends Project about the school system's new superintendent. "Very often the reason a senior

"He may be new but he's a very doesn't participate is because they're sharp guy and he's very personable,' leaving the next day for orientation at college or camp," said Cavallo. said Goldstein. "He's a very easy guy to like. This guy is very outgoing. "Sometimes it's just beyond their He's very receptive. He'll meet with Anyone interested in making a any group that says, 'We want to talk

ses and senior class parents are the like that and have a service that pays we did not have the Rutgers facility, activities, though, "We usually have donation or volunteering to chaperon to you." He will go." we were bumped by another group, something silly like a handwriting can write to GLHS Project Gradua- They talk about the new CVS phartion, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley macy coming in and how there seems to be a CVS on every corner now Heights, 07922, or call Linda Cavallo "A couple years ago there was an at 908-464-5952. "We love to encourage anyone article in the The New York Times, said Bergen. "Essentially the major

from Mountainside to come join us and see what goes on," said Cavallo. pharmacies are attempting to have one store in each zip code because it

we just wanted to thank them for tak-

ing care of us when we were there.

making sure we were okay," said

them to give to the widows and child-

light breakfast provided before the

"They board the buses and immedi-

ately go to sleep," said Cavallo, "By

the time they get back up to Berkeley

Heights, they drive home. Some, I

understand, actually have the energy

GL estimates that over 90 percent

graduates leave at dawn.

to go to the diner.

Graduation.

gives them an advantage when negoliating with the HMOs. They talk about fundraisers. The Democrats have several fun-

year to year depending on the mood we're in," said Forman. "We often have a brunch in the spring." This year's fundraiser is still in the discussion-stages. It will probably be

some time in April, perhaps at the

Essex House in West Orange.

draisers every year. "They vary from

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## Fish & Chips dinner serves up fun for all

On Feb. 20, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society will host their Annual Fish & Chips Dinner catered by The Thistle Restaurant of Kearny. The dinner will be conducted on the O.L.L auditorium, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside. Take-out will be available 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and sit down dinners will be served 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Coffee, juice and delicious homemade desserts are included in the meal price, which is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. Children will have a choice of fish or chicken nuggets.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday and Feb. 16-17, call Joan Bieszczak 908-232-7322 or Marge Dabrowski at 908-232-2512. Tickets will not be sold at the door on the evening of the dinner. B.Y.O.B.



The new cafeteria kitchen at Summit High School recently celebrated its grand opening with an upgraded menu for students and teachers. Here are cafeteria employees Lori Cordray preparing sandwiches, and Barbara Castelli, who is cutting celery in the newly modernized food chopper. The new kitchen is part of the major capital improvement project underway at the school.

Church group offers house and activities pancake breakfast

Religious School.

and crafts, dance, cooking and crea-

tive fun. Upcoming events include:

Purim Costume Party, Sunday; Pas-

sover Celebration, March 17; and

The cost is \$12 per session, per

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traces the traditions, values, and pride

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skills needed to lead a Jewish life.

Horn, will be present to answer ques-

tions. Temple members as well as

non-members are invited to attend.

The SJCC is a member of the Conser-

RSVP to Stacey David, education

director, at 908-273-2800 or e-mail at

vative movement.

Stacey@babvelle.com.

The synagogue's rabbi, William

The Sixty-Something group from The Summit Jewish Community St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Center Religious School invites pre-Church, 587 Springfield Ave., plans schoolers to participate in its Jewish to host a Mardi Gras Pancake Break-Adventure Series, Children 4 years old to pre-K will experience an fast on Shrove Tuesday, this Tuesday, enriching, appropriate program to at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be a freewill offering. To make a learn about Jewish holidays and the reservation, call the church office at Activities will consist of music, arts

908-918-2507. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is accessible to the handicapped. Anyone interested in learning more about St. John's also can log Israel's Birthday, April 21. All ses- on to the Web site at sions will take place from 10:45 a.m. www.stjohnssummit.org.

#### 'Character Matters'

with Holy Cross event "Character Matters - Go Make A Difference" is the topic for the winter/ spring semester at Kids' Koinonia. This after-school program for children Pre-K through Grade 5 is a ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. While the new facilities are being built on Mountain Avenue, Kids' Koinonia is meeting at Evangel Baptist Church on Shunpike Road, Springfield.

Children meet every other Tuesday from 4 - 6 p.m. for games, small group discussion, music, and pizza dinner. The winter/spring semester runs-from February - May, ending with a concert and free family

Under the leadership of Joy Wagenblast, Holy Cross' Children's Minister, and Donna Hydock, director of Holy Cross Christian Nursery School & Kindergarten, the program serves nearly 100 children from about a dozen surrounding towns.

RELIGION

For registration information, call the Holy Cross Church Office at 973-379-4525.

#### Church celebrates Chapel anniversary

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, will celebrate the second anniversary of

our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. On Sunday, the 9:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop John Joseph Myers in Honor of this occasion and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. A brunch will follow.

#### Heroism wins with Beth Ahm program 🔪

"Purim - When Heroism Triumphed Over Evil" is a special program open to the public at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. with a At 6:40 p.m., there will be a Cos-

tume Parade in the Sanctuary. For preschool through Kitah Bet, second grade of the Religious School. Every child gets a prize followed by Megillah Reading in the Sanctuary. This event will be followed by a Purim Shpeil play. An original TBA production featuring The Never To Be Ready For Prime Time Temple Beth

A Purim Puppet Show is next. This puppet show will take place in the younger children. Note: One parent/ 201-722-9090, Ext. 210.

guardian must accompany each child Best costume judging: During the Megillah Reading, undercover judges will circulate to pick best costume winners in the following categories: third to seventh grade, teens, adults. seniors and best family theme costurne. Prizes will be awarded after the Purim Shpeil. Winners must be present to receive their prize. For more information, call 973-376-0539.

#### Judaism course will offer fresh insights

Want to expand your understanding of Judaism, learn how Jews live and what Jews believe? Whether you are a Jew by birth, part of an interfaith cou--ple or interested in converting to Judaism, "Introduction to Judaism" will provide a strong foundation on the fundamentals of Judaism.

The 16-session course will be conducted Saturday afternoons at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., beginning Feb. 23 and continuing through June 15, meeting once a week from 2 to 4 p.m. It is open to temple members and non-members. A single registration fee includes tuition and one set of books and materials for an individual or couple.

Classes deal with topics such as the Jewish calendar, the Sabbath and Jewish holidays, customs and rituals. For more information, call Region-Ballroom. It is geared towards our al Outreach Director Vicky Farhi at

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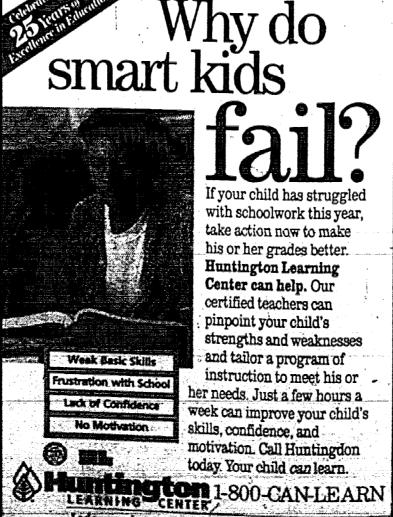
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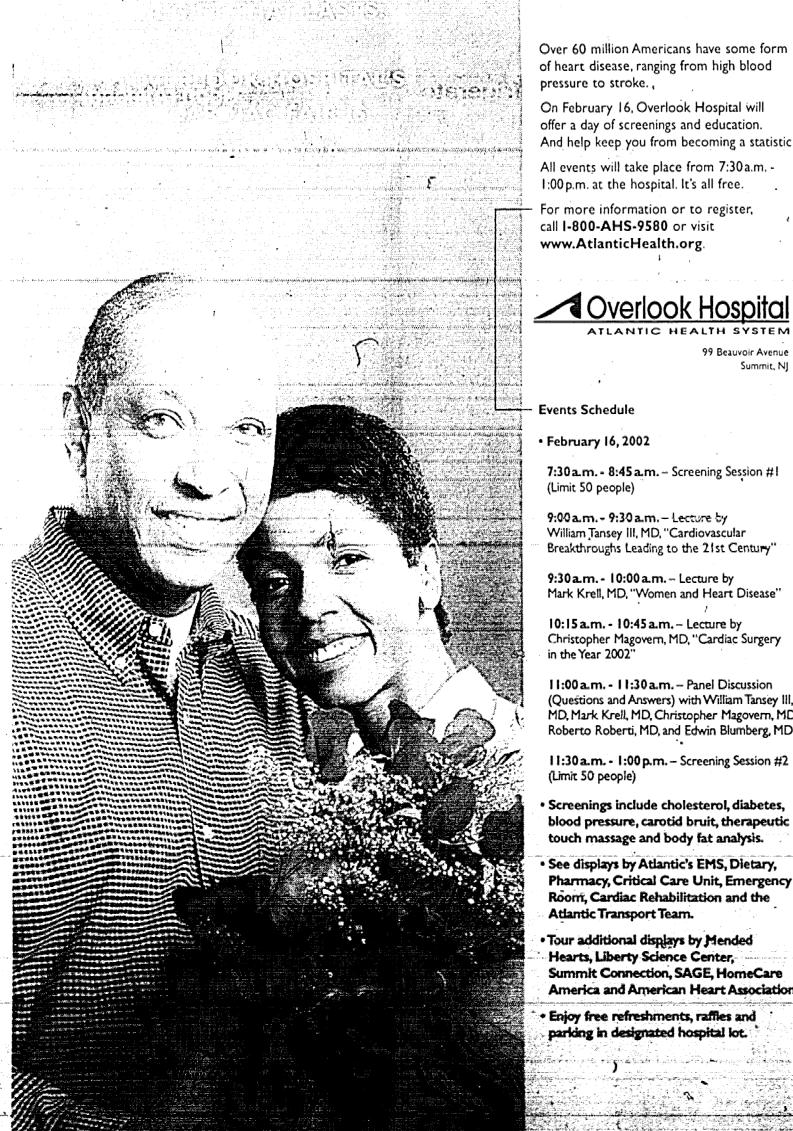
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Mark Krell, MD, "Women and Heart Disease" 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Lecture by Christopher Magovern, MD, "Cardiac Surgery

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Panel Discussion (Questions and Answers) with William Tansey III, MD Mark Krell, MD Christopher Magovern, MD, Roberto Roberti, MD, and Edwin Blumberg, MD

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## Lunch series serves up food for thought

A night to remember

Center and the Connection for Treatment of Women in the Movies," Women and Families in Summit began their successful "Lunch and series. These "www.wisewonderfulwomen" have already sponsored three interesting and diverse lunch-hour programs.

Past speakers have been Merrill Skaggs, Baldwin Professor of Humanities at Drew University, Carolyn Heilbrun, retired Columbia English professor and feminist-scholar, and Jim Cramer, flamboyant commentator for CNBC and TheStreet.com.

Molly Haskell, one of America's

will be the upcoming speaker Monday from noon to 1:30 p.m.

She has been delighting readers of The Village Voice, "New York Magazine" and "Vogue," to mention a few, for decades, focusing her crisp intelligence and marvelous wit on the relationship between women and men, and between the movies and those who watch them.

Danna Nolan Fewell will be the following speaker in the series and will discuss female characters in the Bible on March 11 from noon to 1:30 pm. She is a professor of Hebrew Bible at leading film critics and author of the Drew, Theological School and has Center at 908-273-7253 to register. written and taught extensively about www.womensource.com.



As space is limited and to avoid being turned away at the door, call the

"Growing Our Own: New Women Poets" will take place on Feb. 25 at 7:30 pm and will conclude with an open reading. Each reader will be limited to one poem of no more than 60 lines. Time permitting, there will be an open discussion of what it feels like to "come out of the closet" as a poet and how the Center might support local women writers as they develop the need to market their

Center, 31 Woodland Ave. Call the

Center at 908-273-7253 to register for

similar Center programs, call or visit

www.womensource.org.

With the amount of money, time and energy spent, today's parents are heavily invested in their in-home child care providers. These caregivers are initially involved in family functions, but inevitably are drawn into family dynamics. Parents frequently

The following programs will be devotion from caregivers that a family conducted at the Women's Resource would ideally provide. At the same time, they might resent the very attachment to their children that can each program. For information about develop.

WRC offers upcoming events

For "The Parent-Caregiver Relationship," Carol Bandini, author and therapist, will facilitate a lively discussion of the issues surrounding athome child care using her book, "Child Care for Love or Money: A Guide to Navigating the Parent-Caregiver Relationship."

This program will be conducted Feb. 26 from 7:30 to 9 pm. There will be a fee of \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 908-273-7253 by Feb. 22 to register. The Women's Resource Center and Interweave will celebrate Women's History Month by reveling in women power. They are sponsoring a special series highlighting the lives of great women and how they can inform and inspire our lives today. From medieval mystics to modern day poets and saints, from women of Scripture to the

The subject of the first program in the five-part series will be Women Mystics led by Marie Roberts. It will be conducted March 2, 1 to 4 p.m. Call the Center at 908-273-7253 to register by Feb. 28.

goddesses within, these female icons

are windows to women's potential for

Center, call or go to www.womensource.org. For information about Interweave programs go to Future topics in the series will be

#### for poets, parents, and more p.m.; "Goddesses Within: Four Archetypes of the Feminine" led by Diana Beach on Monday, March 18. from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.; "Peace Pil-

that can be brought into the service of

people's conscious, waking lives. Pat

de la Fuente, ongoing dream-sharing

expert and participant in "Theatre of

Dreams," will lead the dream work-

shop on March 12 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

charge as part of the Women's

Resource Center, the Connection for

Women and Families and Inter-

weave's response to the tragic events

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register for each program. For infor-

mation about similar programs at the

This program is offered free of

Sports Editor As many as seven schools had at grim" led by Sr. Eleanor Francis on least one Union County Tournament March 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm and champ, but in the end it was another "Women Poets" led by Elizabeth crowning victory for Roselle Park. O'Brien on April 1, 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The Panthers captured the 27th annual UCT at Union last Saturday, The fee for each program is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. wrestling kings of the county for a

"Night Into Day: A Dream Work. record sixth straight year. shop"- Dreams can be a source of While Roselle Park had two fascination and delight or they can champions in four-time winner Dan haunt people with recurring, frighten-Appello at 125 and Shawn Kachnowski at 189, the second- and third-Dreams are also a form of creative. place teams had the most champions if unconscious, expression, and a at three each, those schools being potential source of self-knowledge Cranford and Scotch Plains.

> Appello became the fourth grappler to win four UCTs and the second to win at four weight classes, Craig Frost being the other. TEAMS: 1-Roselle Park 216.

Best in county

come out on top

By JR Parachini

2-Cranford 158. 3-Scotch Plains 156.5. 4-New Providence 152. 5-Rahway 126. 6-Brearley 123.5. 7-Governor Livingston 112.5. 8-Union 110. 9-Westfield 106.5. 10-Elizabeth 102.5. 11-Johnson 51. 12-Linden 37.5. 13-Plainfield 34. 14-RC 10. FINALS

**Editor: JR Parachini** 

Can be reached in

Maplewood at 973-763-0700

103: Derek Francavilla, Scotch Plains, dec. Joe Blackford, Roselle

112: Tom Murray, Cranford, dec. Jon Reedy, New Providence, 3-1. 119: Amin Queen, Elizabeth, dec. Eric Connolly, Scotch Plains, 5-3. 125: Dan Appello, Roselle Park, dec. William Banks, Elizabeth, 11-4. 130: Stefano Sarracino, Brearley, dec. Nick Panetta, Roselle Park, 8-2. 135: Pat Daly, Cranford, dec. Nick

Zangari, Roselle Park, 12-4. 140: Lucas Francavilla, Scotch Plains, pinned Charles Mueller, 1:51. 145: Matt Denichilo, Scotch Plains, dec. Jim Garrison, Roselle Park, 5-3. 152: Jon Regenye, Governor Livingston, pinned Dan McDonald.

Westfield, 1:50. 160: Dave Racelis, Rahway, pinned Shawn Colvin, Linden, 3:59. 171: Dan Zika, Brearley, dec. Chris Winter, Johnson, 10-2.

189: Shawn Kachnowski, Roselle Park, pinned Shane Mallory, New 215: Greg Donofrio, Cranford,

pinned Matt Russo, Brearley, :55. HWT: Joe Giacobbe, Rahway, Outstanding Wrestler (103-140): December in holiday tournament play. 125-pound champion.

(145-HWT): Greg Donofrio, Cranford, 215-pound champion.

Finishing Third 103-Ross Baldwin, New Providence 112-Stephen Mineo, Scotch Plains 119-Marc Yospin, Brearley 125-Tim Vanderveer, Gov. Liv. 130-Marcus Glasco, Rahway 135-Cody Hunter, New Providence 140-Lee Tomasso, Westfield 145-Al Montesdeoca, Rahway 152-Rob Appello, Roselle Park 160-Michael Stembridge, Plainfield 171-Alex Pavlinov, New Providence

189-Colin Price, Gov. Livingston

215-Jason Cross, Union

HWT-Fred Rosser, Union

Finishing Fourth 103-Rob Mench, Westfield 112-Peter Jacangelo, Union 119-Joe DeCampo, Westfield 125-Jake Kramer, Westfield 130-Mike Fullowan, Gov. Liv. 135-Sean Horton, Rahway 140-None 145-Christian Patino, Elizabeth 152-Andrew Buttitta, New Prov. 160-Darryl Gent, Elizabeth 171-Josh Harris, Cranford 189-Akeem Jackson, Elizabeth

215-Shawn Coughlin, Gov. Liv.

HWT-Chris Bouthoutsos, R. Park

Top Seeds 103: Derek Francavilla, Scotch Plains 112: Stephen Mineo, Scotch Plains 119: Amin Queen, Elizabeth 125: Dan Appello, Roselle Park 130: Stefano Sarracino, Brearley

135: Pat Daly, Cranford 140: Charles Mueller, Union 145: Jim Garrison, Roselle Park 152: Jon Regenye, Gov. Livingston 160: Dave Racelis, Rahway

189: Shawn Kachnowski, R. Park 215: Greg Donofrio, Cranford HWT: Joe Giacobbe, Rahway • As many as 11 of the 14 top seeds

171: Dan Zika, Brearley

won championships, including Derek Francavilla at 103, Amin Queen at 119, Dan Appello at 112, Stefano Sarracino at 130, Pat Daly at 135, Jon Regenye at 152, Dave Racelis at 160, Dan Zika at 171, Shawn Kachnowski at 189, Greg Donofrio at 215 and Joe

Giacobbe at heavyweight. • Queen (his second), Appello (his fourth), Sarracino (his second) and Donofrio (his second) repeated as SPORTS



Dayton High School freshman guard Cristin Zavocki (No. 14, with ball) is guarded by Brearley junior Janet Papis (No. 15) during a Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division varsity girls' basketball game held earlier this year in Kenilworth. Dayton won 59-30 as Zavocki poured in 15 points. Dayton is scheduled to host Brearley in conference play Tuesday night at 7. The Bulldogs take a 14-3 overall record and 13-2 Valley Division mark into tomorrow night's scheduled conference road game against Manville, a team Dayton has already defeated by a 54-28 score at home. Dayton's final scheduled regular-season game is Feb. 15 at home against St. Mary's of Elizabeth. Breadey won the first time by a 74-25 count in Elizabeth.

## Dayton girls' basketball was so close to halting Oak Knoll

Standout Aizenberg closing in on 1,000

SUMMIT — A learning experience. That's what the Dayton High School girls' basketball team will take out of its 50-42 overtime loss to Oak Knoll

The loss dropped the Bulldogs' record to 14-3 overall and 13-2 in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley

Both conference losses came to Oak Knoll, which now has the inside track on capturing another MVC-Valley Division title. Oak Knoll improved to 16-1 overall and 15-0 in the Valley with its 14th consecutive win. Oak pinned Steve Carbone, Cranford, :39. Knoll's only loss was to Toms River South 36-33 back in

Dan Appello, Roselle Park, "Dayton's only other loss besides the two setbacks to Oak Knoll was a 53-39 defeat to Mountain Division rival Outstanding Wrestler Roselle in December in the first round of the Panther Pride Tournament at Roselle Park.

> On Jan. 8, Dayton dropped a 46-40 decision to the visiting Royals. The Bulldogs were led by standout senior guard Esther Aizenberg's 18 points, while freshman guard Cristin Zavocki chipped in with 10.

> "A team like Oak Knoll has been there before," Dayton head coach Dave Rennie said. "They've been in tight situations and have more experience than us."

Despite the setback, Dayton is enjoying one of its best The Bulldogs have qualified once again for the North

Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs and are either the No. 2 or 3 seed as Butler and Dayton both had two losses after last Saturday's cutoff date. Dayton was the seventh seed last year and lost a

second-seeded Glen Ridge 44-24 in the quarterfinals. Mountain Lakes is the top seed in the section this year. The states commence around New Jersey the week of Feb.

Prior to the Oak Knoll loss, Dayton had an eight-game winning streak which included impressive conference wins over St. Mary's of Elizabeth, Roselle Park and Newark

On Jan. 15, the Bulldogs defeated host St. Mary's 74-25. Aizenberg had 23 points, while sophomore forward Lyndsey Brahm had 14 points, 11 rebounds and seven steals. Dayton defeated Roselle Park 61-32 in Roselle Park on Jan. 29. Aizenberg paced the attack with 18 points, while sophomore point guard Sara Steinman contributed 13. The Bulldogs erupted for 90 points last Friday in defeat-

ing visting Newark Central 90-28. Aizenberg had a seasonhigh 33 points, while Brahm netted 12, Zavocki 11, Steinman 10 and Lisa Listowski nine. "I wish we had a better test heading into the Oak Knoll

game," Rennie said. Falling behind 4-1 early to Oak Knoll, Dayton used a hustling defense to close the first quarter with a five-point

After Listowski, a sophomore forward, tallied on a layup, Aizenberg came up with a steal and was fouled on a Mary's on Friday, Feb. 15, both 7 p.m. starts.

points and pull down 18 rebounds to help lift Dayton to a

The Governor Livingston High School girls' track and .field team captured its first-ever indoor Union County championship by outpointing host Elizabeth 42-40 at last week's meet at the Dunn Sport Center.

efforts of Dana McCurdy, Chrissy McCurdy, Jackie Schichting and Megs DiDario.

hurdles in 8.4.

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team did well to qualify for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 playoffs where it will get a chance to defend it's title. Not a bad job, considering the Bulldogs had only one

returning starter from last year's championship squad. All that returning starter did last Friday was score 34

layup attempt. Making one-of-two free throws, Dayton took a 5-4 lead.

A defensive stop led to a Listowski short jumper to make it 7-4 before Steinman came up with a steal and lay-

up to push the score to 9-4. The Bulldogs then boosted their lead to 16-4 to start the second quarter on a 10-footer by Listowski and a "trey" from the left wing by Steinman. Steinman also added two

more points as a result of a technical foul called on Oak 7:45 p.m. Knoll head coach Jeremiah Gregg. Oak Knoll's Courtney Hubschmann popped in a sevenfooter in the paint to make it 16-6 before Steinman drilled a

three-pointer from the left wing to bring it to 19-6. After Hubschmann, 14 points, and Zavocki traded layups to make it 21-8, the Royals scored the last four points of the half to bring the score to 21-12 at intermission. Then it was case of deja vu all over again. As in its first meeting with Oak Knoll in which they led 17-6 at halftime

Dayton unraveled in the second half. The Royals chipped away at the Bulldog lead in the third quarter and eventually tied their opponent at 27-27 heading

into the final period. Oak Knoll's Tracey George, who finished with 15 points, had two three-pointers, while Kate Abramson

added one in the quarter to help the Royals pull into the deadlock. "We left too many people open even though they were

missing their three's early in the game," Rennie said. "A good shooting team is eventually going to make them." After a back-and-forth fourth quarter, Oak Knoll took a

39-37 advantage with less than a minute left. With a chance to go up by four, Oak Knoll couldn't convert on three consecutive putbacks which led to a transtion bucket by the Bulldogs to tie the game at 39-39. After

moving downcourt, Steinman, who paced Dayton with 19 points, fed Listowski underneath for a five-foot banker and the tie with 19 clicks left in regulation. George then drove the ball around the left baseline and fired a shot that was corralled by teammate Katherine

Sweeney, who was fouled with 2.4 seconds remaining. Sweeney then missed both free throws as the game headed for overtime. "We didn't make great decisions on either side of the

ball," Rennie said. "Especially on defense, because we 'didn't communicate well." Oak Knoll started overtime with a flurry as it went on a

5-0 run to build a 44-39 lead. After Aizenberg tallied on a layup to cut it to 44-41, Abramson and George each made a pair of free throws to

put the game away at 48-41.

Aizenberg, who scored six points, now needs only 22 more to reach 1,000 for her career.

Aizenberg's next attempt at reaching the century mark

will come tomorrow night as the Bulldogs are scheduled to play at conference rival Manville. In a 54-28 home win over the Mustangs, Aizenberg netted 15 points.

Dayton's final two scheduled regular-season games are at home next week against Brearley Tuesday and St.

## GL girls' track wins first indoor county

55-40 Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division victory at Newark Central. The win gave the Bulldogs a qualifying 9-8 record. GL won the mile relay in 4:29.3 behind the outstanding St. James hoop teams win

Dana McCurdy was second in the 60-yard dash in 7.4. DiDario was second in the 880-yard run in 2:31.8, second

in the one-mile run in 5:37.5 and second in the 60-yard Dayton boys' make states

The CYO varsity team, grades 7-8, defeated Our Lady of Peace, New Providence A Team 31-28 as Steven Siracusa paced all scorers with 11 points and Marco Pannella had eight. In a 42-23 win over the B Team, Joe Liggins and Pannella had eight points, Ryan O'Reilly seven and Siracusa and Dart Grey six. Ted Hopkins made a long threepointer, while Joe Giamo and Andy Ghilino had two

St. James of Springfield hoop teams were victorious.

The JV team, grades 5-6, defeated Holy Trinity of Westfield 38-20 and St. John's of Clark 31-22. Contributing to the victories were Dion Nesmith, Casey Buckley, Joey Pulice, James Kukucka, Colin Greten and Patrick White.

## Dayton hockey makes states for first time

Sports Editor

First, the Bulldogs set a team record for most victories in a season. Second, was qualifying for the state playoffs for the first time in the fiveseason history of the program.

Next, we'll see how successful the Dayton High School ice hockey team can Dayton enters Saturday night's scheduled game against Johnson at Twin

Oaks in Morristown with an 8-7-1 record. The cutoff date to qualify for the playoffs is Saturday, so even if the Bulldogs fall to the Crusaders, they will be "It's a tremendous achievement for our team," second-year Dayton head

coach Todd Drevitch said. Dayton finished 6-11-1 last year.

"Our skill level has improved as has our mental attitude," Drevitch said. "We're playing with much more confidence." Dayton tied Johnson 2-2 at Warinanco Rink in Roselle last week. Johnson

entered the Central Conference-Blue Division contest undefeated in conference

"We pretty much shut down a very high-scoring team in Johnson," Drevitch The Crusaders have improved a great deal as well this year, their record mov-

ing to 9-3-2 after the tie. Johnson, just 4-17 a year ago, also qualified for the public schools state tournament and began the week with a record of 10-3-4. Dayton's last game played was a 4-2 setback to West Orange last Friday night at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Junior defenseman Brett Berger scored one goal and assisted on the other, scored by freshman center Steve

Mandel returned from an injury to join senior right wing Adam Cohen and senior left wing Clay Boeninghaus on Dayton's No. 1 line. Mandel, who began the week with 11 goals and 16 assists, had two goals and five assists in a 10-3 Dayton victory over Passaic Valley on Dec. 20 at Floyd Hall Arena.

That move returned Berger to one of the team's starting defenders and put him back on Dayton's No. 2 line, which also includes center Andre Moczydlowski and Craig Radzion.

Moczydlowski, the other starting defenseman, also does an outstanding job of thwarting opposing team's No. 1 lines. Cohen leads the team in goals scored and scoring with to als of 28 goals and

14 assists for 42 points. Cohen scored six goals in a 6-3 win a minst Jefferson on Jan. 23 at Pro Stake in South Brunswick. "Adam is a true leader, in the lockerroom as well," Drevitch said of his team

The Bulldogs have also benefitted from excellent play in goal by junior

"Mike has been steady all season for us," Drevitch said.

Rodrigues, owner of an impressive 3.30 goals-against average, made 22 saves in the tie against Johnson and had 17 saves in the 6-3 win against Jefferson. Rodrigues stopped 10 shots, one of them a penalty shot, in posting a 4-1 win at Twin Oaks over Newark East Side back on Dec. 8.

Dayton had games cancelled against Lawrence last Saturday and at Watch-After facing Johnson once again in conference play this Saturday, the Bull-

dogs are scheduled to conclude their regular season at Bayonne on Feb. 15 at

Dayton may know who it plays in the public schools state tournament by the

## Dayton swimmers are among best in county

By Jeff Wolfrum

Staff Writer ELIZABETH — Making a splash. That's what many area Union County swimmers did last weekend in the

Union County Championships held at the Dunn Center. Westfield took both the boys' and girls' team titles, the boys' competing Friday and the girls' Saturday.

The Westfield girls' team complied 225 points, followed by Governor Livingston with 227 and Scotch Plains with 137.

The boys' team registered 307 points, while Scotch Plains was second with 223 and Summit third with 128. In the girls' 50-yard freestyle, Sandy Zaeh of GL captured the title with a

25.80 score followed by Kirsten Selert of Westfield at 26.25 and teammate Karen Bocian at 56.00. In the boys' event, Kevin Bobenchick of Rahway placed second at 22.98, while Ryan Bartholomew of Westfield took top honors with a 22.42 time.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Bobenchik took second at 49.93 behind Westfield's Zack Coppa 49.40. "I went out pretty fast and took the third turn and pushed off, but he caught

me," Bobenchick said. "In my first event, I had a rough start, but hit the wall pretty good at the 50 and did the best I could."

Kendra Kennedy of Johnson took the title on the girls' side with a 55.27 time. Zach was second at 56.00 followed by Megan Janson of Oak Knoll at 56.93. Coppa took top honors in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:49.30, while Cran-

ford's James Sheerin was second at 1:52.70. GL's Kate Hansen won the girls' event with a 2:04.13 time. Teammate Tara Finley was third at 2:05.66-behind Beth Deresz of Union Catholic at 2:04.46. Sheerin won the boys' 500-yard freestyle title with a 5:06.89 time. Bill Swenson of Scotch Plains was second at 5:12.69 followed by Westfield's Chris

Heinen at 5:13.36 and Josh Schoenfeld at 5:13.70. "Josh and I are friends and have been kidding each other for two weeks every since the entries went in," Sheerin said. "I was basically trying to stay ahead of him, so I could have bragging rights."

Blake Walsh of Kent Place took the girls' title with a 5:16.96 time followed by Jennifer Hand of Union Catholic at 5:24.03. Hansen was third at 5:31.73, while Finley was next at 5:31.92.

In the 100-yard boys' butterfly, Dayton's Bryan Demberger finished a very respectable second at 57.40. Westfield's Vin Shen captured the event in a winning time of 55.98.

"Bryan has helped lead us to a second-place finish in the Mountain Valley Conference," Dayton head coach Sissy McCullough said. "He's broken many

Demberger also placed eighth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:01.15.

Garry Goldman turned in a time of 25.05 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle for Dayton, placing 10th.

Drew DeCagna posted a personal-best time of 110.94 for the Bulldogs, to

place 11th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Andrew O'Neill of Oratory won the boys' 100 backstroke in a record time of

53.53. The former record of 54.21 was set in 1993 by Westfield's Darren GL took a second place finish at 1:57.79 in the girls' 200-yard medley behind

winner Westfield at 1:57.68. Summit was third at 1:59.05 followed by Johnson The Highlanders wouldn't be denied in the girls' 400-yard freestyle relay in taking the crown. The team of Hansen, Pflug, Zaeh and Bocian clocked in with

a mark of 3:48.20. Dayton's relays also turned in some fine times. Demberger, Goldman, DeCagna and junior John Cottage teamed to take eighth in the 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:55.81.

Later, the same four swimmers took seventh in the 200-yard freestyle relay in a time of 1:43.41. In the final event of the night, Dayton seniors Shany David and Wojtek Mys-

liwiec and juniors Matt Stigliano and Cottage posted a 10th-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay event in a time of 4:38.20.



The Summit Cotillion is a formal dance to which all Summit girls and their peers who graduated from various schools the previous June are invited. This year, over 100 people attended the 51st annual Summit Cotillion at the Short Hills Hilton Hotel. Here are members of the Junior Committee who planned the dance. In front, from left, are Marianne Speni, Adrienne Gelert, Melissa Jewett, Amanda Gilbert, Melanie Vega, Kate Parker and Mary Kropp. In the middle, from left, are Liz Hodson, Katie Ardington, Kimberly Gianis, Stephanie Cherkezian, Shannon Garvey and Linsay Kellogg. In back, from left, are Sarah Cowherd, Allison Johnson, Sarah Bernard, Christine Birkhofer and Cristina Tchevan.

In the past, the Women's Resource Center has sponsored poetry readings by established women poets. Now, the Center is giving some talented home-grown poets, Vicki Schwartz,

Jennifer Johnson, Margaret Dukes and Peggy Vassallo, the chance to step out of the audience and onto the

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tickets will be sold.

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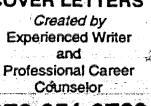
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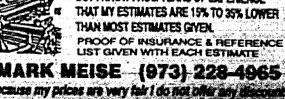
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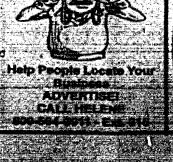




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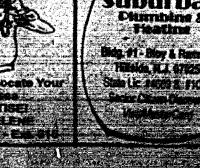
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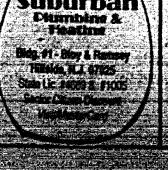
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When Union County College alum-

na Annie West entered her final year

at Rutgers University, she never

expected that she was going to write a

As a result of the work done for her

oral presentation in the course, "Afri-

can Presence in American Culture,"

with Ivan Van Sertima, she was

encouraged to write a cookbook, titled

"Kettles and Chains: An Insightful

Look at the Origins of Southern Cui-

sine." Limited research has been done

in the field of this cuisine and for her

final presentation. West cooked an

entire meal for the class and explained

the historical significance behind each

dish as it related to African culture.

West explains that "Kettles and

Chains" provides a glimpse at the

influences behind today's African-

American community. Throughout

the book are true accounts of slavery

lowed slavery as provided through

personal stories handed down through

the generations. The recipes included

in . "Kettles and Chains" originated

under the adverse conditions and

many periods of hardship that

African-American people encoun-

tered as they moved from slavery to

freedom. The recipes have been pri-

marily passed on by word of mouth.

through generations, just as other

and the transition periods which fol-



#### Rvan selected to be parade's grand marshal

The 2002 Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently selected Marilyn Ryan as Grand . Marshal for this year's parade, which will be March 16 at 1 p.m. in Union

During Ryan's entire adult life she has demonstrated the true spirit of Irish people through her selflessness, generosity and caring. After earning her bachelor's degree in education p.m from Seton Hall University, she embarked on a 20-year career as a teacher in the parochial school systems in both Elizabeth and Linden She returned to school and became a licensed practical nurse and worked in the Rahway Hospital Pediatrics Unit for the next 12 years, touching countless lives with her compassion and spiritual guidance.

In 1985, she assumed the position of pastoral associate at St. Helen's parish in Westfield. She later became the director of the Helping Hands and Hearts program, which is designed to meet the spiritual, financial and material needs of families in inner

A selfless person who gets great satisfaction from helping others, Ryan also serves on the advisory boards of Sister Pat's Camp for Kids with Cancer and St. Joseph's Social Center in Elizabeth. She finds time to oversee the Holy Trinity Food Pantry while volunteering time at Sister Jacinta's Soup Kitchen. Her daily dedication to helping offiers is clearly evident throughout all of Union County and

"Marilyn has dedicated her entire life to those in need," Parade Chair-Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. She is a most wonderful choice for

#### Annex office open late

The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex, 300 North Ave. East, will be open two nights a week for the added convenience of residents who need its services? Effective Tuesday, the annex is now open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays. Wednesdays and Fridays.

The annex provides ABC identification cards, county identification cards, passports, photography services, swearing-in of Notary Public, and clerk certificates.

The office has been busier than ever in recent months, as security concerns have increased among local businesses, airlines and government offices. Since the tragic events on Sept. 11, the clerk's office has had a 100 percent jump in requests for photo identification cards over last

The County Clerk's Westfield Annex can be reached at 908-654-9859. The main office in Elizabeth can be reached at 908-527-4966.

## County budget hearings

The Board of Chosen Freeholders continues departmental budget hearings this month.

• Feb. 19: Department of Human Services, 6 p.m.; Administrative Services, 7 p.m., and Prosecutor's Office,

• Feb. 26: Sheriff's Department, 6 p.m.: Rutgers Cooperative Extension. 6:30 p.m.; County Counsel, 7 p.m.; Runnells Specialized Hospital, 7:30

Hearings are conducted in the freeholder meeting on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

#### 'Freeholders Forum'

Union County government's annual reorganization ceremony, held Jan. 7. is the subject of the latest "Freeholders Forum" television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders

Recently re-elected Freeholders Mary Ruotolo, Daniel Sullivan and Lewis Mingo Jr. were sworn in to new three-year terms. Sheriff Ralph Proch-

## **COUNTY NEWS**

lich — the longest-serving county "Two hours after the attacks on the sheriff in New Jersey history — took World Trade Center, our officers were the oath for his ninth three-year term. on the scene, helping to coordinate The freeholder board elected Mingo emergency response operations. On a day of tragedy for our entire nation, as chairman and Ruotolo as vice our officers responded wiht unselfish In each 30-minute program, freededication and an unwavering devoiolders and guests discuss news tion to duty. Words cannot express the events and issues affecting the lives of pride I feel for our staff," Froehlich Union County residents. "Freeholders

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The K-9 unit includes Sgts. John Gilispie and Ronald Malcolm: Sheriff's Officers Christopher Aversa, Brian Howarth, Brian Way, and Robert Woelpper; and canine officers Champ, Johnnie, Lando and Udo.

#### Guild sale planned today The Volunteer Guild of Runnells

Specialized Hospital of Union County sponsors a sale by the employees of the facility today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the multipurpose room, 40. its members and guests. Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights On sale will be baked goods, gift

baskets for Valentine's Day and A part of every sale goes back to

the Volunteer Guild to improve the quality of life of the residents and patients, by providing prizes for the pingo games and funding performances by a variety of musicians, singers and artists at the hospital.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County are interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact, as well as performing other tasks. For information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

To schedule a tour of the facility or to file an application, call the hospital's Admission Office at 908-771-5901. There are no residency requirements for admission. Runnells Specialized Hospital accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County now offers Respite Care, a way for caregivers to take that postponed vacation, attend that wedding, or just spend a weekend relaxing. Physicians and registered nurses are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Meals, snacks, activities and basic cable TV are included. The minimum stay offered is three nights. and there is no maximum stay. Call the Admissions Office at

908-771-5901 for more information.

UCLSA bus trip Feb. 17 the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Froelich joined in the presentation. which was held during the Sherrift's Office's annual awards ceremony. known as Union County Legal Secre- The company benefits through

trip to the Taj Mahal Casino in Atlantic City. The bus will depart from the Union County Administration Building in Elizabeth at 8:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. There will be an additional pick up at the Cheesequake Service Area on the Garden State Parkway. The cost is \$21, with a \$12 return from the casino

For information or reservations call Helen Goworek at 908-289-7356 or 908-527-4506 or Susie Mack at 908-322-2333.

The proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit UCLSA's annual scholarscholarship to a Union County resident who is pursuing a law-related career. In addition, UCLSA sponsors monthly legal education seminars for

Registration for late spring semester classes at Union County College that begin Feb. 11 will continue until Feb. 13 at the college's Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses.

Students can sign up for courses from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Fridays, or 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

For more information, call

#### Junior Achievement Groundhog Job Shadow

Until May 15. Mountainside-based Junior Achievement of New Jersey will assist middle and high school students across the state participating in Groundhog Job Shadow activities. The purpose is to provide students. with an un-close look at what a real iob is like, and how the skills they learn in school are put to use in the workplace. The opportunity for students to get exposure to the field they are interested in through a local company is exciting for both the student

During a job shadow experience, a student receives an armload of benefits, such as seeing a link between education and success, encouragement to get the necessary education and skills for the job they want, stressing the importance of teamwork on the job and gives them information to

make important career choices. The Job Shadow experience also On Feb. 17: UCLSA, the associa- helps students determine which career tion for legal professionals, formerly field they would like to have a job in.

community, helps to prepare the future workforce and encourages employees to volunteer within the

that residents have requested, Omni Planning Group has expanded and Companies can get involved by established a new tax, accounting and financial planning firm in Roselle Park. Omni Planning Group LLC is located at 47 W. Westfield Ave., in the same lot as the Dunkin' Donuts. across from STS Auto Center and

The members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Business Partnership will have their annual business card exchange 1000 Spring St., Rtes. 1&9 South, Elizabeth.

All businesses in Union County are invited to attend the evening to make new business contacts while having

Admission is \$15 for chamber members and \$20 for non-chamber

For more information or reserva-

tions, call the chamber office at

A pamphlet outlining important 2002 election dates, candidate petition filing due dates, absentee ballot deadlines, and campaign finance report deadlines is now available at public libraries, the Union County Clerk's office and municipal clerk offices throughout the country. The pamphlet also includes a detachable

The pamphlet lists the key election lots at their homes.

County Clerk's main office at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth, the annex at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield, local libraries, and municipal buildings throughout Union County.

The County Clerk's office can be reached at 908-527-4966.

legacies have shaped the cuisine of demand. These slave cooks made a

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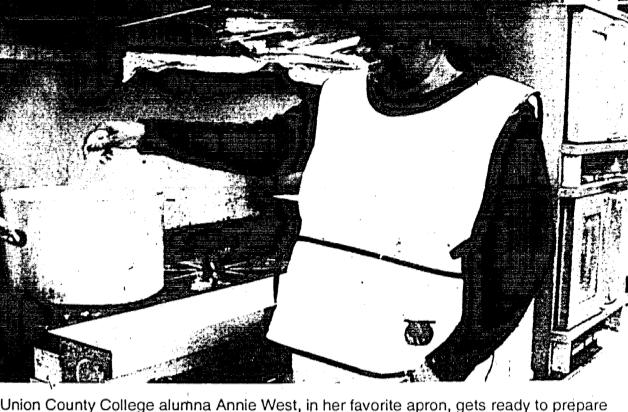
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Elizabeth Madresh, a senior a Westfield High School, placed 13th on viola in the Region II High School

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one of her recipes from 'Kettles and Chains: An Insighful Look at the Origins of Southern

West also includes in the cookbook section on her personal favorites weet potato pie, chicken with dressig, string beans, mustard greens and, of course, her recipe for her butter-

milk biscuits, the West family favo-

section on healthy eating. The illustrations in the book were drawn by renowned artist Robert Hall, who specializes in black country art that captivates the struggle of African-Americans in their daily lives.

rite. She concludes the book with a

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## NJ Workshop students bring honors to county

Cookbook serves up recipes and cultural heritage

"These are the legacies of which

African-Americans should rightly be

The introduction of the book

explains the genesis of southern cui-

sine in America. West states, "Slavery

changed the foodways of the Ameri-

can south through the great survival

skills of the slaves, the available food

choices and the use of African-

American cooks. The cuisine in the

south of today evolved from slavery

and is imbued with African heritage

transported by the slaves. The cooks

and other slaves who performed

domestic chores were referred to as

'house slaves.' These enslaved Afri-

cans were very instrumental in shap-

ing the culinary art of the American

south. Traditional dishes were made

with new zest and spiciness ... many

dishes were made out of necessity and

lasting impression upon the white citi-

roud," West said.

'Kettles and Chains' took many years of

research that required the collection of infor-

mation from a variety of sources including

historical experts, plantations, libraries and

other individuals involved in Annie West's

upbringing in southeastern North Carolina.

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts has announced that many of its students have merited awards and placements in the field of instrumental and vocal music.

George Lykogiannes, a sophomre at Watchung Hills Regional High School, played piano at a special anniversary dinner at Sunrise Assisted Living in Westfield. In addition, Lykogiannes also made principal French horn in the Region II High

School Symphony Orchestra. Chris Velderman, a freshman at Westfield High School, made second chair on French horn in the Region II High School Symphony Orchestra. Dan Zavaro, a fifth-grader at Wilson School, was concert master of the school orchestra during the holiday

Harrison Davis, a sixth-grader at Orange Avenue School in Cranford, was chosen as first clarinetist for the New Jersey Philharmonic Orchestra. Daniel Lyman, a freshman at Tenafly High School was chosen second euphonium in the Bergen County High Schol Band Competition.

Katie Downey, Deanna Mustachio and Jennifer Howell, all juniors at Scotch Plains/Fanwood High School, will play the roles of Pegcen Ryan, Gloria Upson and Gertrude Gaines respectively in the high school production of "Mame." Downey also toured Europe this summer with the American Music Abroad Gold Tour and sang at the World Scholar Athlete

Games. Carl Baron, a sophomore at Westfield High School, was named principal cellist in the Region II High

School Symphony Orchestra. Baron high school, also performed at the also performed at the Sunrise Assisted Living of Westfield at their anniver- zabeth. David Reinhardt, a freshman

Matthew Velderman, a junior at Westfield High School, made third chair on bassoon in the Region II High School Symphony Orchestra. Debbie Toplansky was clarinet concermaster in The Music Studio Concert Band at a benefit concert in

Workmen's Circle for Seniors in Eliat Westfield High School, placed ninth in the Region II High School

zens and, thus, the cuisine of the

"Kettles and Chains" took many

years of research that required the col-

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of sources including historical exper-

ts, plantations, libraries and other

individuals involved in West's upbr-

inging in southeastern North Caroli-

na. She collected recipes from an

array of cuisine that reflect the diver-

sity of America. For example, recipes

are included on Bayou cuisine, as well

as South Florida cuisine, heavily

influenced by spices from the Carib-

bean. This is illustrated in recipes by

Wilbert "Skimp" Sims and the Day

Ahead Ham recipe submitted by

Annette Cason, Many of the recipes

were provided by West's family.

including her mother and her many

sisters. West prides herself on the fact

that, according to her father, she was

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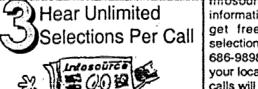
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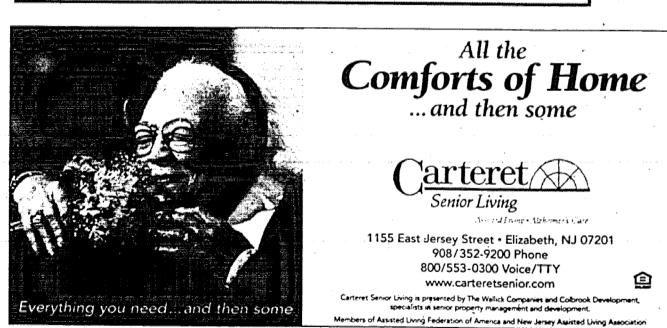
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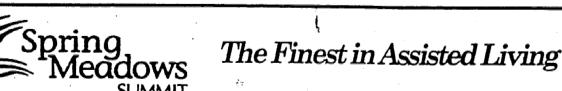
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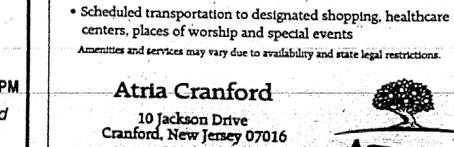
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## Arts Guild photography exhibit keeps its 'Eyes on the Land'

The Arts Guild of Rahway will present "Eyes On The Land" — an exhibit of group who examine the beauty and power of the land's ability to inspire and landscape photography by Marvin Cline, Chip Forelli, Mark Obenzinger and Nancy Ori - from Feb. 17 to March 15.

There will be a reception with the artists Feb. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission This exhibit has been curated by Berkeley Heights photographer Nancy J. Ori

who has become a distinct presence and a regularly exhibited artist in New Jersey and around the country. Ori is also respected internationally for more than 25 years as an industrial photographer and video producer. Photographing in the west coast tradition of her longtime mentor, Ansel

Adams, Ori expresses her own interpretation of landscape and architecture. Her

photographs reveal a love of light, shadow and form in natural and man-made New York photographer Mark Obenzinger sees himself as part of a small amaze. He utilizes black-and-white negatives and silver gelatin prints to emphasize form and light. His monochromatic approach allows him to bring out the drama he finds in landscape and natural forms.

Warren artist Marvin Cline received a B.S. degree in physics with a minor in mathematics from San Diego State University, where he also took as many computer courses as he could. While he has worked in the computer field ever since, Cline says that, "without realizing it, I was also preparing myself for the photography of the 21st century." What began some years ago as an effort to improve his basic photographic skills became a journey of exploration of his artistic vision through that medium. Much of Cline's recent work has included abstract images taken with strong shapes, lines and color. In approaching this show, he found that many of his images of the natural landscape contained strong structural elements. He says, "As you view these images, it is not vital

that you immediately discern the actual nature of the subject ... they are vehicles I use to arrive at an artistic endpoint that may or may not bear any resemblance

to the original material." New York City artist Chip Forelli crafts beautiful, enigmatic black-and-white landscape prints where man's mysterious presence frequently hovers. Forelli photographs for prestigious advertising and corporate clients as well as leading publications. Numerous New York galleries showcase his work which is in many private and corporate collections. Originally trained as an architect, Forelli was drawn to photography because it demands "a fine balance between creative sensibility and skill in craft."

The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m., or by appointment. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org



## Boy Scouts of America: Traditional Values and Standards

Ever since the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was founded on February 8, 1910, the adult volunteer members of the BSA have been bringing Scouting's characterbuilding program to American boys. One of the largest youth-serving organization in America, the BSA has more than 110 million alumni.

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath

Additionally, those values expressed in the Scout Oath may also be found in the Tiger Cub promise, the Cub Scout Promise, and Venturing Oath.

#### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong,

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#### Scout Law

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The Boy Scouts of America is dedicated to preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout

Scouting's record of inclusion is impressive by any standard. However, we do ask all of our members to do their best to live the Scout oath and Law. Today, young people and adults from every ethnic, religious, and economic background in suburbs, on farms, and in cities know and respect each other as they participate in

#### BSA at a Glance

Purpose The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America - incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916 - is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

#### Chartered Organizations

Community-based organizations receive national charters to use the Scouting program as a part of their own youth work. These groups, which have goals compatible with those of the BSA, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, and labor organizations; governmental bodies; corporations; professional associations; and citizens' groups.

Tiger Cubs is a family - and home-centered program that encourages the ethical decision-making skills for first-grade (or 7 year old) boys. These boys participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership. learning about the community, and family understanding.

<u>Cub-Scouts</u> is a family - and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in the second through fifth grade (or who are 8,9, and 10 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training and personal fitness.

Webelos Scouts is a family - and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth and fifth grade (or 10-year old) boys. Webelos scouts participate in more advanced activities that begin to prepare them to become Boy Scouts

Boy Scouting. A program for boys 11 through 17 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. (Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade) Varsity Scouting. An active, exciting program for young men 14 through 17 built

around five program fields of emphasis: Advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

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## Museum Guide

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# AUTOMOTIVE Ford's new Expedition is an unintentional overachiever

By Jerry Garrett Copley News Service Ford's redesigned Expedition, like the automaker's new Explorer, is bet-

ter than it needs to be. But, does anybody know that? Does the car-buying public? Do the

dealers? Does Ford even get it? When the 2003 Expedition debuts in mid-2002, it will offer features not available elsewhere — regardless of

That's the result of a significant miscalculation by Ford. The Expedition's design team completely overestimated what it would take to stay competitive in the world of full-size sport utility vehicles.

"We had to sign off on the project internally before the new Toyota Sequoia and Chevy Tahoe came out," explains John Krafcik, the chief program engineer. "They were the main competitors we had identified.

"We thought Toyota would benchmark the Land Cruiser. We thought Tahoe would be longer and add a standard third-row seat. But, Toyota surprised us by shooting lower, and the Tahoe was curiously shorter overall than the model it replaced.

"We found ourselves pretty far out ahead of the competition, having set some overly robust packaging 'projections."

The result is a vehicle that will set class leadership standards, at least until the current product cycle is updated for vehicles like Sequoia and Tahoe.

What will Ford do to exploit this leadership?

Not much, if the precedent set by the new Explorer is any example. Despite a revolutionary new chassis and industry-leading independent rear suspension, Ford did little to ballyhoo the new Explorer's launch - especially when some beating of the drum would have helped drown out negative publicity about the previous Explorer's troubles. OK, so it didn't help that the new Explorer was almost immediately recalled to fix an embarrassing rear hatch failure.

But the major thrust of Ford's launch of the new Expedition seems likely to be directed at the group approach of publicizing all of the

By Jon Woods

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heck is a harmonic balancer?" It kind

of sounds like a circus act! I can actu-

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mouth playing "Clementine" or some

Some people call harmonic

balancers "torsional dampeners,"

does that help? OK, OK - harmonic

other country ditty.

Recently we had a listener call into

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the "Ford Outfitters" collection. These are vehicles as dissimilar as the car-based Escape SUV and the almost industrial strength F-series pickups.

At the very foundation of Expedition's uniqueness is its new hydroformed chassis that accommodates a state-of-the-art double-wishbone. independent rear suspension, or IRS. It's an understandably larger, but more robust version of the technology that debuted on the new Explorer. While the Explorer's advantage in this area has been somewhat obscured by carry-over issues surrounding the nameplate, the message is now getting cout, it appears.

Sales have picked up in recent months, and recently announced government crash test ratings that gave Explorer "Best in Class" honors were an impressive boost, too,

The decision to adopt an IRS and the patented porthole-in-frame system that facilitates it was the result of a packaging decision that mandated a standard third-row seat in the Explorer.

For Expedition, the new frame and four-wheel independent suspension were givens, going in, that allowed that form to dictate all the functions that followed. Lincoln's next Navigator incorporates the same system; the new Blackwood, oddly, eschewed the same opportunity.

The grand scale of Expedition's palette allowed the IRS system's designer, Manfred Rumpel, a former Porsche Can Am race car specialist, to maximize the system and its components to an extent not possible on the smaller Explorer.

In fact, as an option for Expedition's '04 model year, Rumpel has created a sophisticated full, fourcorner air suspension system. Meanwhile, the competition is already in the market with comparatively crude ladder-frame, solid-axle systems that will keep them at a competitive disadvantage for at least the next several years.

Ford engineers took particular delight in showing the media a video of the Sequoia, Tahoe and Expedition each negotiating a washboard pave- er, is the fact the third row seat can be

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Crankshafts actually twist a small

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other end. The flexing you see is the

same reaction the crankshaft makes

- admittedly aggregated a bit. A

problem arises when the vibrations

occur at a frequency - rhythm -

that happens to be the "critical" vibra-

engine's power pulses.

diverse trucks and SUVs that make up ment section — similar to a winterabused Michigan road — at 31 mph. The Sequoia's rear end dances around a bit, while the Tahoe is all but uncontrollable. The Expedition, of course, was unflappable. Why was 31 mph chosen as the test speed? "Nobody was willing to drive the Tahoe faster than that," engineer CJ Lammers said impishly.

The hydroform frame design is 70 percent stiffer torsionally than the one it replaces. The IRS features lightweight components that achieve a 110-pound unsprung weight reduction over the old five-link system. Control is also improved by new rack-andpinion steering, which mothballs the recirculating ball type.

Other standard features include four-wheel disc ABS with hydraulic Brake Assist and the AdvanceTrac electronic traction control. AdvanceTrac helps regulate side-toside torque distribution quicker than mechanical systems. The 4WD Expedition also offers a 2WD Hi setting that electronically disengages the front-wheel-drive components at the wheel hubs; that eliminates "driveback" through the half shafts, front drive shafts and differential, and reduces component wear, steering drag, noise and fuel economy losses.

Those are things that buyers of the new Expedition can't see - although they will certainly be able to feel and experience them. From a visual standpoint, the new Expedition is not appreciably changed from the original. A smoother, lower front clip treatment eliminates the steel bumper. and improves the co-efficient of drag from .44 to .41, for reduced wind noise and improved fuel economy.

That is possible, even without changing the current engine offerings — the 4.6-liter and 5.4-liter V-8s or automatic transmission choices. The interior packaging is where people will sit up — literally — and take

Yes, there is a built-in third row seat, with ample leg room. That is possible because the IRS, like on the Explorer, allowed significant lowering of the load floor.

More impressive than that, howev-

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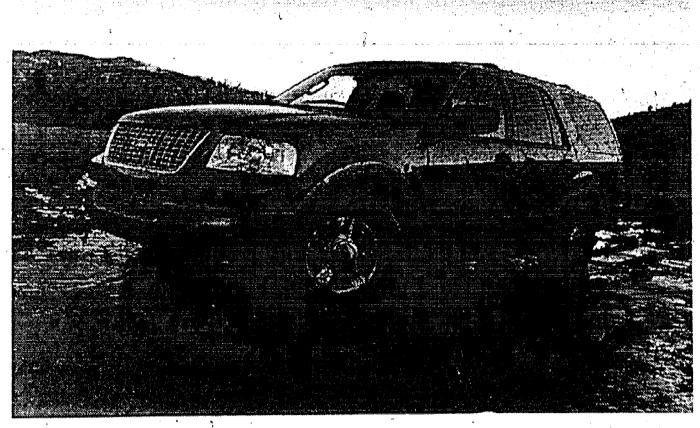
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The new redesigned Expedition is an overachiever worth noting. It sports a revolutionary new chassis and an industry-leading independent rear suspension.

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Astrological note: Ordering a factory sun/moon/stars roof on the current Expedition meant losing the overhead console, and the rear seat HVAC controls that go with it; plus, the opening was on the smallish side for such a large vehicle — and the glass retracted just two-thirds of the

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