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## Voters pass \$24.6-million school budget; newcomer gets elected

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Springfield voters Tuesday decided to pass the school district's \$24.6-million spending plan for the 2002-03 school year, of which \$22 million will be raised through local property taxes. Voters also elected incumbents Stephen Fischbein and Keith Kurzner, along with newcomer Scott Samansky, to the three seats on the Board of Education.

Votes to pass the budget nearly doubled the votes against it, with voters casting 1,235 yes votes to the 737 no votes.

"We are extremely proud of the voters in Springfield," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "They saw that the Board of Education worked very hard to put together a very reasonable and student-centered budget and overwhelmingly supported us."

Incumbent Ken Faigenbaum, who served on the Board of Education for 19 years, lost his seat.

Fischbein led all board candidates with 1,338 votes. Samansky finished second with 1,185 votes. Kurzner was close behind with 1,090 votes, followed by Faigenbaum with 882 votes.

Candidates elected to the Board of Education will each serve a three-year term.

"I feel of the four candidates running this year, everyone was good," said Kurzner. "Whoever lost, and this time it was Kenny, it would be a loss to the system. I think Kenny, with his experience, his know how, is a major loss to us. We appreciate everything he's done and that's hard to make up."

Faigenbaum could not be reached for comment. During his tenure, Faigenbaum had served in every capacity that the board has — president, vice president and on ad hoc committees.

"I would like to recognize Kenny for all his wonderful work and I won't let him down," said Samansky. "I've seen what he does and I'm going to make certain that he's happy that I'm there."

The \$22,025,430 that will be raised via taxes, means an annual increase of \$170 for the average home in Springfield assessed at \$1 million.

"I am extremely pleased with the results of the budget," said Samansky. "A two-to-one vote shows that the members of the community have faith in the school system and have its backing."

The 2001-02 school budget was \$23,755,673. The 2002-03 budget represents an increase of \$801,773 or 3.38 percent.

"I am thrilled that the budget passed and by such a great amount," said Kurzner. "It's great that our town supports the schools, especially the kids, that's what's most important."

No program or service is to be reduced within the 2002-03 budget and money is allocated for new maps and globes in grades one through four, small class sizes will be retained, wireless technology labs have been added to the budget, a music teacher will be hired for the elementary grades, the main gym in the high school will be refurbished, and the maintenance budget for improving the fields has increased.

## Despite growth, plan says parking is OK

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Dr. Jerrold Goldstein may have the neighborhood around Short Hills Avenue cursing the day he ever moved his hormone replacement and weight loss practice to 475 Morris Ave., but according to Springfield's zoning ordinance, the building he is a tenant in has enough parking spaces for his practice.

"The building received Planning Board approval which included the parking plan, how many parking spaces they needed, per our zoning ordinance, which requires a certain amount of parking for various types of use," said Township Attorney Bruce Bergen. "The building and the tenants are in compliance with that zoning approval."

However, Bergen said there was no way the Planning Board could have anticipated a doctor who was going to have this many cars valet parking.

Goldstein sees several patients each hour, more patients per hour than the parking lot at the building has spaces for. As a result, he has hired valets to park his patients' cars on Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Lewis Drive, Park Lane, Colfax Road and Profit Avenue.

Dr. William Bohrod owns the medical building at 475 Morris Ave. Goldstein is his only tenant. "His lease was over Feb. 28 and I would like him out as soon as possible," Bohrod said.

Goldstein and his staff would not respond to any inquiries regarding his lease or anything else.

Bohrod and his patients do not have anything to do with Goldstein's valets. "My patients use the spots that are allotted to me on the lease," said Bohrod. "They do not park in the streets."

Bohrod is a dentist. He doesn't see nearly as many patients as Goldstein sees per day.

"If you had a dentist in there, who had three patients an hour, you wouldn't have this problem," said Bergen. "It is a legal use. You are allowed to have a doctor in that building. The building is zoned for — and the approval of the building anticipated a doctor."

At the request of the residents of the streets where Goldstein's valets park, the Township Committee has passed several ordinances resulting in resident-only parking signs on those streets.

Residents have said the signs help but for each street which is made resident-only parking, Goldstein's valets go on to the next street and the next.

"This is not a zoning question," said Bergen. "It's not a matter of whether or not they have enough parking. From a practical standpoint there isn't enough parking, but from a Planning Board perspective, from a site plan approval, from the Building Department, there is. They built the building and the parking lot as they were told to."

Residents in the neighborhood complain that the valets speed down their streets, litter and even urinate.

"The building complies with the zoning ordinance," said Bergen. "But from a practical, realistic standpoint, there's too many cars for that parking lot but it has nothing to do with Planning Board approval. They did their job."

Legal issues have ensued, trying to get Goldstein to move out of the building. "Myself and the Township Committee and the appropriate officials in the township are constantly talking and thinking of other ways to try and protect the neighborhood," said Bergen.

"It's certainly not an issue that's been forgotten."

## A magical day

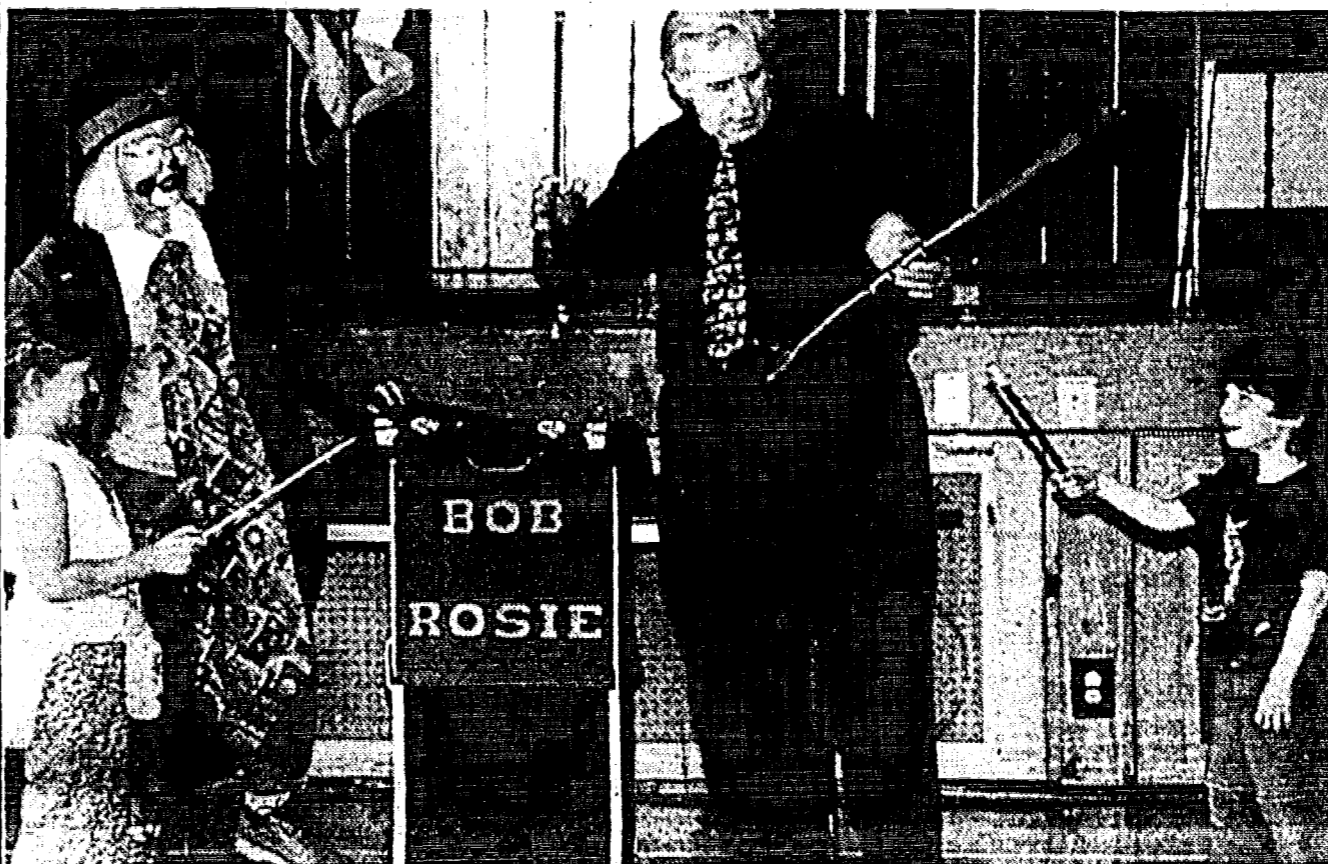


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Magician Bob Jepson came to Edward V. Walton School in Springfield on Sunday for a special magic show. The kids enjoyed seeing Jepson's wide range of tricks, puppet show crowd pleasers, and the captivating antics of Rosie the Clown. Alexandra Golden, 6, and Jacob Lowy, 5, take part in some magical fun with Bob and Rosie.

## Borough defeats budget

By Joan M. Devlin and  
Brian Pedersen

The exit polls taken were prophetic. A total of 1,128 voters visited the polls Tuesday in the Borough of Mountainside with 604 voting against the budget and 463 in favor.

The budget was \$10,928,136, which included a tax increase of \$2.1 million, represented a proposed increase of \$675 for the average home assessed at \$150,000.

Board of Education members Peter Goggi and John Perrin, both unopposed, were re-elected. Goggi had 742 votes and Perrin had 717.

The defeated budget will now go to the Borough Council, who will decide how much, if anything, will be cut from the spending plan.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the council has not even seen the full school budget yet, but he said the council can do one of three things according to state law: leave the budget as it is, increase it, or decrease it.

"When they lower the budget, they

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## On night of election, board offers update

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

It was election night Tuesday so the Mountainside Board of Education conducted an early meeting, which was primarily an update of everything: the construction project, test scores, and transportation for the next school year.

The news on results of the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment for fifth graders was good. Of 72 fifth-grade students, 94.5 percent were

judged proficient or advanced proficient, exceeding the federal requirements. The scores are in the process of being sent home to parents.

Architect Noel Musial also provided an update on the progress of the construction at Beechwood School. "It seemed to have slowed down so we had another job meeting last week, and we now have everything back on track," he said. Brick and mortar will go in the end of the week, and Musial said they will be starting fabrication

on the steel, and the outside walls are to be prefabricated.

"Relative to Deerfield School, air conditioning and duct work will go in in about a week. A few unforeseen problems arose, such as a cracked wall which we fixed, but we are confident we will meet the schedule of completion by the end of August," the architect told the board.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller spoke to several teachers and parents gathered at the meeting, invit-

ing them to come after hours by prearrangement, to take a tour of the building project. "Let me know when you can come; no high heels, but it is now safe to tour, I have a key."

When the meeting was then opened to public participation, one young mother asked plaintively, "Is there any news on the kindergarten problem?" Board President Richard Kress, gave the answer. "If the budget passes, we will make another class with a teacher; if not, it won't happen."

## Springfield student performs in 'King and I'

By Joshua Zaitz  
and Bill Van Sant

Typical sixth-graders hear the three o'clock school bell ring and think of cookies and Pokemon. Not Peter Sandler, a sixth-grader at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield. He is the understudy for two roles in the Paper Mill Playhouse's production of "The King and I." After school he goes to work.

His roles include the King's eldest son, Prince Chululongkorn, and Anna's son, Louis. Peter makes his debut on stage tonight.

However, the 11-year-old thespian doesn't find it too difficult balancing his schoolwork with his acting responsibility at the Paper Mill, located in Millburn.

"Sometimes I get lucky and my teachers are nice and we don't get any homework," said Peter. "I had a book that I had to finish. So, for the first act of the performance last Sunday, I just stayed in my dressing room and read, read, read."

"The King and I" features 47 children — out of a field of between 200 and 300 that auditioned over a three-day period. The troupe is divided into three "casts," which will rotate two-week performance periods. To keep confusion at a minimum during rehearsals, the pint-sized actors wear name tags, color-coded by their cast group.

Peter started acting in the fifth grade. He was Frederick, one of the leading roles in Gaudineer's production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

"Last year he was in the Summer Theater Conservatory at the Paper Mill and one needs to audition to get into that, you have to sing, and he was auditioning again for that this summer and the casting director was watching and observed him, called us up and asked if he would audition for those two roles in 'The King and I,'" said Peter's mom, Lori.

Peter has quite a few lines in "The King and I." He said he doesn't have much difficulty memorizing them.

"Who helps you memorize your lines?" asked Lori, egging Peter on, as if they're a comedy duo, "Martin and Lewis" meet "Lori and Peter Sandler." "My Mommy," Peter replied, matter-of-factly.

Mark Hoebee of Maplewood, associate director for the Paper Mill and the director of "The King and I," commented on the theater's philosophy behind using local children, as they did on last season's "Carousel."

"It's part of our Education Department and we want to involve young minds and talents in the theater early so they develop a lifelong love affair with the theater," he said, "and not because they'll go into it professionally as a career

but that they understand the benefits of having it in their lives and become supporters."

During the audition process, the directors were able to spend a few moments with each child and get to know them, Hoebee said. He pointed out that the selection wasn't based so much on dance or vocal ability, "but you want kids who can deliver a specific personality on stage."

Paper Mill opted to use three casts so the performance schedule wasn't as taxing and to allow as many kids as possible the experience of being on stage in a musical production. "The benefits of that permeate so many parts of their lives," Hoebee said, adding that lawyers and teachers, for example, find themselves in front of an "audience." "And to give them this experience so early in life is really beneficial."

"The summer before fifth grade we took him to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and there were a lot of children in that performance," said Lori.

"I go to Long Beach Island almost every year and they have a theater there," said Peter. "Joseph and the Amazing Color Dreamcoat inspired me. I thought that if I can start acting I can be in different things too."

"He said, 'Mom that's what I'd like to,'" said Lori. "So, I began investigating what to do for the next summer as far as theater school goes."

The Paper Mill Playhouse told Lori about the summer theater conservatory. "They said it's highly competitive. You have to audition. So I asked what courses I can put him in during the school year to prepare him. He took a singing theater class and he auditioned and he got in," said Lori.

Peter is also performing in the Paper Mill's fund-raising event next month. "I really like acting, I always liked acting," said Peter.

He has already performed in four plays, between the Paper Mill and Gaudineer.

"Our communication arts class is trying to put on a class play," said Peter. "A modern English comedy version of 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'I'm Romeo. We're shooting for mid-May."

Hoebee said the children have been amazing. "They've been very, very good. We've had a couple of long days of rehearsal." He said the young thespians are very supportive of each other, within their groups and "cast to cast," and that principals Carolee Carnello and Kevin Gray have enjoyed getting to know them.

"According to the person who plays the prince, 'The King and I' should be back on Broadway in approximately nine years," said Peter. He'd like to audition.



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Peter Sandler, a sixth-grade student at Florence M. Gaudineer School in Springfield, recently landed a part, along with other children, in "The King and I" now playing at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. An avid soccer fan, Sandler also enjoys playing with his dog, Nikita.



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## Borough downs budget

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have to be specific on each account," said Vigilanti. "If the board is not satisfied, they have the right to appeal to Trenton."

He said the Board of Education has only three days to present its school budget to the council, who in turn has 30 days to review the budget and meet with the board to decide on a course of action.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said he felt positive that the council would work with them in an effective manner.

"We will probably get total cooperation," said Schaller. "I think they will work very well with us. This is the first time since I've been here that it's been defeated."

He said he was unsure what recommendations the council would be making for trimming the budget, if that's what they decide to do.

Early after the polls opened at 2 p.m. the polling place at the Municipal Center in the Borough of Mountainside was packed with cars and people going in to cast their vote. Many senior citizens came out during the early hours; the polls would be open until 9 p.m.

Getting some opinions just outside the polling door, Angela Pagliaroli, when asked if she voted for the school budget, said emphatically, "A big fat no. The main reason being that I can't see my fixed income going to hell."

"I voted against it," Frank Marchese said. "It is way too much in one year."

Ursula Hartmann voted no also. "I am a resident of Mountainside for over 50 years; I raised three children in this school system and I just feel that the young people who have children now want everything," She claimed also that her medical insurance has gone sky high.

There was one difference of opinion. Carolyn Caparwana, who is also a senior, said, "I voted yes because I think it is important to support our school system in this community." It seemed to be, however, the young families versus the senior citizens, because nearly all of the young moms interviewed voted for the school budget; one was Laura Mirabelli, wife of Councilman Paul Mirabelli. "I am all for it," she said firmly. Michelle Quinn who came out with children in tow agreed, saying, "I have two children in the school system."

One senior gentleman, Ray Steinhilber, said he voted no because he held a complaint about the teachers' raises.



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**Today**  
• Joseph Conrad's "The Heart of Darkness" is the topic of the Great Books Discussion Group meeting at 10 a.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.  
For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Wednesday**  
• The 22nd annual Kids Fishing Derby takes place at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside at 8 a.m. through May 4. Trout up to 5 pounds will be stocked and the event is free for children 16 years of age and younger. Prizes will be awarded and contestants must register by 11 a.m. Saturday. Adults may enter for a \$7 fee.  
For information, call 908-753-4726.

**Thursday**  
• The Health and Wellness Ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, hosts a workshop on the relationship between spirituality and wellness from 9 to 11 a.m. The session is for men and women interested in nurturing their spiritual life.  
For more information, call 908-232-1162.

**Friday**  
• Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, conducts the 2002 Family Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event includes hearing screenings, fingerprinting, fire safety programs, face painting, music, and more.  
For information, call 908-301-5478.

**Saturday**  
• "Check It Out," the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah's informative, interactive breast health awareness program for adults and teens is offered by the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, at 9:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public.  
For information, call 973-472-1401.

**Sunday**  
• The Heffelf House, Constitution Plaza, Mountainside, will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. for an open house tour. Residents are urged to visit the historic building and see the presentation of a check from the Ann Coni Memorial Fund to the Historic Committee.

**Tuesday**  
• Betty Drang of Springfield, a Holocaust survivor, is the guest speaker at the annual Hadassah Holocaust meeting at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 12:30 p.m. A mini lunch will be served and the public is invited.  
For more information, call 973-376-7535.

**Wednesday**  
• Visitors to Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, can enjoy a "Moonlight Meander" from 7 to 8 p.m. Participants can sharpen their night observation skills and enjoy the spring sounds, sights and scents on a night hike.  
Preregistration is required. The fee is \$3 per person. For information, call 908-789-3670.

**Upcoming April 25**  
• The annual sumo wrestling match takes place in the Jonathan Dayton High School gym, 100 Mountain Ave., at 7 p.m. Both teachers and students will be engaged in simulated sumo matches and all are invited.  
For information, call 973-610-2810.

**April 27**  
• The Mountainside Rotary Club will conduct a bicycle collection at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., Mountainside, from 9 a.m. to noon. Rotarians will be collecting used bicycles for the Pedals for Progress program. The bicycles will be cleaned up and sent to people in developing countries who have no means of transportation.  
A \$10 fee is suggested to cover shipping of each bicycle. For more information, call 732-968-0476.

**April 28**  
• The Springfield Rotary Club will sponsor the annual flea market at Jonathan Dayton High School, 100 Mountain Ave., Springfield, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Highlights include toys, antiques, refreshments, blood pressure screenings, fire prevention tips, and a grand prize drawing for \$4,000. Proceeds will fund scholarships given to needy Dayton High grads. Admission is free.

**May 2**  
• The Foothill Club of Mountainside will conduct its regular monthly noon meeting at B.G. Fields on Springfield Avenue in Westfield. The program features bingo and the installation of officers.  
Guests are welcome. For reservations, call Doris Hector at 908-233-0540.

**May 3**  
• The Mountainside Education Foundation's third annual Variety Revue will be at 7 p.m. in the Deerfield School gym, 302 Central Ave. Those who can sing, dance, play an instrument, or perform a musical skit are asked to sign up and be a part of the evening's entertainment. Applications are available at the Deerfield School office, the Mountainside Public Library, and the Borough Hall.  
Tickets are \$15 per family and \$5 per person and will be sold at the door. For information, call 908-789-9736.

## Early exit poll results present mixed feelings

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

In an exit poll conducted at Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School on Tuesday afternoon, Springfield voters were mixed when it came to deciding whether or not to pass the 2002-03 school budget, however, a small majority casted a vote of no.

"The taxes are high enough," said Joseph Alaco, a Springfield resident for 49 years. "I don't want them to jump up again."  
Pugh Mitchell voted no on the budget because he's a senior citizen living on a fixed income and didn't want his taxes raised.

David Mitchell voted no for a different reason. "I've really been upset since they did away with the regional school system," he said. "There was nothing wrong with it."

David voted for incumbent Stephen Fischbein to retain his seat on the Board of Education.

"I can barely afford the taxes now," said Mary Lemanski, a 30-year resident of Springfield. "We're still paying debt from when we were a regional school district. Where's that money coming from?" She voted for incumbents Keith Kurzer and Ken Faigen-

baum to retain their seats on the Board of Education.

Those voters who cast a yes vote felt very strongly about their school system.

"I live in town. I want everything the way it should be, good schools, a good recreational program," said Anita Neubauer, who has lived in the township for 15 years.

"I feel they did a decent job on the budget," said Giovanni Apicella, a resident for 37 years. "I think the money should go to the kids in town. It's important."

Apicella voted for Fischbein and Scott Samansky for the Board of Education, saying that he feels they'll both do a good job.

"I think even though the school system may waste some of the money it's important that the budget passes," said Wendy Jones, a 15-year resident of Springfield. "I feel money needs to go to education. What would the schools do if we didn't have the money?"

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Healthy Kids Day at the Springfield YMCA gave these young residents plenty of things to do and have fun with while learning about health and safety Saturday. At left, Emily Wertheimer takes a look at Otto the automobile while Greg Wofsy, public affairs coordinator for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, shows the proper way to operate the vehicle. At top left, Jeanne Weintraub of St. Barnabas Hospital makes finger casts for Ben Abbate, 6, of James Caldwell School, above, A.J. Carlucci, 6, and Springfield Fire Captain Ken Rau study the proper way to live safely at home with a look inside the safety house display.

## Borough introduces late budget Tuesday

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

The Mountainside Borough Council introduced a late draft of the 2002 municipal budget for the public on Tuesday, citing forces outside their control as reasons for the delay.

The nearly \$8.2-million budget will still have to undergo several revisions before the final public hearing on May 21 at Borough Hall.

"This is a resolution that will authorize the borough to exceed the time allowed by law to adopt their 2002 budget due to unforeseen circumstances on the county and the state level," said Councilman Thomas Perrotta, reading from the ordinance.

The borough plans for an estimated municipal portion tax increase of \$80 on the average home assessed at \$150,000. Taxes will be raised by five points, at \$16 per point. The tax levy will be nearly \$4.3 million.

The committed surplus fund rose from 1.555 million in 2001 to \$1.8 million, a jump of \$245,000.

Other increases included a rise in fees and permits from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Fees and permits for recreation have a slight increase from \$70,000 to \$72,000. Uniform construction code fees increased from \$97,000 in 2001 to \$100,000 for this year's budget.

Increases were across the board in the areas of public safety for fire, police, and police dispatchers, but anticipated expenses for first aid and emergency management services remained the same.

The Recreation Department showed some increases for salaries and wages, the swimming pool and fees, and future projects.

To help pay for some of the cost for these projects, the borough is anticipating \$100,000 from a Field of Dreams grant. These grants, which are distributed by Union County, have helped the borough undergo recreational improvements, including the lighting of the fields at Deerfield School and Borough Hall. The borough also expects a special legislative grant of \$90,000 from the state.

In other areas, the drunk driving enforcement fund rose from \$2,565.63 to \$6,205.90; administrative salaries increased from \$67,000 to \$70,500; salaries and wages for the clerk went up from \$70,000 to \$72,000. Salaries and wages in the area of financial administration increased \$6,000, going from \$60,000 to \$66,000.

Representing a significant increase are the funds for the group insurance plan for employees, rising from \$315,000 to \$373,000.

Notable decreases include a drop in salaries and wages for the construction official, moving from \$127,000 to \$101,260; a decrease of \$30,000 in the capital improvement fund; fines and costs for the municipal court were down to \$160,000 from \$203,000; and the sewer use charge went from \$35,000 to \$16,500.

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There are also levels for soil contamination that are called impacted groundwater," said Mumford. "If the soil contamination is at such levels that it would act as a source, and contribute to groundwater contamination, we would want that addressed."

Matrix completed the groundwater testing in February and the soil testing was completed in March.

The testing takes samples of the soil at different depths, and groundwater from the monitoring wells Matrix constructed.

"There are sites that can be used as recreational or residential, where contamination exists as long as there are appropriate engineering controls put into place," said Mumford.

Matrix is completing additional tests and devising recommendations for a remediation plan, a range of alternatives and costs.

"We're working on our final report right now which will be submitted to the state in May," said Matrix senior project manager Norma Eichlin. "The report will propose many remediations for the site and we would need DEP's approval before we went ahead with anything."

Once the report is submitted to the DEP, Matrix must wait as the state reviews the company's recommendations.

If the DEP recommends that the property be remediated to meet residential soil criteria, then the property does not need to be continuously tested, once the clean-up is completed. A restricted clean-up allows for unrestricted use, explained Fred Mumford, a spokesperson for the DEP.

"To have an unrestricted site, we have certain levels of soil contamination that we would allow," said Mumford. "There's also ways through engineering controls and use restrictions to allow for residential use of properties that have contamination, if you place an appropriate cap on top of a site and you're eliminating any possible exposure to the soil contamination."

No additional tests are planned beyond the ones Matrix is currently conducting to perform — groundwater and soil testing.

"There are also levels for soil contamination that are called impacted groundwater," said Mumford. "If the soil contamination is at such levels that it would act as a source, and contribute to groundwater contamination, we would want that addressed."

Matrix completed the groundwater testing in February and the soil testing was completed in March.

The testing takes samples of the soil at different depths, and groundwater from the monitoring wells Matrix constructed.

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RELIGION

Rabbi Finkel speaks at Oak Knoll School
Rabbi Asher Finkel, a Jewish scholar and one of the first rabbis to teach religion full-time at a Catholic university, will speak at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, 44 Blackburn Road, Summit, tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Finkel, who teaches in the Department of Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, will speak on "Our Father...The Prayer That Jesus Taught Us."

Even before his arrival at Seton Hall in the early 1970s, Finkel was an advocate for ecumenical education, promoting friendly discussion between Jews and Christians at several colleges, including Fordham University and New York University.

SJCC offers open house and activities
The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., invites preschoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series.

The Summit Jewish Community Center Religious School, 67 Kent Place Blvd., invites preschoolers to participate in its Jewish Adventure Series. Children 4 years old to pre-K will experience an enriching, appropriate program to learn about Jewish holidays and the religious school.

Activities will consist of music, arts and crafts, dance, cooking and creative fun. Upcoming events include Israel's birthday, Sunday. All sessions will take place from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the community center. Pre-registration is required.

The cost is \$12 per session, per child for members; \$18 for non-members. For more information, call Stacey David at 908-273-2800.

The religious school offers programs from pre-K through grade 10. The curriculum, which encourages spoken Hebrew in the classroom, traces the traditions, values and pride of the Jewish heritage as well as the skills needed to lead a Jewish life. Class sizes are small, with a student-teacher ratio of 10:1.

Temple members as well as non-members are invited to attend. The SJCC is a member of the Conservative movement. RSVP to Stacey David, education director, at 908-273-2800, or e-mail at Stacey@bahvev.com.

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WRC programs and events offer self-help

This spring, the Women's Resource Center, 79 Maple St., has a full schedule of programs and workshops to help parents and children meet a variety of challenges.

Call as soon possible to register for any of the programs. To register, or get more information about these programs or other programs, call the Women's Resource Center at 908-273-7253 or go to www.womensource.org.

Leaving home for college is a goal that parents work hard to attain for their children. This process can create tensions within the family that require understanding and care.

Bredren McGlynn will lead "Leaving Home/Letting Go" June 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$12 for center members and \$15 for non-members.

The following programs are geared specifically for children:
• "Taking the Bully by the Horns," a workshop led by Joanne Spera, is designed to empower children in grades two to five with the skills to handle bullies on their own.

Participants will learn how to stand up for themselves, how to confront the bully appropriately, and how to keep themselves balanced while under attack by a bully. Grades two and three will meet May 15 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades four and five will meet May 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The fee for each workshop is \$22.

Being bullied can be very discouraging for children. They often do not ask adults for help because they believe that adults will not really be able to help.

Research shows that extremely happy people consistently make the same nine internally driven choices. These choices can be learned and utilized by anyone from a Zen Buddhist carpenter to a computer "nerd" to a single mom with five children to a "Generation Xer."

Register by today.
• Once again the Women's Resource Center is giving amateur poets the chance to share their work with other writers and a panel of experienced poet teachers that will include Robert Carnavale, Cat Doty, and Madeline Tiger.

This workshop will explore the writing process from initial impulse to final revision and will include exercises that stimulate new writing as well as offering the opportunity for feedback on existing work. Bring 20 copies of a single page poem. Center poetry leader Sondra Gash will coordinate the program, on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center, 31 Woodland Ave.

There will be a fee of \$5.
• Babysitting is often the first and most important job with a young person can

hold. Concerns such as how much to charge, how to handle simple first aid emergencies, safe snack preparation, age appropriate distractions and more will be covered in this lively workshop. Learn how to be effective, comfortable and secure in the role of babysitter. Led by Janet Gray, the program will be on two consecutive Thursdays beginning April 25 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Participation is limited so call as soon as possible to register. The fee is \$30 and the session will be conducted at the center.

"Girls Who Write" is a popular, exciting program for girls ages 9 to 11 who like to write for fun and self-expression. Silly or serious, joyful or sad, rhyming or not, participants can experiment with different forms, such as journaling, poetry, prose, etc., and bring selections from their favorite authors to read. No experience or special skills are required, only a notebook and favorite writing tool are needed.

The workshop is open to all girls, even if they have participated in past sessions. Chris Holle, who is a Summit resident with a private practice, will lead the program scheduled for May 3 from 4 to 5:45 p.m. The fee is \$18.

"Mean Girls? Wannabes? Losers? Girls Get Bad Press Again!" is how middle school girls were classified in a recent The New York Times magazine article. It is also the name of a new program that will look at the way the lives of girls was portrayed in that article, as well as other media, and how this impacts the way girls are perceived and how they come to know themselves.

The currently popular language to describe girls' lives shapes perceptions, reinforces stereotypes and invites girls into a very limiting caste system. Learn how parents can help their daughters learn to avoid the pitfalls of the mean girl/loser girl trap and understand the difference between being liked and being "popular." This workshop will explore ways girls can be helped to define themselves "outside the box," creating the option girls need to develop healthy relationships with self and others.

Chatham resident Barbara Kennard, with a private practice in Madison, will lead this program scheduled for May 7 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The fee is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. If necessary, call the Women's Resource Center for a copy of the article "Mean Girls and the New Movement to Tame Them" in the April 2002 issue.

"Standing Up for Yourself: Self-Defense for Girls Ages 9 to 11" will deal with issues such as teasing or bullying on the playground to a questionable encounter with a stranger to make girls feel confident in their ability to handle themselves and thus give them a crucial advantage.

Self-defense skills can minimize risk and bolster confidence in physical abilities that are an important factor in maintaining high self-esteem. This workshop will focus on principles and techniques that are easy to learn with an emphasis on having fun while acquiring these new skills. Ruth Goldsmith, certified Chi-mara trainer, who lives and practices in Manville, will lead the program on May 18 from 10 to 1 p.m. The fee is \$22.

"Living Creatively" will take a humorous and lighthearted approach to some very concrete and meaningful issues for women.

There will be six sessions beginning May 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$85 for members and \$105 for non-members. Call the center by May 6 to register.

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OBITUARIES

Walter T. Werner

Walter T. Werner, 70, of Mountside died April 8 at home. Born in Jersey City, Mr. Werner lived in Irvington before moving to Mountainside 22 years ago. He was a corrections officer at the Essex County Sheriff's Department for 25 years and retired in 1994. He served in the Army as a military policeman in Germany during the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, Halina, two sons, Walter Victor and Henry Richard, a sister, Eleanore Romanowski, and two grandchildren.

Nicole C. Turner

Nicole C. Turner, 29, of Roselle Park, formerly of Springfield and Kenilworth, died April 11 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on the Garden State Parkway, Woodbridge.

Born in Edison, Mrs. Turner lived in Springfield and Kenilworth before moving to Roselle Park two years ago. She was a Union County Sheriff's office for eight months. Previously, Mrs. Turner was a compliance officer for the Union County National Bank, Union, for seven years. Surviving are her husband, Christopher A.; her mother, Carol Trippiedi; her father, Thomas McFadden; a brother, Scott McFadden, and her grandmother, Ann Trippiedi.

Gary Williams

Gary Williams, 48, of Toms River, formerly of Springfield and Union, died April 9 at home.

Born in Orange, Mr. Williams lived in Springfield and Union before moving to Toms River in 1983. He was an operations manager at the Federal Reserve, East Rutherford. Mr. Williams served in the Army during peacetime in Washington, D.C., as a presidential honor guard.

Mr. Williams, whose wife, Tina, also died on April 9 at home, is survived by two sons, George and Robert; a daughter, Theresa; a brother, Jack, and two sisters, Susan Renzulli and Margaret Prezelone.

Mary Elizabeth Rae

Mary Elizabeth Rae of New Vernon, formerly of Summit, died April 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Milwaukee, Mrs. Rae lived in Summit for many years before moving to New Vernon. Mrs. Rae was certified by the Library of Congress as a Braille translator. She also had been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, the Morris County Golf Club and the Junior Fortnightly Club, Summit.

Mrs. Rae had been a deacon and member of the Ladies Circle at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Burrows; a son, Gary S.; a brother, Walter L. Rowse, and four grandchildren.

Lillian Gerda

Lillian Gerda, 88, of New Providence, formerly of Summit, died April 15 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Gerda lived in Chatham and Summit before moving to New Providence. She was a secretary at Ciba-Geigy, Summit, now Novartis, before retiring several years ago. Previously, Mrs. Gerda had been a secretary at the Kent Place School, Summit. She was a member of the Fortnightly Club, Summit.

Surviving are a son, Richard, and two grandchildren.

Filomena Rossi

Filomena Rossi, 82, of Summit died April 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Rossi lived in Jersey City for 10 years before moving to Summit 25 years ago. She was a self-employed seamstress for many years before retiring. Mrs. Rossi volunteered with the Busy Bee, a knitting club for senior citizens who knitted and crocheted clothing and blankets, for underprivileged children.

Surviving are two sons, Pellegrino and Bruno, and nine grandchildren.

Yoga and painting to begin

New sessions of Reeves-Reed Arboretum's popular yoga and watercolor classes start soon.

Wednesday Watercolors, instructed by local artist Jutta Hagen, begins Wednesday at the Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. There will be eight morning sessions, lasting until June 19. Each session begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon.

Classes meeting in the spring often take advantage of the weather to paint al fresco in the arboretum's formal gardens, which will be blooming with rhododendrons, tree peonies, azaleas, and dogwoods.

Preregister for watercolor classes by calling 908-273-8787, Ext. 16. Classes are \$125 for arboretum members and \$138 for non-members.

Eight classes last from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday classes begin May 1. Thursday classes begin May 2. The fee for arboretum members is \$80; \$88 for non-members. Call 908-273-8787, Ext. 16, to register.

Virginia Earl DeCesare teaches Iyengar yoga at the arboretum on Wednesdays — for beginners and those with less experience and Thursdays — for those with more experience.

Enjoying the show



Carol Aronson of Summit and Kathy Reidy of Cranford enjoy the demonstration of Japanese flower arranging to benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit. Aronson is the chairwoman of the arboretum's next fund-raiser, a plant auction and buffet dinner on May 17.

Attention churches, social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

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SPORTS

Fishman having stellar season for Bucknell baseball

Former Dayton High School three-sport standout Eric Fishman is having an outstanding season as a senior member of the Bucknell University baseball team.

Fishman, a 1998 Dayton graduate, belted a three-run home run in a 19-9 loss at Towson University.

It was Fishman's team-leading third home run of the season as Bucknell fell to 10-18 with the setback. Fishman also went 3-for-4 in a doubleheader against Navy in which Bucknell lost the first game 6-4 in eight innings before winning the nightcap 4-1.

Through a six-game stretch against Towson, Binghamton and back-to-back doubleheaders against Navy, Fishman batted .304, starting all six games. In 23 at-bats, he had seven hits — four of them doubles, two of them singles and one a home run.

Fishman also scored four runs, drove in six and had one stolen base in one attempt. In the field, he did not commit an error, while coming up with four putouts and two assists.

In the team's first 33 games, Fishman was batting .342, starting every contest. He had 41 hits in 120 at-bats, 25 runs, nine doubles, three triples, three home runs, 18 RBI and was 13-of-14 in stolen base attempts. In the field, he committed only one error, while coming up with 62 putouts and six assists.

Bucknell's overall record after 33 games was 13-20. Its Patriot League mark stood at 4-4.

Fishman started in soccer, basketball and baseball while a student at Dayton.

Springfield LL team named independents out to stellar start

The Springfield Independents Little League baseball team is off to an outstanding start.

Situated in the 98th District, Springfield began the week with an undefeated record. Its latest win came last weekend against Mountain-side 10-0 and over Scotch Plains 8-3.

The team was formed by Drew Stern, Stan Parman, David Floyd and Jerry Stefanelli, with the help of Dayton High School athletic director Dan Gallagher and baseball coach Mike Mundy.

The team of 8th graders looks forward to an exciting and successful season.

Stern, Parman, Floyd and Stefanelli thank the parents and Care Station of Springfield for their financial and moral support.

Summit Jr. Baseball League tryouts are set for April 28

Summit Junior Baseball League summer travel team tryouts are April 28.

The 8-and-under tryouts are noon and the 9-and-under and 10-and-under tryouts are 3 p.m. at Lincoln-Hubbard Field. The 12-and-under tryouts are 2 p.m. and the 11-and-under tryouts 5 p.m. at Jefferson School.

This is the only tryout date scheduled. More information about the tryouts may be obtained by calling 908-273-3102.

Summit boys' tennis triumphs; Dayton sought another win

The Summit High School boys' tennis team won again on Monday, blanking Mount Olive 5-0 in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play.

Dayton sought to improve to 4-0 Monday as it was scheduled to host North Plainfield.

Highlanders among best



The Governor Livingston High School softball team, sparked by the play of Mountaineer resident Lauren Beasley, had one of its best seasons ever last year, winning a third UCLT title in five years and reaching the North 2. Group 2 final en route to a 24-3 record. GL improved to 6-3 on Monday when it defeated Union Catholic 4-1 in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play in Berkeley Heights. GL is sparked this year by pitchers Lindsey Sheppard and Kristin Turturiello and position players Kerri Moore, Lindsay Dann, Katie Freda, Peggy Lallis, Kristin Hauser and Megan Butler, Moore, from Mountainside, singled, drove in two runs and scored once against UC.

Summit baseball captures tourney

Playing like a house on fire. That's what the Summit High School baseball team has been doing of late.

After opening the season at 0-2, the Hilltoppers have responded by winning their last five games to improve to 5-2 as of Tuesday.

The five-game winning streak started with a win in the Phil Krug Memorial Tournament at Millburn and continued with a victory in the championship game.

Summit bested Governor Livingston 8-4 in the first round of the Phil Krug Memorial Tournament on April 6. Steve Bariexca singled in two runs, while Paul Krupa had an RBI-single and Nick Monaco squeezed across a run in a four-run ninth inning.

Trailing 4-0 after four, the Hilltoppers tied the game on a two-out rally that was highlighted by Jeff Della Piazza's three-run home run and a Jeff Johnson triple.

Senior righthander Matt Williams held GL scoreless over the final four innings for the victory.

"The Hilltoppers evened their record at 2-2 on April 8 as they defeated Weequahic 12-1 in Newark in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play. Johnson hurled a one-hitter, striking out five and walking three. Mike Mornack led the offensive charge by going 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

The next day, Summit made it three in a row after defeating conference rival Mendham 6-4 in Mendham. Williams delivered a sacrifice fly in the sixth that snapped a 4-4 tie. Krupa and Mike Lupatella each drove in a run.

The Hilltoppers then defeated visiting Parsippany 5-3 on April 10 in conference action. Della Piazza's RBI-single in the fifth gave Summit a 5-3 lead. Williams doubled, scored twice and drove in one run.

Summit continued its winning ways on Saturday by defeating host Millburn 9-8 in the championship game of the Phil Krug Tournament.

Williams capped a three-hit, three-RBI performance with a single to center with two outs in the bottom of the seventh that scored Evan Cheng with the winning run.

The Hilltoppers opened their season with a 6-3 loss at conference foe Dover on April 2. Summit then fell in conference play to host Morris Hills 3-2 on April 5 in Rockaway. Della Piazza and Johnson scored the only Summit runs.

Dayton, GL baseball teams finally get into win column last week. Dayton won three straight to even its record at 3-3, while GL won two in a row to improve to 2-4-1. GL lost at Union Catholic 5-4 Monday to fall to 2-5-1.

Dayton defeated Paterson Catholic 20-10 at home April 10 for its first victory. Junior first baseman Anthony Rodriguez had six RBIs as he was 3-for-4 with two triples and a grand slam. Bryan Stitt and Raul Fumagueru drove in two runs each.

Summit teams do share of winning

By Jeff Wolfrum  
Staff Writer

A mirror image. That's what the Summit High School boys' and girls' lacrosse teams seem to have this season.

Both squads sported 4-1 records as of Tuesday, but the reflection is altered as the boys' lost their first game, while the girls' lost their most recent contest. Both are also ranked among the best in the state.

The girls' sought to rebound on Tuesday in a scheduled contest at Livingston. The boys' team opened its season on April 2 and lost a 4-2 decision at Delbarton. J.R. Parker and J.P. Coviello had the lone goals for the Hilltoppers.

High School Lacrosse

Summit rebounded two days later as it defeated host Westfield 12-3. Coviello had three goals and four assists, while fellow seniors Keith S. Schroeder had five goals and an assist and Matt Starker two goals and two assists.

The Hilltoppers made it two straight on April 8 as they defeated visiting Ridgewood 7-6 in overtime. Keith Schroeder scored his third goal with 54 seconds remaining in overtime for the victory. Starker scored twice and tied it with 4:43 left in regulation. Keith's younger brother Rob made 14 saves in net.

Summit then defeated visiting Seton Hall Prep 10-6 on April 10. Starker led the charge with three goals and two assists, while Coviello and Parker added two goals apiece. Rob Schroeder shined behind the pipes by making 11 saves.

The Hilltoppers continued their impressive run Monday with a 13-4 victory at Manasquan. Keith Schroeder paced the offense with three goals and two assists, while Starker and Rob Lacey added two goals each.

The girls' team opened their season on April 1 with a 15-2 win at Roxbury. Katie Tully had four goals and an assist, while Liz Gamble, Liz Sheridan, Karen Jann and Vicky Paccione each scored twice. Goalkeeper Lexi Harrison made five saves.

Two days later, Summit won its second straight with a 16-4 victory at Randolph. Paccione had three goals and three assists, while Erin Lyons and Liz Gamble had three goals apiece. Jann and Tully added one goal each in the win.

The Hilltoppers then defeated visiting Mendham 9-4 on April 5. Sheridan paced the offense with four goals, while Gamble contributed three goals.

Summit then made it to 4-0 after defeating visiting Columbia 16-4 on April 9. Gamble and Mackenzie Clark each had the "hat trick" and an assist, while Sheridan had two goals and five assists. Jann added two goals and two assists in the victory.

The Hilltoppers' winning streak ended Saturday in Long Valley as they lost a 12-10 decision at West Morris. Clark paced Summit with three goals and one assist, while Sheridan added two goals and four assists.

Quite an improvement



Springfield Minutemen basketball standout Jesse Galinkin was one of two players to earn Most Improved Player honors as a member of the 8th grade team. Galinkin played point guard and was instrumental in leading the team to many victories. He scored in double digits in five games and had a season-high 21-point effort in a win at New Providence. Galinkin will play at Dayton High School next year.

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### Poster contest winners to be included in calendar

Fourth-grade students from Clark, Garwood, New Providence and Roselle took top honors in the Constitutional Officers of Union County Poster Contest. Jenna Rodrigues of St. John the Apostle School in Clark took first, Stephanie Lewis of Franklin School in Garwood placed second, Hannah Simon of Salt Brook School in New Providence placed third, and Kelsey Ann Connell of St. Joseph the Carpenter School in Roselle placed fourth. The children were awarded prizes and Certificates of Achievement at a ceremony to spotlight County Government Week on Tuesday at the Union County Courthouse.

The contest sponsored by the county clerk, county sheriff and county surrogate, is open to all fourth-grade students throughout the state's 21 counties. More than 300 posters were submitted. Prize-winning illustrator Wendy Devlin and artist Helen Poulos judged the entries.

First-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners will receive savings bonds. All entries will receive Certificates of Achievement ceremony at the courthouse in Elizabeth with their parents, relatives, friends and teachers. The 12 winners will have their posters featured in a 2002-03 poster calendar to be distributed throughout the county.

Achievement winners include Shannine Huggins, Emma Mark and Jeriel Mercado of Roosevelt School in Rahway; Tiffany Picinisco of Frank Hechly School in Clark; Alex Brick of St. John the Apostle School in Clark; Thomas Kalazy of St. Genevieve's in Elizabeth; Africa Morales of St. Mary's School in Rahway, and Stephanie Vasquez of Blessed Sacrament School in Elizabeth.

### Vo-Tech school hosts open house tonight

Parents and students from Union County are invited to learn more about the Union County Vocational-Technical High School and its programs during an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Raritan Road campus.

The annual open house will include guided tours of all available programs and facilities. The open house is designed to ensure parents and students get a comprehensive look at the vo-tech high school's leading occupational and skills training programs.

The open house will include demonstrations of the latest technologies in each of the school's instructional areas. Auto Technology students will highlight the latest in emissions testing, culinary arts students will provide samples of gourmet specialties from the school's bake shop, and the Graphic Communications program will demonstrate the latest in desktop publishing.

In addition to refreshments, all visitors will be invited to shop-in the school's UCVTS Tech World Supermarket; take advantage of blood pressure screenings administered by the Allied Health program; visit the greenhouses in the Horticulture program, and enjoy some pampering from Cosmetology program.

For more information, call 908-889-8288, Ext. 340 or 341.

### 'Take Back the Night' Saturday at college

The Union County College Student Volunteer Organization is once again hosting "Take Back the Night," a program addressing violence against women, on Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

The event will begin outside MacDonald Hall at 6 p.m. with welcome comments and the keynote presentation by Elizabeth Volz, president of the New Jersey chapter of the National Organization of Women. At 7 p.m., there will be a candle lit walk in Nomahegan Park to symbolize taking back the night. Workshops will run from 8 to 10 p.m.

From 8 to 9 p.m., "War Zone" will be shown and will be hosted by its producer, Maggie Hadleigh West, crime prevention, including a discussion on cyber stalking and substance abuse, will be hosted by the New Jersey State Troopers; self-defense will be hosted by Martial Arts America; and legal issues and support for victims will be hosted by the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

From 9 to 10 p.m., "Hitting Rock Bottom," will be performed by the Improbable Players; a panel discussion with survivors of abuse will be held; self-defense will be hosted by Martial Arts America, and medical/emotional support for victim — SART Program — will be discussed.

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## COUNTY NEWS

### UCLSA annual meeting

The Union County Legal Services Association, the association for legal professionals, will have its annual meeting on Tuesday. After a social gathering that begins at 6 p.m., the dinner meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. at B.G. Fields Restaurant, Springfield Avenue, Westfield. UCLSA will elect officers for the 2002-03 fiscal year.

For more information or reservations, call Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-241-0611 or 908-558-2369.

NJALS, state affiliate for the association for legal professionals, will have its annual state meeting/convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Clark Friday through Sunday with the theme for this year, "Come to the Seashore." For more information, call Mary Lou Einhorn at 908-241-0611 or 908-558-2369.

This national association, which includes local, state and regional chapters, offers educational and networking opportunities for legal professionals. Members are eligible to receive nationwide discounts on products and services.

For more information about the meeting and association, call Susie Mack, UCLSA president, at 732-326-0977 or 908-322-2333, Ext. 237, or Helena Goworek, UCLSA vice president, at 908-289-7356 or 908-527-4506.

### Trout Derby opens at Echo Lake Saturday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club will host the 23rd annual Trout Derby at the Lower Echo Lake section of Echo Lake Park, between Mountainside and Westfield, from Saturday to May 3, rain or shine.

The derby was designed for children 15 years of age and under. All others must have a valid New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp. This friendly competition was created to give city children the opportunity to catch trophy-sized trout, since they often can't go to other parts of New Jersey to do so.

Approximately 300 rainbows, brooks and browns, 12 inches and larger, will be delivered at about 8 a.m. on Saturday. Anyone who would like to assist in stocking the lake for the annual event is welcome.

Fish caught on April 20 should be weighed at the gazebo at the Lower Echo Lake section of the park between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All fish

### Business card exchange

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a business card exchange April 25 at 6 p.m., hosted by UBS/PaineWebber, 109 North Ave., Westfield, 07090, third floor.

Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Kenny Garrett Quartet to headline benefit concert for the homeless

Jazz saxophonist Kenny Garrett will perform a benefit concert for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County April 28 at 6 p.m. at Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

He will be accompanied by Chris Dave on drums, pianist Vernell Brown and bass player Vicente Archer.

Tickets to the Kenny Garrett Quartet benefit concert can be ordered in advance by calling UCAC at 732-499-8226. All seats are \$35. The beautifully restored Union County Arts Center is located in downtown Rahway at 1601 Irving St. For information, visit www.ucac.org.

"We are grateful to Kenny and the musicians in his quartet for caring enough about our work to agree to this benefit performance. They're all great musicians so it's sure to be a fun and entertaining evening," said IFC Executive Director Barbara Anagnost.

The Kenny Garrett Quartet will perform many of the compositions on Garrett's newly released CD titled "Happy People." It was recorded in California during the week of Sept. 11, 2001, and it reflects the resilience of mankind in the face of global adversity. The new release is overflowing with spiritual oneness and optimism. The 10 new compositions and one medley that Garrett has created for "Happy People" all work together to bridge cultural and generational gaps.

Garrett is one of the jazz world's most eclectic players, and he has performed with jazz legends Art Blakey, Freddie Hubbard, Woody Shaw, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis; rock royalty Sting, Peter Gabriel and Bruce Springsteen, and progressive rap pioneer GURU. His first collection of all-original works, "Songbook," was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1997.

Proceeds of the Kenny Garrett Quartet benefit concert will help the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County raise money to continue its programs of assistance to people in Union County who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

"Last year, IFC provided shelter, transitional and supportive/permanent housing to more than 600 people — and at least half of them were children. It's distressing to realize how deep the problem of homelessness is. But it's impressive to see that IFC can offer help to people who otherwise might not have anywhere to turn. IFC needs our help to continue the fight," said Garrett.

"The quartet is really happy that we can help IFC raise the money it needs to make shelter care available for peo-

### Novel, plays, movie earn praise

Jonathan Franzen's novel, "The Corrections," seems to be just a little better than John Irving's "The Story of a Midwestern Family" whose struggling children migrate east to a life of dissatisfaction about equal to their parents, it is in almost constant danger of "the blame is really all on the parents" — even if we can't quite detect it — syndrome.

Perhaps the oddest story relating to this book was the author's disdain for and actual rejection of the Oprah Book Club designation, which promises big, extra sales. Besides making his publisher very unhappy — he finally recanted, like a surly child — the incident showed how much book sales are going to miss Oprah now that she has decided there are no more good new books for her to designate.

The new play "Metamorphoses" is a truly wonderful adaptation of the moral tales of classic Roman poet Ovid, now on Broadway. Written and directed by Chicago's Goodman Theater mainstay Mary Zimmerman, this "Metamorphoses" is staged on and in the water on earth and below the not so disinterested Gods in heaven. The play is literate, funny, enchanting and deep. Go!

### On the Arts

By Jon Plaut

Alan Alda is on Broadway at Lincoln Center, too, in a new play, with the intriguing title "QED," said physicist Alda is, as always, charming in this very taxing, single-actor performance, so "QED" is only on the boards two days a week — Sunday and Monday.

The movie industry of India is second largest to Hollywood. When I was last in Bombay, almost 10 years ago, I remember the giant middle class of India being close to movie crazy, and certainly star struck. The great Merchant-Ivory team gave us "Shakespeare Wallah" close to 20 years ago. Well, in our neighborhood movie theaters now is a splendid Indian film, "Monsoon Wedding," about a large and varied family in New Delhi preparing for an arranged wedding between their lovely but promiscuous daughter and an expatri-

### Sabovick-Bleich delights audiences in New Jersey Ballet Co.'s 'Coppelia'

The New Jersey Ballet Company celebrated its veteran prima ballerina — the outstanding, exceptional, talented first lady of the New Jersey ballet world, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich — this past Saturday evening during its Saturday Night Series, when the company and Kean University presented a full-length production of "Coppelia" at the Wilkins Theater in Union.

Sabovick-Bleich, in the dual role of Swanilda/Coppelia, a peasant girl and a mechanical doll, does all the major dancing to the sheer delight of the audience. During this time, Swanilda, as the doll Coppelia, turns to life at the astonishment of the toymaker, and dances a Spanish bolero and a Scottish reel. Soon, all the dolls are dancing, and the old toy shop is nearly destroyed by some outrageous goings on.

The dancers are wonderful to behold. With graceful movements, Era Korotava-Jovralev performs the Prayer. Julia Vorobyeva portrays Dawn, and Michelle de Fremery, Gabriella Na, Soale Rachmedova and Christina Theryoung as Swanilda's friends, beautifully costumed, dance to their hearts' content. Franz's friends, equally entertaining, include Sergio Amaranite, Tavshin Bold, Andres Neira, Vladimir Roje and David Tamaki.

The various dolls — Chinese, Harlequin, Sorcerer, Spanish, Scottish, Ballerina, Arabian and Coppelia — were portrayed by Neira, Roje, Bold, Sonya Berenfeld, Katie Canavan, Eleanor DeBevoise, Laura Snowden and Jennifer Davidson. The dancers of the hours were lovely in their movements.

The rare and beautiful scenery at the Wilkins Theater enhanced the enjoyment of this special performance. The theater also is to be congratulated for its new and very comfortable seats in which to enjoy the New Jersey Ballet Co.'s celebration of its 43rd excellent year — and its celebration of Sabovick-Bleich, whose graceful bow had the audience respond with honor and joy by applauding and standing up — and by making a futile attempt to keep that unique ballerina from ever leaving the stage.

### Sabovick-Bleich does all the major dancing to the sheer delight of the audience, and her versatility ... proves that she is better than most ballet dancers half her age.

Prima ballerina Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich dances in her role as 'Coppelia' in the New Jersey Ballet Co.'s full-length production of the classical ballet, which was staged Saturday evening at the Wilkins Theater, Kean University, Union.



The kids of Rydell High bring the hijinx of 'Grease' to life at Cranford Repertory Theater. From left are actors Jeff Don, Jen Henselman, Stephanie Pearl, A.J. Meeker, Kimberly Apadula, Michael Bellina, Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith, Nuno DeSousa, Robyn Bloom and Evan Schupak.

### CRT's 'Grease' is 'rocking fun'

From the witty, engaging voice and presence of radio announcer Vince Fontaine to the electrifying glow of the show's frenetic finale, Cranford Repertory Theater's "Grease" rockets to life like a well-oiled machine of boisterous, rocking fun.

Part of what makes the story of "Grease" work is the casting of the characters, and CRT has done a fine job of recreating the classic high school story with a cast that's nearly perfect for each role.

All of the favorites are here including the squeaky-clean Sandy, played by Kimberly Apadula; the bad boy Danny, played by Michael Bellina; the over-eager cheerleader Patty, played by Samantha Hahn; the nerd Eugene, played by Eric Branda; tough girl Rizzo, played by Robin Bloom; flaky Fryco, played by Janelle Cumberbatch-Smith; goofy Doody, played by Nuno DeSousa; wiseguy Sonny, played by Jeff Don; macho Kenickie, played by Evan Shupak; crude Roger, played by A.J. Meeker; naive Jan, played by Stephanie Pearl; spunky Marty, played by Jen Henselman, and trashy Cha-Cha, played by Jodi Robin Zeichner.

The supporting characters also lend their distinctive personas to help recreate the older figures occupying the 1950's teenage world of rock 'n' roll, sparkling diners and high school hijinx.

Fontaine, played by Paul Elliot, casually interprets various announcements throughout the course of the musical, accurately capturing the importance of radio in teenage lives. He plays a pivotal role later on in the high school prom dance contest, revving the audience up and getting the kids to dance their hearts out.

Miss Lynch, played by Laura Scott, provides a nice opening to the show, as the teacher alternates between chastising and welcoming the audience with threats of putting unruly "students" in detention. By the end of the show, the uptight administrator

### On the Boards

By Brian Pedersen Staff Writer

lousens up and shows off some of her own dancing skills.

The memorable "Beauty School Drop Out" number is energetically performed by Teen Angel, played by Howard W. Whitmore, who updates it for a modern audience complete with funny pauses and added emphasis on certain words in the song for maximum exuberance. The famous diner scene is lovingly recreated with the whimsical hairdresser girls who step out of dreamland to help Teen Angel give Frenchy some sound advice.

Remaining faithful to the original 1972 Broadway production, several songs and scenes not included in the 1978 movie version are given special prominence to showcase the talents of the stars.

The results are not exactly perfect. "Those Magic Changes," "Mooning" and "All Choked Up" are a few of the songs which have a less-than-stellar effect. In some cases, the singers don't project as loudly or clearly as they could, even though they more than make up for it in effort and energy.

On a better note, Apadula does a powerful rendition of "It's Raining on Prom Night." Sandy's song of sadness. With just a few simple touches, like an old radio and white table with a lamp, the scene comes to breathing life. She follows with a strong version of "Since I Don't Have You."

Other highlights include the fulfilled "Summer Nights," one of the best songs in the entire musical, which is faithfully recreated by the cast, and "Born to Hand Jive" which captures the frenetic essence of the song, as the dancers gyrate and struggle to keep juggling their feet at all costs.

### Prima ballerina Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich dances in her role as 'Coppelia' in the New Jersey Ballet Co.'s full-length production of the classical ballet, which was staged Saturday evening at the Wilkins Theater, Kean University, Union.

### Bill Van Sant, Editor

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The following reunions have been registered with Reunions Unlimited. Summit High School Class of 1982, 20th reunion, Aug. 24.

Union High School Class of 1993, 10th reunion, 2003. Westfield High School Class of 1992, 10th reunion, May 4.

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Chanteuse tips hat to 'first ladies'

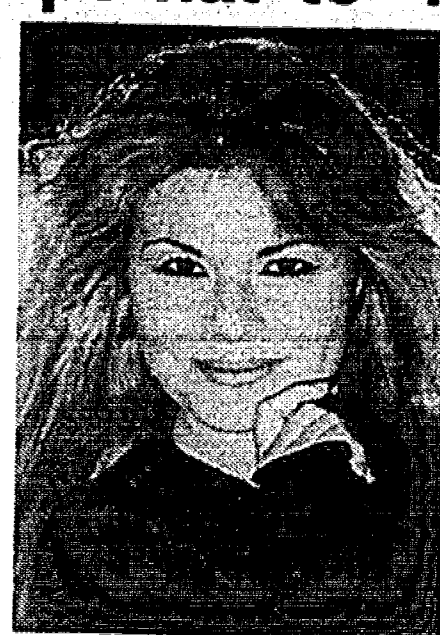
By Bea Smith Staff Writer

No one but Laura Theodore knows best how to "Celebrate the First Ladies of American Song" and this award-winning musician will show audiences exactly how it is done this evening at Le Dome at The Manor in West Orange.

One of the most talented performers, who has been in show business for a quarter of a century, Theodore doesn't imitate the "First Ladies," but offers her own version of their type of music — and it has overwhelmed and pleased audiences throughout the country.

Taking it all in stride, the beautifully voiced Theodore explained during a recent telephone chat, "I can't wait to get to The Manor to sing the songs that the greats made famous. Even now, I'm preparing a Big Band album — oh, excuse me, a CD — I'm aging myself but I'm in the studio now mixing it as we speak. I'm using songs that are being taken from my show scheduled at The Manor called 'First Ladies of the American Song.'"

"I'm including our version, a 17-bar version, of Peggy Lee's 'Fever,' the beautiful 'The Very Thought of You,' 'Wonderful and Famous Big Band favorites.' 'You know,' she explained, 'I've wanted to do this for a long time, and finally, I was able to put it together. Actually, the CD will be



Laura Theodore

in May or June. It's a conglomeration of a show I've been doing for many years. So many female singers have inspired me through the years. They include people like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee, Kay Starr, and others — not so well known but great — Ivie Anderson, who sang with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, Betty Carter. My goal is to get that music out."

Theodore, who first appeared at The Manor "about four years ago," said she is truly happy to be appearing there again. "It's really a fantastic place. What can I say? It's wonderful to be able to have marvelous people to work with at The Manor. It's a beautiful place for cabaret performers to bring their acts to. It's a really good thing for both cabaret performers and The Manor."

love music. I was one of those people who just grew up knowing I would sing — really, from the age of 3 years old. I don't remember when I actually knew. All of a sudden, I was making my family listen to me sing. I remember my grandfather took films of me when I was a little girl, and in those films, I was pushing my sister out of the way so I could sing and dance all around."

And so she continued singing, which led to her singing at President George Bush's inauguration, Donald Trump's gala and at the Gracie Mansion Concert. She performed in "Beehive," an Off-Broadway show, showcasing the 1960s popular females, including Joplin, for which she won a Backstage Bistro Award. Her debut CD, "Tonight's the Night," won a Musician Magazine Award and she won accolades from the critics for her three jazz and blues CDs.

"Right now, I'm working with the Janelle Hill National Breast Cancer Foundation. We're raising money for research and planning concerts throughout the country. You see," she said sadly, "my mother died of breast cancer, and my little sister was recently diagnosed with it. So, we're going to be raising money for underprivileged women — with whom my sister is working — and for research. That's why I chose them. In six months, we'll be putting together concerts for the National Breast Cancer Foundation."

In between, Theodore will be touring with her new, still unnamed CD, in the fall. "It will be out this summer," she said. "And I can see that I will be having a lot of busy weeks and months ahead of me."

County employees invited to show art

In an ongoing effort to recognize and encourage creative and artistic accomplishment throughout Union County, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced a new program, presented in partnership with the National Arts Program, that offers county employees and their families an opportunity to exhibit their artwork.

"Artistic and creative talent resides in everyone," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary Ruotolo. "It is our intention to give Union County employees and their families a forum to showcase their talents and to share the goal of the National Arts Program to reach as many people as possible of all ages, offering them a chance to display their artistic talents in a public exhibition."

Entries will be accepted in the categories of painting, drawing, photography, digital art, works on paper, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media and crafts. Recognized artists and art professionals will serve as judges, selecting entrants for cash awards, scholarships and honorable mention in the exhibition's four artistic classifications: "Amateur," little or no experience; "Advanced," exten-

sive art training; "Youth," ages 12 to 18, and "Youth," younger than 12 years old.

In the adult classifications, each first-place winner will receive \$300; second place will receive \$200 each. In each youth classification, \$100 will go to first-place winners, \$75 to second place and \$50 to third place. The prizes will be provided by the National Arts Program.

The National Arts Program, which reaches 50 cities and communities throughout the United States, was conceived by Leonard E.B. Andrews, an art collector, publisher, business executive and journalist. "For the encouragement and development of artistic expression,"

Pre-registration is required by May 1. Early registration is encouraged. To request a registration form and information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07207; call 908-558-2550 or send e-mail to scoen@unioncountynj.org.

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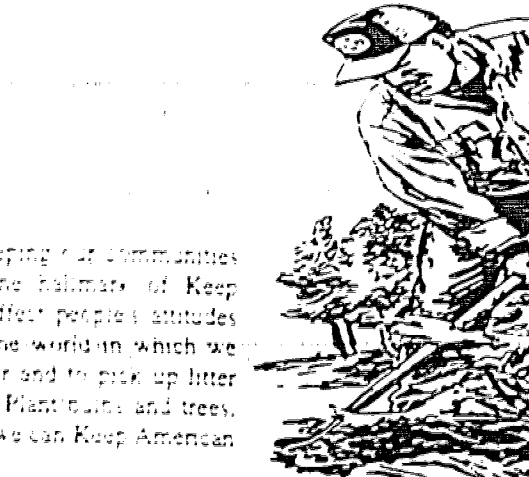
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# Senior artists invited to submit for exhibit

All Union County senior citizen artists, including amateurs and professionals, are invited to enter the 2002 Union County Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition.

The art exhibit opens with a reception June 26 and remains on display until Aug. 12 at NU/Elizabethtown Gas, Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave. in Union, a barrier-free site.

The annual contest and exhibit is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Union County Department of Economic Development.

"The whole community is enriched by the contributions of our senior citizen artists," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Artists wishing to participate should return their application forms as soon as possible. Participation may be limited to the first 100 applicants due to space requirements.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. There will be awards of recognition for professional and non-professional artists.

The following are categories of eligible work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, computer graphics and craft made from kits.

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# County aims to 'connect' with revised newsletter

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the publication of a new county-wide cultural newsletter.

Formerly known as The Beacon, the revised and reformatted publication now is called Cultural Connections.

"County residents repeatedly stressed the need for coordinated, consistent, broad-based information during the recent Cultural Summit," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Mary P. Ruotolo.

Residents can read Cultural Connections to learn about upcoming technical assistance workshops.

cultural heritage information, reflecting the important role played by the arts, cultural and history organizations in the county's economic development and overall quality of life."

The semi-annual newsletter will be available in libraries, by request 908-558-2550, and on the Union County Web site at www.unioncountynj.org/econdev/cultural.html.

For more information, or to send ideas for future newsletter editions, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711; or send e-mail to scoen@unioncountynj.org.

**'Cultural Connections will act as a centralized clearing house for arts and cultural heritage information.'**

— Mary P. Ruotolo, Freeholder

# Ensembles sought for annual Westfield street fair

New Jersey Workshop for the Arts is actively seeking ensembles in various performance areas to participate in the upcoming eighth annual Westfield Spring Street Fair.

The fair will be held April 28. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Westfield, this annual event has been successful over the years in highlighting various talents.

The following are categories of eligible work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, mixed media, photography, sculpture, computer graphics and craft made from kits.

Artists must be at least 60 years old and may submit an entry that has been completed within the past three years. All work must be an original creation of the artist.

Artists wishing to participate should return their application forms as soon as possible. Participation may be limited to the first 100 applicants due to space requirements.

Professional artists will judge the exhibit. There will be awards of recognition for professional and non-professional artists.

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Suppe and Karl King's "Pan American March." Recently, the Music Studio Concert Band played at the Rotary Pancake Breakfast.

Norman Paley, an early disciple of the Benny Goodman style of music, will conduct the NJWA Jazz Band in the performance of jazz of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, adding its own distinctive style and improvisation.

Theodore Schlosberg has been at the forefront of music education for the past 30 years. His vision has always been to expand music, art and dramatic opportunities for people in the central New Jersey region.

"The overwhelming body of research substantiates that the study of music and other art forms is both stabilizing and reassuring to children," explained Schlosberg.

Anyone interested in performing at the Westfield Spring Fair Street contact Schlosberg as soon as possible at 908-789-9696. Groups will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

# Music scholarships are now available to local girls

Hickory Tree Chorus will once again offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a musically talented young woman interested in pursuing a career in music.

Rehearsing in New Providence, the chorus is a local chapter of Sweet Adelines International, an organization of 30,000 women worldwide, dedicated to teaching, singing and

performing a cappella, four-part harmony. Hickory Tree has been awarding annual scholarships for more than 20 years to students from areas in which the 75 chorus members reside.

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal or instrumental music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied

for acceptance into a music program at a college or university. Applicants must submit an audio-tape of a short performance demonstrating their particular talent. Tapes may include accompaniment, as needed.

Completed applications and audio-tapes must be received by April 27. High school guidance departments in more than 50 communities have

# NJ Workshop for the Arts will embark on a two-week tour of Switzerland

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, located in Westfield, is planning a summer trip to Switzerland.

Arriving in Zurich, the tour begins Aug. 24 and runs through Aug. 31. The vacation can be extended an extra week to include an Alpbach Workshop in Montreux at the Academy for Alpbach from Sept. 1 to 8. This fully guided tour includes such majestic sites as the Hegi Castle and the Glacier National Park.

The group will visit the cities of Zurich, Winterthur, Baden and Lucerne. Swiss dinners with shows at the Alpbach Factory show and a cheese-tasting tour found on the first week of the trip.

For the second week, beginners and experienced musicians from all over the world converge at the Alpbach Academy of Switzerland to study under the superb leadership of French horn player, Alpbachist and conductor Josef Molnar.

The Alpbach Academy of Switzerland is located in beautiful Montreux and guests stay at the Hotel Savail which majestically overlooks Lake Geneva. The week entails four hours of daily lessons on playing the alpbach, knowledge of refining breathing techniques and playing folklore, classical and jazz music and performing in the Alps and the surrounding areas.

Alpbachists may be tented at the academy. Previous musical experience of particular language skills are not required. There is an alpine cabin on site where guests can see how the famous Gruyere cheese is made. The course schedule leaves plenty of time to explore western Switzerland and shopping.

Theodore Schlosberg has been in the forefront of introducing the alpbach to the United States. In fact, The Alpbach Workshop at the NJWA is the first affiliate of the Alpbach Academy of Switzerland.

Schlosberg was the featured alpbachist at the United Nations Dec. 11, 2001 with an opening performance on the Alpbach for the "Global Launch of the International Year of Mountains, 2002" which was hosted by the Swiss mission to the United Nations. At the evening reception, Schlosberg, in traditional Swiss garb, provided a hands-on Alpbach workshop for the many ambassadors and guests in attendance.

In addition to his performance at the United Nations, Schlosberg was heard in Ricola USA television commercials. Ricola USA also sponsored Schlosberg and one of his students, Christopher Verderman, to study and perform in Switzerland and attend the Academy of Alpbach in Switzerland in 1997.

Those interested in either the one-week tour or the two-week combination are asked to call the NJWA office at 908-789-9696. A deposit is needed to secure a reservation.

Information about membership in Hickory Tree or engagements may be obtained by phone at 908-522-1954 or by e-mail.

## Museum Guide

The Museum Guide is compiled by Worrall Community Newspapers. It is a list of museums and historical sites in Union County and the surrounding area. To add to the list, send the relevant information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill Venzant at Worrall Community Newspapers, 1261 Stewart Ave., Union, 0708.

- Crane-Phillips House Museum, 124 Union Ave. North, Cranford. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays from September through June, by appointment. Call 908-276-0082.
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- Boxwood Hall, 1073 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 908-648-4540.
- Woodruff House/Easton Store Museum, 111 Conant St., Hillside. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of each month or by appointment. Call 908-353-8828.
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- Drake House Museum, 602 W. Front St., Plainfield. Open 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays September to June. Call 908-755-5831.
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- Reeves-Red Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. Grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk; office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 908-273-8787.
- Caldwell Parsonage, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union. Open 2 to 4 p.m. the third Sunday of the month or by appointment. Closed December and January. Call 908-687-8129.
- Liberty Hall Museum, 1033 Morris Ave., Union. Guided tours are conducted Wednesdays to Sundays, April to December, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour at 3 p.m. Admission is charged. "Tea is Served" every Wednesday, 2 to 4 p.m. \$22 per person; reservations are required. Call 908-527-0400 or visit www.libertyhall.org.
- Miller-Cory House Museum, 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield. Open 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays from September through June — closed during the summer — and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays in January and February, or by appointment. Call 908-232-1776.

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