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Borough Council reduces 2002-03 school bud

School tax hike expected to be \$510; down from \$675

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Mountainside officials came to an agreement to reduce the proposed school tax levy by \$486,875. For the taxpayer, this means instead of a \$675 increase for the average assessed home of \$150,000, the amount would be approximately \$510 for the next school year.

All this took place at the second and final meeting between the Mountainside Board of Education members and the Mountainside Borough Council May 16 at Borough Hall.

Unlike the May 13 meeting, which brought out over 100

residents, the chambers were about half full, and the meeting was precise and short. The resolution passed to agree to the recommendation was unanimous from both the council and the Board of Education.

Prior to this meeting, a private meeting took place the night before between three members of the Board of Education and three members of the council: Board of Education President Richard Kress and board members MaryBeth Schaumberg and Ray Hagggar, and Mayor Robert Vigilanti, Council President Keith Turner and Councilman Paul Mirabelli.

The original budget brought to the council had been

defeated in the annual school election on April 16. The spending plan amounted to \$9,839,273, and would have meant a tax increase of \$675 for the average assessed home of \$150,000. After the budget's defeat at the polls, the borough's governing body is required to confer with the Board of Education to reach a compromise on the tax levy.

The mayor said the more he and the council reviewed the budget, the more concerned they had become over the numbers, and he said they had found accounting errors of more than \$100,000. He is having an audit done by an outside accountant, and said this in no way was deliberate, but he felt they must be absolutely clear on any surplus dollars.

One point was definite; public opinion triumphed on the fifth kindergarten class. There will definitely be five kin-

dergarten classes next year so that there will be no overcrowding, and the money for this additional teacher was left in the budget.

To achieve the reductions, a list of cuts were made, including a secretarial position for \$45,000, other salary expenses, and a \$75,000 reduction in the budget for 241 students to attend Governor Livingston High School. The council believed a more accurate count was 235 students.

Kress explained later that it is still too early to be sure just how many children will elect to go to the high school or attend private school. "It could rise or fall; we had taken the higher number to be covered," said Kress. Other reductions came from the revised group insurance fund due to

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Student EMS teaches real-life rescue skills

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Had this been an actual emergency, the Jonathan Dayton Student Emergency Response Team would have helped to save two lives.

In a simulated exercise, a driver lost control of her vehicle and struck a pedestrian, resulting in injuries to both of them.

"The purpose of the team is to respond to incidents of illness or accidents that happen at Dayton, to help out the nurse when these incidents occur," said JD-SERT advisor and social studies supervisor Barry Bachenheimer. "We're not taking the place of the nurse, we're supplementing her and giving her a couple extra pairs of hands."

JD-SERT had to attend to the victims and phone in the 9-1-1 call; the 9-1-1 dispatcher has been told in advance that this was a drill. The Springfield police and fire departments, and the First Aid Squad respond as they would if this had been a real accident.

"I think it's a fantastic system," said Deputy Fire Chief Donald Schwerdt. "It gets the help to the victim very quickly. The help is right on the premises. If something happens on school property they are there very, very fast, administering aid to the victim."

JD-SERT has conducted a number of drills this year and last year with the town's fire, police and first aid

personnel. The drill is meant to help get the departments better acquainted with JD-SERT.

At Dayton, 24 students, from freshmen to seniors, are part of JD-SERT. The team was formed in May 2000. Each day, four students are on duty as emergency responders for any type of medical illness or emergency that comes up during the school day. They supplement the duties of the nurse.

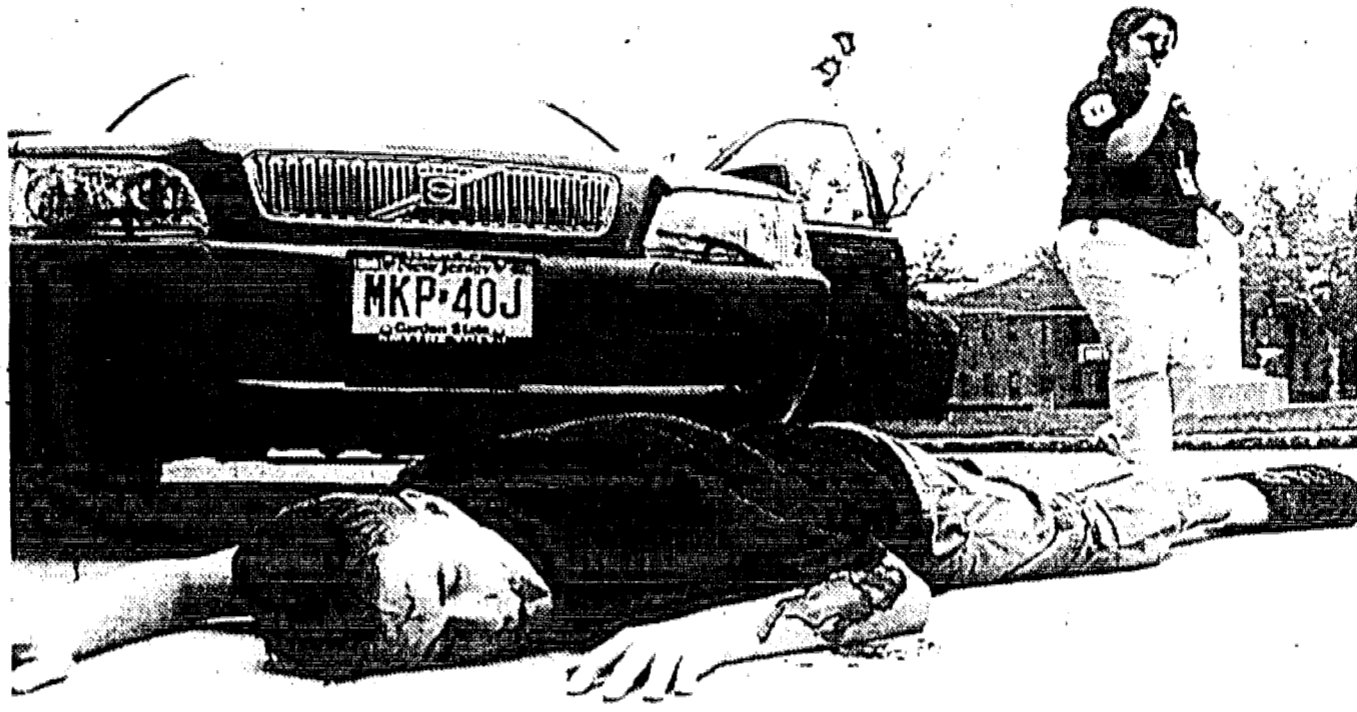
The students are trained, minimally, for CPR and some are trained as high as EMTs.

"From all the sources that we've checked, we're the only team like this in the state and one of the few like this in the country," said Bachenheimer.

JD-SERT has a beeper and a walkie-talkie system in place for the students who are on call.

"If the nurse receives a call for some kind of emergency, and she thinks it's appropriate for the kids to be there, she pages them out with the system," said Bachenheimer. "The kids then respond. We have an oxygen tank, a defibrillator, a backboard. Depending on what the emergency is, the four kids will respond and give first-aid care until the nurse shows up, and then supplement the nurse, or First Aid Squad if they're needed."

"Each student has a post they have to be at," said Dayton nurse Connie Guida. "One will go out and wait for the ambulance, so the ambulance will know where to go because it could be riding around the front of the school,



Responding to a simulated auto accident, paramedics come to help out Andrzej Moczolowski. The exercise demonstrates how the Jonathan Dayton Student Emergency Response Team helps other students by responding to real incidents of illness or accidents that may occur at the school.

Photo By Bob Helfrich

the back of the school. One will take the emergency bag to the site."

So far this year, JD-SERT has responded to nine calls including a girl who fell and injured her back, a seizure, a diabetic emergency, a senior citizen who had difficulty breathing, and a twisted ankle.

"We like to think that the kids don't get hurt but unfortunately it's a fact of life and it happens sometimes. These

kids do a great job," said Bachenheimer.

In 1998, Dayton Principal Charles Serson had an idea that the school should have students trained for emergency situations, after school, when the nurse goes home.

When Bachenheimer joined the district in the 1999-2000 school year, he trained an initial group of nine students. Since then the team has

accelerated to its current status.

Even when the students are off duty their training helps them.

"One kid was at a Benningan's having dinner and he helped someone who was choking," said Bachenheimer. "Another kid told me he was out driving with a friend and they came upon a car accident and helped out. They've got this training and they're now using it in different arenas."

As seniors prepare for last day, they look ahead to special night

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Showing students that it's possible to have a good time without the harmful mix of drugs and alcohol, Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield will once again have its annual Project Graduation on June 20.

This year, the program will take place at the Summit YMCA. Following graduation, students will leave from the high school at 9:30 p.m., where they will take a short bus trip to the Y. The students will then leave the Y at 5 a.m. and be back at the high school by 5:30 a.m.

"It's a very healthy way to end the school year," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "It's a very healthy alternative to some of the things that occurred long ago."

Mahler said he has been familiar with these types of programs for many years and thought they were good at highlighting the fact that students are making better decisions now than those in previous generations have done.

As coordinator of the event, Dineen Burke expects a large turnout for the

all-night party.

"In past years, I think it's been about 85 percent," said Burke. "This year, we're projecting about 90. It's at least one night where your kids are safe."

As a parent with a senior high school student herself, Burke served on the Parent-Teacher Student Organization last year and with the help of about 15 parents and volunteers, she found herself in the center of the program as its coordinator.

With Sept. 11 at the beginning of the school year, Project Graduation fell to the back of many minds, but the need for it never disappeared completely. Although she said it was a tough year for her to raise the funds and organize the event, Burke and her volunteers never gave up.

She thanks all the parents, volunteers, and especially Principal Charles Serson, for their hard work in generating the fund-raising activities. Parents who have been working diligently all year long to make Project Graduation a reality include Brenda Cohen, Terri Osit, Sheila Weisman and Debbie LoSchiavo.

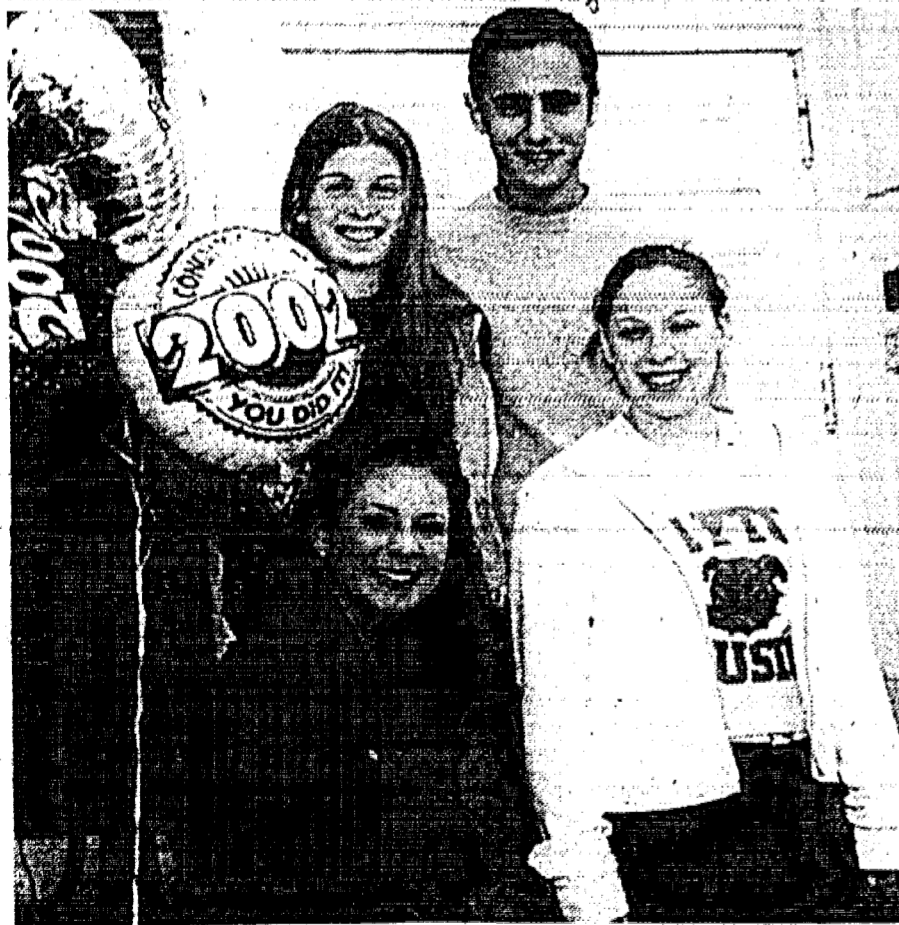


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Gearing up for Project Graduation at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield are students, from left, Melissa LoSchiavo, Stephanie Weiss, Nicole Burke and Roman Bronshteyn. In September, LoSchiavo plans to attend The College of New Jersey, while Weiss will go to Montclair State University, Burke will attend Rutgers University and Bronshteyn, New York University.

Community members prepare for Monday's Memorial Day activities

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Springfield and Mountainside are all set for their Memorial Day festivities on Monday.

For over 20 years the Mountainside Veterans of Foreign Wars have been marching in the Westfield Memorial Day Parade.

"Our VFW is going to be marching in the Westfield parade, as we do every year," said Mountainside VFW Post Commander Bob Farley. "We

also join in with their services at the Veteran's Monument at the circle on North Avenue."

The parade starts at 8:45 a.m. in front of Lord & Taylor in Westfield. In past years, the Mountainside Rescue Squad also has participated and sent an ambulance.

"We're involved with the American Legion from Westfield, the Westfield VFW. We march together as a group," said Farley.

At noon, the VFW will be at the

Veteran's Memorial near the Mountainside Public Library, to conduct a ceremony.

"We have a short service according to our ritual where the officers participate," said Farley. "Our chaplain gives a prayer. Each of the officers have a little piece that they read out of our manual and they put a symbol of remembrance down at the monument."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, See VETERANS, Page 2

Buying or selling a home?

Our Spring Real Estate guide features many of our local Realtors and their agents and associates. See our special section inside this edition.

Spring into a new career

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The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday.

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Board and council agree on budget

(Continued from Page 1) The elimination of two positions. "We had to be prudent and not cut essential amounts; the position of a nurse for Beechwood School was left in the budget. The governing body will give up to \$150,000 for the Beechwood School furniture and supplies if it finds itself short at the opening of the school in September. These reductions are not going to cut any programs for the children, and will give us a fifth kindergarten," Mirabelli said. "I am in complete favor of it."

Veterans stress importance of remembering those who fought

(Continued from Page 1) The national anthem is played and the flag is raised to the top of the flagpole. The annual Springfield Memorial Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building on Mountain Avenue, following a brief ceremony. The parade concludes, for the first time, at Veteran's Park. "We're trying to make it even bigger and better," said Committeeman Sy Mullan. "It's an annual event that they've re-structured and I think that the new route is good because we finish at Veteran's Park, which I think is the proper place to be."

Council approves 2002 budget

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer The Mountaintop Borough Council adopted the 2002 municipal budget of \$3,196,534.39 Tuesday night, which will result in a \$74.97 tax increase for the average assessed home in the borough valued at \$154,000. The municipal tax increase is \$641,929.14, or 4.7 points, over last year's budget of \$7,554,605.25. "The council performed its fiscal responsibility to the community," said Councilman Werner Schen. Even though the tax increase is larger than usual for the borough, explained Council President Keith Turner, the total dollar increase taken by itself is 13.4 points. "The borough, through proper use of surplus and capital funding alternatives, was able to bring the 13-point increase down to a manageable 4.7-point increase," said Turner. The revenues for the 2002 budget have remained on a constant level with no increases from the state.

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- The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community event the publicity it deserves, mail your schedule to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083. Sunday • "Angels of Grace," a local praise dance team choreographed by Soni-entire procedure was a cooperative effort. "It has got to be clear and in simple English so we will all understand where we are at. After all, we all want what is best for our children," he added. "I am assuming that these suggested changes were negotiated with the school board — or is it a matter of mayor/council telling them what they had to do," asked Lou Thomas. Vigilanti replied, "We met and had a concurrence of opinion with the committee last night. There was concern on a few items where we said it was a mis-posting; that was corrected. No, I believe it was a mutual agreement and that we both gave in areas where we had to."

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Brick by brick, borough's history is being told with special project

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Reading "The History of the Borough of Mountaintop Union County, NJ, 1895-1945," residents are left wondering what happened after 1945. "Our town's most substantial growth was in the years after World War II," said Mountaintop Historic Preservation Committee Chairman Scott Daniels. "It more than tripled in size, population wise, in those years."



Scott Daniels, chairman of the Mountaintop Historic Preservation Committee, cuts the ribbon for the brick dedication ceremony. To fund a historic book about the town, the committee has sold bricks inscribed with a family or company name to be permanently placed on the walkway.

GL gets ready for all-night party

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights is gearing up for its 14th annual Project Graduation June 26. "It's the last time the seniors are going to be together as a group," said GL Principal Benjamin Jones. "It's an excellent activity for them. It's a good, safe party that goes on all night and it's something that they will remember for the rest of their lives."

Workers call strike

(Continued from Page 1) \$44 per month, but many claim it is not as good as the other two. "They have almost two years and they don't want to negotiate any contract at all...they refuse," said Joseph Nascento, an employee working for 35 years at the company. "I don't expect to find another job...but this company is not being fair to all of the employees, it's not being fair for the union."



Mariah Honecker, 11, gets in touch with her grandfather, Charles Honecker, by placing her hands on the bricks dedicated for the walkway. Charles Honecker, who is now deceased, was the first police chief in Mountaintop. Fellow employee Steve Dutko, a worker with 37 years in the company, agreed with Nascento. "They don't want to recognize the UAW as our bargaining agent."

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OBITUARIES

Earl J. Ciampa

Earl J. Ciampa, 89, of Summit died May 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Italy, Mr. Ciampa came to Elizabeth, where he lived for 34 years before moving to Summit in 1968. He was a maintenance man for the Roselle Board of Education for many years before retiring. Earlier, Mr. Ciampa was a foreman for Austin Co., a construction firm. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps with a degree of proficiency in soil erosion.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; four sons, Earl A., Victor, Richard A. and Frank; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

J. Harvey Ruth

J. Harvey Ruth, 86, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Summit, died April 23 at home.

Born in Prescott, Ariz., Mr. Ruth lived in Long Beach, Calif., Hawaii, Tucson and Summit before moving to Nashville in 1965. He was a director of real estate for Genesee Inc., Nashville, and before that, an executive and store manager for S.H. Kress & Co., New York City, Tucson and Honolulu.

Mr. Ruth graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic in California. He was a chief air raid warden in Honolulu during World War II. Mr. Ruth was president of the Retail Board of Maui, Hawaii, and a bass singer with a barbershop quartet in Maui. He was a member of the Seaside Rotary and Toastmasters organizations in Hawaii, Arizona and New Jersey and also belonged to the Nashville Striders Running Club.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Evelyn; two daughters, Sharon Swanson and Lani Morris; two sons, Patrick and Michael; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Alfred H. Murphy

Alfred H. Murphy, 86, of Mountaintide, formerly of Springfield, died April 27 in Union Hospital.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Murphy lived in Springfield for 21 years before moving to Mountaintide five years ago. He was a shoemaker before retiring.

Charles J. Wille III

Charles J. Wille III, 72, of Springfield died May 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Orange, Mr. Wille lived in Morris Plains before moving to Springfield more than 30 years ago. He was an officer and chief engineer with the Merchant Marines. Mr. Wille served on cargo ships and tankers carrying materials and fuel to war zones during the Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm wars before retiring in 1991.

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Joseph L. McCaffrey

Joseph L. McCaffrey of Freeport, Fla., formerly of Mountaintide, died April 21 at home.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, Mrs. McCaffrey lived in Brooklyn and Queens before moving to Mountaintide eight years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Theresa Wolz; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Morris Eiser

Morris Eiser, 82, of Springfield died May 7 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Eiser lived in Hillside before moving to Springfield in 1971. He was the president of Eiser Inc., a wholesale and retail supplier of equine and farm goods, in Newark and then in Hillside for many years and retired in 1984.

Mr. Eiser served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Azure-Masada Lodge 22 F&M in Cranford, the Jewish War Veterans Elin-Unger Post 273 in Springfield, the Knights of Pythias Roth Lodge 117 in Hillside, the B'nai B'rith Lodge 2093 in Springfield and the Deborah Hospital in Broyns Mills.

Surviving are his wife, Blanche; a daughter, Sherry Butler; two sons, Alan and Edward; a sister, Fannie Kutin, and a grandchild.

Sophie Jupa

Sophie Jupa of New Martinsville, W. Va., formerly of Springfield, died May 3 in the New Martinsville Health Care Center in West Virginia.

Born in Dunkerwood, Ohio, Mrs. Jupa lived in Toms River and Spring-

Theresa Lippert

Theresa Lippert, 93, of Mountaintide died April 18 in St. Joseph's Nursing Center, Woodbridge.

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Vivian Kaveberg

Vivian Kaveberg, 77, of Springfield died May 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kaveberg

Philip W. Ragonese

Philip W. Ragonese, 87, of Roselle, formerly of Springfield, died May 8 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Westfield, Mr. Ragonese lived in Springfield before moving to Roselle 10 years ago. He owned W.E. William Co., New York City and Garwood for 30 years and retired in 1974.

Mr. Ragonese was a tank commander in the Army during World War II in Europe.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolee Keller; four sisters, Josephine Falzone, Mary O'Sullivan, Ellen Darling and Jean Spirit, and two grandchildren.

Lori Levinson

Lori Levinson, 82, of Springfield died May 9 in the Inglewood Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Levinson lived in Irvington, Newark and Union

Barbara H. Becker

Barbara H. Becker, 63, of Short Hills, formerly of Springfield, died May 10 at home.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Becker lived in Springfield before moving to Short Hills in 1966. She was a member of the Women's Association of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills. Mrs. Becker also was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Chapter.

Surviving are her husband, Frederic K.; a daughter, Mary Kleinstein; two sons, Richard and Martin; a sister, Lois Ross, and two grandchildren.

Robert Scott Crum

Robert Scott Crum, 82, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., formerly of Mountaintide, died May 10 in Hilton Head Hospital.

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Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Maria; a daughter, Belinda P. Losada; his mother, Solome Perdikos; a brother, Nick; a sister, Helen Papadopoulos, and a grandchild.

Oak Knoll has grand success

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child recently hosted its 27th annual Grand Prix auction/dinner dance, raising funds to benefit the school's operating budget.

The Grand Prix, with a theme of "A Taste of Tuscany," was conducted this year at the Mansion and Great Library lawn of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison and drew a crowd of more than 400 parents, faculty and friends of Oak Knoll.

Surviving are his wife, Pat; a daughter, Ginny Crum-Jones, and a brother, Howard.

Gus Perdikos

Gus Perdikos, 52, of Mountaintide died May 18 in Staten Island University Hospital.

Born in New York City, Mr. Perdikos lived in Hillside before moving to Mountaintide 11 years ago. He was a computer analyst with United Parcel Service, Morristown.

Mr. Perdikos was a 1972 graduate of City University of New York. He also was a 1995 graduate of the Chubb Institute, New York.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Maria; a daughter, Belinda P. Losada; his mother, Solome Perdikos; a brother, Nick; a sister, Helen Papadopoulos, and a grandchild.



Roger Jackson Jr.

RELIGION

Rosary Altar Society offers Mass, supper

The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., Mountaintide, conducts a rosary/mass June 3 at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a Mass for living members. At 8 p.m. is the annual potluck supper.

The society invites all for a special evening of fun, worship and fellowship. Many Rosarians have prepared a light supper for all members as well as desserts. Special guests will include some of the past presidents.

For information, call 908-232-1162.

'Angels of Grace' land at church

'Angels of Grace' a local praise dance team choreographed by Sonia Scott, will present a special gift of praise at the Sunday service of worship at the First Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

Also featured during the 10:15 a.m. service is the message, "Concretize Your Godliness," by the Rev. Daniel J. Russell Jr.

Church picnic June 2

The First Presbyterian Church, 37 Church Mall, Springfield, will have its annual church picnic on June 2 at 11:30 a.m.

The front lawn of the Parish House is where the barbecuing and all the festivities will take place. There will be games for the children and volleyball for one and all. In case of rain the picnic moves inside to the auditorium.

The congregation invites neighbors from the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church to join for the afternoon of fellowship.

Judaism course will offer fresh insights

Introduction to Judaism is a 16-session course that will cover the fundamentals of Judaism. The course will be Saturdays at Temple Sha'arey Shaalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, through June 15, meeting once a week from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information about this course, additional course offerings or how to register, call Regional Outreach Director Vicky Farhi at 201-722-9090, Ext. 210.

WRC services offer fun and enrichment

The Women's Resource Center in Summit 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 visit 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.

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

With "Heart & Soul — What's the Connection?" the Women's Resource Center will welcome poets/therapists Peggy Penn and Joan Casap Handler for an evening of poetry that taps into the language of the heart and soul.

They will explore the relationship between poetry and mental health and how writing prose can affect the psyche. Penn is at the Ackerman Institute for the Family where she directs a project on the use of writing in chronic illness and trauma.

Handler is the publisher of the non-profit and independent Cavan Kerry

Press and a psychologist in clinical practice.

This program will be offered June 6 at 7 p.m. and the fee is \$5. Funding for all poetry programs has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

After launching her career in the 1980s, New England-based folk singer Cheryl Wheeler was soon opening for such well-known folks as Gordon Lightfoot, Jesse Winchester and Tom Rush. Her recent albums — "Circles and Arrows" and "Driving Home" — have featured the likes of Vincent Gill, Mark O'Connor and Grammy Award-winner Alison Krauss and Mary Chapin-Carpenter contributing background vocals and accompaniment.

Bette Midler recently cited Wheeler as one of her favorite singer/songwriters.

Whether questioning sanity, wondering about gun control, mourning a troubled relationship or crusing down memory lane, Wheeler will be able to express it best through her words and music.

The concert, presented by WRC, will take place June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Red Cross has instructor training

The Summit Area Red Cross announces its new schedule of instructor training classes.

The Fundamentals of Instructor Training course will be offered from 6 to 10:30 p.m. May 30. This course introduces instructor candidates to the history, structure and activities of the American Red Cross. This is a required course for anyone who is not already an American Red Cross instructor.

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People with Arthritis Can Exercise: PACE This gentle exercise program for people with arthritis helps increase joint flexibility and range of motion. With the guidance of a certified Arthritis Foundation instructor, learn exercises to maintain muscle strength and increase stamina. Wednesdays beginning June 5, 11 a.m. to Noon. HomeCare America, Madison Plaza Shopping Center, 300 Main Street, Madison. Fee \$10. Registration required. Call 1-877-973-6500.

We Exercise Together: WET This recreation water exercise program for people with arthritis uses gentle activities in warm water to improve flexibility and decrease pain without putting excess strain on the joints and muscles. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Summit YMCA, 67 Maple Street, Summit. Co-sponsor: Summit YMCA. Registration required. Call 1-877-973-6500.

Stroke Screenings Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States. Screenings will include blood pressure and cholesterol, pulse rate and rhythm check, auscultation of bruits, nutrition and personal action plans. Co-sponsored by the F.M. Kirby Foundation, Inc. Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vauxhall Community Health Center, 3 Farrington Street, Vauxhall. Sunday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Avenue, Mountaintide.

Celebrating Men's Health Week Screening and education for cardiac risk each day from June 10 to 13 at Overlook Hospital in the main lobby to promote men's cardiac health and other related topics. Monday, June 10 (Diabetes), Tuesday, June 11 (Blood pressure), Wednesday, June 12 (Cholesterol), Thursday, June 13 (Body fat analysis), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Overlook Hospital, 99 Beaver Avenue, Summit.

Free Clinical Breast Exams and Breast Health Lecture Following a presentation by a breast surgeon, clinical breast exams will be performed. Tuesday, June 11, 6 to 9 p.m. Overlook Hospital Family Practice, Suite 101, Medical Arts Building, 33 Overlook Road, Summit. Presenters: Julia DiGiovanna, M.D., and Overlook Hospital Family Practice.

Men's Health Week: Prostate Health Lecture Following a lecture on prostate health, PSA screenings will be available. Thursday, June 13, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Overlook Hospital, Outpatient Registration Office, 5th Floor, 99 Beaver Avenue, Summit. Presenter: John Segal, M.D., Urologist, Overlook Hospital. Fee: \$25.

Cholesterol Screenings This screening will give the total HDL and Risk Ratio. No fasting required. Simple fingerstick method. Monday, June 17, 10 a.m. to Noon. Overlook's Healthy Avenues Van at HomeCare America, Madison Shopping Plaza, 300 Main Street, Madison.

Bone Density Screening About 25 million Americans have osteoporosis. Four out of five are women. If you are 50 or older, it is time to get a bone density screening. The screening involves an ultrasound of the heel. Monday, June 17, 10 a.m. to Noon. Summit Connection, 79 Maple Street, Summit. Fee: \$20.

New Providence Senior Health Fair Cholesterol and glucose screenings are offered at the Senior Fair. No fasting required. Bone density screenings are available to the first 50 female registrants. Open to New Providence residents only. Wednesday, June 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. New Providence Senior Center, 4th Street, New Providence. Registration required. Call (908) 464-7309.

Lymphedema Learn the causes and effects of Lymphedema, and exercises that can help control the disease. Monday, June 24, 10 to 11:15 a.m. Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 2, 99 Beaver Avenue, Summit. Presenter: Erlene Jackson, Occupational Therapist.

National Cancer Survivor's Day A celebration of life for cancer survivors and their families. Come celebrate the wondrous gift of life... with free entertainment, comedy, food, drinks, games and prizes. Our event comedian is presented by the Toyota of Morristown Comedy Festival's Laugh Well Program. Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Atlantic Health System Corporate Headquarters, 325 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park. Co-sponsors: Aventus Oncology, Coping with Cancer, Lilly, Toyota of Morristown Comedy Festival's Laugh Well Program, Varian Medical Systems. To register, please call 1-800-AHS-9580.

Center expands activities

SAGE Spend-a-Day Adult Day Health Center has expanded the range of activities available to its clients with the introduction of several new and innovative programs.



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Time Slips, a cooperative project with Brookdale University and the Greater N.J. Alzheimer's Association, is a 10-week project at which a small group of participants meets weekly with a trained facilitator.

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Two other well-received weekly activities include the Reminiscing Group, a small group that meets to discuss their life experiences, lessons learned and insights, and the Weekly Book Club, a group that meets regu-

larly to listen to books on tape followed by a discussion session. "Keeping mentally and physically stimulated is especially important for older adults. But everyone has different interests and abilities and will participate at different levels," explains Shelly McDonald, activities coordinator at Spend-a-Day. "I try to plan a variety of activities every day so that everyone will use all their senses. My goal for participants is to keep both their minds challenged and their bodies fit. To do that, I am always looking for different activities that have useful benefits as well as being fun."

Overlook offers free educational lectures

Overlook Hospital is offering a series of free lectures on music and American history this spring. The events, all taking place in the Wallace Auditorium at the hospital, are sponsored by the hospital's Senior Contact program, which includes free lectures on a wide variety of topics, a free newsletter, free physician referral service, and discounts on meals, medical supplies and special events.

Reeves-Reed conducts blood drive this Tuesday

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is sponsoring a community blood drive Tuesday from 2:30 to 8 p.m. The blood drive will be conducted at 165 Hobart Ave. The blood drive is open to the entire community and all eligible donors are encouraged to attend.

According to the New York Blood Center, reasons why blood demand is greater than the supply include local donor participation rates that lag behind other parts of the U.S., an aging population less capable of donating yet likely to require life-saving blood transfusions, increase in cancer diagnoses with cancer patients among the top consumers of blood and blood components, less free time and issues of convenience, the changing workplace environment with increased consulting and telecommuting, fewer younger donors replacing lost older donors and changing donor eligibility criteria.

SPORTS

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Sectional champs once again! Dayton boys' tennis going for another state title today

GL softball at Caldwell in states

The Governor Livingston High School softball team, sporting a 14-8 record and three-game winning streak as of Tuesday, is scheduled to play at Caldwell in the North 2, Group 2 playoffs.

GL defeated visiting Rahway 8-3 last Thursday, won at Mount St. Mary's 7-2 the day before and then the day before that blanked Mount St. Mary's 7-0 in Berkeley Heights. The three victories improved GL's Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division record to 12-4.

Mountainside Devil Rays excel

The Devil Rays defeated the Blue Stars 11-3 in Mountainside Youth Baseball League play. Bobby Goense connected on a lead-off double and Nick Frungillo, John Cataldo, Zach Worswick and Steven Schaumburg all had RBI-singles for the Devil Rays.

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

WHIPPANY TWP. — Dayton High School boys' tennis coach Bill Prisco didn't need a crystal ball to know what it would take to win the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 championship. Prisco knew in order to win the school's second consecutive sectional title, he would have to get fine performances from his second and third singles players and first doubles team. That was exactly what he got as Dayton defeated Mountain Lakes 3-2 in Tuesday's final.

"We knew going into the match that they would be a tough team," Prisco said. "If my team played well, we should win at two, three and first doubles. That's our team's strength." That's exactly how Dayton won the match.

The victory improved Dayton's record to 17-1. The Bulldogs have won eight straight since losing at home to Johnson 4-1 back on April 29. Julie Buonaguro made a spectacular play at the plate, while Justin Catalano and Max Nagel also played well defensively.

Dayton Tennis Camp next month

The Dayton Tennis Camp, for boys and girls in grades 4-8, will be held June 24-28 at the Dayton High School tennis courts. Applications can be picked up from the Dayton athletic department.

Dayton tennis coach Bill Prisco and several of his players will serve as camp directors.

Summer baseball for boys, girls

The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players — boys and girls ages 8-15 — to register for its Summer Youth Baseball League teams.

This annual youth baseball program is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Union County Baseball Association.

Signups for the summer league will be held at the Warrinac Park Post House in Roselle on the following Saturdays: May 18, June 1, June 8 and June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Each player is required to bring a \$25 registration fee and a birth certificate to the signup. Players must be at least age 8 by June 25 and cannot be 16 before Aug. 2.

"The Summer Youth League provides coaches, umpires; shirts and baseball caps," said Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "All games are played in Warrinac Park, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff."

A new feature this year is a skill level evaluation at the time of registration, so all players must bring a glove when they show up to register. This is not a tryout or draft.

The Summer League plays from June 25 to Aug. 1. There will be no refunds after Team Assignment Day, which is June 24.

More information may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

"The final happened exactly how I felt it would if we played well," Prisco said. "We could've been blown out 5-0, but we played well and we did what I thought they were capable of doing."

Dayton defeated Mountain Lakes 4-1 in last year's sectional semifinals after falling to the Lakers 3-2 in the 2000 final.

Dayton is scheduled to play in the Group 1 semifinals today at Mercer County Park in West Windsor. Tuesday's other three Group 1 sectional finals included Cresskill vs. Park Ridge in North 1, Metuchen vs. Highland Park in Central and Point Pleasant Beach vs. Gateway in South.

Dayton defeated Cresskill 3.5-1.5 in last year's Group 1 semifinals and then downed Haddon Township 3-2 to capture its first-ever Group 1 state championship.

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GL track star DiDario a county winner

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — A day of personal-bests. That was the theme of the girls' Union County track and field championships last Wednesday afternoon at Williams Field.

Standouts such as Governor Livingston's Megs DiDario were part of that glory.

With the team title on the line, Elizabeth trailed Scotch Plains by eight points heading into the last event of the night, the javelin throw.

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The points gained by Holmes helped her team capture third place in the team standings as Summit tallied for 32 points. Westfield placed fourth with 31, followed by Roselle with 27.

Roselle was boosted by the fine performance of Carla Wynter, who placed second in both the 200-meter dash and 400-meter run.

Wynter finished second in the 200 in 26.7 as Kent Place junior Porsche Dobson was first in 25.7. Janimah Bristow of Hillside was tied with a 26.9, followed by Ebony Barnes of Elizabeth with a 26.9.

"I ran the turn as hard as I could," Wynter said. "I then tried from the straight away to get what was in front of me."

In the 400, Wynter had a 59.4, second to Scotch Plains' Jill Koscielcki, who ran a 58.3. Siobahn Counts of Plainfield was third at 59.7, followed by Bristow in fourth with a 1:00.1.

Koscielcki won the high jump with a school-record leap of 17-3.5. In the 100-meter dash, Barnes took top honors with a 12.6 time. Aneka Brown of Union was second at 12.8, followed by Kristelle Manuyag of Cranford with a 12.9.

"I had to push as hard as I could to reach the finish line," Barnes said. "I felt her (Brown) coming up on me, so that's when I knew I had to move and get out."

The mark highlighted a personal-best for the Elizabeth freshman.

"I wanted to get off to a good start and reach my visual mark," Barnes said.

Cranford, who tied with Plainfield for sixth place with 26 points, was paced by the strong showing off sophomore Mallory Harlin, who took top honors in the 3,200-meter run.

Harlin won with a time of 11:38.1, which was a little better than Summit's Tory Morgan, who placed second with a 4:12.2, followed by Westfield at 4:13.9 and Roselle at 4:18.0.

The sectionals are on tap this weekend and then the groups of the following weekers at Egg Harbor. The Meet of Champions is June 5 at South Brunswick.

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COUNTY NEWS

Two Hundred Club scholarships awarded

The Two Hundred Club, with more than 400 members, is dedicated to helping the police and firefighters in Union County. Founded in 1968, the club awards Medal of Valor awards as well as scholarships to both police and firefighters to further their careers.

At this year's awards luncheon, five high school students also were awarded for academic achievements. Each of them is a child of a police officer or firefighter from Union County.

WPC cocktail reception

The Union County Women's Political Caucus will have its annual greet and cocktail reception on May 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event will honor Union County women who are candidates for public office this year. The reception will be in Summit Councilwoman P. Kelly Hatfield's home, 215 Oak Ridge Ave. Tickets are \$25 each.

The Union County Women's Political Caucus, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, is a multi-partisan organization committed to encouraging women to seek elective office or appointment at the local, county, state and national levels.

For more information about the reception or the caucus, call Hatfield at 908-522-1455.

including a Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education Summer Workshop Study Program in mental health and an NJH fellowship for graduate work in psychology.

Farrington received her doctor of arts degree from the State University of New York at Albany and is a published author, frequent speaker, and a contributor to publications in the mental health field. She also has served the mental health community as a professional advocate in the tri-state region.

Further information is also available on the upcoming picnic June 8 by calling 908-233-1628 or e-mailing NAMI at namionion@hotmail.com.

Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey has scheduled the following blood drives:

- Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Ave. Cranford, N.J.
Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. Masonic Atlas Pythagos Lodge, 1011 Central Ave. Westfield.
May 31, 3 to 7 p.m. Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

For more information, call 908-522-1455.

'Freeholders Forum'

Union County's effort to train displaced workers for new careers is a focus on the latest 'Freeholders Forum' television show sponsored by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, featuring Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. and Freeholder Angel Esgrada.

Entitled 'Building Opportunities, Providing Services,' the show will be aired through June 1, according to the following schedule:

- Union County — except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Berkley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit: Channel 35, Tuesdays, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and noon; Fridays, 5 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Elizabeth: Channel 70, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 10 p.m.

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Of Union County's approximately 2,800 employees, there were 139 employees who accepted the county's early retirement offer, while as many as 334 were eligible. County officials

County awaits state approval

(Continued from Page B1) early retirement plan approved by the state, he said the state's approval is not a rubber stamp. Devaney expects the county can save an average of \$1 million per year for the next 10 years as a result of employees taking advantage of the retirement incentive.

Employees accepting the county's offer will receive a \$1,000 for each year of service to the county. The stipend would be paid annually in four installments starting in 2003. In addition, employees would be entitled to receive full health benefits for life.

Currently, retired employees receive about a 75 percent subsidy of health benefits from the county.

THE UNION COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION in cooperation with KEAN UNIVERSITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM COURT NIGHT An inside look at the Union County Courthouse THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2002 5:00PM - 7:00PM UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Atrium Entrance 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

Series begins Tuesday

The Union County Affiliate of the National Alliance of the Mentally III will present a series called, 'Living with Schizophrenia,' beginning Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Osceola Presbyterian Church, 1689 Raritan Road, Clark.

Presenters Robin Cunningham and Carolyn G. Farrington will bring the first segment in their series with a discussion called: 'The Initial Crisis.' The two follow-up presentations, scheduled for later in the year, are 'Reality, Vision and Endurance' and 'Stabilization & Lives of Their Own.'

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey Municipal Division Union County District No. F-7769-02 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR. CHARTERED ATTORNEY for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1006, Midford, NJ 08055, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint filed in a Civil Action in which The Bank of New York, as Trustee, is Plaintiff and Robert Karasek, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Municipal Division, Union County, District No. F-7769-02, on or before May 23, 2002, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service to duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey 08622, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$100.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated May 8, 1998, made by Robert Karasek to Island Mortgage Network and duly assigned to plaintiff, The Bank of New York, as Trustee, and concerns real estate located at 550 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ.

YOU, Robert Karasek, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and lienor, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bondnote and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and you are the maker to determine the whereabouts of the defendant and therefore, does not know where he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Robert Karasek, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and lienor, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

If you are an individual who is not an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-800-782-8315 (with New Jersey) or 908-291-1100 (toll free). If you are an attorney, you may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service. If you are a defendant, you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone number for the county in which the action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 352-3214.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT County employees wax artistic in first annual exhibit, contest

In the Galleries

By Bill VanSant Associate Editor

The glass atrium of NUI Elizabeth-town Gas Co. in Union has been transformed into a veritable art gallery while the first annual exhibit of artwork by Union County employees and their families is on display.

Filling the atrium is a comprehensive combination of paintings and drawings in various media, as well as photographs. Divided for the purposes of judging into several categories, the artwork combines to create a fascinating experience in this group show.

Among the many notable works is a section dedicated to Sept. 11 and its aftermath. Comprised of five works, this section is highlighted by the side-by-side placement of two photographs by Richard P. Rodbart of the Prosecutor's Office: 'Majesty' depicts the World Trade Center untouched while in 'Tribute,' the Twin Towers have been replaced by the stunning beams of light reaching skyward.

The Impressionistic watercolors by Angelo L. David of the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs blend color and light to create visually stirring works. Second-place winner 'Rayway River Park' is as effectively created as its partner, 'Early Morning,' a stunning seascape.

The two untitled works by Craig Long, relative of Paula Long of the DCHA, combine shades of mauve, gray and green in rendering an evocative profession of human forms. The forms are so effectively and intentionally 'incomplete' that the viewer is drawn into the work in a highly participatory manner.

Another untitled work, this by Anthony Bastardi of the Division of Engineering, is a watercolor of a winter landscape, capturing the feel of a winter's day in its shading and hues.

The award for Best in Show was granted to Mary Payer, relative of Libby Reid of the DCHA, for 'Betsy,' a beautiful painting of a young woman pinning up her hair in front of a mirror. The largest image in the painting is the subject's back, while we see her serene face in the reflection in the mirror, creating a fascinating quality within the work.

Robert Martinez of the Department of Operational Services was awarded an Honorable Mention for 'Mattingly,' a black-and-white drawing of the

Yankee great done in the style of a baseball card — the primary image depicts Mattingly in action, while the lower left corner features a portrait inset.

While paintings and drawings comprise the majority of the show, there is also impressive representation from crafters and photographers.

Of the two photographs by Christopher Paparella of the Division of Building Services, it is 'Winter's Moon' which captures and holds the attention, most notably in the effective use of soft-focus, creating a magical 'blur' to the print.

Paula Long's 'Hair Spray' is at once stunning and whimsical, with its male subject springing up out of the ocean, his long hair flying backward and spraying a circular trail of water above his head, beautifully captured by Long's shutter. The arc of the water combined with the vertical line of the subject's body create a stunning photo.

Julie A. O'Connell of Runnells Hospital is represented by two works. 'Door, Barbados' is singular in its simplicity — a photograph of a rustic door, beautifully matted to bring out the photo's textures and shades. The award-winning black-and-white 'Seaside Heights, NJ' depicts the backside of amusement rides, the familiar yet desolate feeling at once inspiring a mixture of nostalgia and sadness.

'Best Picture' by Nancy S. Rodrigues of the County Clerk's Office is a black-and-white rendering of a relaxing morning ritual — coffee and the newspaper. In this work, the shadows are as effective as the light from the window beyond the focal point.

Representing the young relatives of county employees is a collection of art ranging in styles and viewpoints.

The stunning 'Through the Trees,' a black-and-white photograph by Leigh Mary Bannworth, relative of Mark Bannworth of the Medical Examiner's Office, depicts the Statue of Liberty effectively framed by a network of tree branches in 'the foreground.'

The beautiful watercolor, 'Iris,' painted by Elizabeth Brady, relative of Annette Carozzolo of the County Clerk's Office, is quite effective in its use of color and brush strokes.

The style of charcoal drawings is best represented by 'Three Bottles' by Naïma Ricks, relative of Cecilia

Dallas Ricks of the Division of Social Services, and 'Chocolate Delight,' a collection of candy wrappers by Robert Untervald, relative of John and Nancy Untervald of the Bureau of Mosquito Control and Division of Social Services, respectively.

Andrew Santora, relative of Francesca Santora, is represented by two contrasting works. 'LBI' is an absorbing Impressionistic watercolor seascape, while 'On Your Mind' is an in-your-face abstract rendering of the word 'MIND' in all-capital, all-white letters emblazoned across a red background cross-cut with a black grid-work. Throughout the painting, words such as 'love,' 'hate' and 'hope' create a thought-provoking juxtaposition.

The exhibit of artwork by Union County employees and their families will be on display in the atrium of NUI Elizabethtown Gas Co., Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave. in Union, through June 14. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10.

Laugh Track By Bea Smith Staff Writer as he poked fun at the audience, at Jew's, Gentiles, homosexuality, at the world's economy, politics, the two presidents Bush, scientists, hospitals, doctors, patients, Egypt, Israel, bin Laden, Arafat, Ariel Sharon, Gene Auyer, Bill Clinton, and that nice Jewish girl, Monica Lewinsky. The ex-rabbi threw in a few obscenities, too, but they seemed to be in the right place, so the audience accepted them good-naturedly. His hilarious imitations of Kissing, Ted Kennedy, Buckley and Jesse Jackson, to name a few, had the audience in an uproar. Mason's jokes are always extremely funny, and sometimes passionate, but they always are an undertone of the reality, the tragic truth, the knife that touches the heart and soul. Few standup comedians can accomplish the actuality of both sides of the coin.

For example, Mason, in his vast popularity, talent, philosophy and skill — which has, throughout his life, earned him worldly, prestigious awards, including Tonys, an Oxford Honorary Degree, two command performances in England — has truthfully touched the deepest part of every one's soul ... while making everyone laugh. He spoke of the threat of terrorism, and offered his own mild suggestions about facing it. His Arafat joke: 'Arafat invited me to entertain the Palestinians for \$100,000 plus expenses — for my funeral.' He

talked about food, how it used to be so good for people, and 'now, you find out that everything will kill you — meat, milk, salt, sugar, everything.' He scorned the Broadway musical, 'Titanic,' with 'all those happy dancers. How do you write music to such a tragedy?' he asked. And he sneered at the dancers in 'River-dance,' where 'all the dancers kept doing the same step over and over again for so long. I didn't think the Irish could stand up that long,' he quipped.

And the audience howled! At one point in his performance, he asked the mixed audience, 'Am I too Jewish?' And even if some of the patrons, Gentile or Jewish, didn't understand some of Mason's Yiddish innuendoes, just the tone of his voice indicated that he was too funny for words — even Jewish words.

'I hope I didn't insult anybody,' he grimaced maliciously. The 'insulted' audience replied with a resounding standing ovation that could be heard all the way to Union.

Jackie Mason will appear at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, Millburn, today for a matinee performance and Friday at 8 p.m. For information, call 973-376-4343 or visit www.papermill.org.

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

Mason delights Paper Mill crowd

His step may be a little slower; his voice a little lower, and he may experience 'senior moments' periodically, but the biting satire that has made Jackie Mason such an immensely outstanding comedian through the years is still razor sharp.

And he scraped that razor until it gleamed with each comment about everything in the world throughout his performance, 'The Millennium Tour,' at the Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, Millburn, May 20.

The audience loved every word, every gesture, every body movement of this phenomenal funny man, despite his attempt to insult every theatergoer — even the Paper Mill Playhouse. The former cantor and fourth-generation rabbi, whose three brothers are rabbis, began his program by telling the audience in his comedic, slightly Jewish accent, occasionally throwing in some funny Yiddish phrases that 'this is such an opportunity for you to see me in person.'

He said, 'I don't make fun of anybody. That's why I'm such a hit.'

Correction The article in the May 16 edition of this paper covering the May 16 gala benefit for Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey should have indicated that more than \$700,000 was raised for the theater's Community Outreach Educational Program. It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, write Editor in Chief Tom Canavan, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union 07083, or call 908-686-7700, Ext. 329, weekdays before 5 p.m.

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What's Going On

FLA MARKET
SUNDAY June 2nd, 2002
EVENT: Flea Market, Collectible Show & Swap Meet
PLACE: Bellevue High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Bellevue (OFF JORALEY RD.)
TIME: 9am-5pm
PRICE: Over 100 quality dealers with an array of bargains, featuring a large selection of clothing, jewelry, sports items, handbags, shoes, toys and more. Also special Garage/Tag sale section. For information call 201-997-9535.
ORGANIZATION: Bellevue HS GSO

OTHER
SATURDAY June 1st, 2002
EVENT: 72nd Stühlsfest (Anniversary Dance)
PLACE: Deutscher Club Clark, 787 Feathers Lane, Clark
TIME: Doors open at 5:00pm
PRICE: \$5.00 per person admission. Children under 12 free. An evening of wonderful German food & entertainment. Music provided by "Bernie's Orchestra" and performances by the Bayern Verein Newark Schützengesellschaft. For information contact Ralph Menne at 908-276-7745 or Dan Shearer at 908-322-5570.
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RUMMAGE SALE
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TIME: May 18th 9am-1pm, May 25th 9am-1pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

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Novel examines impact of heritage

Recently gave a lecture at a library series on Amy Tan's brilliant mystery-historical novel, "The Bonesetter's Daughter," in which the central question of the relationship of culture to heritage — or lineage — came into discussion.

In the book Ms. Tan examines the effect of the lives of a Chinese grandmother and a Chinese-American mother — both of whom undergo great stress and live through and partake in momentous periods of history — on an American woman of Chinese descent struggling with her own life.

What are we, anyway, but an amalgam of our genes, our background and experience, and our fresh responses to our need for love and other stimuli, both internal and external? We have free will, yes, but within the constraints of the package that is each of us and within the circumstances in which we find ourselves. If we are economically secure and, even more important, healthy, we are lucky because our free and hopefully happy choices will be expanded, but still we are guided but what we know and think, and that is greatly influenced by our past.

In this literary discussion, stimulated by Amy Tan, I found myself recounting my parental background and realizing its effect on who I am. My mother was born of a Russian, orthodox Jewish immigrant who established himself in small town in New England and gave his very bright and artistic daughter the room to reject many of his old ways. She danced at Calvin Coolidge's inaugural ball and married an itinerant baseball player. My dad was a man for all seasons, who had been Lou Gehrig's roommate in college — they had a lifelong mutual admiration — and Babe Ruth's golf partner in Florida; my dad dismissed Babe as gross, but thought him the greatest ball player. My dad was a liberal, an ardent reformed Jew who became a teacher, a grand master bridge player, a camp director and mentor to young people, and an author of books on camping and sports, including one with Tommy Henrich of the Yankees. My parents shared a love of movies, theater and books. In the last years of their lives, that love kept them alive to the outside world.

Amy Tan makes the point that while personal heritage does not predetermine your life choices and is not an excuse for bad choices, it does have a lot to do with who you are. There are many critical variables in every life where choices are made, but my zeal for the arts and sports, and more important my sense and pride in being free to think clearly and as I like, evolve from my background.

Amy Tan writes at the conclusion of "The Bonesetter's Daughter," "...she thinks about her mother as a little girl, about her grandmother as a young woman. These are the women who shaped her life, who are in her bones. They taught her to question whether the order and disorder of her life were due to fate or luck, self-determination or the action of others. They taught her to worry. But she has also learned that the warnings were passed down, not simply to scare her. ... They know where happiness lies, not in a cave or a country, but in love and the freedom to give and take what has been there all along."

In a recent live performance by the New York Philharmonic of Alexander Scriabin's Symphony No. 1, I became aware of the power of its concluding chorale movement, written and performed with a majesty to rival Beethoven's fame to musical "Ode to Joy" in his Ninth. The chorus finally sings forth with Scriabin's full symphonic treatment "Glory to art, forever glory!" And that certainly can be applied as well to Ms. Tan's popular but critically underappreciated "The Bonesetter's Daughter."

Jon Plaut is a resident of Summit.

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ORGANIZATION: Bellevue HS GSO

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TIME: Doors open at 5:00pm
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ORGANIZATION: Bayern Verein Newark, Inc.

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EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, corner Porter Road and Stanley Terrace, Newark
TIME: May 18th 9am-1pm, May 25th 9am-1pm
PRICE: Free Admission
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

Something to sell? Telephone 1-800-564-8911.

What's Going On

FLA MARKET
SUNDAY June 2nd, 2002
EVENT: Flea Market, Collectible Show & Swap Meet
PLACE: Bellevue High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Bellevue (OFF JORALEY RD.)
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HOROSCOPE

May 27-June 2
ARIES March 21-April 19 Intellectual stimulation is your best bet. An active intake of facts, data and information and distribute it to family or peers with accuracy.
TAURUS April 20-May 20 A quiet, healthy finances this week. Avoid reveal that you're nearly out of the money. Stick to your budget.
GEMINI May 21-June 21 You are very much in control this week. Avoid scattering your energy in too many directions and overreacting your nerves.
CANCER June 22-July 22 Be firm and hold your ground. Shake up your belief system with a change of energy. State your intention and go for it.
LEO July 23-Aug 22 Keep your confidence level up and avoid attempts by others to undermine or intimidate. Stay on with you are the king of the court.
VIRGO Aug 23-Sept 22 Having well-defined goals and plans will help you climb up the ladder of success. Take your time and write yourself a winning proposal.
LIBRA Sept 23-Oct 23 You have a right to your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Don't hesitate to stand up and defend your philosophical or ethical beliefs.
SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 21 It pays to research investments before signing on. Ignore the hype or flashy brochures that are designed to capture your attention and money.
SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21 It helps to talk or listen to a partner or mate when making decisions that will affect both of you. Pull up a chair.
CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19 The truth will eventually come to the surface in an irrefutable way. Stand back, take a stance and refuse to be a part of the madness.
AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18 Find an unusual way to vent your feelings or express your individuality. Consider painting, or music as a possible vehicle.
PISCES Feb 19-March 20 Avoid disruptions or hassles on the home front. Remind children or younger siblings of the rules that must be observed and followed.
If your birthday is this week, I know that you are feeling like you have certainly been put to the test during these last few months. If you are reading this, it must mean that you survived in one piece and your translations are in order. Saturn, overseeing war, Sun is an event that happens only once every 29 years. The test use of this cycle would be to take the discipline and determination it fosters and apply it in all areas of your life.
Also born this week: Dashiell Hammett, Gladys Knight, John F. Kennedy, Mel Blanc, Walt Whitman, Marilyn Monroe and Hedda Hopper.
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- Currently enrolled in a public school
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Date: May 30th
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: David Brewster Middle High School, 401 Monroe Avenue, Kenilworth, New Jersey

For more information contact: Dr. Lloyd M. Leschuk, Superintendent, Kenilworth School District, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth 908-276-1644 • Ext. 513

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Children are thriving at Here We Grow

Here We Grow Child Development Center is a new child care facility with a unique view and methodology toward child care. Here We Grow is located at 422 Central Ave., Westfield.

Here We Grow is owned and operated by Cheryl Hoose, an elementary school teacher of five years in the Elizabeth school district. Hoose holds a double bachelor's degree in elementary education and psychology, and has always filled her classroom with new and innovative ideas.

Some of Hoose's visions for the center are already in place, such as a lower child/teacher ratio than that which is required by the State of New Jersey, Bureau of Licensing.

Another is the implementation and use of Internet Cameras, which allow parents to view their child's classrooms via the Internet and view the activities of their children during their school day. In one instance, the alarm installer for Here We Grow had seen the Internet Cameras being installed and was very interested in the idea. He told Hoose's husband, Michael — who installed and configured the computer network for the center, including the Internet Cameras — that his mother lives in Illinois, and is always requesting pictures and/or videos of her grandson. He chose to enroll his child in Here We Grow, and had called his mother, telling her that she now can log on to the Internet and see her grandson everyday, watching him grow up and being a part of his life every day — except Saturdays and Sundays, of course!

Two teachers at Here We Grow Child Development Center in Westfield enjoy time with two of their young charges.

There is no additional charge for the Internet cameras. Every child deserves every service offered by Here We Grow equally, and why should a parent have to pay to be part of the child's life, especially when in this day and age most households require two working parents, resulting in placing the child in a child care facility.

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Investment seminar set for this evening

Stewart A. Ritter, senior vice president of investments for Prudential Financial in Westfield, has announced that he will again be hosting his complimentary seminar titled, "The Biggest Mistakes Women Investors Make and How to Avoid Them" today at The Westwood in Garwood at 7 p.m.

The upcoming seminar will be his final one before the fall, completing a series of extremely successful seminars. The seminar is geared toward the specific investment concerns women share, and shows how women can take greater control of their individual finances.

"Women have traditionally been neglected when it comes to financial education," says Ritter. "One of the most important tools for any investor is knowledge, and that is why I am providing this free educational seminar for women."

According to Ritter, women investors face several unique concerns when investing, and should therefore consider taking unique approach to financial planning. Women typically live longer than men, are more likely to take time off during the working years, and most women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives.

Ritter has a 19-year history in the financial services industry. He is committed to educating the public about important financial issues, and he achieves this goal through seminars, workshops and written articles.

Groups from women's clubs and organizations as well as individual investors are encouraged to attend the seminar. For more information to request tickets, call Ritter's senior marketing coordinator, Rose DeSimone, at 908-789-7827.

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