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For township, doctor's exit spells end of parking prob

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Dr. Jerrold Goldstein has given notice to his landlord that he will be vacating the premises on or before July 1.

"We fought for our citizens and we won," said Springfield Township Committeeman Sy Mullman. "One thing about this Township Committee is that we are relentless when it comes to protecting the rights of the citizens. We don't take no for an answer and we don't give up."

Mullman said a dentist will be moving into

Goldstein's office at the corner of Short Hills and Morris avenues once it is vacant.

Goldstein has been the source of much controversy. There are not enough allotted parking spaces for his patients in the lot of his hormone replacement and weight loss practice at . 475 Morris Ave. So, he has hired valets to park on residential streets in the area.

The valets park on Colfax Road, Profitt Avenue, Short Hills Avenue, Baltusrol Way, Spring Brook Road, Park Lane and Lewis Drive. This prompted the Township Committee to pass ordinances, making those streets

resident-only parking. The ordinance makes the streets resident-only parking from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

With each street that the ordinance pertains to. Goldstein's valets move on to other residential streets, further from his practice. "That business just outgrew its location,"

said Mullman. The Township Committee passed another ordinance at its May 14 meeting, requiring any business wishing to use valets to park on residential streets to first obtain a license from the township.

The ordinance states: "No individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity shall engage in or carry on the business of attendant (valet) parking, within the township, without first obtaining a license as set forth herein."

"We did it to protect our residents and children from people who speed around town and have no regard for the safety of the residents," said Mullman.

Goldstein never applied for a valet parking ilicense in response to the new ordinance. Once Goldstein moves out, the Township

Committee will meet with residents in the val-

et parking area to c resident-only parkir remoyed.

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"We'll probably invite the residents of the neighborhood to come back down," said Mayor Steven Goldstein. -1 would imagine that if they say that they want the signs down then we'll do it. Just as we listened to them when they wanted the signs to go up, if they say. 'Look the problem is taken care of, can we take the signs down?' I can't imagine that we would not honor their request."

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Construction set for **Deerfield bathrooms**

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

Plans are under way for Mountainside to construct a new restroom by the Deerfield School softball fields.

Funding came from a Community Development Block Grant, in the amount of \$30,000, which the borough acquired.

There are two softball fields and a Little League field by the school and the Little League field is on Our Lady of Lourdes church's property.

"What we're going to do is put this restroom between the two softball fields," with its back to the Little League field," said Borough Administrator and Chief of Police James Debbie. The bathrooms are in the design stages, with Borough Engineer Mike Disko overseeing the project.

"The location is between the American Legion Field and the two softball fields so there's a tremendous number of young children who play in that area and currently there are no restrooms close to them," said Recreation Director Susan Winans.

The facility will consist of a men's and women's bathroom, ADA compliant, and a small storage area for the water valves.

Residents using the field prior to the construction of the new bathroom were forced to bang on Deerfield's doors, hoping someone will open them, so they could come in and use the restrooms.

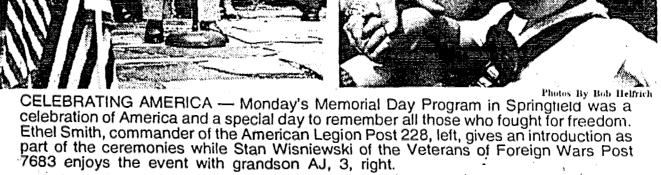
"If the larger Little League is open, they don't have games all the time, there's a little refreshment center occassionally open that has a bathroom attached to it," said Debbie.

"A lot of the people were taking their children home to use the restrooms," said Winans.

The new bathroom will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Deerfield will position one of its security cameras so the outside of the new bathroom is in view and can be monitored constantly.

The earliest that construction can start is in September. The whole facility will have to be completed by next September, according to the grant.

"It's awarded at the end of August so you can get under way in September," said Debbie. "They want the grant money, any grant money that anyone gets, spent by the following year, by the following grant year."





New BSI approach offered

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

An interesting approach to basic skills instruction was given to the Mountainside Board of Education at its Tuesday night meeting, by Deerfield School Principal Pricilla Church and Elaine Nestel, supervisor of special services.

"We have been looking at this very carefully," said Church, "the Basic Skills Instruction program, that is, and how we could improve it, in order to provide early intervention early on." She explained that BSI was like a teacher staying to help a student after school who might be having difficulty.

"Children learn very differently, and the program offers us a lot of ways to deal with them, with the ultimate goal of student success," she said.

Using slides, Church offered statistics. "In our district, we have 647 students. Out of that number, 93 are identified as fleeding BSI services. Of these, 36 require help in more than one area. There are actually a total of 145 students requiring support services in one form or another," she said.

Township agrees to increase threshold

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer The Springfield Township Committee unanimously approved to increase the township's bid threshold

from \$17,500 to \$25,000. The bid threshold is adjusted every two years by the state, based on a formula. It is up to the township's governing body whether or not they want to adjust the threshold based on the state's formula.

One of the reasons the threshold could be increased was because Township Administrator Richard Sheola was appointed purchasing agent for the township.

"Us going to \$25,000 is because we now have a qualified purchasing agent on board," said Sheola. "There's a professional on board who will watch over the bidding process."

The requirements to be a purchasing agent changed as a result of the public contracts law, which was adjusted about a year ago. The requirements are based on Sheola's years of experience and the number of debts he has prepared and viewed. For this he acquired service credit from the state, rather than going through classes and an exam process.

In several ways an increase bid threshold can be helpful. For example, if repairs at a school had to be completed, and the price was \$20,000, without the increased bid threshold, the township would first have to go out to bid, wait for the bidders, publish who won the bid and so on. With the increased threshold, the township does not have to go out to bid and can start repairing the school as soon as a contractor selected.

"It'll speed up the process," said Sheola. "We might be able to get a better price by negotiating rather then bidding. It'll save us money because a normal bid, depending on who writes the specifications, will run anywhere from a couple of hundred dollars to a thousand dollars or more. There's an . indirect cost even if we write the tions outselves."

The approval came at a May 14 whith Committee meeting. At an

'It'll speed up the process. - Richard Sheola

disadvantages of increaseing the bid threshold.

"Do we want to do it just because we have the right to do it?" asked Committeeman Gregory Clarke. "I think the resolution should be written. in a way that allows us to do it if we want to but that the Township Committee might choose to do otherwise for \$24,900," said Clarke.

"I agree with Greg that we shouldn't take away our ability under \$25,000," said Committeewoman Clara Harelik.

Mayor Steven Goldstein said the township always has the right to go out to bid on something, regardless of the increased threshold bid.

"It doesn't preclude us from ever going to bid," said Sheola. "It just allows us to not go to bid if we choose. We'll still have standards and specifications but we won't have to go through the laborious task of going to publication and the notices and all that. Should we decide to go to bid we always have the opportunity to do that."

"Does it give you, as the administrator, the opportunity to choose a vendor that you might have a particular vent towards?" asked Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld. "In theory if there's an item that say you could purchase for \$24,900 but you have a particular vent for a certain vendor,could you go for that?"

"It works the other way too," said Committeeman Sy Mullman. "There might be a guy who we want to do the work, where he just calls up and we don't have to spend three months wondering if he's going to win the bid, if we're going to get quality work."

"At \$17,500 Robody is running to the Township Committee asking what is or isn't being purchased, not that we need to get into the everyday decision making, but as the threshold gets interesting account int higher, the sense of pathase get a more significant, seed Harelik.

The Daisies Girl Scout troop of Springfield show their patriotic enthusiasm along with the many residents who came out,

To get new guests, Springfield Pool prepares for free weekend

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

On the weekend of June 8 and 9, the Springfield Municipal Pool will open its gates for the Resident Guest Weekend, where township residents can come to the pool for free, use all of the facilities, and decide if they want to join or not.

"I want to get people involved with the pool," Township Committeeman Sy Mullman said. "It's like it's out of sight and out of mind. If we can get people inside the gates to see what a gorgeous facility we have and everything we have to offer, I figure we can get some new residents to join who have never seen it, and some other residents, who were away for a while, might come back."

The pool will be open that weekend from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents come to the front desk, show proof of Springfield residency, sign in saying they will be attending for the day, and complete a survey. Residents will receive a guest bracelet and can participate in all pool activites, including borrowing of sports equipment.

"Residents who are not members can come and check out the facility," said Recreation Director Michael Tennaro. "Basically we're going to have them fill out some kind of guest survey, what they enjoyed, what they didn't. Maybe we'll have them put their phone numbers on the survey so we can do a follow-up to see if they'd like to join the pool for the remainder of the season."

One of the reasons the weekend of June 8 and 9 was chosen was because the pool is not open full-time yet. The guest weekend gives residents a chance to sign up before the pool is open full-time and that way they can enjoy the whole season, explained Tennaro.

A couple of years ago, the township conducted a similar program but with limited success.

"I think we did it later in the year when everybody started going away and the turnout wasn't as great so we're trying to do it early on, before school even ends, so it gives everybody in town an opportunity," said Tennaro.

Pool applications are available at the Recreation Department, 30 Church Mall. The pool is open to all Springfield residents. The membership rates are: family, \$275; family caregiver, \$325; individual, \$185; senior citizen individual, \$80, and senior citizens married, \$150.

"Right now the pool is on a fixed income, low budget, because we're really operating on a shoestring. A couple of years ago we dug up the whole apron, we replaced all the valves, all the fittings, all the piping. I mean we spent a fortune. Basically, we have a brand new pool despite it being 30 years old," said Mullman.

Non-residents are allowed to join on a limited basis. However, they cannot attend the Resident Guest Weekend. Non-residents must be sponsored by a Springfield resident. A letter must accompany the application. Non-resident fees are: family, \$395; family caregiver, \$465; individual, \$265: senior citizen individual. \$115, and senior citizens married, \$215.

"Hopefully it won't rain that weekend," said Tennaro. "If it rains that whole weekend we'll probably do it the following weekend. If it only rains on that Saturday and it's nice Sunday, then we'll probably just leave it at that."

Normal weekend guest fees are \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Weekday guest fees are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.

"Everything is going to be open," said Mullman. "We want the people to enjoy it."

They find this out several ways; one is use of Terranova testing; another is teacher identifications when a teacher believes a child might be having difficulty reading, or in math, for example.

"Any student who scores less than 45 percent on the Terranova tests would qualify for the BSI program," said Church. "Our challenge is coming up with a special program to help the child and we are hopeful this little extra assistances will move them along."

However, the BSI program in place is stretched thin, said the school principal, "We have at least eight staff members; six of them assist one or two periods during the day, working with children who have difficulties." Church said there was an excellent full-time reading specialist teacher also who deals exclusively with children having reading problems, in both large and small groups,...

A third teacher is part-time and teaches 15 periods of BSI in grades K through four, focusing on the specific needs of the children. "This makes her very busy and as I said, spread very thin. Our program is wonderful, but weak. Being principal, I feel it is time for us to look at this very seriously, as I believe it will impact us on the state testing levels," she added.

Nestel gave her own interpretation of some class model ideas of instruction, using BSI teachers as well as special education teachers. She suggested ways of utilizing the BSI teachers; one idea was having them co-teaching in classrooms with regular teachers, possibly taking children aside and explaining at an easier level. as one model.

"Rather than have BSI children come out for replacement reading, math and science, some can have an assistant in the classroom, reinforcing the regular teacher in content and enhancing the regular lesson. This would modify the problems for a special ed or BSI student; perhaps in a corner of the room, to give a different test or assignment," said Nestel.

She gave several other combinations of ideas, all blending together in such a way that the special needs child would not be aware of being singled out, yet still be receiving special help he or she needed.

Church pointed out that there would never be more than six BSI students in one of these classrooms.

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On May 14 at 10:57 a.m., Reali Goode, 26, of Linden, was arrested for possession, use and being under the influence of marijuana while driv-

ing on Route 22 West. Officer Mike Pasquale was traveling in the fast lane of Route 22 West, when his attention was drawn to a red 1994 Toyota. The vehicle touched the center dotted lines with its right side tires. Pasquale noticed that the driver, Goode, wasn't wearing his seatbelt.

Pasquale pulled the vehicle over. He detected the odor of marijuana eminating from the vehicle and noticed marijuana seeds below the ishtrav

Goode was arrested after police found marijuana in his possession. He was transported back to Mountainside Police Headquarters for further processing. A court date was set.

• Tish Lee, 32, of Elizabeth, was arrested for driving with a suspended license May 14 at 3:25 p.m. on Route 22 East • On May 14 at 7:15 p.m., a Hobo-

ken resident reported that he lost his wallet at Loews Theater, Route 22

• On May 15 at 10:40 p.m., Mark Campos. 19. of Elizabeth, was arrested for driving with a suspended

license on Route 22 East. • An Old Grove Road resident

On May 7 at 3:27 p.m., Mountainside firefighters extinguished a brush fire at a Sherwood Parkway business. • On May 6 at 5:29 p.m., firefighters investigated an activated water

flow alarm on Bristol Road. At 6:59 p.m., they were dispatched to a Summit Road residence for an activated fire alarm, caused by unattended cooking.

• On May 8 at 8:09 a.m., firefighters attended to a vehicle rollover with entrapment and injuries on Route 22 East

• On May 9 at 11:49, firefighters responded to a lockout on Old Tote Road. At 8:17 p.m., they investigated a burning oder at a New Providence Road hospital.

• On May 10 at 7:31 p.m., firefighters attended to a primary electrical wire arcing on the ground on Globe Avenue

• On May 11 at 6:19 p.m., firefighters extinguished a fire on a gas grill at a Tanglewood Lane residence. At 7:05 p.m., they extinguished a small brush fire in a parking lot of a Route 22 business

• On May 13 at 10:30 a.m., fireire alarm at Watchung Stables. call on Springfield Avenue near School. At 9:10 a.m., they responded

• On May 14 at 3:51 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated central station fire alarm at a hospital on New Providence Road. At 5:50 p.m., they responded to the same hospital. • On May 15 at 12:07 p.m., fire-

fighters investigated a water flow alarm at a Bristol Road business. At 7:34 p.m., they attended to an activated fire alarm at a Summit Road residence.

• On May 16 at 4:24 p.m., firefighters investigated a smoke condition at a Outlook Drive residence. At 5:01 p.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident with a hazardous materials

• On May 17 at 12:01 p.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at a Heckel Drive residence. • On May 18 at 6:49 a.m., firefighters attended to a tranformer fire on

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Linden man is arrested for drugs

POLICE BLOTTER reported a case of credit card fraud May 17 at 5:26 p.m.

• On May 19 at 2:48 p.m., a Springfield couple reported criminal mischief to their vehicle while it was parked at L'Affaire on Route 22 East. • A Wyoming Drive resident reported criminal mischief outside his residence May 20 at 9:33 a.m. Roofdrivewav

• On May 20 at 7:45 p.m., a Miller's side lock of his vehicle had been DVD/TV combo and Sony Playstapunched, while the car was parked in

arrested for simple assault at the Police Department May 20 at 4 p.m. Springfield

residents Izis McCray, 18, and Dwayne Harper, 18, were arrested on Route 22 East for disorderly conduct and for

Brook resident reported that two cell

• Victor Palatino, 32, of Iselin, was

• On May 14 at 6:21 p.m., Newark hindering apprehension.

• A Lyons Place resident reported that his wallet was stolen from his residence May 10 at 12:18 p.m. Included in his wallet were a driver's license, credit cards and \$400 cash. • On May 11 at 2:20 p.m., a Green East, May 21 at 11:31 a.m.

tended cooking at a Glouse Lane

• On May 21 at 8:19 p.m., all units

responded to a reported car fire on

Route 22. Upon arrival, an overheated

• On May 22 at 6:41 a.m., firefigh-

car with no fire was discovered.

ters spent more than an hour extin-

Springfield Avenue.

Mutual Aid.

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guishing the engine of a car on

• On Thursday at 2:21 a.m., fire-

fighters attended to a motor vehicle

• On Friday at 8:37 a.m., firefigh-

ters investigated an activated fire

alarm at the public library on Consti-

tution Plaza. At 11:02 a.m., they

responded to an activated smoke

Springfield

field firefighters loaned a ladder truck

to the Scoth Plains Fire Headquarters

on a request from Union County

On May 13 at 8:19 a.m., firefigh-

Route 78. At 9:12 a.m., they answered

a medical service call at a Route 22

East business. At 4:30 p.m., they

investigated a water condition at the

Town Hall Annex. At 7:40 p.m., they

attended to a motor vehicle accident

with a spill at Mountain Avenue and

• On May 14 at 10:21 a.m., fire-

On May 12 at 1:58 p.m., Spring-

accident on Route 22 West.

residence

phones, 20 CDs, sunglasses, a pocketbook, credit cards and \$250 cash were stolen from her vehicle parked in the Bally's lot on Route 22 East.

 A Manalapan resident reported that someone pried the driver-side lock of his vehicle while it was parked in the Olive Garden lot on Route 22 East May 11 at 11:10 p.m.

• On May 12 at 10:36 p.m., an Edison resident reported tha his vehicle ing nails were spread throughout the was stolen from the Olive Garden parking lot on Route 22 East.

• An Elizabeth resident reported burn resident reported that the driv- that his vehicle was damaged and a tion were stolen from the Olive Garthe Loews Theater lot on Route 22 den parking lot on Route 22 East May 17 at 12:30 a.m.

• On May 19 at 2:41 p.m., a North Plainfield resident reported that a tennis racket and various CDs were stolen from his vehicle parked at Sports Authority on Route 22 East.

• On May 20 at 6:38 p.m. New York City residents Mitchell Collado, 22, and Aramis Sosa, 22, were arrested for shoplifting at Sports Authority, Route 22 East.

• A Newark resident reported that his wallet, Social Security card, state I.D. card and \$420 cast were stolen from a locker at Bally's, Route 22

Firefighters extinguish brush fire fighters answered a medical service FIRE BLOTTER Central Avenue. At 11:39 a.m., they extinguished a fire caused by unat-

call at a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex. At 11:26 a.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Hillside Avenue residence. At 11:49 a.m., they responded to a medical service call at an Independence Way residence. At 1:08 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Lawrence Road business. At 5:12 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Kimberly Court residence.

• On May 15 at 12:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a medical service call at a Morris Avenue business. At 12:50 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Remer Avenue residence. At 1:56 p.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident with a spill at Morris and Mountain avenues. At 2:41 p.m., they answered a medical service call at Springfield Avenue near the Route 78 exit ramp. At 4:39 detector at a Long Meadow residence. p.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Warwick Circle residence

• On May 16 at 5:39 p.m., firefighters answered a medical service call at a Owaissa Avenue residence.

• On May 17 at 8:31 a.m., firefighters investigated an activated fire fighters investigated a central station ters responded to a medical service alarm at Jonathan Dayton High to a medical service call at a Troy Drive apartment complex. At 9:20 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Lawrence Road business. At 10:22 a.m., they attended to a medical service call on Hemlock Terrace, At 11:59 a.m., they responded to a Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call.

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Friday • The Mountainside Education Foundation's annual Variety Revue has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. at the Deerfield School gym at 7 p.m. More than 80 Mountainside residents will participate in this evening of song and dance.

For information, call 908-789-9736 Tickets are \$15 for family, or \$5 per person. Saturday

• The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Environmental Health sponsor a recycling program for automobile tires, rain or shine. from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Union County Conservation Center on Shunpike Road near Route 78 in Springfield. Union County residents may bring as many as six automobile tires per household to the collection center. Do not bring rims. This recycling program is for households only.

For more information, call the Union County Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management Hot Line at 908-654-9889 or log on to www.unioncountynj.org/com.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club sponsors the annual Community Day Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For maps and details of participating households, call Kelly at 908-389-0068. Sunday

· Spring into summer with the Mountainside Newcomers Club and "Mommy & Me," where members can visit the Watchung Stables for a tour and a horse ride at 11 a.m. Call Jodi at 908-789-7688 to reserve a spot.

• The First Presbyterian Church in Springfield hosts the annual church picnic at 11:30 a.m. at the Parish House, 37 Church Mall. In case of rain, the picnic moves inside the auditorium. All are invited.

For information, call 973-379-4320. • The Sunday Planetarium Sholv at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, takes place at 2 and 3:30

p.m. The event is for children ages 6 and older. For information, call 908-789-3670.

• The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside sponsors a bus trip to West Point, N.Y., including a cruise on the Hudson River, champagne brunch at the Hotel Thayer and a guided tour of the U.S. Military

Academy of West Point. The cost is \$71.50 for members and \$76.50 for non-members. For information, call 908-232-1026.

Monday • Congregation Israel of Springfield Nursery, 339 Mountain Ave., will host a Spring Sing Celebration at 9:30 a.m. Parents and children as old as 4 years old are encouraged to join in singing, arts and crafts, circle time and more.

For information, call 973-467-9666. • The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue.

Wednesday • The Springfield Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. Upcoming

June 7

• The Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., in conjunction with the Temple Health Initiative will host its annual dinner and Sabbath service with Mark Washofsky, professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College, speaking on the topic of stem cell research. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m., followed by services at 8 p.m.

For information, call 973-379-5387.

at 302 Central Ave. at 8 p.m.

June 12 • The Springfield Recreation Department will conduct blood-pressure screenings the second Wednesday of every month at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, from 1 to 2 p.m. All residents of Springfield are invited to be screened.

For more information, call 973-912-2227 · Sports columnist and Springfield resident Sid Dorfman will be presented with the prestigious B'Nai B'rith Citizen and Civic Affairs Award at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield. Cover will be \$100 per person. For information, call 973-379-9306. • The Springfield Board of Health has changed the time of its monthly meetings from 7 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., starting tonight. The meetings are conducted in the Springfield Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

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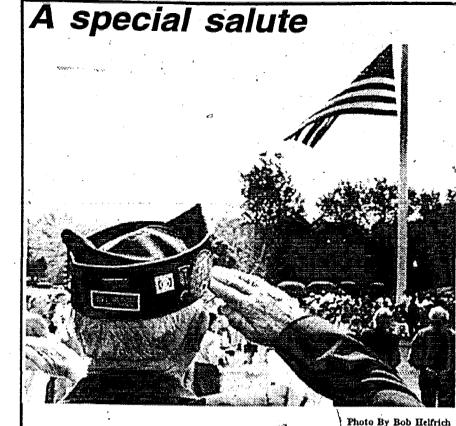
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June 11 • The Mountainside Board of Éducation will meet in the Media Center





William Smith, vice commander (for the Springfield American Legion Post 228, salutes the American flag during ceremonies for the township's Memorial Day program on Monday.

Field users hope to curb dog clean-up By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer There is a dog problem in Mountainside

ECHO LEADER

At a recent Board of Education meeting at Deerfield School, Dona Osieja, dedicated mom, softball manager and dog owner, asked for the board's help.

"First of all, I want to say that I love animals, especially dogs, but there is a problem on the field with too many animals at the games, and with owners not cleaning up after them," said Osieia

It got so bad at the recent practice, Osieja said, that some of the children were actually walking in "dog doo" and she said she had to clean it up. "All we need is one loose dog, who gets off his leash, and that stirs up all the others. I counted 17 dogs at the game; most on leashes, but it is just too many," she said.

She requested the Board of Education to pass a resolution to keep all dogs off school property during the

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games. "We already have a policy in Mountainside that says all dogs must be leashed at all times, and picked up after by their owners," Board of Edu cation President Richard Kress said, adding that he would refer the matter to the Policy Committee.

"If every person who brings a dog to the game would take care of it totally, and keep it leashed, it would help,' Kress said, "just as you take care of a child." He said he did not see what they could do about stray dogs that were roaming about.

Osieja mentioned the question of liability, also, "Last year one little child was bitten in the face; these things happen, but a child will always go up to pet a dog, even a strange one, and there are just too many at the games."

Township adopts \$18-million municipal budget

settled

ment issues.

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee Tuesday night adopted the 2002 municipal budget of \$18,808,453, which will result in a tax increase of \$89 for the average assessed home in Springfield valued at \$155,000.

Last year's budget was \$18,519,739. This year's budget represents an increase of just under \$300,000.

"The budget for 2002 culminates a lengthy process that we go through each year to determine the best way to appropriate the township's dollars, various programs, departments and agencies," said Township Admini-

strator Richard Sheola. According to township officials,

Faigenbaum receives high marks for service

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education and school district administrators honored former board member Kenneth Faigenbaum during a recent meeting for his dedication and hard work after serving on the board for 19 years.

"Kenny's contribution to our township, our board, our children, and to me, personally, cannot accurately be acknowledged by tonight's presentation or by simply thanking him from any or all of us," said board member Robert Fish.

"Words or plaques, in my opinion, are inadequate in acknowledging the countless hours of devotion and selfless dedication, insight and numerous contributions to the benefit of everything."

Faigenbaum was presented with a plague which read: "With Sincere Appreciation For Your Outstanding Contributions to the Members of the Springfield Board of Education: 1983-2002.

members receive," said Springfield Education Association President Teri Craddock-Ponce. "I'm sure that Mr. Faigenbaum seldom, if ever, has met a parent on the street who said, 'Hey Ken, great job last night at the board meeting."

Fish said Faigenbaum spent countess number of hours at board and committee meetings, making phone calls and just thinking about how to make the school district better.

"It is with great respect, fondness and appreciation that I attempt in some small way to say thank you for everything you've ever done for this community," said Fish.

Fish said Faigenbaum has left behind a legacy of services and accomplishments that is unparalleled by anyone and that often his dedication came at the expense of his family, his friends, and himself.

"There are those that get involved in public service for personal gain or some political agenda and I can honestly say, and I'm sure that all of you can report, that this has never been the



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approximately 60 percent, or \$11 mil- ces of revenue when practical and amount of money he feels he needs to lion. in costs are either directly or appropriately run the town, he said. each source is evaluated on the cost/ indirectly out of the control of the benefit to the township. Township Commitee, including insur-Township Committeeman Sy Mullance, debt service and mandatory man congratulated everyone on the costs of operating the government. governing body, as well as Sheola and All labor contracts - police, fire the township's finance officer, Marie and clerical/public works — expired Sedlak, on the budget. on Dec. 31, 2000 and have not been "It's a very long and tedious process," he said. "We spend hours upon year's budget. In the budget, funding for capital hours on it. But I think we did a darn projects has been addressed, both for good job. In three of the last five years, we've had no municipal routine replacements and upgrading, as well as for the construction of the increase at all. The town is in exceltownship's new fire headquarters. lent shape financially." Infrastructure repairs are being pro-Mayor Steven Goldstein also concessed on an expedited basis, espegratulated Sheola, saying that he's in tough position concerning the cially sewer and storm water managebudget. Sheola must answer to the Township officials said they are Township Committee but at the same expenses totaled \$23,000, which is seeking grants and other non-tax sourtime try to push forward with the the same as 2001.

The township's administrative and executive salaries, wages and other expenses totaled \$185,757, which is a \$19,885 decrease from last year. The township's clerk's salaries, wages and other expenses totaled \$173,088. which is a \$9,488 increase from last

The Fire Department's salaries, wages and other expenses totaled \$2,268,323, a \$206,328 increase from last year. The Police Department's salaries, wages and other expenses totaled \$4,215,963, a \$266.048 increase from last year's budget.

The mayor and Township Committee's salaries, wages and other

such knowledge, such history."

Faigenbaum lost his seat in the

"You could alway's count on him to

attend school functions even if he

didn't have an obligation to be there,

April 16 school board election, finish-

ing fourth behind incumbents Fisch-

bein and Keith Kurzner and newcom-

case with Kenny," said Fish. "His on the same side of the table as Keninvolvement has always been for the ny. There's a good reason for that because you have such experience. welfare of others, with nothing self-

serving in the process." Board member Stephen Fischbein said he will remember Faigenbaum for his decision making, his desire to volunteer to serve on ad hoc committees and the way he mentored new

board members. "As a new board member, you made me feel welcome," said board member Jacqueline' Shanes. "New board members always end up sitting

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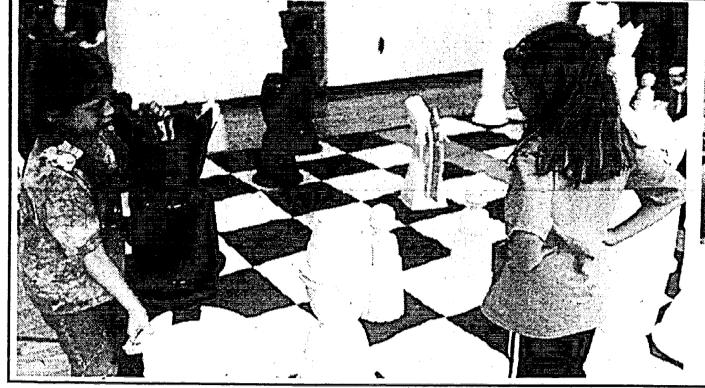
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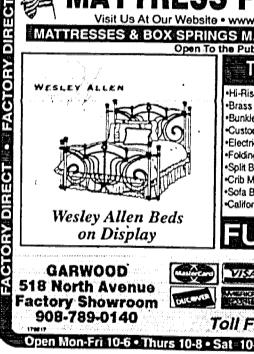
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Summit help out on Mitzvah Day, a congregationwide community service day at at Temple B'Nai Jeshurun in Short Hills.

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Gadabout group will sponsor a bus trip

The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside is sponsoring a trip to West Point, N.Y., Sunday. The trip will include a cruise on the Hudson River, a champagne brunch at the Hotel Thaver and a guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy of West Point. The cost is \$71.50 for members and \$76.50 for non-members. For information and reservations, call Lorettaat 908-232-1026.

Newcomers Club will 'spring into summer'

The Mountainside Newcomers are springing into summer with these upcoming events. Once again, the club is sponsoring the annual Community Garage Sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Any interested party may appear at sail hearing and phrticipate therein in acco

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of TAKE NOTICE that on the 18th day of June, at 7 00 of clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjust-ment at the Municipal Building, 100 Moun-tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2002-7 regarding the appeal or application of a garage addition for a var-lance or variances or other relief so as to permit an encroachment into the right side setback on the premises located at 24 Briar Hills Curcle and designated as Block 3514.

Come along for great deals on furniture, toys, electrical goods, clothes, sports equipment and lots more. It's sure to be a fun event. Call Kelly at 908-389-0068 for maps and details of participating households. On Sunday, "Mommy & Me"

going cowboy crazy with a visit to Watchung Stables at 11 a.m. The cost will be approximately \$3 per child RSVP to Jodi at 908-789-7688 by today. Put on your boots, saddle up and come along - bring a picnic and make a day of it! In June, the men are planning some

twilight golf? The tenative date is June 19. Call Prashant at 908-232-7087 by Friday if interested.

For membership information, call Maureen Angelo at 908-654-1025.

Something to sell? Telephone

1-800-564-8911. PUBLIC NOTICE TOULIC NUTICE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 18 day of June, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjust-ment at the Municipal Building, 100 Moun-tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2002-6 regarding the appeal or application of Mr. Richard A. Mahoney for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit widening of driveway to two cars wide on the premises located at 174 Letak Avenue and designated as Block 3602, 1 of 44 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. Hills Circle and designated as Block 3514 Lot 8 on the Township of Springfield Tax ax Map. The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Map. The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8,00 A.M. and 3,00 P.M. Mon- and available for inspection between p hours at 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Mon y through Friday (excluding balidation) day through Friday (excluding holidays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accor-dance with the rules of the Zoning Board of dance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment Applicant (\$10.25) U1561 ECL May 30, 2002 Applicant (\$10.25) Norma's Salon Summer Special A Now Jeaturing Nioxin

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on June 13, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. on the following applications: William Hoffman, 217 Central Avenue, Block 16.D, Lot 2 - Fence replacement, contrary to Sections 1003 (u) (1) & (4). Edward and Jennifer Aponte, 350 Cherry Hill Road, Block 5.J, Lot 5 - Installation of a fence, contrary to section 1003 (u) (4). Charles and Paula Dooley, 415 New Provi-dence Road, Block 4.C, Lot 28.A - Installa-tion of a fence, contrary to Section 1003 (u) Richard and Kathleen Bazydlo, 595 Sher-wood Parkway, Block 20, Lot 7 - Addition and porch contrary to Sections 1005 (b) (1) & 1011 (b) (1). Conceptual Site Plan Review for an addi-tion to the Trailside Museum at the Union County Reservation. Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken. action may be taken. All variances are subject to the Moun-tainside Land Use Ordinance. Bulk var-lances apply to all applications.

Ruth M. Ree U1721 ECL May 30, 2002 (\$15.00) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, April Board of Adjustmen 16, 2002

2002-1 Ilario & Rosanna Finis 139 Irwin Street Lot 10 Application # Applicant: Site Location: Block 3503 For a front and rear yard set back for consturction of an addition to house roved

The resolution memorializing the decl-sion was adopted at the regular Board of Adjustment meeting on Tuesday: May 21, 2002 and is available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Robert C. Kirkpatrick Board of Adjustment Secretary U1585 ECL May 30, 2002 (\$9.75)

NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-lowing ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside. County of Union, New Jersey in the Municipal Build-ing, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 21st day of May 2002. Judith E. Osty, RMC Municipal Clerk

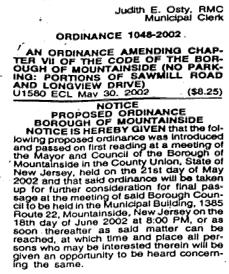
ORDINANCE 1047-2002

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE BOR-OUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE TO REQUIRE THE SUBMISSION OF AN ENVIRON-MENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WITH CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UISSO FCL MAY 30 2002 (\$9.00) U1579 ECL May 30, 2002 (\$9.00) NOTICE



Robert C. Kirkpatrick Board of Adjustment Secretary U1584 ECL May 30, 2002 (\$7.50) NOTICE OF PASSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol lowing ordinance was passed and adopted on socond and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of

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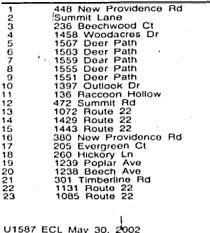
Jersey on the 21st day of May 2002.

Judith E. Osty Borough Clerk ORDINANCE 1049-2002 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE BY AMENDING CHAPTER XVI, THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter XVI of the Code of the Bor-ough of Mountainside shall be amended as SECTION I. Chapter XVI, Section 16-2 Agency Designation; is amended to read as

The local enforcing agency shall be known as the "Mountainside Depart-ment of Fire Prevention" which is hereby created and not to be confused with the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Mountainside Fire Department. SECTION II. Chapter XVI, Section 16-5 irganization: is amended to read as The local enforciang agency estab-lished by Section 16-2 of this Ordinance shall be under the direct supervision

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PUBLIC NOTICE and control of the Uniform Fire Code Fire Official and so designated as a "Department" within the Borough o Mountainside. All reviews and appropri-ate documentation will be forwarded for Fire Department. SECTION III, Chapter XVI, Section 6-6.3 Inspectors and Employees; is mended to read as follows: Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforc-ing agency shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council, upon the recom-mendation of the Fire Official.

SECTION IV. Chapter XVI, Section 16-9 ermits; is amended to read as follows: The permit fees established by the Uni-form Fire Code N.J.A.C. 5:70 shall be those for the Borough of Mountainside unless amended by the Mayor and Council.

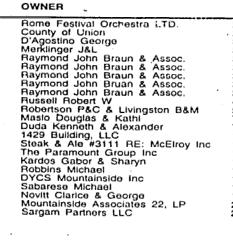
SECTION V. All other provisions Chapter XVI shall remain unchanged. SECTION VI. To the extent that any Bor ough Ordinance or Code provision is, in whole or in part, inconsistent with the prov-sions adopted herein those provisions shall be repealed and the provisions herein shall

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as, and in the manner, permitted by law. U1578 ECL May 30, 2002 (\$37.50)

NOTICE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-lowing proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 21st day of May 2002 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final pas-sage at the meeting of said Borough Coun-cil to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 18th day of June 2002 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all per-given an opportunity to be heard concern-ing the same.

Judith E. Osty Borough Clerk **ORDINANCE 1050-2002** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF

2002 TAX SALE LIST

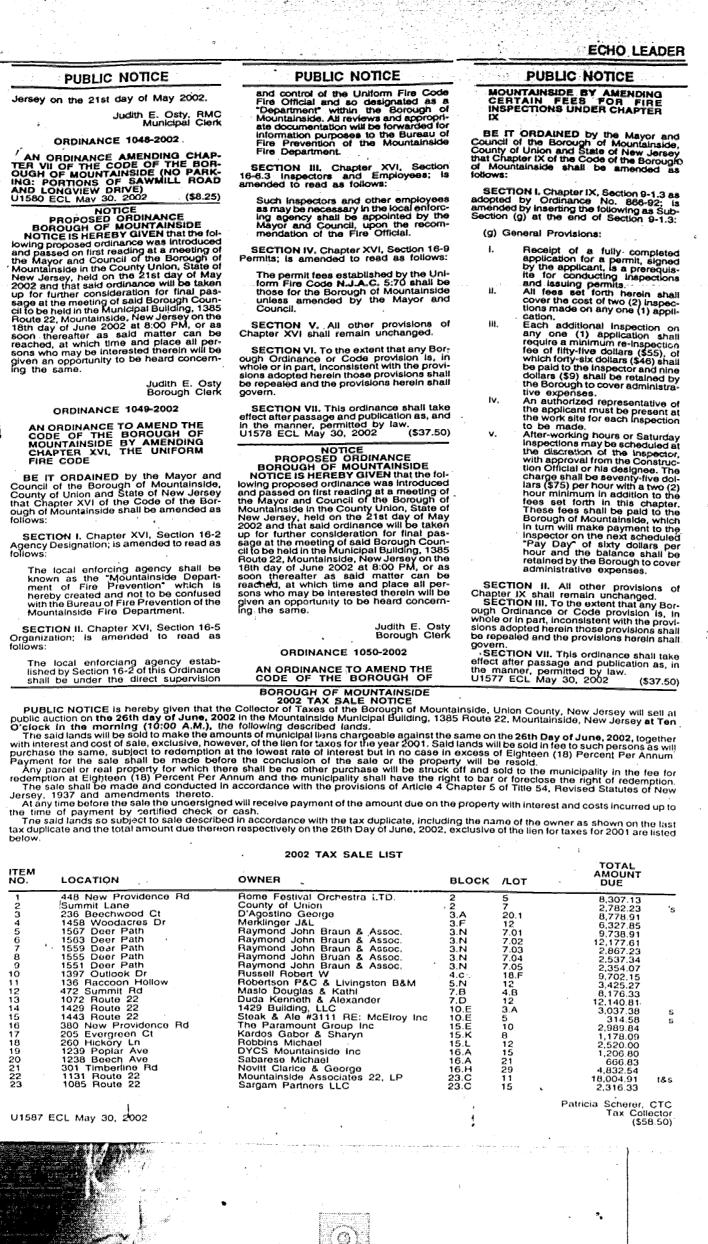


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All in the

numbers

The sign at the Crossroad

Christian Fellowship on Morri

Avenue at the Union and Spring

field border reads, "U Hauls never

trail the hearse." A good thought to

remember as we approach mid-

year. At the same time, some new

Census data released in the pas

week shows interesting insight interesting

our county and how we are doing

economically. The numbers are no

so great in terms of private secto

Starting with the basics, the

median household income in Union

County in 1999 was \$55,339. We

are actually for the first time below

the statewide average of \$55,146

Our average income is about

\$6,000 below neighboring Mid

dlesex County; \$11,000 below

Somerset, and \$12,000 below Mor-

is. We are, though, \$11,000 higher

More depressing is how we have

done in the past decade in terms o

getting ahead. The so-called

change in income measures th

change in household income fo

the past decade. We rank a lowly

16th. Our adjusted income, or

you will getting ahead, is only 2

percent. The state average was

Comparison to our neighbors

reveal Middlesex kept pace at

percent and Somerset was up

percent the past decade. The state-

wide leader in growth was Hunter-

don, which jumped 13 percent. If

you want to hang out with the rich

people you also have to go to Hun-

terdon, where the median house-

Based on the new numbers, w

rank eighth in terms of the percen-

tage of adults 25 or older with a

llege degree; 29 percent of ou

esidents hit that number. The state

verage is 30 percent. The mos

sheepskin is found in Somerset,

where 47 percent have a degree;

the least in Cumberland, 12 per-

cent. It also is the poorest county,

with a median household income

Our transportation infrastructure

and accessibility to jobs still gives

Union County an edge. The aver-

age daily commute for Union

County is 29 minutes, below the

statewide average 30-minute com-

mute. The higher counties are Sus-

sex at 38 minutes, Middlesex at 32

minutes, and Somerset and Essex

The county still remains part of

what is seen as the mid-state

wealth belt. The access to New

York City pre-9/11 and economic

recession had an impact in terms of

growth. James Hughes, dean of

Rutgers University's Bloustein

School of Planning and Public Pol-

icy, points to the office building

boom of the 1980s and 1990s as

key ingredients in the creation of

Hughes compares the 11 coun-

ties which make up Northern New

Jersey, including us as a bigger

market than either Houston or

Atlanta. On that basis, maybe we

should fight for a Northern New

Jersey Major League Baseball

But in the interim, what the

numbers reveal is that we have

some substantial wealth in the

county which skews the fact that a whole lot of people continue to

struggle. The state's new proposal

is to make ineligible under the

New Jersey Saver property tax

rebate all households with income

of more htan \$200,000. Here,

Union at 4.7 percent is actually

The numbers are important in

terms of the economic and tax-

related decisions we make. When

coupled with prior data that our

population has remained constant

and the significant rise in immi-

grant population, which tends to be

less wealthy, the continued need to

press economic growth is still very

important. It is another sign w

A resident of Cranford, Frank

should be able to read.

Capece is an attorney.

above the statewide average.

jobs and appointments.

of \$39,150.

at 31 minutes.

hold income is about \$80,000.

much higher, 4 percent.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

growth

han Essex.

County maintains high bond ratings

By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor**

Two bond rating services affirmed Union County's bond ratings this week as the county prepares for an \$84-million bond sale. Although Fitch Ratings maintained its Aaa rating and Standard & Poor's its AA+ rating of Union County, both rating services made note of the county's dwindling fund balance, or accumulated surplus.

Bond ratings range from AAA, the highest, to D, the lowest. AA+ is one level below AAA.

The county has been planning a \$83.7 million bond sale, which consists of \$73.7 million in general improvement bonds, \$7.9 million in county college bonds and \$2.1 million for vocational-technical school bonds The bonds will mature serially March 1. 2003-18 with semi-annual payments on March 1 and Sept. 1. Proceeds from the bond sale, which was to take place yesterday, will fund improvements at the county college, vo-tech school and new police headquarters.

Fitch also affirmed a Aaa rating on Union County's \$225.6 million in outstanding general obligation bonds. In 1999, Fitch rated Union County's \$46.7 million bond sale Aaa as well. Standard & Poor's last rating of Union County also was AA+.

"While financial performance remains adequate, overall financial flexibility has decreased," Fitch said in a press release. "Any further depletion of the fund balance could have a negative effect on the county's credit rating." The financial condition of Union

ic finance for S&P. "We were comfortable at the AA+ level, not at AAA," he said of the county's fund balance, adding that a AA+ rating is still very strong. The wealth levels of Union County, while in excess of national levels, are not substantially higher than regional levels, Panger added.

County is not characterized by the

level generally seen with a AAA rat-

ing, said Jeff Panger, director of publ-

Union County raised the tax levy for the first time in several years in 2001 and again in 2002 to offset the shrinking fund balance, Fitch indicated. Efforts to maintain a stable tax levy required drawing down of fund balances from high levels of 14 percent of the budget in 1997-98 to less than 6 percent last year.

Panger said there be some concern f there was a continued drawing down of fund balance, but he does not anticipate it declining any more.

The dwindling fund balance should begin to improve as early as 2003, according to Fitch, after increases in the tax levy the past two years, combined with planned cost savings and solid revenue performance in this year's budget. "The county must continue tight expenditure control to offset such increases and to rebuild fund balances over the next few years. Any further reduction in financial flexibility could have negative implications for the credit rating."

County Manager George Devanney said different bond agencies use different criteria when issuing ratings. "I'm pleased to have a triple-A bond rating, and we certainly hope in future years to keep the county financially strong."

UCC grad reaches goal with degree

By Mark Hrywna **Regional** Editor

As an adolescent, Ernest T. Caldwas told that he would end up in jail disciplines as many of his high school classmates did. Years ago, Caldwell was called a failure. In a few years, he plans on people calling him doctor.



Dianne Fannell of Cranford says, 'Who me?' when her named is announced to accept The Post-Day Memorial Award for part-time students at Union County College's 68th annual commencement ceremony last week.

New clerk to Board of Chosen Freeholders appointed

By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor**

As turnover in the upper management of county government continues, the Board of Chosen Freeholders last week appointed a new clerk of the board.

Annette Quijano will begin her new duties on Monday, replacing M. Elizabeth Genievich who will become deputy county manager. Quijano will earn \$72,000 annually as clerk of the freeholder board. Last year, Genievich earned

\$87,653 as freeholder clerk. Quijano has been employed with the county since March as a full-time assistant county counsel, one of four, earning an annual salary of \$58.900-

The clerk of the board is responsible for preparing and coordinating the activities at free-holder meetings, acting as depository of vital county documents, acting as custodian of the official county seal, and providing administrative services to the board.

Acting Director of Economic Development James Daley was officially made permanent director at an annual salary of \$96,500. He previously earned \$78,630 annually as director of the Division of Policy and Planning within the Department of Economic Development.

Daley's previous position, director of the Division of Policy and Planning, has been converted to director of labor management and relations, which former Director of Administrative Services Joseph Salemme will fill. Salemme's \$96,584 annual salary will remain the

Genievich, who holds a bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University and a master's degree in public administration from New York

A 1989 graduate of Rutgers University, Camden, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in management, Quijano holds a law degree from Rutgers School of Law. Prior to working for Union County, Quijano was an attorney with Barrasso Consulting LLC

dent speaker at Union County College's 68th annual commencement ceremony last week where more than well Jr. was educationally "classified" 750 students received associate's 1983, Caldwell went to work in the due to his "disruptive behavior." He degrees in more than 80 academic fast food industry and took some clas-"I am what Union County College, and county colleges, are all about,"

Caldwell said. He described himself as the "epi-Caldwell, who will continue his tome of why county colleges exist: to

studies toward a Ph.D. at Brown Uni- remove geographic and economic versity in Rhode Island, was the stu- barriers to educational opportunity

and mid-1990s. Since 2000, equalized value has grown 22 percent, providing and discover and develop individual talents." After graduating high school in

according to Fitch.

ses at the New York Restaurant School. Realizing he did not want to work in the restaurant business, Caldwell worked several factory jobs before becoming unemployed and eventually homeless.

Raised with his three siblings by a single mother, Caldwell's goal once was to be the first in his family to graduate college. A defining point for Caldwell was attending the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. in 1995. Five months later he was in a severe depression, homeless, weighing only 130 pounds, and near death. It was at that point Caldwell realized he had never achieved his dream of earning a college degree.

Nineteen years after graduating high school, he now has his associate's degree from Union County College, in addition to numerous academic achievements, including becoming a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies. He also pursued a variety of extracurricular activities while maintaining his academic record, including being a peer tutor in the Academic Learning Center; president of the Student Government Association; editor in chief of the student literary magazine,

Sheaf, and founder of the Black Students Heritage Organization. Caldwell also received The Post-Day Award, presented to the graduatlege's student body, adding that this ing students who best exemplify the college's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service. The Post-Day Award for part-time



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The asterick indicates an enhanced rating, meaning it is back by bond insurance

> increased resources for financia flexibility. The county's debt picture, accord-

ing to Fitch, is "a credit strength,

Direct debt levels, those the county is

directly responsible for, are low at

\$387 per capita 0.5 percent of equal-

ized value. Overall debt levels, those

issued by all government entities in

the county, are moderate at \$1,157 per

capita and 1.5 percent of equalized

value. In 1999, overall net debt was

\$1,632 per capita and 2.6 percent of

With the current market conditions

Finance Director Lawrence Caroselli

was optimistic about getting a good

true market value.

negligible in terms of interest rates. "It's a very good time to be in the Both ratings agencies noted the strength and diversity of Union County's tax base and overall economy. "Wealth levels in the county are strong, 134 percent of the national average, reflecting a resident base employed in major area labor markets with diverse earnings potential,"

"The county is currently benefiting from significant property value growth over the last few years, following slow growth through the early

message that terrorists were attempting to deliver on Sept. 11. "The ability

him during his early years.

students was presented to Dianne

Fannell of Cranford. Elizabeth Garcia

of Union received the Alumni Prize.

presented to the graduate who main-

tained the highest grade point average

"My life before Union County Col-

and earned the most credits at UCC.

lege wasn't all bad," Caldwell said

thanking his mother who put up with

him and the teachers who inspired

In his remarks, Union County Col-

lege President Thomas Brown

reflected on the diversity of the col-

diversity was the antithesis of the

University, succeeds George Devanney who

became county manager two months ago. The Linden resident had been freeholder clerk since 1998 and previously served four years as director of public information for the New York State Division of Housing and as the agency's director of program development. She

will earn \$113,500 annually, splitting her duties between deputy county manager and director of administrative services. Devanney last year earned \$113,915 as deputy county manager and director of economic development.

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Budget unanimously approved

By Mark Hrywna **Regional Editor**

Representatives from the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless made last-minute pleas for more funding but the Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the 2002 county budget with a 20 percent reduction in the coalition's funding.

Freeholders unanimously adopted the \$325-million county budget, 8-0, during its meeting May 23 with only Freeholder Deborah Scanlon absent The coalition received \$20,000 last

year through the county's third-party funding, which is administered through the Department of Human Services, and will get \$16,000 this

Betsy Fabricant, president of the coalition's Board of Trustees, stressed to freeholders the importance of the organization's program, which has for five years served more than 100 children from Elizabeth and throughout Union County. The coalition's program offers afterschool tutoring and other academic initiatives, as well as vear-round recreation, summer day camp, counseling and support groups. Many of the children involved in the program live in shelters and motels. "A 20 percent cut really has a tremendous effect on programs, Fabricant said.

The coalition will always be considered for funding, Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr. said. "Each agency has the same kind of stories. We're trying not to hurt any one agency. We thought the best thing would be to make across-the-board cuts.



Lorena Marguez of Union, left, raises her hand to try to let her family know where she's seated at commencement. Twelve-year-old Brittany Roman, right, adjusts her tassel from right to left. Roman posthumously accepted an associate's degree for her grandmother, Arcelia Castillo of Elizabeth, who died in the World Trade Center attacks.

> to be tolerant of others, flawed though we may be, is the cornerstone on which free societies are built."

The oldest two-year county college system in the state, Union County College students represent more than 120 different countries.

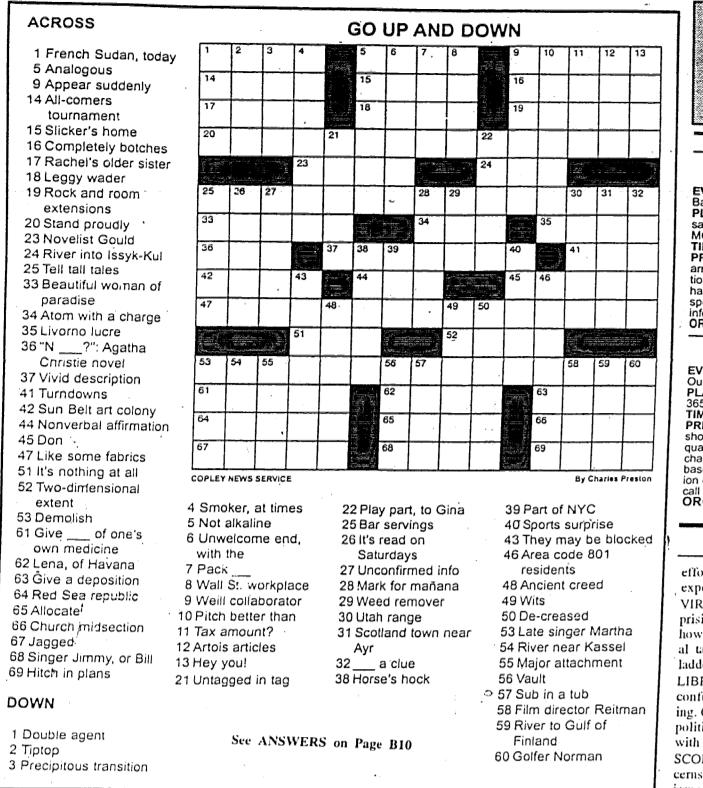
'Education is the medium through which understanding between indivi duals, between races, between religions, between genders, and between cultures are forged," Brown said. "It is only the acquisition of knowledge that allows us to meet our fellow men and women eye to eye, no matter how different we may be from each other in terms of outward appearance or inward belief."

in Westfield, and the Springfield law firm of Hardin, Kundla, McKeon, Poletto & Polifroni.

She also served as business consultant for the Township of West Orange from 2000 to 2001 under Mayor John McKeon. From 1997 to 2000, the Elizabeth resident was manager for Prudential Healthcare/Aetna U.S. Healthcare.

In addition to having her own law practice in Elizabeth from 1995 to 1996, Quijano served as chief of staff to state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, from 1992 to 1994. She unsuccessfully ran for freeholder in 1994 and also has run for a City Council seat in Elizabeth.

A Ford Foundation Leadership Fellow, Quijano is working toward obtaining a certificate in project management from Villanova University



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PUBLIC NOTICE

WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR. CHARTERED /97 Stokes Road ≥ O. Box 1088 Medicid, New Jersey 08055 (609) 654-5131 Attorneys for Flaintiff (2002-0549)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey Union County Docket NOJF-10144-02 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Lenart Special, Inc. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to herve upon WILLIAM M.E. FOWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plantit, whose address is 737 Stokes Head, P.O. Hox 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amend-ment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civit Action in which Fleet Mortgage Corp. is plaintiff and Lenart Special, Inc., et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jetsary, within thirty-live (35) days after May 30, 2002, exclusive of such date. If you full to do so fundament by deputy the after May 30, 2002, exclusive of such date. If you fuil to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in dupli-cate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$105.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Inforerior Court and a completed Case Infor-

lower or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 07/16/1990, made by Rosemarie McDuffie to Greenwich Home Mortgage Corp. and duly assigned to Plaintiff, Fleet Mortgage Corp., and concerns real estate located at 1460 - 1462 East 2nd Street, Plaintield, NJ, YOU, Lenert Speciel, Inc., are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed. An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may altor communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715.

The action has been instituted for the

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court J1723 WCN May 30, 2002 (\$52.50)

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County Docket No. F-9268-02 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

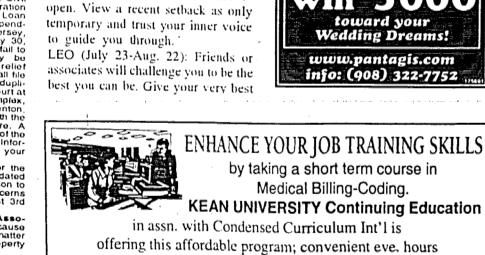
Arrow Savings and Loan Association YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon WILLIAM M.E. POWERS, JR., CHARTERED, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 737 Stokes Road, P.O. Box 1088, Medford, N.J. 08055, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amend-ment to Complaint if any filed is a C

ment to Complaint, if anyl filed in a Civil Action in which Delta Funding Corporation is plaintiff and Arrow Savings and Loan Association, et al., are Defendants, pend-ing in the Superior Court of New Jorsey, within thirty-five (35) days after May 30, 2002, exclusive of such date, if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in dupli-cate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the fulse of Civil practice and procedure. A nent to Complaint, i

rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$105.00 filing tee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Infor-mation Statement must accompany your answer or motion. mation Statement must accompany your answer or motion. The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 11/21/2000, made by Kenneth Pearson to Delta Funding Corporation, and concerns real estate located at 809-811 East 3rd Street, Plaintield, NJ. YOU, Arrow Savings and Loan Asso-clation, are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed. An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney, may communicate with the New

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

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Com-

municate your thoughts and feelings

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Tie your fiscal dreams to the highest-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Do not

shy away from change or opportunity.

Raise your level of thinking and the

sky becomes the limit. Program your

CANCER (June 22-July 22): When

one door closes, another is sure to

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FLEA MARKET SUNDAY June 2nd, 2002 EVENT: Flea Market, Collectible Show & Bargain Fest Outdoors (Indoors if rain) PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Pas-saic Avenue, Belleville (OFF JORALE-MON ST) TIME: 9am-5pm PRICE: Over 100 quality dealers with an array of bargains, featuring a large selection of clothing, jewelry, sports items, hats/scarves/gloves, toys and more. Also special Garage/Tag sale section. For information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: Belleville HS GSO SATURDAY June 8th, 2002 EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show Outdoors (Indoors if rain) 1-800-564-8911. PLACE: Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., (off Raritan Rd) Clark TIME: 9am-5pm PRICE: Support UNICO and do your shopping with us. Featuring over 75

quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including new & used items. baseball cards, memorabilia, toys, fashion clothing, jewelry, etc. For information call 201-997-9535. ORGANIZATION: UNICO

effort and rise up to meet or beat their expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An enterprising attitude pays off. Discover how you can best use your professionladder of success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Do not confuse the truth with wishful thinking. Open your eyes to the reality of a political or moral situation and deal with it rationally

SCORPIÓ (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Concerns about taxes, insurance or credit issues tend to dominate your thoughts this week. Study your files and make informed decisions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Allow your partner to initiate or lead an important discussion. Your job is you out in the open. Your honesty to be a good listener and take lots of notes TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Oppor- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan, 19): Say

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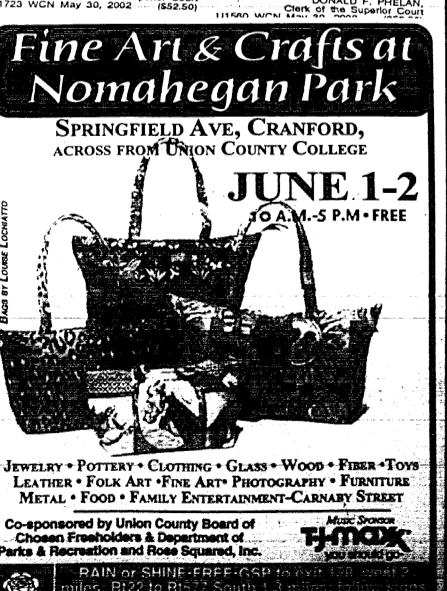
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Bunny and John Switzenber of Lancaster, Pa., beekeep-

of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation and Janet and Howard Rose of Rose Squared Productions Inc. The Spring Fine Art and Crafts Show at Nomahegan Park will feature fine art, photography, weaving, clothing, pottery, wood, fiber, leather, stained glass and much more. The show will be accented with music of the '70s by the

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The show is co-sponsored by the Union County Board

250-acre farm in Georgetown, Del.

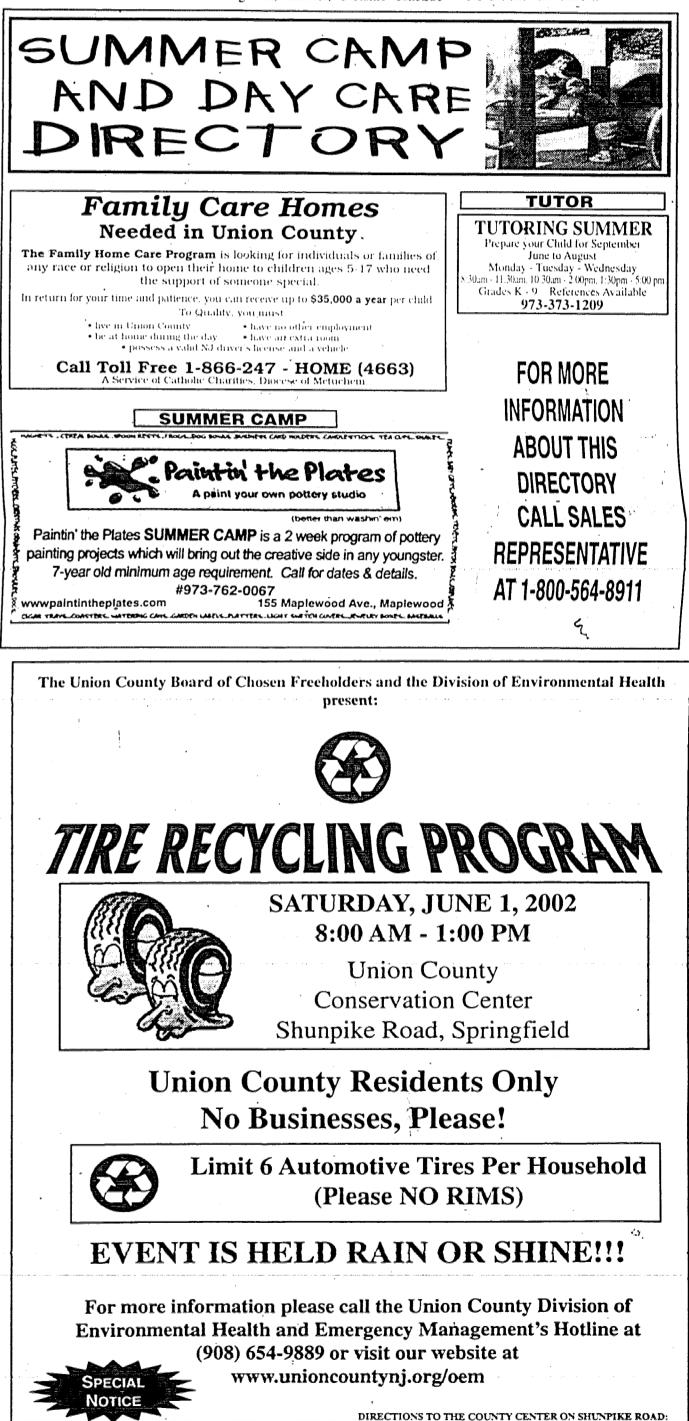
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band Carnaby Street and a variety of ethnic foods. Across from Union County College at 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford, Nomahegan Park is a lovely setting for the free event. Go approximately two miles to a left onto Springfield Ave. Parking is free across the street at the col-German chocolate molds, some of which John's great- lege. The hours of the free event are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain grandfather brought with him when he immigrated from or shine. For information, call 908-874-5247 or visit

Volunteers are sought for Liberty Hall Museum

a unique travel through time. aspects of the museum including tour guides, crafters, costume construc-

complete with a 50-room historic. tion, publicity, Afternoon Tea kitcher house built in 1772 and lived in by the helper and more. People experienced same family until 1995, offers visitors in working with youngsters are especially needed on weekdays to serve as Help is needed in many different tour guides for our school programs. Call the museum at 908-527-0400 for further information.



Directions From Route 22 East: Traveling East on Route 22, make a left ont Mountain Avenue just after the Western Termite Control business (follow signthat reads "Springfield/Sheffield Street". Go 1.6 miles and turn left onto hunpike Road. Cross over Route 78 (approximately 1 mile) and make the first left into the Conservation Center

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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertain ment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 711 3109, Union, 07083.



SHOWS OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPEC-

TIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Access Unlimited, features the work of 10 adults with developmental disabilities. The exhibit will tour the county. For information, call 908-354-3040, Ext. 304.

ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallery, 549 South Ave., Westfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS will display their work in the first Union County Photo Show, on exhibit through Friday in the Freeholders Gallery at the Union County Administration Building.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza, Rahway Avenue, Elizabeth, For information, call 909-558-2550; NJ Relay usors dial 711.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of the Art Center Watercolor Affiliates throughout the month of May CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For infor-

mation, call 888-244-5373. SUMMIT FRAME & ART will exhibit pastels by Alden Baker throughout the

month of May Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and

Thursdays until 7 p.m. Summit Frame & Art is located at 465 Springfield Ave... Summit. For information, call 508-273-8665

SURREALIST THOM LYNCH will have his works on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit through June.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located at 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054

BRIDGEWAYS TRUE COLORS OF AMERICA will be on exhibit in the James Howe Fine Arts Gallery at Kean University in Union through Tuesday. Gallery hours are noon to 2.30 p.m. through Eriday, and by appointment

Ave., Union. For information, call call 908-273-8787. 908-355-7200, Ext 133 POETRY IN ART, etchings by Egidijus

Rudinskas, will be on exhibit at the Skulski Art Gallery at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark through June 7. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 im to 2 pm. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, For information, all 732-382-7197.

RECENT WORKS by Cathy Schaefer will be on exhibit in the Members' Gal-

lery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through June 7 Gallery hours are are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 2 to 4, p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit, For information, call 908-273-9121.

THE FABRIC FIENDS, quilters from the Springfield area, will have their works on exhibit through June 13 in the Donald B. Palmer Museum at Springfield Public Library.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdsays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

UNION COUNTY EMPLOYEES and their families will have their artwork on display in the first exhibit and contest for county employees. The exhibit at NUI Elizabethtown Gas Co. runs through June 14.

Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. NUI Elizabethtown Gas Co. is located in Liberty Hall Center, 1085 Morris Ave., Union, For information, call Barnes & Noble in Clark, Barnes &

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Union High School Class of 1992,

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classmates in preparation for its 52nd

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25th reunion. Nov. 30.

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1992 10th reunion, May 4.

and '73, Aug. 16.

UNITY 4, the annual exhibit of the

works by Rahway High School advanced art students and art majors, will be on display at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through June 14. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.; and

Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511 or visit www.rahwayartsguild.org. BACK TO THE FUTURE, a 30-year

retrospective of the serigraphy of Elissa F. Merkl, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through June 19.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450. ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINER-AL, the works of Kit Sailer, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery in the 7:30 p.1m. The selection for une 6 is Kenneth McKay Library at Union County College in Cranford through

June 27. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-709-7155.

PRINTED MATTER will be on exhibit in the Members' Gallery at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit June 7 through July 9. A reception will take place June 9 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gallery hours are are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Sylvia Glessman, Jane Lux and Lise Masson throughout the months of June and July.

CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call \$88-244-5373.

SUMMER VISIONS, the work of members of the Drew Art Association, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Aug. 29. An artists' reception will take place June 30 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Reeves-May 28 to 31 and June 3 and 4. Kean Reed Arboretum is located at 165 University is located at 1000 Morris ... Hobart Ave., Summit, For information,

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UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY Book Discussion Group 2002 will conclude in the comind weeks.

June 19: "The Corrections" by Jonathan Franzen Meetings are at 7 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park. For information, call 908-851-5450

SUMMER READING GROUP at Barnes & Noble in Clark will meet through-

out the summer AUTHOR ANGUS KRESS-GILLESPIE will appear at the Town Book Store of Westfield Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his book. "Twin Towers: The Life of New York City's World Trade Center." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit www.townbookstore.com.

AUTHORS BRENT FOSTER AND **DON TAYLOR** will appear at Barnes & Noble of Clark June 6 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of their book, "So Now You Know." Barnes & Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The selection for Wednesday is "Caucasia" by Danzy Senna. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-ING GROUP will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at

reunion. For information, call

954-360-0666 or send e-mail to

1982 is organizing a class reunion.

For information, or to volunteer for

the planning committee, contact Kim

Troutman-Lewter 973-623-3314 and

Rahway High School Class of

reparation for the 25th reunion. ci at 908-276-9072, Bev (Manning)

Members of this class are asked to Ayre at 800-326-5009 or Bill and

are planning a reunion. For informa- Wolfe's Pond. For information, call

tion, call Ken Giordano at Charlie Siedenburg at 201-854-4580

contact Charlene Rankins-Jackson at Eileen Maher at 908-233-4664.

1977 is searching for classmates in

903-490-1543 or Bob Brandner at

• St. Mary High School, Jersey

732-549-6600 or 732-946-7075.

Sandra Holmes at 732-381-2541.

• Elizabeth High School Class of

joanjerr@aol.com.

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tan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITER'S CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets at Barnes & Noble in Clark the second and fourth Monday of each month. Barnes & Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. The selection for June 11 is "Long Day's Journey Into Night" by Eugene O'Neill: Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, Barnes'& Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544. MYSTERY READING GROUP will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark the

second Thursday of each month at "Gone for Good" by Harlan Coben, Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818. JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets at

7:15 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, the third Monday of each month. For information, call 973-376-8544.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group will meet at Barnes & Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month to read a Shakespeare play out loud. The group s led by Kevin Muller. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP will meet at Barnes & Noble in Clark the last Wednesday of each month. Barnes & Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES

SUBURBAN COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER in Murray Hill will offer its "Little Maestros" program of music and movement to children 3 months to 6 years old. Classes include "Baby's Musical World," "Music for Toddlers," "Cycle of Seasons" and "Music Makers." The Suburban Community Music Center is located at 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For information, 'call 908-790-0700

COLLECTIBLES

THE WESTFIELD STAMP CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Municipal Building, East Broad Street. For information, call 908-233-3045 or send e-mail to 8605@comcast.net.

ONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series will conclude its concerts with a Westfield appearance.

June 15: Lui Collins, Westfield The concert will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield,

 E. Broad St., 908-233-4211. The concert begins at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m. A S10 donation is succested. For information, call 908-232-8723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

CELEBRATION SINGERS will appear in concert Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at Hillside Avenue Middle School, Centennial Avenue in Cranford. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior itizens and children younger than 12 years old. For information, call 908-276-6846.

BAYERN VEREIN NEWARK will marks its 72nd anniversary with a musical appearance Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Deutscher Club, Featherbed Lane in Clark. Tickets are \$5 per person. with children younger that 12 years old admitted free. For information, call 908-276-7745 or 908-322-5570. NEW JERSEY SINGER-SONG-WRITERS will appear in concert Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside,

Admission is \$5 and benefits the Trail-

side Museum Association. Trailside is

located at 452 New Providence Road,

• Cranford High School Classes of

1959 and earlier will conduct a reun-

ion June 29 from 3 p.m. to midnight in

are due by June 1. For information,

call Rowland Tudor at 908-272-6687,

Hugh Delano at 908-276-9537, Joan

(Guerriero) Vicci at 908-276-2210,

• Staten Island's Moore Catholic

High School Class of 1982 will con-

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Noble in Clark is located at 1180 Rari- Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

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tainside. For information, call

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE

CENTER in Mountainside will offer

programming and events for children,

adults and families in the coming

Sundays in June: "The Star of Harry

Trailside is located at 452 New Pro-

Potter," 2 and 3:30 p.m., \$3.25 per per-

son, \$2.80 for senior citizens, 6 years

vidence Road, Mountainside. For infor-

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE

CENTER in Mountainside will offer

"Baby Makes Three," a series of

parent-and-children classes for kids

Classes are 11 a.m. to noon. Cost

per family group is \$8 for Union County

residents, \$10 for out-of-county resi-

dents.-Trailside is located at 452 New

Providence Road, Mountainside, For

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union

County College will present Story Time

the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m.

in the Kenneth MacKay Library on the

Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield

Ave., Cranford. For information, call

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22

West, Springfield will sponsor Tales for

Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays

and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and Kids

Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10

For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION RECREATION DEPART-

MENT will sponsor weekly ceramics

classes for children between the ages

of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building,

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place

at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22

West, Springfield. For information, call

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes

place the second Sunday of every

month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rari-

For information, call 732-574-1818.

<u>Radio</u>

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION

will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyte-

rian Church on Old Raritan Road in

Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8

p.m. the first and third Mondays of

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs

Group invites business and profes-

sional singles to dinner at a local

restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8

p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age

groups are available. For information

on dates and locations, call

732-822-9796 or visit

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single

adults older than 45 years old, will

meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30

a.m. for discussion and continental

breakfast at the First Baptist Church,

170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2.

HEATER

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAY-

ERS will present "It Runs in the Family"

Shows are Friday and Saturday at 8

p.m.; Friday is a benefit performance.

Tickets are \$15 Friday, \$12 Saturday.

The WCP theater is located at 1000

North Ave. West, Westfield. For infor-

THE EMMANUEL CANCER FOUND-

ATION will present the Brick Commun-

ty Players in the musical "You're a

Good Man, Charlie Brown* Friday at 8

p.m. at Union County College, 1033

Springfield Ave., Cranford, Tickets are

\$15 and benefit the foundation. For

information, call 908-322-4323, Ext.

mation, call 908- 232-1221.

Ray Cooney through Saturday.

For information, call 908-889-5265

www.dinnermates.com.

908-889-4751.

For information, call 908-241-5758.

tan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to

For information, call 908-964-4828.

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June 11: Time for Turtles

908-789-3670.

old and older

weeks.

Stepping Out

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the year. All concerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the cafe section.

For information, call 973-376-8544. BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical performances throughout the year. All

concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe section. For information, including a concert

schedule, call 732-574-1818.

<u>Crafts</u>

SPRING FINE ART AND CRAFTS will be sponsored by Rose Squared Productions Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, at Nomahegan Park, Springfield Avenue across from Union County College in Cranford, Admission is free. For information, call 908-874-5247 or visit www.rosesquared.com.

THE HARVEST QUILTERS of Central New Jersey meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Cozy Corner Creations Quilt Shop, Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-755-7653.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS continues its 2001-02 season with Friday gatherings at 8 p.m. — beginners are asked to arrive at 7:30 p.m. — at The Connection, Morris Avenue and Maple Street, Summit. The final gathering of the season is June 14, which is the season's closing party. Admission is \$2; special workshops are \$4. For information, call 973-467-8278.

DISCUSSION

MARY VINNEDGE, editor of Design NJ magazine, will lead a free seminar on current decorating trends at Barnes & Noble of Springfield June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble of Springfield is located at 240 Route 22 West. For information, call 973-376-8544.

LANDSCAPE ARTIST FRANK FER-RANTE will conduct a free painting demonstration and lecture at June 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1707 by Friday. JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road. For information, call

732-574-1818. WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes & Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For information, call 973-376-8544

FILM

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its Lunchtime Video Series in the coming months. Videos are Tuesdays at noon. Participants should bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies are provided

June 11: "Patch Adams" June 25: "Notting Hill"

July 9: "The Crossing"

July 23: "Forces of Nature" Aug. 6: "October Sky"

Aug. 20: "Joseph and the Amazing "echnicolor Dreamcoat" Springfield Public Library is located

at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For nformation, call 973-376-4930.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10

The Main Branch of the Elizabeth Public Library is located at 11 S. Broad St. For information, call 908-354-6060.

KIDS

TRAILSIDE PLANETARIUM at the Trailside Nature and Science Center, Mountainside, is open Sundays with programming at 2 and 3:30 p.m., according to monthly themes.

June: Constellations Admission Is \$3.25 for adults and children older than 6 years old, \$2.80 for senior citizens. Trailside is located

advertising@aol.com. · Frank H. Morrell High School Class of 1977 will conduct its 25th reunion Sept. 21 at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth. For information. contact Donna Kimmel-Zolli at P.O. Box 4108, Roselle Park, 07204, or at Donnacita@aol.com.

· Rahway High School Class of 1947 will conduct its 55th reunion Sept. 29 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Gran Centurions, Clark, Por information, or to provide contact particulars on 207 N. Brook Drive, Milliowa,

land remion crease Sept 8 m 13 Ros. (08850, or call him at 732-247-3914. information, call 732-793-31512 or contact Kay Casserino at 2365

· Roselle Park High School Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Sept. 15. For information, call

732-928-5192 or send e-mail to bw-

REUNIONS mill.org, call Karen Silvers Perina at 718-987-6579, or log onto www.classmates.com.

· Linden High School Class of lege in Cranford. Cost is \$70. Checks 1966 will sponsor a reunion picnic Aug. 10. For information, contact Carolyn (Mihalik) Pabon at 908-862-4110 or 4rainbows@msn.com. or Susant (Hughes) Mary (VonGersdorff) Lashley at Davidson at 908-754-6215 or susane-800-464-2610, Carol (Lewis) Velluc- dith134@hotmail.com. · Linden High School will sponsor

a reunion picnic for classes from the

1950s and '60s Aug. 24 from 1 p.m. to

dusk at Memorial Park, South Wood

Avenue, Linden, For information, call

908-862-4272

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE will present "Almost Home" by Karon Semones through Sunday. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth. For information, call 908-355-0077

STONY HILL PLAYERS of Summit will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" Saturday through June 16 at the Community Congregational Church, Hartshorn Drive in Short Hills. Shows are at 8 p.m. Saturday, and June 7, 8, 14 and 15; 3 p.m. Sunday, and June 9 and 16. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children younger than 12 years old. For information, call 908-464-7716.

VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuasday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thurs-

lay nigh The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway, For information, call 732-381-6455

CROSSROADS, 78'North Ave., Garwood presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

Every Sunday: Sunday Football, noon to closing, see all the games with \$2 domestic pints and wing specials. Every Monday: Monday Night Football

Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints aro \$2. Every Wednesday: Domestic draft beer for S2.

Today: Nightmares and Tinseltown Rebellion

Friday: Freelance Bishops and ULU Saturday: Soft Parade in a tribute to The Doors

For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com.

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists.

Eat to the Beat Coffeehouse is located at 1465 Irving St. in Rahway at the corner of East Cherry Street-Eor information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhou'se in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St. in Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

HILLTOP CAFE AND GRILL in Summit presents "From Broadway to the Silver Screen" every Sunday at 6 b.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and eservations are required. The Hilltop Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Spring-

field Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-0220.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights and Sundays feature NFL games and

S2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

TAVERN IN THE PARK In Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park

For information, call 908-241-7400. VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesday nights are "Acoustic Tuesday," with open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone

Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all. Sunday concerts. Sunday; Electric Breakwater

June 9: The Joe Taino Trio June 16: The Pat Clare Trio June 23: The Noel Sagerman Trio June 30: The Tyshawn Sarey N

Quartet For information, call 908-810-1844. THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the comer of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night every Wednesday night.

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

Seneca Road, Scotch Plains, 07076,

or call her at 908-232-3562. · Battin High School, Elizabeth. Class of 1952 will conduct its 50th

reunion Oct. 12 with a luncheon at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. For information, call 732-381-6447. · Linden High School Class of

1952 will conduct its 50th reunion Oct. 18 at The Westwood in Garwood. For information, call Vera Beruck Novak at 908-245-5591 or Wilma Spanjerberg Villani at 908-862-8748

· David Brearley Regional High School, Kenilworth, Class of 1982 ites, contact Edwin C. Boyle at will conduct its 20th reason Nov. 30 at Repetti's in Kenilworth. For information, call Janci Greve at 732-574-1653.-



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Bataille selected as Salesperson of Month

Elizabeth Bataille, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA Westfield Office, has been honored as Salesperson of the Month for March.

A New Jersey native, Bataille is eager to share her personal knowledge of the area with clients. As a resident of Union County, she can giver firsthand information about local school districts, neighborhoods, commuting, shopping, recreation and more. The opportunity to help others find the perfect home is just one of the many reasons Bataille has found her calling as a Realtor. Her caring, respectful service is combined with integrity and professionalism. Bataille can be reached at her direct line at c 908-518-5294 or via e-mail at Elizabeth-Bataille@burgdorff.com.

Bataille is a member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club from 1989 President's Elite through 2001 and has achieved Bronze Level in 1989-96 and Silver in 1997-2001. She has also attained the Burgdorff ERA Awards for Leader's Circle in 1999-2001 and the Distinguished Sales Club in 1999-2001. She also ranks in the top 5 percent of over 650 Burgdorff ERA sales associates in closed units for listings, sales and production for 2001 and has also received recognition for being the top associate for buyer controlled units. Bataille is also a member of the company's elite President's Club for

Judith A. Sagan, vice president and extremely knowledgeable agent in our expectations." office and has taken advantage of ourcutting edge training and focus ses- office is a full-service real estate con-

Elizabeth Bataille

sions to help her clients and expand her own production." Massa and Tener earn

Burgdorff ERA President Judy Reeves announced at the company's annual Awards Luncheon² that Susan Massa and Carol Tener, top producing sales associates from the Westfield office, have earned the Burgdorff President's Elite designation. The honor was based on the associates' sales production of more than \$8 million for the year 2001.

"The President's Elite designation is a tremendous honor in our company,' said Judy Reeves, president of Buredorff ERA. "Through their exceptional dedication to client service, Susan and Carol exemplify the manager of Burgdorff ERA's West-" Burgdorff vision of 'extraordinary field Office, said, "Elizabeth is an professionals exceeding

The Burgdorff ERA Westfield



Carol Tener

ter at 600 North Ave. West. For real estate assistance, or to inquire about a career in real estate, call the office at 908-233-0065

Rodriguez promoted

William McMahon, vice president of Weichert Gold Services Division. has announced that Joe Rodriguez has recently been promoted from Gold Services Coordinator to Gold Services Supervisor.

"In the year-and-a-half Joe has been with us, his dedication and strong work ethic have proven this capability to take on this newlycreated leadership role," said McMahon

As Gold Services Supervisor, Rodriguez will supervise the entire New Jersey region of GSCs. He is responsible for ensuring that all Gold Services customers have the opportunity to utilize the many services that are offered to make their moving process a smoother one

Kenilworth

Christopher and Rag Demyanovich

sold property at 243 Boulevard to

Luz Restrepo for \$275,000 on Jan. 4.

Linden

Manuel and Wendy Vicente sold

property at 407 W. Henry St., to Jose

Ferreira for \$158,000 on Dec. 28.

Lawrence J. and Lauren M.

Kolesa sold property at 740 Willick

Road to Jose and Barbara Hernandez

for \$267,500 on Dec. 28.



Susan Massa

"I am very excited about my new position and look forward to the many challenges it has to offer," Rodriguez said. "The team I am supervising is a very talented group and six languages are spoken between all of them, which helps us support customers of all nationalities. In addition, they are committed to the customers needs and make every effort to assist them."

Fluent in Spanish, Rodriguez is in the process of earning a bachelor's degree from New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

A resident of Springfield, Rodriguez enjoys the outdoors and volunteers with the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

With its unique combination of a Gold Services manager covering every Weichert Realtors' Office and a Gold Services coordinator behind the scenes, Weichert Gold Services offers mortgage, homeowners insurance or closing services combined with Weichert Home Connections' moving

Roselle Park

Anthony Disavino sold property at

TRANSACTIONS



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Maricic named to council Faith Maricic, the top-producing

sales associate with the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office, was recently honored with membership in the Burgdorff 2002 President's Council. Reserved for the top 17 of 650 Burgdorff sales associates, the council is the company highest and most distinguished honor. This is the third time Maricic has been named to the

Maricic was recognized by Judy Reeves, president of Burgdorff ERA, at the company's annual Awards Luncheon

Summit

Marshall K. and Leslie Z. Howard

sold property at 7 Iris Road to Mau-

"Faith's tireless efforts and extraor-

Real estate transactions are Maria L. Galan for \$190,000 on Dec. recorded in the office of the county clerk. Worrall Newspapers publishes an abbreviated version of all transactions recorded in the 12 Union County municipalities the newspapers cover. using the recording date. The information is provided by TRW Property Data, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., information service, and is published approximately six weeks after it is filed in the county clerk's office.

Clark

Hedwig B. Cendrowski sold property at 34 Ascot Way to Vincent R. and Joann L. Concina for \$200,000 on Dec. 24.

Joseph and M. Bulvid Trust sold property at 40 Skylark Place to Liam and Maria O'Connel for \$286,000 on Dec. 27.

Stephen Mogila sold property at 95 Gibson Blvd., to Ralph Markham for \$210,000 on Dec. 28.

Cranford

Rose A. Grossman sold property at 28 Mansion Terrace to Michael J. McGurr for \$\$200,000 on Dec. 28.

Elizabeth

Frances Gervase sold property at 13 Christine St., to Pedro and Carmen Ramirez for \$178,000 on Dec.

Francis E. Feeney sold property at 210 Browning Ave., to Thomas and

Lois Fein sold property at 219 Clark Place to Manuel Ribeiro for \$225,000 on Dec. 18. Luis L.M. and Alicia Pontoriero sold property at 424 Rosehill Place to Manuel A, and Maria L. Oliveira for

\$148,500 on Dec. 20. Ellen C. Brodowski sold property at 823 Madison Ave., to Julio Duval

for \$190,000 on Dec. 20. Patricia F. Humphrey Trust sold property at 34 Melrose Terrace to

Bellido Guillermo for \$160,000 on Dec. 20. Antonio Fernandez sold property at

446 1st Ave., to Milagro Fortanez for \$186,000 on Dec. 21. Roberto Trujillo sold property at

683 Summer St., to Jose Rivera for \$282,000 on Dec. 27.

Hillside

Theresa Notte sold property at 1267 Salem Ave., to Vincent Ugiagbe for \$167,000 on Dec. 21.

Jose M. and Graca Brito sold property at 1365 North Ave., to Nelson and Rita O. Zambrano for \$235,000

on Dec. 27. Gwendolyn Williams sold property at 250 Williamson St., to Joseph and Winnie M. Sweat for \$139,900 on Dec. 28.

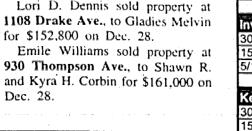
Ochieng for \$85,000 on Dec. 31.

Rahway Jeffrey and Frances L. Connolly sold property at 1209 Elm Terrace to Loria Kenna for \$223,000 on Jan. 3. Francis Skalitza sold property at 200 Jensen Ave., to Francine Cam-

pione for \$170,000 on Jan. 4. Dorothy M. Hersey sold property at 159 Elm Ave., to Kevin Milford for \$175,000 on Jan. 4.

Roselle

Lori D. Dennis sold property at for \$152,800 on Dec. 28. Penn Federal Savings Bank sold 930 Thompson Ave., to Shawn R. property at 8 Main St., to James and Kyra H. Corbin for \$161,000 on Dec. 28.





441 Maplewood Ave., to Pasquale A. Vertorano for \$50,000 on Jan. 2. Dec. 31. Springfield

Jean M. Canning sold property at 15 Profitt Ave., to Gary Ball for \$213,500 on Dec. 28.

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John W. and Carolyn A. Shearburn sold property at 45 Edgewood Road to Gail Ryan for \$945,000 on Jan. 2. Halit and Yonca Ozbelli sold prop-

dinary dedication have earned her the respect and admiration of both her clients and colleagues in the real estate indusry," said Reeves. "Her unwavering commitment to excellence has made her an invaluable asset to our company."

A real estate professional for 15 years, Maricic has been ranked as one of the top sales associates in the state and the number one sales associate in the Westfield Office for seven consecutive years. She has qualified for the New Jersey Million Dollar Sales Club 15 times, and achieved Gold Level Status for the past four years.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Maricic is a graduate of Susquehanna University and studied political science at the University of Vienna.

Maricic can be reached by phone at 908-233-4646, by e-mail at Faith-Maricic@burgdorff.com, or by visiting the Burgdorff ERA Westfield office at 600 North Ave. West. **Round Table Award**

Prudential New Jersey Properties announced that its Summit office has received the company's prestigious Round Table Award, ranking it first among the leading 206 offices in the Prudential Real Estate Network's Northern company's annual sales convention in New Orleans in March. "We're honored to be recognized for these achievements," said Karen

Hedges, manager of the Prudential New Jersey Properties Summit office. "Our sales associates go to great lengths to meet and exceed their goals. This success would not have been possible without the perserverance and hard work of everyone in this office.'

The Round Table Award annually honors the top three offices from each of four regions in the United States, based on office size and and number of agents.

and Karen L. Baldwin for \$370,000 on Jan. 3.

Fannie Maffel sold property at 101 Orchard St., to Pedro and Anna E. reen A. McGovern for \$461,500 on Novo for \$335.000 on Jan. 4.

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Thomas P: Leddy sold property at 629 Duquesne Terrace to Francine Daigneault for \$\$277,000 on Dec. 12.

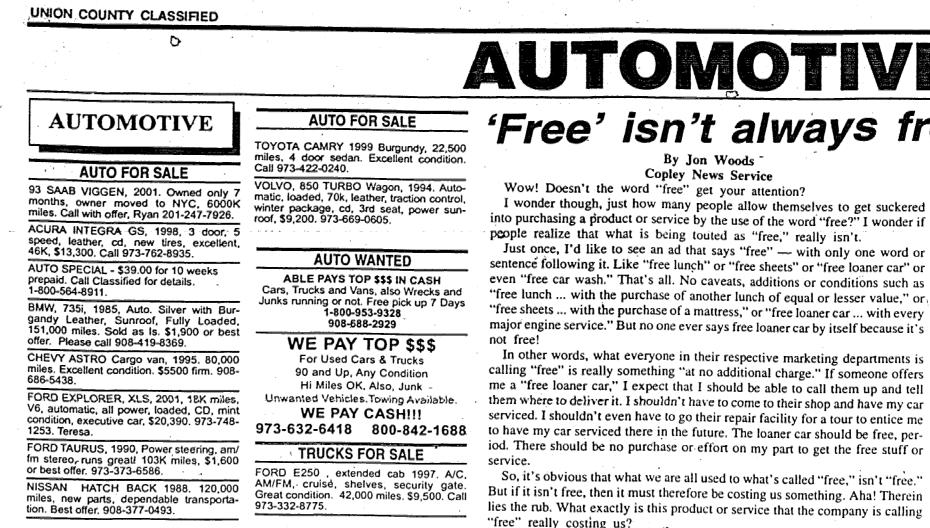


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Mechanics are human, too

By Jon Woods and Gary Nugent

Has an auto repair facility ever accidentally screwed up your car? What did you do? What should you have done? I'd like to present two possible scenarios for your contemplation.

In the first scenario, you drive out of the auto shop that just did an oil change to your car and, within five minutes, the car is bucking and the warning lights are flashing. You pull over and notice tons of oil pouring out of your engine. You call the shop that

just serviced your car and get it towed back in. The second scenario is about the same, except you leave the car at the shop for a routine oil change and when you go to pick it up, you are informed that a "mistake" was made while performing the oil change and a further repair will be necessary before vour car is driveable again.

Unfortunately, the repair can't be performed until tomorrow and you will have to leave the car until then. In each case, the repair facility apologizes, admits its responsibility and, of course; is willing to perform any

repairs to correct its mistake at no cost to you - steam clean the engine, even replace the engine if there was damage due to lack of oil. Is that enough? My philosophy has always been that everyone is a human being and, as

humans, we are not perfect. Therefore, we will make mistakes. The difference between a good human and a not-so-good human is the good human admits his/her mistakes and tries to make amends, and the bad human says, "So what?"

OK, I think we now all agree that auto mechanics are human and, from time to time, even the best of us will make a mistake. But I wish to put to you that it's also very important how vou, the customer, handle your mechanic's mistakes as well.

For instance, let's say that this particular mechanic has been servicing your cars for more than 10 years. I you fly off the handle and start making unreasonable demands, chances are that your mechanic will give you what you demand - remember, he values his reputation - and, the next day, you'll be looking for a new mechanic.

Are By Jon Woods Copley News Service My wife recently bought a toaster oven over the Internet. When it

arrived a week later, it didn't take long to notice that the thermometer didn't work correctly. Everything we cooked in it burned to a crisp. When my wife had to pay to send it back, I couldn't believe it.

"Make them pay the shipping. It didn't even work right the first time!" was my cry.

My wife pointed out to me that when she bought it, she was very aware of the Web site's policy about shipping. That was the deal, she agreed to it when she bought it, and even though she wasn't happy paying for the shipping, she wasn't going to balk. We've bought lots of stuff over the Internet, saving a lot of money. This was the first time we've had a mishan

The point here is that when you buy a product or service, whether it's over the Internet or not, you should know up front what the seller warrants -

another word for "promise" \leftarrow and the seller should honor their promises - nothing more and nothing less. Let's take for instance warrants regarding car repairs. A car repair warrantee should be in writing and should be presented to you before you commit to having your car repaired by that facility

Take the "free loaner car" for instance. Is the cost of the tune-up that we're

getting on our car while we're driving around in our "free loaner car" actually a

There are several important questions you should ask yourself. How long is the warrantee on the parts and the labor? What will the shop do if a covered repair fails during the warrantee? For instance, will they pay to have another shop do the warrantee repairs or do you have to take it back to them? Will they pay for a rental car while your car is being repaired? Are there types of repairs that are not covered under their warrantee? Do they agree to pay for towing, if necessary, back to the repair facility? What things, as the driver of the vehicle. might you do that would void the warrantee?

You should know the answers to these questions and perhaps more



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fre	ee in the auto trade
uckered onder if	\$100 more than the price of a tune-up at another shop that doesn't offer "free" loaner cars? If that were the case, our "free" loaner car is really costing us \$100. That doesn't sound "free" to me. Many types of business abuse the word free, but the automotive establishment has perfected it to a science. Examples are, "free car wash with every service" — but you have to pay for the service — and "free shuttle home while
word or car" or such as lue," or h every ause it's	your car is being serviced" — but somehow the cost of paying for the shuttle bus, the driver, the gas, the insurance, is being added to your bill. Also, keep in mind that if you don't take advantage of the "free" stuff from a business that offers it to their customers, your bill is still helping to pay for the free stuff that the other customers are getting. In other words, everyone's bill has to be padded to pay for the cost of the free stuff that only a few customers take advantage of. Should you avoid patronizing shops that offer "free" stuff that's really only

you avoid patronizing shops that offer "free" stuff that's really only stuff "at no additional charge?" Of course not, but be aware that the stuff is really not free. You may want to do some research to find out just how much the "free" stuff is really costing you. If you do decide to shop at one of these businesses, be sure to avail yourself of all the "free" stuff that you can - that way, you might just get your money's worth. Even if you live just a half block away from the repair facility, make them shuttle you home - you're paying for

In my shop, I offer a "free business card" to anyone that asks for one - but you have to come in and get it yourself. I'm not going to spend 35 cents to mail it to you. Perhaps I'm at the other end of the extreme.

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you and your mechanic from the same planet? before you agree to have your car fully pay your mechanic full price to serviced. When you agree to have replace your water pump again or are

thing goes wrong, and you, too, should honor the warrantee if some- you from? thing goes wrong.

Imagine you had your car's water pump replaced by your mechanic about a year ago and now it's leaking. Your warrantee paperwork says that "any defects or failures will be repaired free of charge for one year" and in two days the year will be up. You quickly take your car to the shop in order to beat the deadline only to learn that your mechanic doesn't want to honor the warrantee. He maintains that it is so close to a year that he should be entitled to at least a partial payment from you to replace the water pump. You wonder what planet he is from.

Now imagine the same scenario reversed. It's two days after the warrantee expires that your water pump starts to leak. Are you going to cheer-

your car repaired after reading the you going to try to bully or shame him warrantee, then you should expect the into some kind of concession. After shop to honor the warrantee if some- all, it's just two days past the warrantee. In other words, what planet are

> However, if you've taken my past advice and found one mechanic that you trust and have developed a relationship by being a loyal customer for a reasonably long period of time, I think you'll find that he will automati- cally extend the deadline two days for a good customer.

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