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Stanley's says goodbye

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

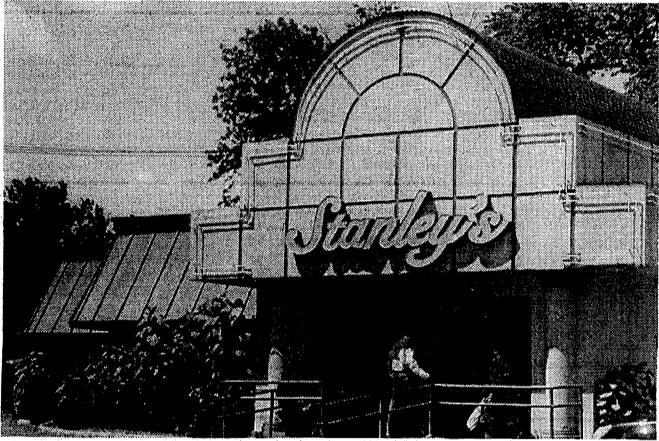
Stanley's Restaurant, a longstanding staple within Springfield, closed on Sunday, Soon it will be torn down to make room for a Commerce Bank and CVS drug store.

"I remember it was the best place in the world," said Committeeman Sy Mullman, remembering back over 30 years ago, when Stanley's used to have waitresses on rollerskates bringing out orders.

In April, the Springfield Planning Board unanimously approved the Commerce Bank and CVS drug store applications. The building will be erected on the corner of Morris and Springfield avenues, where Stanley's currently resides. The management at the restaurant declined to be interviewed for this story.

Many residents have asked why Springfield needs a second Commerce Bank on Morris Avenue, when the township already has one approximately a mile away to the west.

"In a particular area we could have two stores very close together, one going into town, one going out of town," said Vice President of Corporate Communication for Commerce Bank David Flaherty. "It's all part of our brand awareness and our retail strategy. We've found the same works for-Commerce Bank. We can have branches going into a town, out of a town, that are fairly close together, and they will both do equally well."



A staple of Springfield for decades, Stanley's Restaurant on Morris and Springfield Avenues closed its doors forever on Sunday, making room for a EVS Pharmacy and Commergé Bank.

Commercé Bank encourages customer traffic, Flaherty said. "In order to make sure that people don't have to wait too long, in order to make sure it's convenient for them, in many cases we'll have three or four branches close together to each other. That's fine because then we're sure that we can always provide people with the kind of service they've come to expect from us," he said.

From its inception in 1973, Commerce Bank has expanded from its orginal base in Marlton to nearly 200

offices throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, metro-New York, and

"We expect that the new branch will be open sometime in the late fall, early December," said Flaherty.

businesses, presented by representa-

Board on Dec. 5. However, the board asked for several changes to that site plan. Site Development Inc-presented their changes to the board on Feb. 21.

For many, Stanley's was a landmark in Springfield, a place residents went to eat and to be seen.

"It used to be the greatest," Mullman said. "We used to go there every Friday night. You used to go the movies on Friday and Saturday night and then you'd take your date and you'd all meet up at Stanley's. They in the world."

Committee nov. final hiring approval

By Brian Pedersen Managing Editor

Clarifying the hiring authority for municipal employees, the Springfield Township Committee agreed to designate itself as the entity that gives final approval in the hiring process.

The committee gave approval of the final hearing, which passed by a vote of

"Basically what we are doing here is attempting to go back to a procedure we used for many, many years, and a procedure which is used by the state of New Jersey pertaining to boards of education," said Committeeman Gregory Clarke. "We feel that it would be helpful for reasons of record and a number of other reasons."

Administrative fees set

In other news, the Township Committee agreed to adjust the administrative fees for acquiring certain public records. The adjustments will be made depending upon the nature of the material being requested.

"With the recent implementation of the Open Public Records Act, the legislation allows for a change in fees or an additional fee should a record be necessary to be generated that is unusual in its size, scope or in the media that it is found on," said Township Administrator Richard Sheola.

He explained that the ordinance allows for specific fees that involve the cost of acquiring and producing the requested record.

"That Open Public Records Act is a way by which the public can receive information in what is hoped to be a more easy fashion." said Committeewoman Clara Harelik. "But since it's going to be more expensive for the township, we therefore have certain fees attached to it."

The law, which took effect July 8, was created in an effort to expand the public's right to have access to government records, but has been tested recently by the many restrictions put forth by Gov. James McGreevey.

Rail concerns

Drawing attention to what he calls a potential problem for the township. Committeeman Clarke spoke of the recent plans of having a reactivated railroad in Springfield.

On June 23, 2000, Clarke said the Department of Transportation, which originally bought 6.7 miles of the trunk railroad line of Rahway Valley Railroad in 1996, had leased that railroad to Union County for the purposes of reactivating

"This is something that has come up before in Springfield, and at that time they handled it in a different way." said Clarke. "There were public meetings, all kinds of plans were laid out for the public to view. In this case, no such

When school starts, a shiny floor awaits

By Joshua Zaitz Stall Writer

When Springfield athletes enter Jonathan Dayton High School for the start of the 2002-03 school year, there will be plenty of new things for them to take pride in, as the school is set to refurbish many of its athletic facilities.

"It's something to show the kids and the town that we're going to do things for you, we're going to make things better for you," said Dayton Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Dan Gallagher. "That's my promise to you; that we're going to make things better for you."

Gallagher said one of his goals was to give the students better facilities to play at and scoreboards that work.

"Nothing had changed, everything was the same for the seniors for all four years," Gallagher said. "There was nothing upgraded. There was nothing done to spark any pride in themselves or in the school or in the

Gallagher's first year at Dayton began last September. "Coming through the door, just looking around, the two main gym scoreboards had to be 30 years old or so," he said. "We were spending quite a bit of money just repairing them. Then, finally, during the middle of the basketball season they quit; they just stopped working all together.'

The main gym floor has not been. refurbished since the mid-1980s. "You're not talking about things

that are just a few years old," said Gallagher. "You're talking about things that are quite a bit old that nobody's really taken the time to figure out what really needs to be done and how to do it."

ball cages.

included in this year's budget. "A lot of people were asking, 'Why don't we do capital improvement or referendum?' " said Gallagher. "The things we did, we can do inside our budget. Just plan well and hopefully everybody has the understanding that things can't be done right away but that you can do things over time. You just address them and put them in a priority order and eventually you'll get there."

The new baseball scoreboard was

During the past year, Dayton began refurbishing some of the athletic facilities, including turning the auxiliary boys' and girls' locker rooms into a training room and team room. New projects for this year include removing the ceiling tiles in the main gym, replacing the main gym floor, upgrading the public address system in the main gym, putting a new scoreboard at the baseball field, putting in new sections of bleachers at the softball field, painting the ceiling and rafters of the main gym, putting in a new scoreboard at the soccer field as well as the two new scoreboards in the main gym, and purchasing new base-

The funding for these improvements were all written into and

northern Delaware.

Depending of the situation, Commerce Bank can build a branch in a matter of a few months, because the majority of the branches all look very similar.

The application for the two new

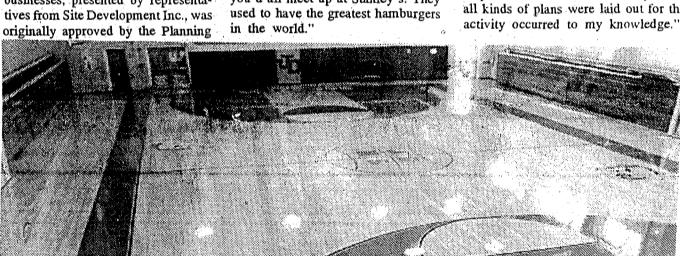


Photo By Jeff Granit The sparkling new gymnasium floor at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield was the result of an effort to upgrade the school's athletic facilities.

acquired through a grant from Union County and the township.

"That's community cooperation," said Gallagher. "Everybody is working together for a common goal and that's how you can get things done."

The main gym scoreboards will be up and running by the beginning of the basketball season, which starts in December.

"I'm very pleased to see that Mr. Gallagher has a multi-year plan in development," said Superintendent of Schools Walter Mahler. "We're actually ahead of schedule. He put

together a four-year plan to improve our facilities, to build school spirit and show people that we do indeed value co-curricular aspects of a student's education."

"We took our time and figured out exactly what we needed to do, what areas needed to be addressed right away, our costs, and we've been very responsible with the money," said Gallagher. "We're not being extravagent with it. We want quality work, something that's good for our kids and good for our town."

Gallagher said students should not

be the only ones who feel pride; the whole town should as well.

"We're getting things done," he said. "It's not going to happen overnight but we're getting things done."

"This is your money at work," said Gallagher. "This is what we've done. We're working real hard."

"We're looking forward to another great year," the athletic director said. "We had a banner year last year. We had a lot of teams make the state playoffs. We had a lot of teams do well and we expect the same thing this year."



Florence Shukis

someone who was always in charge of surprising everyone else.

borough considers corner lots to have two front yards and according to a borough ordinance a fence cannot be erected in a front yard. The residents of the house were

Fence

denied

proposal

By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer

voiced their concerns during a Plan-

ning Board meeting last week, speak-

ing out against a proposed six-foot

fence application at a residence on the

corner of Cherry Hill and Upland

roads. Ultimately, the application was

The application proposed to erect a

six-foot fence around the residential

property on Cherry Hill Road. The

house is situated on a corner lot. The

Several Mountainside residents

seeking a variance to the ordinance, stating that they needed the fence for the safety of their children and dog, as well as to provide privacy for themselves.

"If they're worried about the dog they can get one of those electronic fences like one of my other neighbors has," said resident Mel Krueger. "They have no fence. They have two very expensive, beautiful animals. They go up to the fence and they stop. It works 100 percent."

Krueger said he raised two children in his house without a fence and did not see why not having a fence wouldbe a lack-of-safety issue.

Several of the residents opposing the application said that because of the hill the house resides on, a six-foot fence, when viewed from street level, would come almost parallel to the roof of the house, creating the appearance of a wall.

"I feel that the six-foot fence now being proposed by the new owners on the corner of Cherry Hill and Upland Road would not fit in with the natural beauty of the neighborhood," said resident John Riley. "The height of the fence is excessive."

The residents presenting the application said they would compromise. Instead of asking for a six-foot fence all around, they proposed a five-foot fence at the sides, dropping down to a four-foot fence in the middle.

"It seems to me, by what I've heard so far, that a four-foot fence may not get you the privacy you want; you could always get privacy by putting some shrubbery down as time goes on, but I think it would probably negate the problem," said Board member Robert Weakley.

Adminstrator to join husband in retirement and figures and an answer, she was ment, and have more time to enjoy

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

She made the announcement at the " last Mountainside Board of Education meeting: Florence Shukis will be retiring as of Sept. 1 as business administrator/board secretary. The gentle, soft-spoken but efficient lady will be sorely missed.

"She is very dedicated, follows through with everything that she is in charge of and has a very nice way of heing persistent," Chief School, Administrator, Gerard Schaller said, "Sne, will herhard to replace." Schaller said the achool dustrict has just recenadvertising for her position selected it would be a hard

de at the Board of

there for all the members, and Schaller relied on her for all statistics, as did board President Richard Kress.

"She is indeed a very special lady: she is very loyal; a rare person," Kress said. "On the one hand, you hate to see somebody you like so much leave, but on the other hand, you wish her well and hope she will enjoy retire-

ment with her husband." Kress told a personal anecdote about Shukis. "You know she loves fly fishing, as does her husband, but she hasn't been anywhere near a trout stream with him for the past two years, because of this job...that shows you how she is."

When Shukis made the announcenent on July 25 at the last meeting. she said she had promised her husband to finally join him in his retiretheir grandchildren together as well. She also said she would be at the job throughout the summer, and help with all the work involved with the Deerfield and Beechwood schools' renovations.

Shukis and her husband, Joseph, live in Clark and have two sons: Christopher and Gregory, and five grandchildren, ranging in ages from 5 months to 8 years. She worked for the Clark schools for many years before coming to Mountainside only two vears ago.

Joseph recognizes what a special woman she is, as he said, "After our children graduated from college, then she started from scratch and went through college at night; then got her master's degree in business administration at Kean University.

"What really got me, she did her master's program in two years at night also, which was amazing, and it also made me a good cook."

"It has been a real privilege working for Dr. Schaller, the Board of Education, and especially the children," Shukis said.

"Mountainside is a unique and wonderful community, but I will be beginning a new adventure with my husband. He has been very patient and has waited for five years for me to retire. Our time together is here."

There will be a farewell celebration, but no one would say when or where — it will be a big surprise, for Route 78

brings FD

At 5:43 p.m., the Springfield Fire

Department responded to Route 78

East near exit 52 for a multi-vehicle

• On Aug. 4, firefighters went to

the Edward V. Walton School for an

At 10:29 a.m. Aug. 5, they

responded to a Field Stone Drive resi-

• On Aug. 6, firefighters answered

a medical service call at a Brook

Street residence at 3:56 p.m. Later

that day, at 5:29 p.m., they went to a

Baltusrol Way residence for a medical

FIRE BLOTTER

• At 1:14 p.m. Aug. 7, firefighters

• The department answered a call at

responded to an Independence Way

residence for a medical service call.

Farm Road and Route 22 East for a

motor vehicle accident with a spill at

• Firefighters went to a Mountain

Avenue residence for a medical ser-

• On Aug. 8 at 9:58 a.m., firefigh-

ters went to a Lyons Place residence

• At 10:19 a.m. Aug. 8, they

responded to a Springfield Avenue

apartment complex for a medical ser-

22 East business for a medical service

• At 3:33 p.m., firefighters went to

a Fadem Road business for a medical

• Also on Aug. 8, they went to a

Troy Drive apartment complex for a

medical service call. Later that day, at

5:49 p.m., they went to Dundar and

Farm Road for a medical service call.

Remer Avenue residence for a medi-

service call Aug. 8.

vice call at 2:53 p.m. Aug. 7.

dence for an activated fire alarm.

activated fire alarm at 2:03 a.m.

accident Aug. 7.

service call.

2:36 p.m. Aug. 7.

for a lock-out.

accident

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• The Mountainside Board of Education meets at 8 p.m. in the School Media Center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will con-

tinue its summer international film festival with "Bread and Tulips" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free for all times. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. For more information, call 973-376-4930 or e-mail

questionsi@springfieldpubliclibrary.com.

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club will conduct a book club discussion for "The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer — My Life at Rose Red," moderated by Kim Choma at 8 p.m.

For information, call 908-232-7087.

• The Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, concludes its summer reading program, "2002 — In the Ocean Blue," with a summer celebration party at 2 p.m., featuring The Spinners, who will be presenting sand art and spin art activities that are open to all. Reading awards and special prizes will be given to all Summer Reading Club participants.

Saturday • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Lunchtime Video Series with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and

cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930. • The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m. • The Mountainside Borough Council will meet in the Council Cham-

bers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • The Sunday Planetarium Show at Trailside Nature & Science Center. 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, present "Summer Skies" at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.25 per person; \$2.80 for senior citizens.

For ages 6 and older. For information, call 908-789-3670.

Tuesday • The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

• "Cats, Dogs and Magic" is a new fun-filled magic show from Bob

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Conrad. Meet Bob's puppet puppy, Spotty, and his ventriloquist pupper friend Louie De Dog. The show starts at 1:30 p.m. at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Admission is \$4 per person.

For information, call 908-789-3670. Upcoming

Aug. 22 • The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its summer international film festival with "Butterfly" at noon and 7 p.m. Admission is free for all times. Space is limited to 60 people at each

For more information, call 973-376-4930 or e-mail questionsi@springfieldpubliclibrary.com. Aug. 23

• "End of an Era — Asbury Park Boardwalk" is a photo collection by Barbara Wirkus that will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, call 973-376-4930, Ext. 234.

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For information, call 908-789-3670 • The Gadabout Senior Group of Mountainside will host a cruise to Fire Island, National Seashore, N.Y. The bus departs from Echo Lake

Plaza in Springfield at 9 a.m. Highlights of the trip include a cruise buffet lunch aboard the Paddlewheeler which docks at the Fire Island Lighthouse.

There will also be a guided tour, plus time for walking on the beach, boardwalk, shopping, etc. The fee is \$79 per person. For information, call Loretta at 908-232-3025.

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• An exhibit of photographs titled "In Praise of Hawaiian Landscapes" and an exhibit of sculpture titled "Gods and Magical Creatures" will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Aug. 22.

Police arrest Newark resident on Rt. 22

On Aug. 8, Harjit Barwa, 51, of Newark, was arrested at 1385 Route 22 East for contempt of a judicial order — an outstanding warrant out of

• On Friday, Carlos Monroy, 32, of Plainfield, was arrested on Route 22

er, Emily Catherine, on June 29. She

weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and mea-

sured 20 inches. Emily joins her

-year-old twin brothers, Noah and

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Kenilworth. Paternal grandparents are

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• Also on Friday, at 12:37 p.m., firefighters responded to a Stone Hill Road apartment complex for a medical service call. Later that day, at 1:04 p.m., they responded to a Lawrence Road business for a medical service

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 On Sunday, Luis Chavez, 23, of Plainfield, was arrested on 1021 • On Saturday, Shawn Cunning- Route 22 East as an unlicensed driver. ham, 31, of Virginia, was arrested on also for being without registration and Route 22 East for driving with a sus- fictitious plates.

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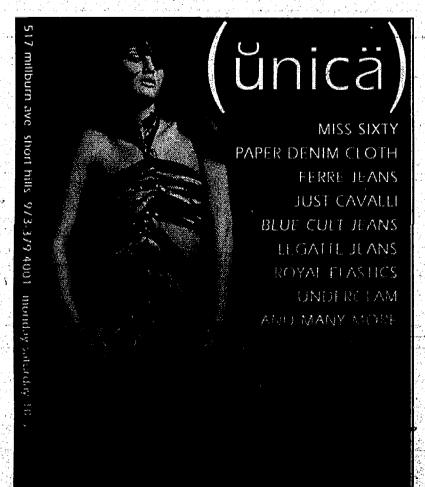
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"I'd rather give food away than

money," said Federico. "If you give

them money, they'll drink it. I like

GQ Haircutters has a Lily's Pantry

sign on their window. Sometimes the

customers ask Federico what Lilv's

"Sometimes if we're on a conversa-

always explain that there's something

worry about donating to the politi-

where it doesn't get there anyway

This food gets there and that's my

donate more than just food.

Hecht said that he's had people

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By Joshua Zaitz

Before the 30,000 pounds of donated food, before all of the monetary contributions, before he founded Lily's Pantry to help feed the working poor and senior citizens, giving them to do," DiMurro said. "Help feed the enough to eat for two weeks at a time. hungry.'

before all that, Anthony DiMurro was diagnosed with lung cancer. "My tumor was 171/2 centimeters, whose office is on Mountain Avenue, which is approximately the size of a next to the Post Office, and Richard bowling ball," said DiMurro, a Federico, owner of GQ Haircutters Springfield resident for the past five also on Mountain Avenue, collect

By August of 1994, he was told that at most he had two years to live. "I went to church everyday and people food, they'll eat it. If you give

prayed every night, asking what could I do with the short time I have left?" said DiMurro. "A friend of mine said, 'Why don't you come down to the soup kitchen and help us out?""

On the days DiMurro felt healthy, he and his wife, Patricia, would go tion and we get involved in political down to the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen at St. Paul of the Cross in Jersey talk or something's going on, and we're complaining about something, I City, and help out as servers, cooks and volunteer recruiters. you can do, that you don't have to

DiMurro entered Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center in New York for treatment. He underwent an expercians," said Federico. "Donate to the imental chemotherapy protocol. The people directly, instead of indirectly chemo was so intense that his body couldn't take it, and after six weeks, the tumor had shrunk and was removed. DiMurro fully recovered. "Even after the operation, when I

was out of the hospital, I walked over "We've had patients donate bags of there, rain or shine," said DiMurro. "It clothing," said Hecht. "I've donated a was just something I had to do." printer, an old printer. He was able to The soup kitchen closed in 1997. get the stuff to places that needed it. I Three months later, DiMurro had thought the printer was garbage but he said, 'No. No. They were able to use it Lily's Pantry up and running.

"I wanted to know why God kept for parts, for other printers." Hecht said DiMurro is incredible. me here." DiMurro said, "He took a

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lot of the good people and left me." the way he dedicates his time to this Lily's Pantry collects food for the cause. working poor and senior citizens, pro-

"Once a quarter we do a food drive viding them with breakfast, lunch and here." said Hecht. "Usually we get some monetary donations. I usually "Maybe this is what He wants me match them or surpass it. He's always very appreciative and he's doing good

> Once the food is donated, it is then brought to DiMurro's house. He gets everything together, rents a U-Haul and brings the food over to such organizations as Catholic Community Services, Hogar CREA International Inc. of Jersey City, St. Lucy's Homeless Shelter and Jersey City Outreach Aide, among other organizations.

"I do have some people who send me a check for \$20 or whatever, and then I leave the shopping up to my wife. Her being a nurse, she's a nutritionist, so for the senior citizens, she knows what to buy," said DiMurro.

DiMurro distributes a menu to some of the people who wish to make contributions. The menu includes suggestions for breakfast, lunch and dinner, consisting of instant oatmeal, Parmalat milk, canned fish, canned or packaged soup, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, quick rice, egg noodles, canned vegetables and

"Instead of just donating food, he'll give some sample meals, a breakfast, a lunch, a dinner," said Hecht. "He'll say buy all of these dry goods and this will fulfill a meal for a family. So it gives people something to bring to the supermarket instead of just cleaning out their cabinets and giving us 6-year-old cans, which is sometimes what people do with food drives." DiMurro's organization also has a

One to One program, where the food

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Anthony and Patricia DiMurro of Springfield are happy to help feed the needy with Lily's Pantry, a food donation service which operates out of several local businesses and organizations. goes directly to senior citizens and the buy the essentials. Now they can get

working poor who are in need. "Instead of giving it out to 40 families, I would rather give it out to 20 DiMurro. "These are the people who families and feed them for two, three go out and have jobs, making \$5 an weeks," said DiMurro. "It's a great hour, single mothers with three or savings. These people don't have to four kids."

themselves a steak or a chicken.' "These are the working poor," said

Robert Spillane

Local students score bia

better on their standardized tests qualified to take the SAT's with college bound students.

Three students from Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield scored 550 or better in verbal or math were honored by the John Hopkins University. The three students are Michael Noss, Xin Jiang and Jacob Schwartzman.

Hundreds of New Jersey's top students were honored this spring in special in-state ceremonies to celebrate their academic abilities.

The students participated in a national "talent search" sponsored by the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Founded in 1979. CTY 'identifies America's top students in grades five through eight and provides programs, services and resources to help them make the most of their abilities. CTY's web site is www.jhu.edu/gifted.

These very bright young people were invited to participate in CTY's talent search because they scored at the 97th percentile or higher on school standardized tests. They then took additional above-grade-level exams. which yielded further information about the verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities of these bright

Seventh- and eight-graders who took the college SAT and scored approximately in the top 26 percent compared to all students in the search being recognized at Awards Ceremo-

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Period of prayer at

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Fountain Baptist Church

The Rev. J. Michael Sanders, the

pastor of Fountain Baptist Church,

116 Glenside Ave., has called his con-

gregation to enter into a period of

prayer and fasting for the dual pur-

pose of uniting the fellowship in its

quest to acquire seven acres of land

and for the healing of the community.

The church's attempt to purchase

land from the Union County has set

off a firestorm of protest in the town

and on the Summit Common Council

Both the pastor of the church and the

chairman of the trustee ministry have

been targets of verbal attacks on the

"I firmly believe that God is using

this fellowship to make a difference in

this community, to demonstrate how

to behave when under attack. Foun-

tain is under attack, but we fight that

attack with the weapon of prayer,"

said Chairman Phil Hill. "We will

gather to pray for strength and that

"Fountain has been a part of this

community for 104 years." Hill said.

God's will be done in this situation.'

Internet and in the press.

OBITUARIES agent for the Morris and Union Dis-Patricia Stone

trict of the Council of carpenters. In

the 1950s, he was an apprentice

instructor in carpentry at Irvington

Vocational Technical School. In

1920, at the age of 14, Mr. Bontempo

shot an 82 and placed second in the

Caddie Championship at the Baltusrol

Surviving are three daughters, Mar-

ie Thomson, Phyllis Saracen and

Sherill Boergershausen; a sister, Zella

Cattano; a brother, Armond; 12

grandchildren and 16 great-

Maralynn Ricca, 55, of Mountain-

Born in Newark, Mrs. Maralynn

lived in Westfield for many years

before moving to Mountainside eight

years ago. She was a part-time cook at

Surviving are her husband

Michael; two sons, Danny and Todd;

a sister. Teddy Priebeck, and three

Jane Rose, 85, of Atlanta, Ga., for-

merly of Springfield, died Aug. 4 in

the Hayfen House Hospice, Atlanta.

Born in Huntington, W. Va., Mrs.

before moving to Atlanta many years

Surviving are a daughter, Janet

Geduldig: a son, Norman, and five

Nelson E. Kirchner

Nelson E. Kirchner, 68, of Bing-

St. Helen's Church, Westfield.

Jane Rose

side died Aug. 4 in Overlook Hospi-

Golf Club, Springfield.

Maralynn Ricca

Patricia Stone, 67, of Summit died Aug. 5 in Overlook Hospital. Born in Jersey City, Mrs. Stone lived in New York City before moving to Summit in 1993. She was a senior legal secretary at the firm of Chadbourne and Parke, New York City, where she worked for many

Mrs. Stone retired in 1985. She was a graduate of the Katherine Gibbs Business School, New York City. Mrs. Stone was an officer of the League of Women Voters, New York City, and a member of the Fortnightly Club in Summit.

Surviving are her husband of nine years, Frank B. Stone, a former senior partner at Chadbourne and Park: two brothers, M. Jay and Jerry F. Fath; sisters. Linda Fath Hardy and Colette Faith Mlerba, and stepsons, Andrew G. and William D. Stone.

Evangeline Prendergast

Evangeline M. Prendergast, 85, of Summit died Aug. 9 in Runnells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights. She was a clerk at Ciba-Geigy, Summit, for 19 years before retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Teresa's Chirch and the Senior Citizens, both of

Born in East Orange, she moved to Rose lived in Springfield for 25 years Summit many years ago. Surviving is a daughter, Mary, Chamberlain.

Alice Simpson

Alice Simpson, 87, of Mountainside died July 17 in Overlook Hospital. Summit:

hamton, N.Y., formerly of Spring-Born in Roselle Park, Mrs. Simpson lived in Elizabeth before moving Mr. Kirchner lived in Springfield to Mountainside 50 years ago. She before moving to Binghamton 12 was a 1936 graduate of the American vears ago. He was an Army veteran. University, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Mr. Kirchner worked in the mainte-Simpson also attended Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She was nance department at the American : Civic Association of Binghamton for a member of the Lavalette Yacht the past several years.

Surviving are two sons, Danny and Billy: two daughters. Rose Scogno-Emile Bontempo and Jacquie Mahon; a brother, Harry Emile Bontempo, 96, of Spring-Kirchner Sr.; a sister, Amelia Gran-

Born in Summit. Mr. Bontempo Charles L. Baker

lived in Springfield for most of his life. He was a carpenter foreman for Murray Construction Co., Springfield, where he worked from 1959 through is retirement in 1975. Mr. Bontempo was an 80-year

field died Aug. 3 at home.

member of the Carpenters Local 620...

encourage those people to join us at

the arboretum, where we have enough

1 It takes a lot of people to keep the

arboretum grounds beautiful, Lydon

said. Even if people only have a few

hours to spare, we have something for

On Monday mornings. Lydon leads

the "Monday morning men's group"

in vigorous groundskeeping work

weeds to go around."

them to do."

mostly to men."

Volunteers can help keep arboretum clean Some people cannot simply stroll

work on the arboretum's roses — 164 through a garden; they have to pluck varieties in the formal gardens and weeds surreptitiously. "This is a trait" to be proud of," said Carolyn Lydon, horticulturist at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, "We

non, and four grandchildren.

Charles L. Baker 86, of Springfield

Born in Newark, Mr. Baker lived in

died Aug. 6 in Warren Hospital.

Springfield for most of his life. He

worked for the Springfield Recreation

Perennial border volunteers work on Thursdays. The perennial border is a tiered garden featuring perennial plants that flower year after year. It borders a paved serpentine walkway.

"One benefit of working in the gardens is that volunteers may take home divisions of whatever we're thinning out this week," said Lydon. Otherwise, taking cuttings at the arboretum

"We welcome women in this group as There are even volunteer opportunwell. "Lydon said, "but it appeals ities on weekends. The arboretum's woodlands manager runs a woodlands

Volunteer groups often work two in the meadow and wildflower throughout the year, but summer is an ideal time to get acquainted with volunteer opportunities at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, when the weather is pleasant and the ground is soft.

"A lot of people volunteer in our gardens because they want to learn," said Lydon. They can learn not just about plants, but also about the insects that dwell with them. The arboretum's children education department offers olunteer opportunities for high scholars and adults to work with its monarch butterfly rearing program. Thanks to a grant from the Junior League of Summit, the arboretum has expanded its butterfly rearing facilities and its looking for helpers.

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YMCA welcomed five new members

Department, and before that, as a bre-

wer at P. Ballantine & Son Brewery,

dren and five great-grandchildren.

William M. Bockus

pital, Summit.

William M. Bockus, 33, of Moun-

tainside died Aug. 9 in Overlook Hos-

He was a volunteer at Overlook

Hospital for 10 years. He was a gradu-

ate of Union County Vocational-

Born in Summit, he lived in West-

Surviving are his parents, Sally and

Harry N. Bockus; sisters, Susan

Brown, Carol Anderson and Anne

Bousquet, and brothers, Paul and

James R., Reilly, 92, of Springfield

died Aug. 11 in Haven Hospice at JFK

Mr. Reilly owned and operated the

Irvington Delivery Service, a trucking

company, for more than 40 years

An Air Force veteran of World War

Born in Newark, he lived in Irving-

Surviving are Mary H., his wife of

Bertha S. Weiss, 94, of Springfield

She was a school secretary at Wee-

quahic High School, Newark, for

many years before retiring many

years ago. A life member of Hadassah

of Hillside and Millburn, she was

She was also a member of the Sis-

terhood of Temple Beth Ahm. Spring-

field, and the Sisterhood of Temple

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Weiss lived

Surviving are daughters, Lori Gen-

in Newark and Elizabeth before mov-

zer and Joyce Goldman, a son,

Zachary; a sister, Frayde Cohen;

seven grandchildren and 11 great-

ing to Springfield five years ago.

Shomrel Torah, Hillside.

named Hadassah Woman of the Year

died Aug. 9 in Overlook Hospital.

57 years; a daughter, Kathryn Reilly-

Neumeister, and two grandchildren.

Bertha S. Weiss

II, he was a past commander of

American Legion Post 319, Irvington.

ton before moving to Springfield in

Chris Bousquet and Paul Bockus.

James R. Reilly

Hospital, Edison.

before retiring in 1975.

Technical School in Scotch Plains.

field before moving to Mountainside

Newark, for many years before to its Board of Trustees: John F. Surviving are a son, Thomas I.; a aughter, Mary Patricia Braun: a sisdaughter, Mary Patricia Braun; a siszabeth Fritzen of Springfield and ter, Dorothy Coffey; five grandchil-David Metzler of Berkeley Heights. Lyness, his wife Catherine, and his

two children, Alison and Alec, have been members of the Summit YMCA since 1995. Lyness is retired from a career in investment banking and is currently treasurer of Calvary Episcopal Church. In addition, he is a volunteer with the Summit First Aid Squad and with Our House.

Fritzen, a life-long Springfield resident, represents the Springfield Board Watts, a graduate of Brown University and Columbia Law School, is the of Managers on the Summit Area YMCA's Board of Trustees. She is administrative assistant district attor-

YMCA welcomes new trustees the township clerk for Maplewood ney for the New York County District and has been a member of the Spring Attorney's Office. Along with his field Volunteer First Aid Squad for 28 wife, Celia Colbert, and his sons years. Her two children, Heather and Michael and Nicholas, Frederick and Patrick, participate in the Springfield his family have been members of the Y's After School Program and in Summit Y since 1991. They especialother Y activities. She is married to ly enjoy the family gym and swim Tim Fritzen.

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Metzler is a representative from the Kannwischer is a consultant with Berkeley Heights Board of Managers Viscern to faith-based organizations. to the Summit Area YMCA's Board Her husband, Richard, is a pastor at of Trustees. He is employed by Inde-Central Presbyterian Church in Sumpendence Community Bank as a commit. Both the Kannwischers are gramercial loan officer. Metzler's childduates of the Princeton Theological ren, Morgan, and Ashley, enjoy participating in the Berkeley Heights YMCA's After School Program, and in other Y activities. The entire family has been members of the Y since



The Summit Area YMCA recently welcomed five new members to its Board of Trustees

Kids explore language skills

Exploration 2002," a four-week "mini-camp" for second- through eighth-graders interested in developing English speaking and writing skills, was launched n July at the Summit YMCA.

The pilot program, developed by Eva Thompson. Summit Area YMCA Latino Outreach Director, and Celine Benet, a World Language teacher at Washington and Lincoln-Hubbard schools in Summit, is geared toward students who are still learning English as a sec-

"The program gives kids the opportunity to use and improve their English skills over the summer while leaving fun," Thompson said.

"More than anything else, these children need cultural information," Benet said. "They need to know what it is like to live in the United States and experience its customs." The current curriculum is centered on the seasons, and lessons develop from there. Studies also include wildlife, anatomy and holidays. Each child creates a portfolio of what he or she has learned to take

Participants in Exploration 2002 have recently visited the Revolutionary War headquarters of George Washington in Morristown, toured the backstage of the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, and ground cornmeal at the historic Cooper grist mill in Chester, Activities at the Summit YMCA have included swimming, sports, rock climb-

ing, and other cultural activities. The camp, which runs weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m., compliments the Summit School District's "Flash" program at the Summit Middle School, an enrichment camp that runs until midday. Campers from that program are picked up by Exploration 2002 counselors and walked around the corner to the Summit YMCA on

Full scholarships are provided through the Summit Area YMCA's annual "Strong Kids Campaign" to twothirds of the children attending Explorations 2002. allowing them to attend camp free.

Since this is a program, Thompson is very interested in feedback. At the end of every week, she sends campers home with letters written in English and Spanish for parents. On the final day, Thompson and Benet will have the children and parents conduct written evaluations of the program.

Students are not exclusively Spanish-speaking. Among the attendees to Exploration 2002 are Koreanand Portuguese-speaking campers, and one American born camper who is learning to speak English.

Staunton, Blake to wed Miss Patricia Anne Blake of Whippany and Mr. John

Staunton of Summit are pleased to announce their

Miss Blake, daughter of Mary and Robert Blake, is a graduate of Marylawn of the Oranges in South Orange and Seton Hall University. The bride-to-be is an account manager with Electronic Data Systems in Morris Plains. She is a member of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Church in Cedar Knolls and is a volunteer EMT with the Cedar Knolls Fire Department First Aid Squad.

Mr. Staunton, son of long-time Summit residents Joan C. And J. Donald Staunton, is a graduate of Seton Hall Prep and Villanova University. The groom is a technical manager with AT&T. He is a member of St. Teresa of Avila Church in Summit and an active community volunteer, currently serving as president of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Board of Health.

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In a weeklong Vacation Bible Experience jointly sponsored by St. of 2003. John's Lutheran Church and Calvary Episcopal Church, area adults and teens worked in teams to provide fun, for kids of all ages. Each day, the kids sang catchy songs, played teamworkbuilding games, nibbled tasty treats, dug into Bible adventures with Brave Believers and created clever arts

tive ministry was truly engaging for with how they might be called on to all ages," said Janet Goetke, one of be a brave believer in their own lives. the organizers from St. John's. "The The first day they were introduced energy from the opening sessions to Samuel who listened to God as a with the band uplifted everyone in the voung child and followed him braveprogram. The collegiate band mem- ly. They heard the story of Rahab and bers were excellent role models for how she housed the spies that led to our teens and helped to energize the capture of Jericho for the Israeleveryone involved. Our Thursday ites. Midweek they re-enacted the evening program was packed with story of Shadrach, Meshack and area teens and families who came out Abednege who wouldn't bow to the to hear the band that their friends and

field facility.

ages of 3 and 12 gathered weekday reflected in every aspect of the progmornings last week to celebrate the ramming, from pre-event planning to lives of Brave Believers to the beat of post-event review in preparation for Captive Free, Youth Encounter's six- next year's experience. The organizmember National Band for the North ers are in the process of trying to book Captive Free to lead the large group sessions for area kids in the summer

on our young people was immeasurable." said co-organizer the Rev. memorable Bible-learning activities Laurie Matarazzo of Calvary. "We have committed together to try to host

a band for next summer's event." Participants learned about five situations in the Old Testament where people were called on to be brave pelievers for God. During the course "Captive Free's music and interac- of the week, the children wrestled

golden statue created for King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. Thursday's The sponsoring churches, St. brave believer took them to the Nile

wind right before his astonished stu-

"We were delighted to once again cindylaubenstein@netscape.net, or co-sponsor this learning experience call Betsy LaVela of Calvary at Each day's activities focused on for Summit area children," said the 908-277-1814 or e-mail her at tory in Summit. reinforcing the story through art, mus- Rev. Wayne Dreyman of St. John's. BLaVela@aol.com.

For details on next year's program,

feine, nicotine and alcohol, don't eat or drink

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"As distressing as it may be to us in 2002, the truth is this is not the first time our desire to grow has revealed a substrata of meanness and hatred that lies just below the surface. It is an ugly and unfortunate part of our his-"As much as we would like to believe otherwise," Hill said, "racial

years ago, we must pray for those who hate us. We must also pray for the city officials, that they will have the courage to do what is right. We must stand united against the 'isms' that would destroy our community and our land "Every other house of worship is undergoing expansion." Hill said adding that Fountain is no different "Seven has significance for the people of God. It represents completeness and wholeness. I believe that God i using this situation to show Summit. to show His people, that it is time to change our ways."

Wallace Chapel cruise

Conference Workers at Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 138-142 Broad St., Summit, sponsor a cruise

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including, from left, John F. Lynes, Frederick Watts and Kelly Kannwischer, all of Summit, and Elizabeth Fritzen of Springfield and David Metzler of Berkeley Heights.

"Clinical studies are demonstrating that sporpatients have high blood pressure. Risk for adic, unsatisfying sleep patterns are either at the Walk for Remembrance planned to mark Sept. 11

self refer. The center will be only one of a few

in the area, relieving some of the wait time now

According to Lynn Lang, RN, Summit's

Director of Clinical Operations, the opening of

this center is important for several reasons.

experienced at other sleep laboratories.

After the tragic events of Sept. 11. event and have sent brochures home mit, who have lost a parent as a result the Junior League of Summit formed a task force to find a way to help the families within its service area. "We wanted to do something for children an opportunity to feel like Playground in downtown Summit. items."

that would bring the community

together to pay tribute and remember those that were lost," said Gary Hollowell, task force member. After the many hours of brainstorming and sleepless nights, the Junior League Task Force decided on a Walk for Remembrance. The walk is scheduled for Sept. 15 and is a non ceeds will be given equally to each of competitive two-mile walk in memory of those who were lost in the Sept.

11, 2001 tragedy, as well as to help the 50 children in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence and Summit who lost a parent.

have been extremely supportive of the

on their walk. There is no door-todoor solicitation, only a show of support from family and friends. The prothe 50 children in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence and Sum-

Thus far, the Junior League of Summit has disbursed more than 10,000 brochures and has placed more than 200 posters throughout the area to generate walkers and sponsors for walkers for this event. All the area school principals and superintendents

The children were excited about bursed by Decemeber. walking on Sept. 15. "It gives the they are doing something, it takes Walkers are encouraged to park at the

away the feeling of helplessness and gives them hope," said Hollowell. There is no registration fee and walkers are encouraged to ask their families and friends to support them

When we started the task force we thought there were only 20 children then as we continued our planning we found out it was 50 children. Then we

with all the children in the district. of Sept. 11. The funds will be dis-

Program shows kids principles of safety

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, in conjunction with Central Jersey Technical Rescue Inc., is offering a training program designed to teach children basic principles for staying safe in the outdoors when they become separated from their parents, friends, or caregivers. The program, "LOST! ... But Found, Safe and Sound," is for children 4 to 12

The program will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at the First Aid Squad building on the Summit Avenue Extension, across from the Summit Middle School on Morris

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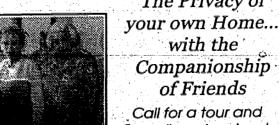
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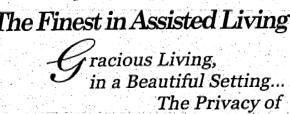
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Area children bounce to the beat of Captive Free, a collegiate Christian Band recently featured in the weeklong Vacation Bible Experience jointly sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church and Calvary Episcopal Church. his sister Miriam approached the ic and games. St. John's parish hall Pharaoh's daughter to offer the ser- was transformed into a stadium. The vices of her mother to care for the kids were given colorful pompoms to cheer each other on. Every available ming, to offer assistance or to pre-And at Friday's brave believer, the space was used in some aspect of the register, call Cindy Laubenstein of St. prophet Elijah, disappeared in a whirl- program.

Medical group opens sleep center facility this month intolerance and bigotry are not dead. But as Jesus taught more than 2.000 patients who want to develop a healthy sleep heart attack and stroke may also increase in Summit Medical Group will be opening its core of or are symptomatic of many healththose with sleep apnea. first Sleep Center in August at its new Westthreatening conditions and life-altering circum-Keep a regular sleep schedule, avoid cafstances. Sleep disturbances ranging from sleep

Broad Street lot in Summit. Parking is

free. Walkers are also asked to pre-

register to walk to avoid any long

lines on the day of the walk. There is

"It has been a roller-coaster pro-

ject," said Amanda Greenblatt.

no registration fee to walk

apnea to restless leg syndrome have been tied to The group has partnered with Sleep Service of America, a nationally-recognized and heart failure and drowsy driving responsible for traffic fatalities to such circumstances as poor franchised sleep disorder laboratory, to create school performance in children and joband manage this state-of-the-art, peaceful and productivity related problems for adults." inviting facility. Patients will be able to be Recent findings indicate these startling referred for testing by their physicians or can

> • The result of a recent National Sleep Foundation poll revealed that 60 percent of American Adults experience sleep problems. • Interrupted breathing during sleep or sleep apnea, contributes to high blood pressure. It has been estimated that 50 percent of sleep apnea

related. These drowsy driving crashes cause an estimated 1.500 deaths and tens of thousands of injuries and lasting disabilities. This problem has been found to affect drivers aged 25 or under more than any other age group. · Sleeplessness has been found to be a signif-

icant predictor of absenteeism on the job. Lost productivity due to sleepiness has been estimated to cost the national economy as much as \$100 billion annually.

Summit Medical Group offers these tips to

raising in order to pay for the bro-

Junior League member, has also

shown her support for the event. "I-

think it's a wonderful goal of helping.

the children in the league service area.

it will be great for those children," she

said. Greenblatt and Hollowell have

appeared on Whitman's program on

• The National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration has estimated more than

100,000 auto crashes annually may be fatigue

following conditions apply, perhaps it is time to speak with your physician about a sleep assess-If it takes you more than 30 minutes to fall asleep at night, if you wake up frequently dur-

too much close to bedtime.

Janet Whitman, former mayor and tunity for our community to show our

ing the night or too early in the morning and have a hard time falling back to sleep, if you awaken feeling groggy and lethargic of if you feel drowsy during the day, particularly during monotonous situations, you may have "sleep debt" which needs to be more closely

on The Spirit of New Jersey. dent John A. Maher has been involved chures and posters, but we were able in the Walk for Rememberance. "I am The walk begins and ends at Mabie to get underwriting for these big ticket very supportive of the Junior League view the skyline. effort. I think it's a wonderful oppor-

Guests will be hosted by a Spirit Cruise crew. God will be the captain — the co-captains will be introduced as the group boards. Lunch will be served on board the boat. Guests are encouraged to come and enjoy a day with friends and family.

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Creation of Nationals gives

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men baseball fielded two teams for boys ages 9 and 10.

The creation of the Nationals, comprised primarily of

youngsters age 9 and a few age 10, gave boys who might

have previously been excluded the opportunity to play

From that viewpoint, the Nationals were a great success.

Kirk, Steven Lewis and Jerry Bongiovanni — a former

ing improvements both on the field and at the plate.

gave everything they had."

"The kids worked their tails off," Lewis said. "They

Players included Jesse Bell, Brandon Helfand, Skyler

Apicella, Nick Bongiovanni, Evan Krupp, Joseph Wight-

competitive summer ball and improve their skills.

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STUDENT UPDATE



Catherine Dymek

Dymek is FMG's Student of the Year

Florence M. Gaudineer School's Student Of The Year recipient for the Cheung, Marc Cichino, Lindsay 2001-02 school year is Catherine Coughlin, Lisa Cycar, Danielle

Catherine distinguished herself pher Dorvil, Keith H. Dworkin. with her commitment and devotion to Lawrence Fish, Amanda K. Garlen, the Gaudineer School community. As Michael Gleicher, Rachel Goldman. an eighth-grader, she was involved in Inez Grazki, Andrea Kumholz, Jill the Peer Leadership Program, Kurzner, Nicole O. Lay, Lisa Lisows-Talented Arts Program and this two ki, Steven Laksenberg, Jeremy Marx. time "Student Of The Quarter" reci- Alyssa Mason, Margaret Mysliwiec. pient has received acclaim from peers Hana S. Mahmias. Deviji-Aron Ramand faculty for her tenacious spirit on deen, Ana Rodriguez, Erica R. Rosenthe Gaudineer Soccer and Basketball baum, Danielle Schwartz, Genny A.

This talented young woman spends Steinman, Jenny Wong and Zhanna her free time running, playing the Wuda. piano and babysitting. In July, Catherine was acknowledged during a dinner at the Springfield Elks Lodge. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks #2004 as part of their Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students, who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizen- Manoah Finston, Adam Gilson, Donship and scholastic ability

Dayton students earn honor roll

Jonathan Dayton High School in Preston, Jennifer Rego, Norberto Riv-Springfield has named its honor roll era, Svetlana Sandler, Casey Santo. for the fourth marking period of the Jordan Seagull, Cassondra Smith. 2001-02 school year.

Brandon Baron, Jaclyn Berkowtiz, A. Young, Mallory Zambolla, Marina Danielle M. Boettcher, Sadeeah Zeltser and Valerie Zlotsky.

Bunch, Genevieve L. Ciullo, Stacey Fonseca, Tiffany Jo Frez, Raul Furnaguera, Anton Galibov, Marisa Gallant, Lauren R. Ginsberg, Jessica A. Girandola, Vered Golin, Daniel B Kaplan, Nelly Kucher, Elina Lazich, Paul Keokumovich, Christina M. Leshko, Annmarie Licatese, Zachary R. Links, Viviana J. Maciel, Steven B Mandel, Michael Mannarino, Kena Mena, Amanda Middleberg, Jessica Perez, Alexander Peyser, Ashley Phanor, Dara Poltrock, Carol Rodriguez, Adam M. Ross, Danielle Ross, Ryan M. Russikoff, Jaime Rutkowski, Taylor Sabinsky, Jaclyn N. Salant, Marie Samson, Adrian Saporta, Danielle M. Scheer, Lindsay Schuckman, Lindsay Seagull, Adam Shai, Adam Sherman, Steven Tettamnti II, Cathryn Title. Allyson Trantenberg, Estebar Umana, Alice Weisman and Jarred Weiss.

Grade 11

Diana Analuisa, Jonathan Au, There-

sa Bace, Ana Batler, Lindsey Beckel-

man, Brett A. Berger, Giuseppe Bian-

co, Allison Canton, Devon Dorn,

Nicole Ehrhardt, Amie Faigenbaum,

na Golin; Sherri L. Grobarz, Timothy

P. Homlish, Christine Hopson, Alli-

son Lau, Danielle Mack, Staci D.

Max, Dina Meller, Jake R. Morano,

Jamie L. Neville, Chandni Patel, Jared

Brian I. Sperber, Andrew E. Title.

Elissa Walters. Chad Wolf, Theodore

Angela Agostinelli, Jenna Alifante,

Beth E. Barnett Ed.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs for the University of Scranton, congratulates Springfield resident Jessica Rachel Stapfer at a ceremony honoring outstanding members of the university's undergraduate class of 2002.

Grade 12 Mohamed Abdelaziz, Esther Lyndsey Brahm, Theodore B. Che-Aizenberg, Gracemarie Alfano, Eulis lis, Cheng Cohen, Tina Ngman Aponte, Lauren Belliveau, Pamela Bookbinder, Nicole Burke, Lindsey Butler, Tahirah Clarke, Shany David Decagna, Anthony Denicolo, Christo-Bryan R. Demberger, Tabatha Fishkin. Chase Freundlich, Alexander K. Garlen, Jessica Goldblat, Erica Greene, Evangeline Guilas, Marsha Handeli, Scott Hollander, Jennifer Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Melissa LoSchiavo, Juliet Marx, Lauren Montouri. Wojciech Mysliwiec, Nirav Patel, Joseph Petraccaro, Katy Reyes, Ilona Ring, Stefano Sarracino, Kevin Schulman, Monica Schwartz, Ziad Schwarzberg, Renu E. Sklar, Sara Shehady, Lauire Sherman, Rena

Levine graduates from William Smith College

Steinbach, Ryan A. Stromeyer,

Megan Anne Tavis, Kimberly Ter-

hune, Colby A. Tiss, Pamela Traum,

Alphonsa Vadakethalakel, Jared

Weisman, Stephanie Weiss and Paul

Rebecca S. Levine-of Springfield.

was one of 256 seniors to graduate at

commencement exercises May 12 at William Smith College in Geneva,

Weisman awarded

•GAS HEAT

At the senior awards ceremony on May 28 for the graduating Class of 2002 from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, a scholarship was awarded to Jared Weisman.

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cial service group. The scholarship award of \$300, an annual award, was distributed based upon Weisman's application and winning essay about why he would want to pursue a career in either chiropractic or some other health-related occupation. A plaque was given to the winner and his name inscribed on another plaque on display in Hecht's office next to the post office. Dayton High School.

Stapfer earns award for her achievements

Jessica Rachel Stapfer of Springfield was among the 69 outstanding members of the University of Scranton's undergraduate Class of 2002 of Michael and Midge Grady of recognized for their achievement dur- Springfield, has been named to the ing the university's commencement spring term dean's list at Duquesne exercises. Students from the universi- University.

Care, also in Springfield. Weingard ty's four academic divisions were was a childhood friend of the doctor honored for outstanding academic and lost his life on Sept. 11, as an achievement in their fields of study. employee of Cantor Fitzgerald finan- Stapfer received the Excellence in Elementary Education Award - ex

> An elementary education major, she was a member of the university Honors Program and Kappa Delta Pi. She also received Presidential Honors and dean's list status. She has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy and is an All-American Scholar. Stapfer is a graduate of Jonathan

Grady gets named to dean's list

Justine Grady, a freshman in the School of Education and the daughter v



The scholarship was named the

Scott J. Weingard Memorial Scholar-

ship and was sponsored by Dr. Gary

Hecht of Hecht Family Chiropractic



Florence M. Gaudineer School's Student Of The Quarter recipients for the fourth scholastic ability.

quarter of the 2001-02 school year are, from left, eighth-grader Nicole Corigliano, fifth-grader Stephanie Lawson, sixth-grader Stephen Wortman, and seventh-grader Jon Beri. The program is sponsored by the Springfield Elks 2004 as part of their Youth Activities Program, which recognizes exceptional students, who are selected by the teaching staff based on their character, leadership, service, citizenship, and

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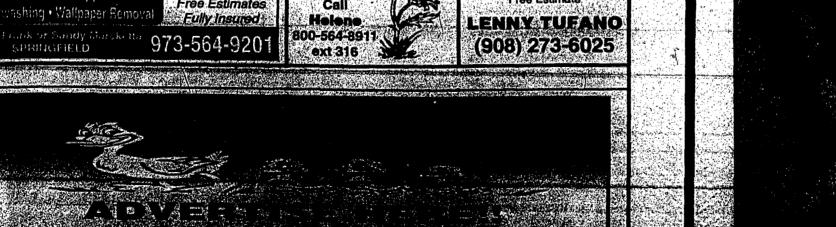
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more youngsters a chance For the first time in its existence, Springfield Minute- other team in the Suburban Youth League and played its home games at Sandmeier and Roessner. By the sixth game, the progress had become obvious as the Nationals hung tough in an 8-7 defeat against a quality Summit team. "All the kids just enjoyed playing," Lewis said. "Winning and losing was not as important." By the end of the season, Springfield managed to pull

out a victory over Cranford in an unofficial contest. Guided by manager Dave Wightman and coaches Dan "All of the kids improved tremendously by the end of varsity player at Seton Hall - all the boys made outstand-The benefits of the program are expected to carry over to

next year, with the hope that more boys will be encouraged to participate in 2003. If that happens, it will only strengthen Springfield's

"For a first-year development program, it worked out man, David Wightman, Jonathan Lewis, Kevin Kirk, well," Lewis said. Jamie Valencia, Nick Pulice, Nick Circelli, Jason Condon The more established Springfield ages 9-10 squad — the

summer baseball program.

Americans — also had an excellent summer, enjoying one The squad played virtually the same schedule as any



The Springfield Minutemen Nationals ages 9-10 baseball team made its debut this year. Kneeling, from left, are Jesse Bell, Brandon Helfand, Skyler Apicella, Nick Bongiovanni, Evan Krupp and Joseph Wightman. Standing, from left, are manager Dave Wightman, coach Steven Lewis, David Wightman, Jonathan Lewis, Kevin Kirk, Jamie Valencia, Nick Pulice, coach Dan Kirk and coach Jerry Bongiovanni. Team members not in picture include Nick Circelli, Jason Condon and Chris Kemph.

Mountainside All-Stars win Suburban L. playoff crown

finishing touches on an outstanding 11-2 first-place summer season July 31 when it captured the Suburban League playoff championship.

Mountainside outscored three opponents by an impressive 40-10 margin. Wins came against Madison 15-3, vs. New Providence 12-6 and against Florham Park 13-1. Here's a look at all three victories:

Mountainside 15, Madison 3: Paul Mirabelli pitched a solid game, allowing only three hits among the 14 batters he faced. Chris Trimmer came pitched well in relief and did not allow a hit while retiring six batters. At the plate, Frank Rubino, Mirabelli, Trimmer, Dylan Turner, Michael Miller and Zack Worswick belted doubles. Bobby Hilongos, Gerard Fenn and Josh Thompson banged out singles.

Mountainside 12, New Providence 6: Gerard Fenn pitched an outstanding game, holding New Providence

side going offensively as he blasted a home run in the first inning. Fenn, Paul Mirabelli, Michael Miller and Josh Thompson smacked doubles: Bobby Hilongos belted a triple to center field and Zack Worswick, Frank Rubino and Dylan Turner also hit safely. Mirabelli and Rubino played well defensively, while Thompson finished the

Mountainside 13, Florham Park 1: Paul Mirabelli successfully fought off bases loaded twice in the contest as he gave a solid effort on the mound. Frank Rubino and Bobby Hilongos blasted home runs, Zack Worswick and Rubino belted triples and Mirabelli, Josh Thompson and Hilongos connected on doubles. Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Michael Miller and Dylan Turner hit singles as Mountainside accounted for 19 hits.

game with two spectacular innings of mound work.

area," Buntin said.

butterfly in the 11-12 age group a year ago.

At the Summerfest Swim Meet, Kevin broke his older brother's record in the 50 freestyle event.

and David Barletta "Priscilla is in the 11-12 age group and excels in the butterfly and the individual medley. She's really outstanding in all her strokes," Buntin said. "David is her younger

"Justin is an outstanding swimmer in the 11-12 age group. He's developing into a good individual medley

enjoy flashing success

Grywalski and Emily Tato.

See names in bright lights on scoreboard

By Jeff Wolfrum

Swimmers ages 6-18 saw their names flash on the electronic scoreboard, with times calculated by a state-of-theart Colorado Scoring System.

The setting was July 21 at the Summit Area YMCA Hurst Pool as the Summit YMCA Seals Swim Team hosted the second annual Summerfest Swim Meet. "Most of the newer pools have the electronic scoreboard built in," Summit Seals head coach Hank Buntin said.

"Ours happens to be quite expensive." Buntin was the recipient of the 2002 YMCA National Coach of the Year award.

"The YMCA instituted the honor for the first time this year and I just happen to be the first to be rewarded," Buntin said. "It's a tremendous honor and I'm very over-

Buntin felt even though he was recognized, he's not going to rest on his laurels.

"I'm going to try to make the team even better," Buntin said. "It's always good to venture upwards and beyond." Buntin also felt that any success he's had has been a direct result of the many talented swimmers he's coached. "The opportunity to work with younger people has been

very satisfying," Buntin said. With 220 swimmers, the Summit Seals are one of the larger-sized teams in New Jersey. The Seals rank in the top

seven among YMCA teams. "The team is mainly made up of children from Summit. New Providence, Berkeley Heights and the surrounding

Some of the Summit Seals standouts include the Wilson brothers of Summit, Brian, 13, is considered one of the best

swimmers in the country for his age group, while younger brother Kevin, 11, is an up-and-coming aquatic performer "Brian is very unique and is definitely a blue chipper."

Buntin said. "He holds many state and YMCA records." Excellent in the butterfly, which Buntin considers his best event, Brian Wilson took first place honors in the 100 "Brian also finished in the top four in four other events,

"Kevin is an all-around good swimmer," Buntin said. Another standout family combination includes Priscilla

brother that participates in the 8-and-under category. He's very good in the breaststroke." Other boys that impressed were Justin Louie, Michael Schofield, Dennis Burke and Billy Eisenreich.

swimmer, but his strengths are the breaststroke and backstroke." Buntin said. "Michael is good in the breaststroke, while Billy excels in the freestyle. Dennis is strong in the butterfly and individual medlev."

Other girls that excelled were Charlotte Dillon. Amanda

"Charlotte is in the 11-12 age group and she really shines in the breaststroke and backstroke, while Emily's in the same age bracket and is strong in the butterfly," Buntin said. "Amanda is one of the best swimmers in the 10-andunder group. She's good in all her strokes,"

In addition to Summit Seals members, the following area swim clubs and community pools sent competitors Summit Community Pool and Beacon Hill Club of Summit, Colony, Fairmount Country Club, Fish and Game, Noe Pond Club of Chatham, Crestview, Clearwater and New Providence Pool, Short Hills Club, Racquets Club and Millburn Community Pool, Livingston Aqua Jets, West Essex Red Devils, Berkeley Heights, Caldwell. Madison, South Orange and Springfield.

The Summerfest Swim Meet was a great success and was fun for everyone, with the best swimmers going home with medals and ribbons.

Summit Seals tryojuts are scheduled for Sept. 3-5 at the six-lane Hurst Pool, located at 67 Maple Street in Summit. On Sept. 3, tryouts will take place for youngsters age 8 and older at 5 p.m. and for those ages 13-18 at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 4, tryouts for ages 9-10 will commence at 5 p.m. and for ages 11-12 at 7:30 p.m. On Sept. 5, makeups for all ages will begin at 6:30 p.m. A youngster's age as of Dec. 1, 2002 determines the age

group for tryouts. The Summit Seals practice under the direction of h knowledgeable and experienced coaching staff. The low coach-to-swimmer ratio allows coaches to tailor training techniques to best suit each swimmer.

Buntin's coaching career spans more than 35 years Under his direction, swimmers develop their physical skills and strengthen values which can be utilized in all aspects of their lives, not just in the pool. Even though all Seals train together in their age groups.

the swimmers are divided into three girls' and two boys' teams. These teams vary in swimming intensity and competitiveness, providing the appropriate level of challenge and competition for each group.

As members of the Summit Seals, swimmers will compete in meets against other YMCA teams, as well as swim in USA meets. There are also opportunities to swim in state, regional and national meets. More information about the Summit Seals may be

Summit P.A.L. Golf Outing set to tee off Sept. 23

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The 7th annual Summit Police Athletic League Golf-Outing is scheduled to take place Sept. 23 at the Fox Hollow Golf Club in Branchburg.

More information about the Summit Police Athletic League Golf Outing may be obtained by calling Hank Gib-



The Mountainside age 10 All-Star baseball team fashioned an 11-2 record this summer.

Thompson, Gerard Fenn, Chris Trimmer, Michael Miller and Dylan Turner.

Players include Paul Mirabelli, Frank Rubino, Bobby Hilongos, Zack Worswick, Josh

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Senator hosts

(Continued from Page B1) The new federal regulations "wouldn't have happened without the latter stages" of Tyco, WorldCom and Martha Stewart, he said, with Enron only getting things started.

"Now we ought to let the SEC do its job." The senator admitted he hopes there are plenty of lawsuits against corporate offenders, so some of the people who facilitiated the fraud and abuse end up paying in order to

recoup at least some of the money

lost, although not all can be. "Some of the hype of investing stock never really should have been sold as as certain an exercise that the public began to believe," Corzine said. Job losses have been quite severe of late, and he expected it will take some time to rebuild those

On the issue of security, Corzine emphasized the importance of bringing various federal agencies under one umbrella to coordinate intelligence, immigration and other matters

of homeland security. However, he said more specific issues of security should be prioritized, such as safeguarding any immediate potential

There are 11 chemical and petroleum sites in New Jersey with one million people in their exposure range, a much higher rate than nuclear sites, the senator said. Eleven of 123 chemical plants in the U.S. have one million people as potential casualties if an explosion or attack were to occur. In Union County, the Tosco refinery in Linden has an exposure

range of 7.5 million people, he said. Corzine stressed identifying highrisk plants and developing ways to protect them immediately, requiring organizations to put together risk management plans. The plans must be auditable, like financial statements, and reviewed on a consistent basis by the public or those who represent dians and the complainant are invited to discuss voluntarily with the com-

"It would be a mistake if we laid all the responsibility at the doorstep of private industry," Corzine said.

Senate race just got a little closer

(Continued from Page B1) crat said of the Torricelli-Forrester race, "In Union County, we need that cushion; we don't get the benefit of coat tails," adding that one might see Republicans winning in Union County, making a difference in towns like Clark, Cranford and Union.

Historically in Union County, GOP freeholder candidates have done well during this election cycle, with U.S. Senate at the top of the ticket, Frigerio said. With an overriding issue at the top of the ballot and a strong second line with Mike Ferguson running for Congress, it bodes well to get first chance to win a county freeholder seat in seven years, the chairman said.

"The overriding issue that has given us the opportunity is the Senate race: It's probably the single most imporant aspect of Union County treeholder race." Frigerio said.

But to DeFilippo, races at the county level will be more about the issues and records of the candidates. "I think it's going to be about Democratic performance versus Republican perfor-

"I think people separate the issues. Each level of government stands on

Republicans this year are running Fanwood Borough Council President Joel Whitaker, Rahway Councilwoman Elyse Bochicchio Medved and Anira Clericuzio of Cranford for freeholder. Democrats are putting up incumbents Nicholas Scutari of Linden and Angel Estrada of Elizabeth. along with Rick Proctor of Rahway, who was appointed in January to fill a vacancy on the freeholder board. Democrats hold all nine seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders and

have won every countywide election The last time the U.S. Senate race led the ticket was in 1996 when Scutari was elected to his first term, along with Linda Stender of Fanwood and Donald Gonealves of Elizabeth. That year, Torricelli defeated former Congressman Richard Zimmer to win his first term after several terms as a congressman from Bergen County.

New HQ set to break ground

(Continued from Page B1)

presented for an entirely new facility at about the same cost, \$16 million. The plan now is to demolish the building that currently houses the county police. A new 51,000-square-foot, three-story facility will house the police, forensics lab, emergency management and satellite office for the county clerk. Parking would provide for nearly 170 cars.

Family Court volunteers Volunteers are needed for a vital program serving the Superior Court,

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in Union County. There is a particular need for bilingual volunteers. Nancy Spano Yurek, coordinator of the Union County Juvenile Conference Committee Program, is seeking adults willing to spend one or two evenings a month volunteering for their local Juvenile Conference

The Juvenile Conference Committees serve under the authority of the Superior Court, Family Division. A JCC is a six- to nine-member citizen volunteer panel appointed by the Family Division judge that acts as an arm of the court. In a confidential manner, the JCC hears and decides such matters involving alleged juvenile offenders as the court refers to it. The juvenile, the parents and/or guar-

mittee the offense and other related The committee considers the facts and then makes a recommendation to the judge for a resolution that aids in the juvenile's rehabilitation. If the judge approves, the recommendations become a court order which is monitored by the JCC. Upon successful completion of all conditions set down in the recommendations, the case is dismissed. If the obligations are not

fulfilled, the case is returned to the courts for further disposition. Juvenile Conference Committee members are fully trained citizen volunteers. Members are expected to attend two county-level training sessions before they are allowed to sit on a Juvenile Conference Committee panel. JCC volunteers are assigned to work on the JCC that serves the mun-

icipality in which they live. Union County has 22 Juvenile Conference Committees. Each municipality is represented by a Juvenile Conference Committee. There is also a committee which serves the entire county. Committees generally meet once per month, however, this may vary from committee to committee depending on the size of the caseload. Interested adults may call Yurek at 908-659-3360 or write to her at the Family Court, Union County Courthouse Annex, fifth floor, Elizabeth,

Mothers & More meet The Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, a local support group for moms who have chosen to alter their career paths to stay at home with their children, will host an open forum, "Ask a Pediatrician," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Hanson House, 38 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Dr. Alan Meltzer, a practicing

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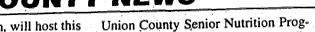
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pediatrician in Madison, will host this nformal question-and-answer session ram at 908-527-4877. giving mothers an opportunity to receive qualified feedback on concerns relating to their children. Meltzer is director of the Division of General Pediatrics and associate director of Pediatric Medical Education at

Atlantic Health Systems. All moms naturally have medical concerns regarding their children's health, so participants should come prepared with their list of questions You need not be a member of

Mother's & More to attend. Inquiries regarding this event, or the group itself, may call Patty at 908-497-1286 or Heidi at

Mothers & More offers many social outings for moms and their children as well as providing a wide variety of information to members. through lectures and meetings on topics of interest.

Senior Farmers Markets

The Union County Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced the August locations of the Senior Citizens' Farmers Market nutrition program.

The Senior Farmers Market makes locally grown fruits and vegetables available to eligible participants age 60 and older.

Union County representatives will be available at several locations throughout the county during the month of August to help residents complete the necessary application for the Senior Farmers Market program. Eligible seniors will be able to select fresh fruit and vegetables following their registration at the following locations:

• Friday, Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court. Registration begins at 9

 Wednesday, Ann Feruson Towers, 1601 Dill St., Linden. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Farm fresh fruits and vegetables will be available at each location from

The farmers market vouchers are imited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff members from the Division on Aging and the Division of Social Services will conduct private interviews on. request. A bilingual staff person will

For more information about the Senior Farmers Market, call the Community blood drives

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood

• Today, 4 to 7 p.m., Muhlenberg

Regional Medical Center, Park Avenue and Randolph Road, • Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., John L. Ruddy VFW Post 7363, 6 Broadway,

• Aug. 23, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

• Aug. 28, 3 to 8 p.m., Linden Fire- 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21. house No. 4, 2400 N. Wood Ave:. • Aug. 31, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

Union. For more information, call 1-800-BLOOD-NJ. 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140.

Volunteers needed to be rape crisis advocates

Caring, supportive and committed individuals are wanted to volunteer to assist rape survivors during day, evening and weekend shifts at the Union County Rape Crisis Center.

There is especially a need for bilingual and multilingual individuals. Training will prepare advocates to respond with support and information on the 24-hour hotline, provide emotional support and accompaniment at the hospital, police department, Prosecutor's Office and/or court.

The 40 hours of specialized training to become a rape crisis advocate, which is mandated throughout the state, will be scheduled twice a week from Sept. 24 to Nov. 21. Training addresses the different types of sexual sexual assault survivors, their family members and related issues.

sis advocate, volunteers may become involved in making educational presentations to schools or to groups in the community on sexual assault

The Union County Rape Crisis East in Westfield. The center is a 908-654-9859.

program in the Department of Human Services. Division of Planning that is designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault. Some people may believe that only young women would need its services, but they are offered to adult males, females, teen-agers, children and their families whether the sexual assault/abuse took place recently or in

The center also offers crisis intervention, short-term counseling and therapy with referral for longterm services as needed, which are provided free of charge by qualified

professionals. Dates for the volunteer training are as follows: Sept. 24 and 26; Oct. 1, 3 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, and 31; Nov.

Training is from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Attendance is required at all training sessions in order to be qualified to become a volunteer rape crisis advocate.

Interested individuals should call as soon as possible for an interview For more information, call 908-233-RAPE/7273 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday,

Passport fees to rise

Federally-mandated fee increases for passport services will go into effect nationwide on Monday. The changes are a result of an independent fee study conducted on behalf of the U.S. State Department.

Passport applications for adults will rise from \$60 to \$85.

Passport appolications for those younger than 16 years of age will rise from \$40 to \$70.

Passport renewal fees will increase from \$40 to \$55.

The fee for emergency or expedited services will rise from \$35 to \$60. Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courtassault, the trauma experienced by house in Elizabeth and the annex at 300 North Ave. East, Westfield. The main office in Elizabeth is open from In addition to serving as a rape cri-7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by

The Westfield annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fri-Center is located at 300 North Ave. days, and can be reached by calling

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mystic Vision, Triple Threat lead Perry nominations

By Bill VanSant

Associate Editor Amateur theater is alive and well in the Garden State, as evidenced by the 39 New Jersey community theaters earning nominations for the 2002 Perry

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

The nominations for this year's Perry Awards were announced in an informal gathering Saturday at Westfield Community Players. The awards will be preser, ed during a gala ceremony in Woodbridge Sept. 29.,

Leading the nominations, with an even dozen each, are Mystic Vision Players of Linden, eight of which were received for last summer's production of "Pippin," and Triple Threat Foundation for the Arts of Cherry Hill. The Perry Awards, presented by Recognition of Excellence in Community

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announced Saturday at Westfield Community Players.

The Perry Awards have been presented by Recognition

of Excellence in Community Theater — R.E.C.T. —

Editor's note: Bold type indicates artists or theaters

Outstanding Production

of a Musical

Company (SMSTC); Mark K. Ilardi, producer

"Children of Eden;" Sayreville Main Street Theater

"The Civil War;" Triple Threat Theater; Michele

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the For-

"A New Brain;" 4th Wall Musical Theater; Kathi

"Pippin;" Mystic Vision Players; Rita Greco,

"South Pacific;" Cranford Dramatic Club; Eli-

"Violet;" 4th Wall Musical Theater; Kathi Ianna-

of a Play

"A Few Good Men;" Triple Threat Theater; Barbara

"The Girl on the Via Flaminia;" Teaneck New Thea-

"The Importance of Being Ernest;" Villagers;

"The Mousetrap;" Yardley Players; Marge Swider,

"Toys in the Attic;" Attic Ensemble; Marie Bahr,

Outstanding Production

of an Original Musical

"American Rapture 2001;" Mystic Vision Play-

ers; Anthony Greco and Barbara Greco Brady,

"Dorian;" Playhouse 22; Adam Neary, producer

"Magic to Do: A Community Revue;" Smiling Rhino

"Once Upon a Slipper;" Park Players; Alice Failla,

"Viviana;" Over the Rainbow Productions; Debby

Outstanding Production

of an Original Play

"But Only Say the Word;" Villagers; Norm Halver-

"Family, Frying Pans and The FBI;" Attic Ensemble;

"Friends: Not the TV Show;" Alliance Rep; Jeff Stra-

"A Millennium Christmas Carol;" Over the Rainbow

"Retirement Stinks;" First Avenue Playhouse; Joe

"Roommates;" First Avenue Playhouse; Joe Bag-

"Unresolved;" Narrows Drama Theater and Over the

Rainbow Productions; Debby Schwartz, producer

Outstanding Direction

of a Musical

Bob Cline, "A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical

Schwartz and Mike Schwartz, producers

Carmela Wolosz and Eric Holgerson

Michael Driscoll and Catherine Rowe, producers

"Sylvia;" Playhouse 22; Jay Sundell, producer

"Don't Drink the Water," Studio Players

um;" Over the Rainbow Productions; Dan Hunt,

from Union County.

Ashwell, producer

Iannacone, producer

cone, producer

Katz, producer

producers

Marie Bahr, producer

Bagnole, producer

ger and Jerry Marino, producers

Productions; Dan Hunt, producer

zabeth Howard, producer

ter: Harriet Gottlieb, producer

producer

And the nominees are ...

Theater since 1998, are awarded annually to honor the work done by the Garden State's community theaters.

Cranford Dramatic Club's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" earned nine nominations. Among them is a nod for Outstanding Production of a Musical, an award CDC picked up in 2000 for "Mame." Other theaters scoring multiple nominations, either for single productions or

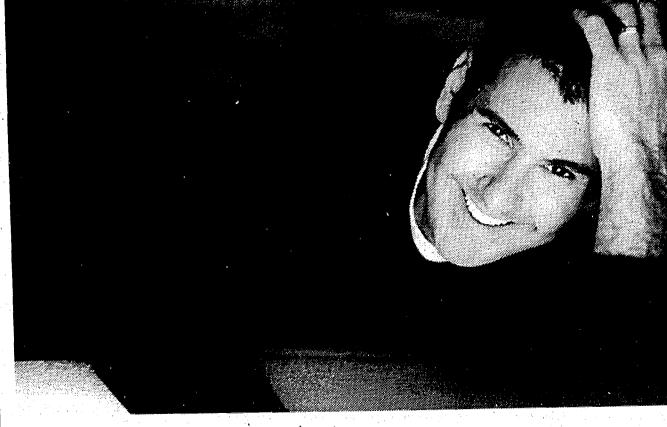
various shows, were Sayreville Main Street Theater Company, 11; the Villagers of Franklin, Attic Ensemble of Jersey City and Cranford Dramatic Club, nine each: 4th Wall Musical Theater of Morristown, Chatham Community Players and Over the Rainbow Productions of Holmdel, with eight each; Players Theater of Westwood, Somerset Valley Players of Somerville, Westfield Community Players and Show Kids Invitational Theater of High Bridge, seven each, and West Orange's Theater Under the Stars, Teaneck New Theater and Playhouse

While Mystic Vision Players and Triple Threat scored the most nominations of any company, it is CDC's "South Pacific" that leads the race as the mostnominated production. It is followed by "Children of Eden" at Savreville Main Street Theater Company and MVP's "Pippin," with eight apiece, both of which are up against "South Pacific" in the Best Musical category. Coincidentally, both "Pippin" and "Children of Eden" feature scores by Oscar-winner Stephen

Three shows scored seven nominations: "A New Brain" at 4th Wall, "The Importance of Being Ernest" at Villagers and "Blithe Spirit" at Chatham Com-

munity Players. Nominated for Outstanding Production of an Original Musical was MVP'

"American Rapture 2001."



Lessack is 'too marvelous' at Manor

style, the music of Johnny Mercer. Well, not all 1,100 songs that Mer-

Nicole Gonzalez, "The Wizard of Oz," Center Johnny Mercer." Jennifer Hanselman, "Damn Yankees," Theater

Under the Stars Krista Pioppi, "Annie Warbucks," MOC Musical Catherine Rowe, "Nunsense," Brook Arts Center Wanda Toro, "Children of Eden," SMSTC

Bill C. Fikaris, "And the World Goes 'Round," Play

Shayne Austin Miller, "South Pacific," Cranford

Michael Monaco, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

David Pacheco, "The Civil War," Triple Threat

Debby Schwartz, "A Funny Thing Happened on the

Way to the Forum." Over the Rainbow Productions

Patrick Starega, "Children of Eden." SMSTC

Outstanding Direction

of a Play

Mary Lynn Dobson, "Sylvia," Playhouse 22.

Kathel Carlson, "Blithe Spirit," Chatham Communi-

Bill C. Fikaris, "Book of Days," Players Theater

Jerry Marino, "The Importance of Being Ernest,"

Wanda Miragni, "Toys in the Attic," Attic Ensemble

Kevin Shinnick, "The Girl on the Via Flaminia,"

Arthur Waldman, "Crimes of the Heart," Ocean

Outstanding Lead Actor

in a Musical

Greg Allen, "A New Brain," 4th Wall Musical

Kevin M. Brady Jr., "Pippin," Mystic Vision

Eric Harper, "Pippin," Mystic Vision Players

Roger Hayden, "South Pacific," Cranford Dra-

Tom Newman, "Fiddler on the Roof," Show Kids

David Weitzer, "Jekyll & Hyde," Brundage Park

Outstanding Lead Actress

in a Musical

Patricia Frey, "Once Upon a Mattress," SKIT

Eric Harper, "Children of Eden," SMSTC

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Alena Trapp, "Anything Goes," St. Catherine's Outstanding Featured Actor

in a Musical Noah Brendemuehl, "Jesus Christ Superstar," Park

Sergio Candido, "Once Upon a Slipper," Park Christopher Fitzgerald, "A Funny Thing Happened

on the Way to the Forum," Over the Rainbow Tom Hallett, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," Dover Little Theater

Jim Reddy, "Pippin," SMSTC Dan Reed, "Anything Goes," St. Catherine's Michael Rush, "And the World Goes 'Round," Play-

ers Theater Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical Robin Joyce, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,"

Dover Little Theater See NOMINATIONS, Page B5

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One of the most romantic evenings ever experienced at The Manor's Le. Dome in West Orange took place Aug. 8 when the tall, handsome, talented young singer, Lee Lessack, brought forth, in his own inimitable

cer had written, alone and in collaboration, but a select 25 to 30 matched the title of Lessack's program, "Too Marvelous for Words: The Songs of

could actually feel Lessack's passion; "Dream," a song of love, which this reviewer grew up with; "Moon River," "I Remember You," "Skylark," "Autumn Leaves" - why, one could go on and on. And everything was made even more enjoyable when Tedd Firth, a jazz pianist, accompanied Lessack, complementing his fine

Unquestionably, the "marvelous" show was enough to help my companion and me digest the fantastic dinner that was served in the Terrace Lounge several hours earlier when Sami Odeh, the perennially polite, smiling her dinner, consisting of "the best maitre d', escorted us to an intimate table right across from the piano. And Javier, head waiter, began our evening of delight with a most unusual delicacy, provided by executive chef Jochen Voss. It was a wonderfultasting chilled cantaloupe soup in a lievable dessert of chocolate parfait tiny finger cup, a petite lamb patty and

Life is a Cabaret

By Bea Smith

And before long. Bob Richards. The Manor's versatile pianist, dressed magnificent interpretations of "Ten-The rooftop nightclubbers swayed derly," "Ice Castles," "Wind Beneath to such music as the title song and My Wings," and a beautiful variation with the boyish smile that captivated of "As Time Goes By." We dined under a musical umbrella of Gershwin

> and Porter. For the first course, both my companion and I selected cauliflower soup with fava beans, tortelli and oregano, which was deliciously thick with heavy cream, and which we were barely able to finish. Following a scrumptuous tasting Caesar salad. which we both endeavored to finish — it was so good — I marvelled over crab cakes with melted vine-ripened tomatoes and basil yogurt sauce; while my companion exclaimed that tasting oven-roasted chicken I ever had," was brushed with lime butter

and accompanied by bear's garlic bread muffin, graised mini corn and And while Voss offered his unbeserved in a rich chocolate cone with

and great Manor coffee. Richards was offering "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," "The Second Time Arounds' "True Love," which brought Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly to mind, and one of this reviewer's favorite, "Begin the Beguine," which brought Tony Martin to mind. He prepared us for a romantically musical evening with "So in Love," "Smoke in piano decorations, was offering his Gets in Your Eyes" and "Just One of

petit fours, wafer-thin peanut brittle

Up at Le Dome, that fine singer audience with his renditions of "the music of one of the greatest song writers in the world, Johnny Mercer. The audience was treated to "Just Too Marvelous," "That Old Black Magio." and one could see Sinatra's face "Laura," and with goose bumps, one could see the mystic face of Gene Tierney; a medley of "Free and Easy, "On the Atchison, Topeka and the Sante Fe," "Jeepers, Creepers," "Glow, Little Glow Worm" and "I'm An Old Cowhand" — Gene Autry? and a beautiful song sang in English

With "I Hate to See October Go, the audience hated to see Lessack end such a beautiful evening. But, he explained, he'd appeared some years ago at The Manor, and even though his busy schedule is taking him all over the country, perhaps one day, same time next year, he will be romancing and thrilling Le Dome honey sabayon and plum compote, audiences once more.

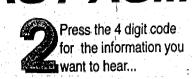
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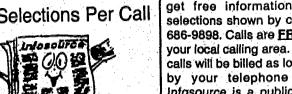
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'Illusion' continues the 'Grand Magic' at festival

season theme of "The Grand Magie," New Jersey Shakespeare Festival presents the third in a series of mainstage Scoundrel," among many. He has plays celebrating the art and alchemy

Longtime company member Paul Shakespeare Festival, and regionally Mullins directs "The Illusion," Tony with Steppenwolf, The Shakespeare Kushner's witty adaptation of Pierre Theater, Yale Rep., Portland Stage, Corneille's hilarious and irreverent neoclassic comedy. Performances are American Stage. Tuesdays through Sundays through:

Desperate to find his longestranged son, Pridamant of Avignon ner Michael Giannitti and sound journeys to the remote cavern of a designer Jason A. Tratta, Fight direcrenowned magician. The sorcerer, Alcandre, agrees to show, the father alimpses of the young man's life, justas he's fixed it, since Pridamant cast him off 45 years ago. One by one, phantasmagorical scenes of love and betraval, adventure and misadventure p.m.; Saturday and Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.; antold into dazzling visions of what Sundays at 2 p.m.; and this Sunday at might or might hot be, carrying the rather and the audience - on a to \$41 mystical carnes of the human heart.

Set in 1 th-century France, "The Illusion" springs to new life in this modern rendering, written in 1990 by Fony Kushner, who in 1993 received the Pulitzer Prize for his epic "Angels." in America." Says director Paul Mulhas, "While remaining faithful to the stale and spirit of the original, which was written by Corneille in 1636, Kushner has created a new, contemporary play that is both a revival of vileges. On sale now is a Mini-Pak and an homage to the work of one of teaturing "The Illusion," Luigi Piran-

the most influential play wrights of the dello's "Enrico IV." Shakespeare's of the contains Paul Mullins returns for his 12th Night's Dream," a cool new twist on season with the festival to direct. The Shakespeare's best-loved comedy. Illusion "A tayorite of New Jersey Mini-Paks range from only \$91.80 for Shakespeare Festival audiences preview performances, less than \$23 a both for his acting and directing ticket, to just \$170 for the premium talents --- his directorial credits. Opening Night series, with a variety include last season's "Tartuffe," a of options in between. For the spontacelebrated prodeution of "Rhinocer- , neous, a FlexPass, priced at onlyps" which a number of critics cited \$175, offers six discounted admissions to the 2002 Season 🛶 you lights of 2000, as well as "Measure for choose the shows, you choose the Measure," "All's Well That Ends dates, then simply call or visit the Box Well" and "The Threepenny Opera." Office for reservations. The FlexPass He has also directed at American is valid for all performances except Stage. Juilliard and the University of Saturday evenings South Carolina, As an actor, Mullins received unanimous critical acclaim 10 29 save 25 percent off the regular, for his performance in the Festival's ticket price, while a 35 percent disproduction of "The Forest," as well as count is offered for groups of 30 or

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is looking for arti-, son Ave., Route 124, at Lancaster sans, craftspeople and food vendors to Road, on the campus of Drew Univerdemonstrate colonial or Native sity. For information, or to purchase American crafts and work skills and tickets, call the box office at to sell their wares at Union County's 973-408-5600 or visit 21st annual Harvest Festival Sept. 29. www.njshakespeare.org. "This popular autumn event is a celebration of colonial and Native-American life featuring music, Native American dancing, a Revolutionary War encampment, children's crafts, colonial foods, games and much more," said Freeholder Rick Proctor. "It will take place, rain or shine, at Trailside Nature & Science Center in

Mountainside, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Harvest Festival draws approx imately 5,000 visitors each year. B participating, vendors and demonstra tors will receive excellent exposure and have the opportunity to educate others about their craft or work skill and the colonial time period i general. Examples of the craft and work

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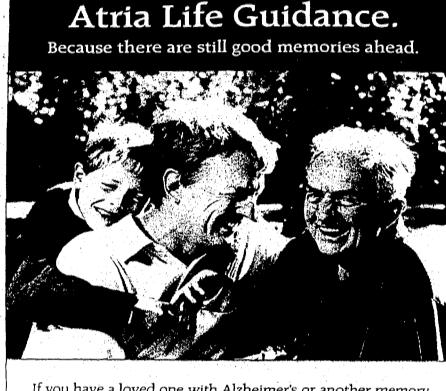
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ment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, P.O. Box 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and For information, call 732-574-1818. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library is closed Saturdays in August. Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

DRAWINGS 2002, the works of sever-OUR VIEW: A UNIQUE PERSPECal area artists, will be on exhibit at the TIVE on Life in Union County, a traveling exhibit sponsored by Community Summit Sept. 6 through Nov. 3. An Access Unlimited, features the work of Artists' Reception will take place Sept. 10 adults with developmental disabili-13 from 6 to 8 p.m. A Panel Discussin ties. The exhibit will tour the county. will take place Nov. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. For information, call 908-354-3040. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays ARTIST RON HEDRICK will have his and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is work on exhibit at Evalyn Dunn's Gallocated at 68 Elm St., Summit. For

through Nov. 20.

Robert Penn Warren

by appointment. For information, call 908-232-0412. IN PRAISE OF HAWAIIAN LAND-SCAPES, an exhibit of photographs, and an exhibit of sculpture titled "Gods and Magical Creatures" will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library

lery, 549 South Ave., Westfield.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays through

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

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through Aug. 22. Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library is closed Saturdays in August. 908-665-9788 or visit Springfield Public Library is located at www.summitchorale.org. 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

MURALS CREATED FOR NJ Transit's Secaucus Transfer Station will be on display in a preview exhibit in the Palmer Gallery of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through

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

bers of the Drew Art Association, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through Aug. 29. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-87.87.

OIL PAINTINGS BY JOHN REILLY will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit throughout August. Gallery hours are by appointment

only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties, 25 DeForest Ave. Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054. A COLLECTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC

VIEW OF THE GREAT SWAMP will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center Wallace for Visual Arts in Summit through Sept. 3. An artists' reception will take place Aug. 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays

and Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m. NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, call 908-273-9121. 2002 TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHI-BIT will be on display at the Hillside

Municipal Building through Sept. 12. The Hillside Municipal Building is located at JFK Plaza at Liberty and Hillside avenues, Hillside. For information, including exhibit hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; Relay Service users dial 711. AMERICAN VIEWS, black-and-white

and color photographs by Raymond E. Silva of Union, will be on exhibit at the Clark, Barnes & Noble is located at Les Malamut Art Gallery n Union Public Library through Sept. 18. Gallery hours are Mondays to

Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays from 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. CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-

TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of James A. Clark, Margie DeAngelo and Bill Krauss throughout the momths of August and September. CHS is located at 153 New Providence Road, Mountainside. For information, call 888-244-5373. LIGHT AND SHADOW, the works of

Helen N. Jacobs, will be on exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield Sept. 14 through Oc.t 3. An Opening Reception will take place Sept. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield. For information, call

908-756-1707.

732-574-1818. **BOUQUET:** "Flower Paintings by Mary JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the Wickliffe" will be on exhibit in the Memthird Monday of each month at Barnes ber's Gallery of the New Jersey Center & Noble in Springfield. Barnes & Noble for Visual Arts in Summit Sept. 5 is located at 240 Route 22 West, through Oct. 4. A reception will take place Sept. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays through

Free Public Library Aug. 23 through Oct. 4. An artist's reception will take place Sept. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays, Wed-

THE WESTFIELD STAMP CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Westfield Munic-

New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in information, call 908-233-3045 or send UNION COUNTY FREE SUMMER information, call 908-273-9121.

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will conduct open audition for girls between the ages of 6 and 13

sign-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. Auditions will be conducted at the theater. Brook-For information, call 908-522-1700. side Drive, Millburn. Show dates are Oct. 30 to Dec. 8. SUMMIT CHORALE will conduct auditions for the 60-voice SATB chorus' 2002-03 season Sept. 10 and 17 by

For information, call 973-376-8544. BARNES AND NOBLE, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, will present musical perconcerts begin at 7:30 p.m. in the cafe

For information, including a concert schedule, call 732-574-1818.

<u>CRAFTS</u> Wednesday: "My Antonia" by Willa 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.

> JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak. meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes & Noble in Clark, Bar-

Road. For information, call 732-574-1818. WRITER'S WORKSHOP will meet Monday at Barnes & Noble in Spring-

field, 240 Route 22 West. The group meets every other Monday. For infor mation, call 973-376-8544.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY will conclude its Lunchtime Video Series next week. Videos are Tuesdays at noon. Participants should bring a bag Barnes & Noble is located at 240

lunch; coffee and cookies are Tuesday: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For nformation, call 973-376-4930.

UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor its International Film Festival Tuesdays through Aug. 27. Tuesday: "Butterfly," Spanish Aug. 27; "Chunhyang," Korean

films are subtitled. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call day night. ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at call 732-381-6455.

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.

HOBBIES THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. Football. meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 east. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808,

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KIDS KINGDOM TRAVELING JUBI-LEE, sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation,

will tour the county in the coming Sept. 4: Nomahegan Park, Cranford, in conjunction with the Jersey Jazz by the Lake festival All Kids Kingdom events are noon to

6 p.m. Admission is free; there is a nominal fee for some activities. For nformation, call 908-527-4900. SUNDAY PLANETARIUM SHOW at Trailside Nature & Science Center in

Mountainside will present "Summer Skies" Sundays at 2 and 3:30 p.m. through Aug. 25. Programs are for children 6 years old and older. Tickets

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

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

West, Springfield. For information, call

For information, call 732-574-1818

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p.m. the first and third Mondays of every month. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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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 nes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan 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 For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

TIVAL will present "The Illusion" ... For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit www.nishakespeare.org.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second

Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served Donations are suggested to cover expenses. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call

908-273-3245. Films are shown at 2 and 7 p.m. All THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. and karaoke every Thurs-

> The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St. in Rahway. For information, 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 Tuesday: Jazz Jam, all pints Every Wednesday: Domestic draft beer for \$2.

Every Monday: Monday Night

Today: Compound Strange Friday: Sons, Brothers & Wrestlers Saturday: Jaski Wednesday: Surreal in Blue and

Juggling Suns Aug. 22: Amorica and Locket Aug. 23: In the Flesh in a tribute to Pink, Floyd

Aug. 28: Sprakatack Aug. 29: Color & Talea Aug. 30: The Alex Stein Quartet Aug. 31: Bohemian Sunrise For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com.

Aug. 24: The Nick Bukuvalas Band

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. For information, or to sign up for Open Mike Night, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse 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 p.m., preceded by an all-you-can-eat dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 and reservations are required. The Hillton Cafe and Grill is located at 447 Spring-

For information, call 908-277-0220. MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and

\$2" 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: The Tom Tallitch Group

Tuesday: Marty O'Kane Aug. 25: Feeling Zero

Aug. 27: Girliman Sept. 3: Todd Landua

Sept. 8: Monkeyworks Sept. 15: Shusmo For information, call 908-810-1844. THE WAITING ROOM, 1431 Irving St.

Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street

presents Open Mike Night every Wed-

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.

Party Dolls to rock Echo Lake

nesday night.

The Party Dolls will sing the hits you remember from the '60s, '70s and '80s Wednesday at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Phillips 66, the free performance is the eighth concert in the Summer Arts Festival

"The Party Dolls make all the great songs come alive," said Freeholder Nicholas Scutari, liaison to the Union County Youth Services Commission. This is sure to be an excellent performance by this popular group as they return to the Union County stage."

The all-girl trio is made up of red-headed Chrissy Sparks, blonde Lisa Coppola and brunette Christine Ghilino. Backed by the driving beat of the Party Dolls Band, the singers revive the memorable chart-topping hits of the past four decades. Their debut album, released in 1990, paid tribute to the girl groups of the 1960s with songs like "My Boyfriend's Back," "Chapel of Love," "Leader

Their second CD, "We Got the Beat," has certainly been a hit with songs from the '70s and '80s, including "Love Shack," "I Will Survive" and "If I Can't Have You." The newest recording by The Party Dolls, titled "Wig Out." was released in July of 2000.

near the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be The rain site for all concerts in the series will be at Cranford High School.

West End Place at Springfield Avenue, in Cranford. For up-to-date concert rain

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Trailside to welcome Conrad

Children's entertainer Bob Conrad will bring his production of "Cats, Dogs and Magic" to Trailside Nature & Science Center Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Conrad will reach into his bag of tricks to present magic, puppets, music, ventriloquism, balloon sculpting and chalk-talk cartooning. He'll mix all these ingredients to come up with a program that has delighted audiences every-

Considered an expert in the field of children's entertainment, Conrad has appeared at schools, shopping malls, libraries, museums, camps and picnics for more than 25 years. He is a regular columnist in Laugh Matters magazine, and for 10 years was the editor of the official newsletter of the American Puppet Makers Association, of which he is one of the founders.

"Cats, Dogs and Magic" is the final event of this summer's Wednesday Matinee series. The show is for families with children age 4 and older only. Tickets are \$4 per person and are sold at the door the day of the performance. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. For information, call

Honorees include CDC's 'South Pacific'

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Triple Threat Theater Catherine Rowe, "The Importance of Being Ernest." Villagers Peg Ruff, Madge Wittel, Terry Blackburn, Charlie DelRisco and Karen Charnis, "South Pacific," Cranford Dramatic Club

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CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Bord of Chosen Freeholders July 3 through Aug. 28 in Echo Lake classes for children between the ages Park, between Springfield and Moun- of 7 and 12 at the Recreation Building, tain avenues, Mountainside. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. and are free. Wednesday: The Party Dolls

Aug. 28: Barachois, Acadian song In case of rain, call 908-352-8410 for "Annie" Wednesday at 10 a.m.; after 3 p.m. the day of the concert. For other information, call 908-527-4900.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will present musical performances throughout the year. All appointment. For information and to schedule an audition, call

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP at Union Public Library will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Sept. 18: "Three Women" by Marge Oct. 16: "Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors" by Piers P. Read Nov. 20: "All the Kings Men" by

Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908+851-5450. SUMMER READING GROUP at Barnes & Noble in Clark meets Wednes-

cuss a different book each week. Wednesday: "The Awakening" Aug. 28: "On the Road" Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

days throughout the summer to dis-

SUMMER READING GROUP FOR YOUNG READERS for children 8 to 12 vears old will conclude at Barnes & Noble of Springfield next week. Wednesday: "The Trouble With Miss Switch" by Barbara Brooks

Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544. AUTHOR PAUL WILDER will appear at Barnes & Noble of Clark Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Overcoming Depression and Manic-Depression: A Whole Person Approach." Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in Springfield. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call 973-376-8544. THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READ-ING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes & Noble in

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

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble of Springfield. 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 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Clark. Barnes & Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call

Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

Barnes & Noble in Clark. The selection person. Trailside is located at 452 New for Aug. 28 is "Native Speaker" by Providence Road, Mountainside. For Chang Rae Lee. Barnes & Noble is information, call 908-789-3670.

For information, call 973-376-8544. UNION RECREATION DEPART-

MENT will sponsor weekly ceramics 1120 Commerce Ave., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 908-964-4828

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rariconcerts are from 8 to 10 p.m. in the tan Road, Clark, at 7 p.m.

formances throughout the year. All will meet at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. The group meets at 8 of the Pack," and "Where Did Our Love Go?"

> Alf Summer Arts Festival concerts are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. available at approximately 6:30 p.m.

> > 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900

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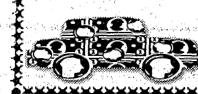
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