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Unidentified man enters school

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

An unauthorized person entered Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield last week but left soon 'after without incident. School officials filed a report with the Police Department and submitted a clear picture of the man, which was taken by one of the school's surveillance cameras.

On Dec. 3 at approximately 1:30 p.m., a Gaudineer teacher was reentering the building when a man walked in behind her.

"We had a teacher who was returning from an errand at the time and said, 'Can I help you?' He said, 'I'm here to see...,' and he mentioned a teacher's name," said Superintendent of Springfield Schools Walter Mahler.

The teacher informed the man that he has to first go into the main office to sign in and get a guest pass.

The man walked toward the office but never entered. Instead, he proceeded to the classroom of the teacher whose name he had mentioned. The students in the teacher's classroom were taking a test at the time. The man

struck up a conversation with the teacher.

"He introduced himself by only his first name and claimed to have met her before. She said, 'I've never met you.' It was almost like he was asking her out on a date," said Mahler. "She told him that he had to leave."

The man left the teacher's classroom. The teacher got on the intercom right away and called the office."

Gaudineer Interim Principal Roy Knapp immediately went to the teacher's classroom. The man was gone. Knapp proceeded to search the entire building, the bathrooms, everywhere. There was no sight of the man

"We made sure everybody was safe," said Mahler. "Then we called the police."

Police officers were able to obtain a clear photo of the man, which was taken by one of the Gaudineer security cameras.

"We're going to try to find out who he is and make sure that he knows that he was trespassing," said Mahler.

Knapp said that with such little information to go on, the police were not very optimistic about apprehending the man.

"We were looking through our security cameras outside to see if we could pick up his car but unfortunately we weren't able to see anything," said Knapp.

Standard school security policy is for a visitor to be buzzed into the building, through the front door, after requesting entrance via an intercom. The visitor must immediately go to the main office to sign in, state their reason for being in the school, and obtain a visitor's pass.

"Even some of our parents, they get buzzed in or they're there while the door's open and they go to a classroom. Some of them don't follow the procedure," said Mahler.

Knapp met with Gaudineer's facultv to review the school's security procedures, to ensure that an unauthorized person does not enter the building again.

"For the immediate future, the thing we agreed on is if ever a teacher is entering the building through any entrance other than the front and they come across someone who wants to come in, they need to redirect him back around to the front," said Knapp. "That gives us our best chance to

control who enters and doesn't enter."



Katie Zimmermann, 2, of Mountainside, can't wait to tell Santa Claus what a good girl she's been this Christmas. Santa paid a special visit to local residents at the tree lighting ceremony at Mountainside Borough Hall on Saturday.

Vizzuso to fill position of school business administrator By Joan M. Devlin

Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education has a new business administrator and board secretary; Mountainside resident R. Paul Vizzuso. His starting annual salary will be \$83,000.

Vizzuso replaces Florence Shukis, who retired earlier this year, and he will be on board in January. "I can't wait to start."

Vizzuso is still serving as chief financial officer at Summit's Oratory Prep, where he has held this position for the past four years. He will be waiting until they find a replacement. for him, so he could not give a definite starting date for his post in Mountain-

ard Schaller said that was fine with him.

Vizzuso's has a master's degree in business administration from Kean University, from which he also has his bachelor's degree. He has worked with the West Orange Board of Education in a financial position.

"After that I went into the corporate structure, and became accounting supervisor for Fox Television, formerly MetroMedia, for about five years," he said.

As chief financial officer at Oratory Prep, Vizzuso was responsible for all financial day-to-day operations and plant operations at the school. "I also

with computers at the school," he said.

When asked how he came to the decision to come to Mountainside, he said simply, "I saw the advertisment for business administrator, and since I live there, I was intrigued because of my background in school financial operations."

He is well aware of the challenge facing him; of the controversy surrounding the school budget and the problems with the expansion project. at Beechwood School, and he remains undaunted. "I am sure this will give me an opportunity to develop an efficient and cost-effective financial

fully foster trust and confidence within the community --- which is my own community," said Vizzuso.

He and his wife. Sonia, have a 4-year-old daughter, Maria, who is now in preschool and should be goingto Deerfield School down the road. Formerly from Union, they have lived in Mountainside for the past four years and love the community; Sonia teaches languages part time, but is primarily a stay-at-home mom, he said.

Working together with Dr. Schaller and the other faculty and staff: especially the Board of Education members, is something I am truly looking forward to. We will be working as a team, so I am sure we will



R. Paul Vizzuso

By Joshua Zaitz

Staff Writer Joining together with other municipalities who are opposed to the reactivation of the Rahway Valley railroad line, the Springfield Township Committee passed a resolution approving legal action against the Morristown and Erie Railway Inc., when and if neccessary.

The Borough of Kenilworth has already passed a similar resolution and, according to Springfield Mayor Steven Goldstein, other municipalities that would be affected by the reactivation of the railroad - Roselle, Roselle Park, Union, and Summit - will most likely follow suit.

"It's a resolution that is most likely going to be-passed-in-all-the-affected towns," said Goldstein.

Goldstein said that Kenilworth Mayor Michael Tripodi sent a letter to County Manager George Devanney requesting that the county exercise its legal rights under the railway agreement, asking Morristown and Erie Railway not reopen the tracks if the municipalities are opposed. The contract states that the county can deny Morristown and Erie Railway from reactivating the railroad line if the municipalities through which the tracks run oppose it. Approval of the municipalities is needed to advance to Phase II of the project.

"He got a letter back from the county manager saying. 'We're not going to do anything to enforce our agreement," said Goldstein, speaking on the actions of Tripodi.

Goldstein said Township Committee mem-

bers felt it was their obligation to the citizens to come together with the other municipalities in supporting this resolution.

"It's nice to see that not only does Springfield as a community but other municipalities are very clear that we do not want the reactivation of this railroad and we're going to continue to do a lot of diligence to make sure that this process doesn't happen." said Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld.

Committeeman Gregory Clarke said the resolution allows the township to enter into legal fighting with the county, joining the other municipalities who would be affected by the railroad.

"Unfortunately, it's my perception that-

unless we continue to be diligent in this area that before we know it, it will open, even though there have been groups, including the county freeholders, that have said it's not going to open. I think it will be a real disaster for our community if the railroad ever opens." said Hirschfeld.

In Springfield, a portion of the railroad tracks start on Route 22, then cut across Meisel Avenue, lead onto Mountain Avenue, weave their way, through residential properties behind Tooker Avenue, and then cross over Shunpike Road by the Summit border.

The state spent \$25 million to acquire the rail lines and an additional \$7.8 million in state Transportation Trust Fund money is set aside to clear the tracks and lay new rails.

"I am glad that Hartford is the bonding company; we have walked the site after meeting; Randazzo was there and the consultant from the bonding company for claims was there. He took many notes and he has asked us for additional information." said Musial.

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Schaller at the beginning of the

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expected for several meetings, but

after his first notice, Randazzo had

suddenly begun working on the

Beechwood School building project

like never before, school officials

said. The notice was then extended for

another seven days, and work was

view and the bonding company, and

holding off on the final payment to,

Randazzo." Schaller said, which is

\$176.369.62. "The architect is sus-

pending his work as a survey will be

done by the bonding company." Once they devise a schedule, the burden

would be in the hands of the bonding company without Randazzo's involvement, according to Schaller.

Board member Frank Geiger said

the bonding company will find the

board a new contractor and then the

board will have to let the termination

take effect before being advised on

Schaller added, "The bonding com-

The districe's architect, Noel

Musial, said the school board met in

closed session about a week ago to

discuss the time frame to follow for

the renovations at Beechwood. He

said that based on his recommenda-

tion to terminate Randazzo, the con-

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He went on to say that the project itself still had men working there. "They were doing some painting but there are many things left undone. There is still no heat in the building and dust all over the place.

"The bonding company has to verify that we are within our rights" to terminate Randazzo, "but I have no doubts about that."

Musial said they would just have to wait and see what they will do and he said there was no way he could have a time frame on this .--

Medical students in the making

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer

"It's funny hearing the response from your peers," said Christina Leschkoma sophomore at Jonathan Dayon High School in Springfield. They're like, 'You're going to med school?'

Leschko joined seniors Elana Toboul, Jonathan Au, Marina Zeltser and Chandni Patel along with junior Joshua Goldstein, to attend a fiveweek Mini-Medical School, taught by Robert Wood Johnson Medical School faculty members, a subsidiary of-New Brunswick-based-Rutgers-University, Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Approximately 150 high school students throughout New Jersey participated in the program.

Students first found out about the course at the end of the 2001-02 school-year, when Springfield Public Schools Science Supervisor Tom Gula distributed a memo to Dayton science-teachers, looking for interested participants.

'I want to be a doctor so when Mr. Gula told us about the Mini-Med School program I thought it was interesting because it's taught by medical school professors," said Toboul. "I'm so looking to be an MT. so it's in my

The program was open to any stuin New Jersey who had an interest in the medical field and wanted to learn about it.

"To me it's always good to seen other students from other schools," said Gula. "You just go through your whole school career and you just see the same kids over and over. That's the whole big thing about going to college. All of a sudden you're all mixed in and you meet other kids with different experiences."

Students do not receive any credit toward college for taking the course but, as Leschko said, "it looks good on an application."

-The students said it was hard trying. to fit the program in along with their busy schedule, homework and extracurricular activities.

"Whenever I see something like this I say that they might want to do it but it's a real hardship," said Gula, explaining how time consuming the program is.

Au pointed out that New Brunswick is about an hour away so it's a two-hour drive-round-trip .-

"My mom freaked out because it was in New Brunswick and it's not really a good area," said Leschko. "Each week wither my aunt or my grandmother would come with her and they'd go out to a diner or restaurant in the local area."

Dayton students who participated in the program have an interest in the medical field but aren't necessarily

certain they are going to pursue it. "I'm thinking of becoming a doctor and going to med school, so this was a really good opportunity to find out a little bit more about it," said Patel.

Goldstein said he would like to become a doctor; his whole family is involved in the medical field.

Leschko said she was considering going into the neurological field but after taking the course she discovered that the field was a bit scary, with all the work that neurologists have to do. "It's kind of intimidating and some of the slides they were showing with internal medicine were kind of gross," she said.

"They had a panel of medical students the first day and we just asked them a lot of questions about what it's like to be a doctor," said Zeltser.

During one of the classes, students were paired with medical students and taught how to take people's blood pressure and pulse.

"There are usually two lecturers and they would talk about their own fields," said Au. "Some of them were surgeons and doctors and others professors and ethicists; they talked about ethics."

"I liked the part where you got to talk to the resident of the medical staff or the med students because it was getting to know all about med school," said Patel. 'It gave you a little bit of an insight into what you'd



These six Jonathan Dayton High School students recently enjoyed a five-week Mini-Medical School conducted by Robert Wood Johnson Medical School faculty members. The 'medical students in the making' are, from back left, Joshua Goldstein, Marina Zeltser, Christina Leschko, Jonathan Au, Chandri Patel and Elana Toboul.

have to do and what it's like." In addition to lectures; students gothands-on experience working with look at them but it was really cool," different parts of the body.

"They actually brought in real said Toboul.

Students learned about all the diffeorgans and you had to touch them and rent valves in the heart and the way other organs work.

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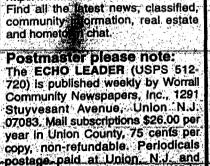
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"I liked working with the heart," said Goldstein. "I've always been into that kind of stuff, working with the different valves."

Au said he would have liked to have seen more interaction between the students who participated in the program, more group work and less

"Basically you went in with the kids who went to your school and left without really knowing anyone," he said. "It was only in the last session that they actually broke us into groups

of four and we actually got to do "I expected a lot more breaking up into groups and doing what we did the

last class," said Zeltser. Still, the students said it was a valu-

able learning experience and would recommend it to others.

"It's a good experience for kids who want to do something in medicine," Goldstein said.

For free ad advice call 908-686-7700.

Mountainside

On Nov. 20 at 8:01 a.m., Mountainside firefighters responded to Summit Road and Summit Lane for a landscaping truck fire.

First on the scene was Fire Chief John Brown, who used a fire extinguisher to prevent the flames from entering the cab of the truck.

Engine 5 arrived on the scene and firefighters rushed to put out the flames under the body of the truck as well as the flaming leaves in the truck. Heavy morning commuter traffic was detoured around the fire scene for

nearly 45 minutes. • On Nov. 21 at 11 a.m., firefighters investigated an activated fire alarm on Forrest Court. The alarm, it turns out, was activated by the remodeling contractor relocating the kitchen fire alarm

 At 4:06 p.m. Nov. 26. firefighters provided medical assistance to a 48.4. patient at the Center for Ambulatory

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The program, conducted at the "Y"

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• Through today, the Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, will be accepting donations of books for their annual "Books for Kids" drive. Children can get the gift of reading during the holidays when residents drop off new books at the library's collection box. Books are needed for children ages preschool through 14. For information, call 908-233-0115.

• The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners holiday reception and auction is at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountainside. All women business owners in Union County, members and nonmembers of NJAWBO, are welcome. All items that are donated will be auctioned at the event and the proceeds will go to this year's selected

charity, the Center for Hope Hospice in Linden. For information on how to donate an item, or to attend the event, call Doreen Iossa, Holiday Auction Committee, at 908-527-1166. • The Mountainside Planning Board meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

Friday • The Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Springfield conduct a cookie swap at 8 p.m. For location, call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679.

Saturday In-person registration for the Springfield Recreation Baseball Program is available at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, South Springfield Avenue, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium.

For information, call the Recreation Department at 973-912-2226. • A Community CPR class is conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.

For information, call 908-232-7090. Tuesday

• "Movie Classics," the lunchtime video series at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues at noon with "High Society," starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Admission is free. Call 973-376-4930 for information.

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ters investigated an activated fire 9:18 p.m., they responded to an actialarm at a Shunpike Road business. vated fire alarm at a South Springfield FIRE BLOTTER

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• On Nov. 27 at 6:42 a.m., firefighters attended to high voltage electric alarm at a Troy Drive apartment com- At 10:06 p.m., they responded a pumlines arcing in an evergreen tree on plex. At 7:34 a.m., they answered a per to Union Fire Headquarters on a Ackerman Avenue. At 9:30 p.m., they medical service call at a South Maple request from Union County Mutual investigated an activated fire alarm on Avenue residence. Endor Lane • On Nov. 30 at 2:40 p.m., firefigh-

ters responded to a Rising Way residence on the report of smoke. • At 3:10 p.m. Dec. 1, firefighters investigated an activated fire alarm on

Endor Lane. Springfield

• On Nov. 24 at 11:03 a.m., Springfield firefighters responded to a Rollout. At 3:30 p.m., they extinguished a residence. car fire on Route 78 West, mile post

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The motivation to succeed has

resulted in tremendous progress for

students enrolled in the "Y" Learning

Scott Reyes, a seventh-grader from

Springfield, never wanted to read

more than this assigned work. Now,

Reyes chooses books to read for plea-

sure, and he noticed his reading speed

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At 7:28 p.m., they attended to a car Avenue apartment complex. fire on Route 24 East.

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• On Nov. 28 at 8:42 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated fire ment. At 4:49 p.m., they attended to a alarm at a Morris Avenue apartment boiler explosion at a Hawthorne

• On Nov. 29 at 4:52 p.m., firefighters investigated an activated carbon

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• On Nov. 27 at 4:27 p.m., firefigh- • On Dec. 2 at 11:33 a.m., firefighters investigated smoke coming from ters answered a medical service call at a Rose Avenue residence. At 2:33 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Stone Hill Road apart-Avenue residence.

• At 5:09 p.m. Dec. 3, firefighters answered a medical service call at a ing Rock Road residence for a lock- monoxide detector at a Wentz Avenue Hillside Avenue residence. At 5:50 p.m., they responded to a motor vehi-• At 1:57 a.m. Nov. 30, firefighters cle accident on Morris and Keeler.

attended to a motor vehicle accident • On Dec. 4 at 5:43 p.m., firefigh-• On Nov. 25 at 6:34 a.m., firefigh- on Route 78 West, mile post 46.5. At ters attended to an electrical problem

Learning Academy shows students secret to success seen his reading grades climb. both in the way of success credits,

"This year is my best year," Reyes said. "I feel more confident."

Miller works with three students at a time, like an employee behind an ice cream counter after school lets out. But instead of doling out sundaes, she grades assignments and prepares the next exercise for each student, deftly multitasking between grade levels and curriculum.

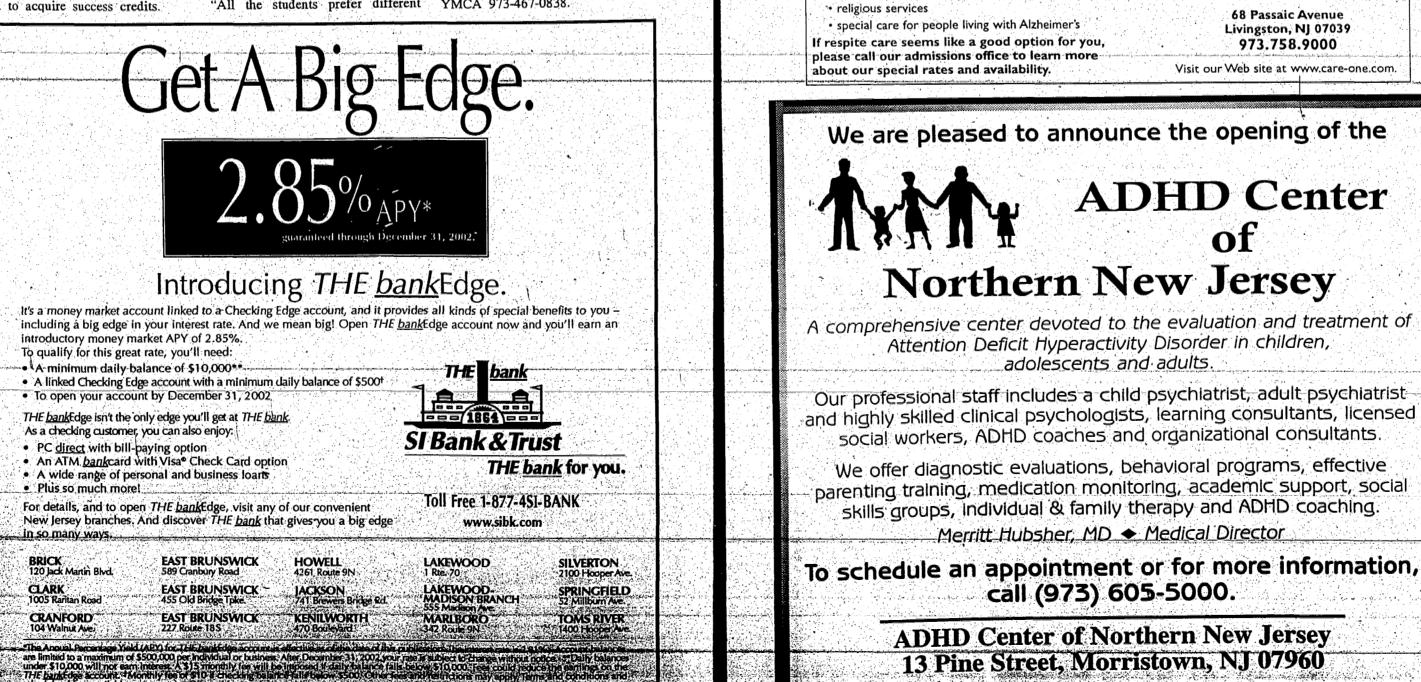
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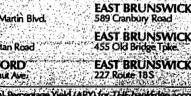
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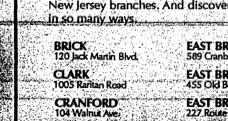
Miller recalls one girl enrolled in the reading program who hated to read when she joined the program. Recently, this same girl had completed so much reading work in a single session that she wanted to bring home her worksheet to show her

"It's been great. The parents are so happy to discuss their child's educa- · child in the "Y" Learning Academy, tion progress every day," Miller said. "All the students prefer different

three to one.







The YMCA knows that strong programs are more than youth sports and swim classes. That's why we teamed up with one tutoring at affordable rates. Our Learning Academy program

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One of Miller's students was able things and it's all effective. It's just a in the program....

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• The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. • The Mountainside Borough Council meet for a regular session at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its international film festival with a screening of "No Man's Land," directed

Upcoming

Dec. 19

Dec. 21

Ongoing

by Danis Tanovic, at noon and 7 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-0539.

Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

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Admission is free. For information, call 973-376-4930. • Rosanne Taglia R.N., community nurse educator for senior health at St. Barnabas Medical Center, will speak to Springfield Hadassah on "Improving Memory," noon at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in

• Darwin's "The Moral Sense of Man and the Lower Animals" will be the topic of the Great Books Discussion Group, 10 a.m. at the Springfield The group welcomes new! members. For information, call

• The first of three Babysitter's Training courses will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., by the Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St., Westfield.

• The Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at noon at Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path in Mountainside. For information, call 908-232-4406. • The Mountainside Active Retirees meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. For information, call 908-232-4406.

• The Friends of the Springfield Public Library would like donations of used paperback novels. Also welcome are magazines published within

at a South Springfield Avenue condominium complex. At 9:17 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Baltusrol Way residence. At 6:27 p.m., they investigated smoke coming from the second floor of a Morris Avenue business.

• On Dec. 5 at 1:37 p.m., firefighters responded to a Chimney Ridge residence for a lock-out. At 3:53 p.m., they brought a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union ^CCounty Mutual Aid.

• On Friday at 3:56 p.m., firefighters investigated an activated carbon monoxide detector at a Meisel Avenue residence. At 6:36 p.m., all units responded to a Mohawk Drive residence for an activated fire alarm.

• On Saturday at 10:50 a.m., firefighters removed downed wires on Linden Avenue.

After three months, the "Y" Learning Academy has grown to the point that the Springfield YMCA is actively looking to hire a second instructor to maintain a student-to-teacher ratio of

Also in development is a pre-reader program for kindergartners and an advanced program for gifted students. For information, or to register your call Simone Miller at the Springfield YMCA 973-467-0838.



The Springfield Elks enjoy a holiday party for handicapped children at the building's headquarters Sunday. Sharing a laugh are, from left, Berni Santiago, Handicapped Children Committee member; Carmel Kretchmer, exalted ruler; Pat Heller. Handicapped Children Committee chairperson, and Springfield Elks Poster Child Lawrence Kaspereen, 5, of Springfield.

Cops keep their eyes on DWIs

By Joshua Zaitz Staff Writer Throughout the holiday season, the

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alcohol

tolerance," said Mountainside Police day season, as well as around the Lt. Todd Turner, "If you're drunk, you're getting arrested."

Mountainside police officers will safety of motorists within the borough. The money used to pay the officers is not funded through Mountainside taxpayers. Instead the state has set aside a grant to pay the extra officers on patrol.

If a driver is convicted of drunk driving within the borough, he is fined by the state. He pays the money to the courts. The court then gives \$99 to said Turner. Mountainside for every drunk driver borough.

Over the years, Mountainside has unsafe lane changes, speeding, or a

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set aside this money to specifically pay for the overtime DWI patrol. "We've let the amount build over Mountainside Police Department will the years," said Chief of Police and institute rolling patrols of officers Borough Administrator James who are specially trained in detecting Debbie. "It can actually roll over from drivers who are under the influence of one year to the next year to the next." Generally, the borough implements "We're operating under a zero the extra DWI patrol during the holi-

Fourth of July and Memorial Day. "We do it around Memorial Day when summer starts and this time of be working overtime to ensure the year," said Turner, who explained that typically there are more drunk drivers during the holiday season. Mountainside has been participat-

> ing in this program since 1984. "It's proven to be a successful program over the years and in my opinion has definitely reduced the

number of people operating under the influence within our jurisdiction," When searching for drivers who who was convicted within the might be under the influence, police officers look for erratic driving,

failure to signal when turning. "There are certain overt acts that tend to draw the officer's attention to someone who may be operating under the influence," said Turner. "Typically, it's excessive speed, or someone going way too slow, or hugging a line, or crossing a line. They're easily identifiable."

Mountainside officers would then signal for the suspected driver to pull over. The driver will be asked to perform several dexterity tests. At that point, the officer will make a determination as to whether or not the driver is under the influence. If so, the driver would be placed under arrest and transported to police headquarters, where he would be given a Breathalyzer test.

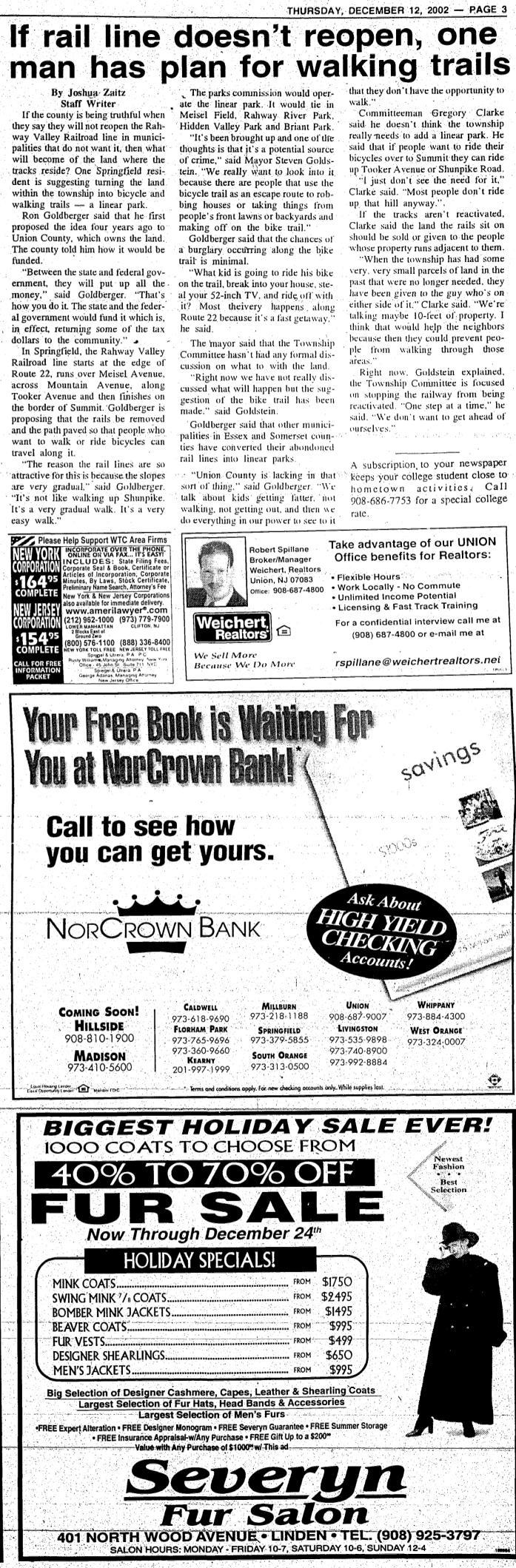
In New Jersey if a person registers a .10 or above on a Breathalyzer test, he or she is considered legally drunk. Turner said individuals can be convicted of drunk driving even if the Breathalyzer registers a lower number than the state legal limit.

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Staff Writer

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Maria Pelesz

Maria Pelesz, 84, of Springfield died Nov. 15 at home.

Born in Czorne, Poland, Mrs. Pelesz came to Jersey City in 1968 and lived in Maplewood before moving to Springfield two years ago. She was a maintenance worker for Allied, New York City, for 18 years and retired in.

Surviving are two daughters, Julia Hrywna and Olga Podberezniak: a son, Demetry: seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Charles J. Werbickv

Charles J. "Chuck" Werbicky, 59, of Clinton Township, formerly of Springfield, died Nov. 7 at home, Born, in Newark: Mr. Werbicky lived in Springfield and Maplewood before moving to Clinton Township 25 years ago. He owned and was president of Millennium Fluid Power Inc., Lebanon.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a daughter, Jennifer Modica, and a grandchild.

Mario V. Garrubbo

Mario V. Garrubbo, 61, of Green Brook, died Nov. 24 at home. Mr. Garrubbo was a certified public accountant and served as chief operating officer with World Motor Corp., Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Luanne; a daughter, Christina: three sons, Phil-'ip. Edwin and Mario'Jr.; his mother. Nirginia Garrabbo; two brothers, Guy and Joseph; a sister, Ginna Chiaese, and three grandchildren.

Giuseppe Romeo

Giuseppe Romeo, 73, of Springfield, formerly of Union, died Nov. 28 in Overlook Hospital: Summit:

Born in Tricarico, Italy, Mr. Romeo lived in Union before moving to Springfield 19 years ago. He worked for, Seton Hall University. South Orange, as a mason for 23 years, and retired 13 years ago. Mr. Romeo was 68. Fairfield.

Romeo, a brother, Rocco; two sisters Maria Di Marco and Antoinette Benjamin Colandrea Schlavone, and two grandchildren.

Goldie K. Berkley

Goldie K. Berkley, 91, of West ter. Livingston

1999 Mrs. Berkley was a past presi- Realty Co., East Orange. dent of both the Sisterhood of Binai He served in the Navy during East Orange:

and Stephen M:: five grandchildren Springfield. and two great-grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

OWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

RESOLUTION INCREASING MAX-IMUM PAYABLE UNDER PRO-FESSIONAL SERVICES CON-TRACT TO ANCO ENVIRONMEN-

TAL SERVICES, INC. BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield

did enter into a professional services co

tract with Anco Environmental Services

inc. pursuant to a professional service

WHEREAS, the maximum fees set forth

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Town-ship of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby increase the maximum fees under the pro-fessional services agreement by the sum of \$15,000,00, TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meet-ing by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey on December 10, 2002.

Township Clerk U4196 ECL December 12, 2002(\$14.00)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF ADDENDA TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AN ADDENDUM is available as to speci-fications for SEALED PROPOSALS for the furnishing of TOWNSHIP GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION BULK AND WHITE GOODS for the Township of Springfield, and same is on file in the office of the Township Clerk, where it may be exa-mined and where cooles may be obtained

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mined and where copies may be obtained by prospective bidders, along with copies of such specifications. The submittal date and time for propo-als has not been changed, and remains Thursday, December 26, 2002, 10:00 and prevailing time, at the office of the Town ship Clerk, Municipal Building, 100 Mourn tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, a previously published. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI Township Clerk U4310 ECL. Dec. 12, 2002 (\$9.00)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ER&M, INC. FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW SERVICES, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRING-FIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield in need of contracting for Right To-Know ivices for the 2005 calendar year, for the wnship of Springfield, County of Union,

Township of Springfield, County of Union; State of New Jerssey; and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law; N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., requires a resolution authorizing the award of the con-tract for professional services without com-petitive bids and that the contract itself must

tion have been determined to

Kathleen_D. Wisniewski

Jennie Moutis Jennie Moutis, 96, of Springfield

died Nov. 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit Born in Kastri, Sparta, Greece, Mrs. Moutis lived in Sparta, Greece, Newark and Hillside before moving . to Springfield. She owned and operated South Park Restaurant, Newark, from 1918 until retiring. Mrs. Moutis was a member of the Ladies Philopto-

hos Society of St. Nicholas and Holy

Trinity Greek Orthodox Church,

Westfield. In 1980, she was honored as Grandmother of the Year by Holy Trinity Church. Surviving are two daughters, Helen Tsairis and Peggy Phillips; two sons, George and Nicholas: three sisters, Katherine Speros, Stella Vozeolas and Kandoula Koumaris; seven grandchildren and, 13 greatgrandchildren.

Rose M. Purchase

Rose M. Purchase, 77, of Kenilworth, formerly of Mountainside died Nov. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Purchase lived in Mountainside before moving to Kenilworth 17 years ago. She was an electronics salesperson with Route Electronics, Springfield, for 30 years and retired in 1987. After retiring, Mrs. Purchase worked at Boro Drugs, Kenilworth, for nine years until 1999. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth, and a volunteer with the Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, MOPS, in Scotch Plains, Mrs. Purchase was a former member of the Mountainside Rescue Squad

Surviving are three daughters. Deanne Healy, Joyce Rachel and Barbara Dzitko; a brother. Edward Barnes: a sister, Mary Barnes: three Center, Somerville, grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren

Georgina Koehler

Georgina Koehler, 94. of Cedar Grove, formerly of Springfield, died a member of the Painters Union Local Dec. 1 in the Kessler Care Center. Cedar Grove. Born in Scotland. Mrs. Surviving are his wite, Rosa; two Kochler lived in Springfield before daughters. Rosemarie and Teresa moving to Cedar Grove a year ago.

Benjamin Colandrea Jr., 79, of Springfield died Nov. 29 in Overlook Hospital. Summit.

Born in Summit, Mr. Colandrea Orange, formerly of Springfield, died was a lifelong resident of Springfield, Nov. 27 in St. Barnabas Medical Cen- He was employed by the International Paint Co., Union, for 35 years and Born in Newark, Mrs. Berkley retired as a production manager in lived in Millburn and Springfield 4984. From 1994 to 1999. Mr. Colanbefore moving to West Orange in drea worked for Arthur Schwartz

Israel, Millburn, and the Essex Coun- World War II. Mr. Colandrea was a - ty Chapter of the National Council of member of the Pattenburg Gun Club Jewish Women. She also was a volun- and a past president of the Industrial teer for the Ruth Gotscho Kidney Fire Chiefs' Association of New Foundation of Union County and the Jersey. He was active in the Spring-Veterans Administration Hospital in field Little League and also coached American Legion baseball. He was a Surviving are two sons, Peter L. member of Cub Scouts Pack 172;

Surviving are his wife of 55 years,

PUBLIC NOTICE NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Town-ship of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and the Clerk of the Township of Springfield are hereby authorized; respectively, to execute and attest to an agreement with ER&M, Inc. for the following generation the 2000 generation the following services for the 2003 calenda year: develop inventory of all compounds create a computerized survey for submis sion. to the NJ_Dept_of_Health, provide pound research, at a fee not to exceed \$2,800.00, pursuant to process? 52,800.00, pursuant to proposal letters designated Proposal No. 06-001-02, This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "professional services con-tract" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I) of the Local Public Con-TAKE NOTICE, the foregoing Resolu-tracts Law. TAKE NOTICE, the foregoing Resolu-tion was adopted at a Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey on December 10, 2002: Kathleen D. Wisniewski Township Clerk Township Clerk U4197 ECL December 12, 2002 (\$10,50) OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD Please take notice that the follow

decision was made at the regular meetir of the Planning Board held on Wednesda 6-2002-S Briad Development East Application # Applicant:

LLC 40 Route 22 West Lot 1 & 2 Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval with variances for minimum lot depth, Lot coverage and signance Site Location: Block 3105 For: and signage

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Board, 100 Mountain Avenue, Annex Building, Town-ship of Springfield, NJ and is available for public inspection. Robert C. Kirkpatrici Planning Board Secretary (4306 ECL December 12, 2002(\$10.50)

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Rose; two sons, Bruce E. and Jeff J .: two sisters, Helen Kopper and Florence Williams; seven brothers, Raymond, William, Arthur, Edward, three grandchildren.

Nicholas Montanino

Nicholas R. Montanino, 62, of Hillside, formerly of Springfield, died ter, Livingston.

Newark, where he worked for many years before retiring.

Mr. Montanino was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Springfield Elks Club 2004 and the Thunderbird Open Road Club of New Jersey,

Surviving are his wife of 37 years. Sandy; a daughter, Barbara Thomas; two sisters, Connie Davis and Ann Miesner, and two grandchildren.

Anne Windolz

Anne Windolz, 87, of Springfield died Dec. 3 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Boston, Mass., Mrs. Windolz lived in Union County for many years before moving to Springfield 30 years ago. She was a bookkeeper with Watson Bagel, Irvington, for 35 years and retired in 1990.

Surviving are a son, Robert S.: a daughter. Ronnye Bertoglio: three sisters, Florence Bernstein, Edith Katchen and Mildred Selgiman; a brother, Philip Amster, and two grandchildren.

Marie Domaratzky

Marie Domaratzky, 71. of Springfield died Dec. 1 in Somerset Medical

Born in Juvisy. Surorge, France, Mrs. Domaratzky lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1977. She was a real estate agent for Oak Ridge Realty. Springfield, for 10 years and retired in 1988. Earlier, Mrs. Domaratzky was an executive secretary at Orly Airport. Paris, France

Surviving are her-husband of 51 years. Anatole: two sons. Bernard.A. and Daniel O.: a daughter, Lydia A. Haynes: a brother, Daniel Haniak; three sisters. Juliane Mazurets, Jeanine E. Haschenko and Nicole Boucher, and 10 grandchildren.

Duncan E. Foster

Duncan E. Foster, 59. a lifelong resident of Springfield, died Nov. 30 at home

Mr. Foster owned and operated Duncan Foster Tree Service. Springfield, for 30 years. He received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Foster was a member of the Arborist Association, Morristown, and the Harley-Davidson Owners Group, Surviving are a daughter, Sarah L. two brothers. Edward S. Jr. and Peter S. and a sister. Edith F. Sverchek.

> PUBLIC NOTICE ownship of Springfield County of Union

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENER-AL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, TO CLARIFY, COR-RECT AND MAKE GENDER NEUTRAL, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION; STATE OF NEW-JERSEY JERSEY TAKE NOTICE; that the foregoing Or nance was finally passed and approved at a regular meeting of the Township Commit-tee of the Township of Springfield, held on December 10, 2002 in the Municipal

Building. KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U4304 ECL December 12, 2002 (\$8.00)

TAKE NOTICE the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield on Wednesday, December 25, 2002 has been rescheduled for Thurs-day, December 26, 2002 at 7:00 PM and Workshop Meeting at 6:00 PM. Kathleen D. Wisniewski Township Clerk

Township Clerk, U4195 ECL December 12, 2002 (\$3.50)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF ADDENDA. TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AN ADDENDUM is available as to speci-ications for SEALED PROPOSALS for the undefine of TOWNSUM CASE fications for SEALED PROPOSALS for the furnishing of TOWNSHIP GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION - TYPE 10 MUNICI-PAL WASTE for the Township of Spring-field, and same is on file in the office of the Township Clerk, where it may be examined and where copies may be obtained by pros-pective bidders, along with copies of such specifications.

als has not been changed, and remains Thursday, December 26, 2002, 10:00 am, prevailing time, at the office of the Town-ship Clerk, Municipal Building, 100 Moun-tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, as KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI U4309 ECL Dec. 12, 2002

On January 10, 2003, 2002 at 12 P.M. Lackland Self Storage, 1229 Rte. 22E, Mountain-side, N.J. 07092 chandise will be sold at Public Auction. Listed below are the unit num-cocupant's name and a brief description of the contents.

> Bike, Bedding, Clothing, Rocking Chair, Boxed Items Robert W. Howard Cooler, Bedding, T.V., Luggage, Mirro Clothing, Boxed Items

Salvatore Sava V/Boxed Items, Grandfather Clock

Bike donation sits well with Springfield's Auxiliary Police

JMK Auto Sales of Springfield recently donated a Richard, Vincent and Robert, and BMW bicycle to the Springfield Auxiliary Police. The bicycle will be used by Auxiliary Police Sgt. Jim Bonacorda, an avid bicyclist in his spare time.

"The bicycle, valued at approximately \$1,000, was an extremely generous donation by JMK to our unit and is greatly appreciated," said Emergency Management Depu-Dec. 5 in St. Barnabas Medical Cen- ty Coordinator Scott Seidel. "I'm very excited about finaly getting this bicycle, the regular Police Department has Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Montanino had one for a few years. I believe this will enhance our lived in Springfield for many years unit's ability to serve the residents of the township," said before moving to Hillside. He was a Bonacorda. The bicycle will be outfitted with a light, siren supervisor at Maher Terminals, Port and basic first aid kit and should be ready for use.

emergencies in the township. www.springfield-nj.com.

Enjoying their newly donated BMW bicycle are, from left, Capt. Wally Schultz, Springfield Auxiliary Police; Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage; Auxiliary Sgt. Jim Bonarcorda; JMK General Sales Manager Rob Lieb, and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator Scott Seidel.

Registration opens for Springfield's Pre-K Program

Registration for the 2003-04 Prekindergarten Program in the Springfield public schools, as well as those children eligible for kindergarten in September, not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center Prekindergarten Program, will be conducted on the following days: • Jan, 9. last names beginning with

A to E, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30

sary, to schedule an alternate registra-• Jan, 10, F to K, 10 to 11 a.m. or tion session 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. To be eligible for prekindergarten, • Jan. 13, L to Q. 10 to 11 a.m. or a child must be a resident of Spring-1:30 to 2:30 p.m. field, and be 4 years old on or before • Jan. 14. R to Z. 10 to 11 a.m. or Dec. 1, 2003. Children entering kindergarten, must reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 1, 2003.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Registration will be at the Edward

V. Walton School Early Childhood Center. Parents are requested to call the school at 973-376-1304 if neces-

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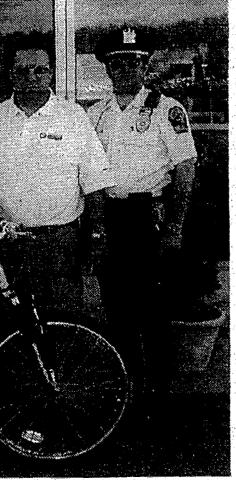
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The Auxiliary Police are always looking for new members, residents 18 years or older are encouraged to apply. Call 973-467-3388 for details or check the township web site under Emergency Management for details at



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SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER **Editor: JR Parachini** Can be reached in Maplewood at 973-763-0700

THIS IS **H.S. FOOTBALL**

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

Only in New Jersey can you fi sh third in your conference and then win a state championship. After back-to-back losses to mmaculata and Ridge, Johnson was 2-2 back in October at the half way point of the season.

"At that point you could say, why did I decide to stay this year?" Johnson head coach Bob Taylor said Monday, tongue-in

Eight consecutive wins later Taylor concludes a highlysuccessful 29-season coaching tenure with a state championshir Johnson became Union County'

44th playoff champion Sunday after it defeated defending champ West Essex 29-7 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 title game in North Caldwell.

Johnson lost at West Essex 29-8 in the semifinals last year and the West Essex topped Orange 16-6 in the final at Kean University i

"I'm so glad we got to avenge last year's loss," said Taylor, who is 6-2 in playoff championshi games, 4-2 at Brearley Regiona and now 2-0 at Johnson.

Taylor guided the Crusaders the 1995 championship, that squa finishing 11-0. This year's tea concluded at 10-2.

"Our coaching staff did such great job this year," Taylor said "Disguising coverages and picking up reads, that was a big difference for us. That always makes you feel

Taylor's staff included assistants Carl Peterson, Frank Malta, Anthony Calandra, Gus Kalikas Michael Katz, Mike Mancino and Vince Albano. Peterson, Johnson's athletic director, is also stepping down from coaching.

Taylor, now the principal Johnson, disclosed before the season that this would be his last year of donning the headphones. He had eight winning seasons and two .500 seasons during a 10-season stint at Johnson that closed at 74-29 (.718 and included seven playoff seasons, two state championships and two Aountain Valley Conference Mountain Division crowns.

Taylor was 123-54-7 (.695) dur ing a 19-season (1974-1992) tenure at Brearley Regional that included one 11-0 season in 1981 and fou state championships in six trips t the North 2, Group 1 final.

He won his last state title a Brearley in 1991 as the fourth seed. winning both playoff games on the road. He won his first state title at Johnson in 1995 as the third seed winning both games on the road He won his last state title at Johnson as the fourth seed this year winning the last two of three playoff games on the road.

All three of those years his team went on the road to beat the top seed en route to winning the title. I 1991, Brearley Regional won a Johnson Regional in the semifinals in 1995 Johnson Regional won a Summit in the final and this year Johnson won at Summit again, th time in the semifinals.

Taylor's coaching record fro 9 years at Brearley and 10 at John son is 197-83-7 (.704). He has now coached six Union County teams t playoff championships, which second-best in the county. Only th ate Lou Rettino at Union did sc nore often, guiding the Farmers to 0 titles See you in September.

NJSIAA FINAL Sunday, Dec. 8 North 2, Group 2 at West Essex Johnson 29, West Essex

Playoff picks Last week: 1-0-Season: 90-35 (.720)

UNION COUNTY FOR	2002
1. Johnson (10-2)	
2. Summit (9-2)	
3. Elizabeth (8-3)	
4. Brearley (9-1)	
5. Cranford (6-4)	
6. Scotch Plains (6-4)	
7. Westfield (7-3)	
8. Linden (5-5)	
9. New Providence (7-2	3)
10. Gov. Livingston (5-5	5)
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Roselle Park (3-7) Hillside (2-8)

Solid effort



SPORTS

The Springfield Stingers 9-and-under soccer team gave a solid effort this season, sporting a final 2-6-2 record. Kneeling, from left, are Sergio Annunziata, Ross Konesky, Nico Izzi, Ryan Cutino and Ryan Schweikert. Standing, from left, are Joey Policasto, Jack Finnegan, Tyler Schafer, Jesse DiCocco, Jake Rudolph, Zach Corey and Brian DiFiore. Coaches, from left, are Ian Konesky, Michael Izzi and Silvio DiFiore. Team members not in picture include Aaron Sauerhoff and Rvan Rinderman.

Summit ice hockey team is out to learn from mistakes Hilltoppers topped Bernards for first win

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

ROSELLE - To learn from its mistakes.

That's what Summit High School boys' ice hockey coach Keith Nixon wants his team to do this season. "I have a very young club which includes eight sophomores and two freshmen," Nixon said. "They're going to make some mistakes, but I expect them to get better as the season goes on.

As of Monday's 4-2 loss to Cranford in the first round of the Cron Tournament at Warinanco Rink, Summit's record stood at 1-3.

The Hilltoppers opened their season with a 5-4 loss to West Essex at South Mountain Arena in West Orange on Dec. 2. The next day, Summit dropped a 5-1 contest to

Ridge at Warinanco. "We were ahead of West Essex 3-2 and tied with Ridge 1-1 heading into the third period," Nixon said. "We just made some mistakes and bad decisions that cost us."

Nixon also felt that the back-to-back nights might have been a factor in the team's poor play in the final period of both games. Summit rebounded last Saturday when it defeated Ber-

nards 3-1 for its first victory of the season. The game was played at Chimney Rock Arena in Bridgewater "We got off to a 2-0 lead, but we really played well in the third period," Nixon said. "We need to improve in fin-

ishing teams off." In Monday's game against Cranford, the Cougars jumped out to a 1-0 lead just 37 seconds in as left winger Ryan Ahern took a crossing pass from center Mike Davitt and deposited a high riser over the shoulder of sophomore goalie Myles Weeks.

Sophomore Peter Britt is the other Hilltopper netminder and he will see plenty of action, according to Nixon. "Both of my goalies are sophomores," Nixon said. "They both need experience."

Less than two minutes later, Summit responded with a goal from junior center Mike Tammaro. Junior defenseman Rob Schroeder was credited with an assist on the play. - Tammaro centers the first-line that includes senior Max Tcheyan and sophomore Alex Tint, while Schroeder anchors the defense, which includes seniors Eric Lupton and Ned Hillenbrand, and junior Parker Lattin.

After Cranford tallied for two more goals in the first period, the Cougars led 3-1.

Cranford added its final goal 1:34 into the second period when Joe Conte connected on the power play. The third period saw more penalties than shots, but Summit did manage to score once again. With 1:28

remaining, Schroeder banged in a wraparound shot into the right corner. Tcheyan was given an assist on the play. "We played a bad forechecking game," Nixon said. "We also had a lack of discipline and took some unnecessary penalities."

Nixon did praise the play of his two freshmen, Rob Hillenbrand and Scott Garibaldi, who are both forwards. "They've understood their roles as the penalty killers." Nixon said. "They haven't given up a power play goal

The rest of the Summit roster includes senior center Matt Clark, junior center Matt Donnally and sophomores Marshall Harden, Colin Campbell, Ben Sargice, Donni Bodgen and Conor Lyons.

"I don't like the term rebuilding," Nixon said. "It's just a matter of going all out and playing quality hockey." Nixon feels the only way his team is going to move to a higher level is by making adjustments such as better positioning and being mentally prepared.

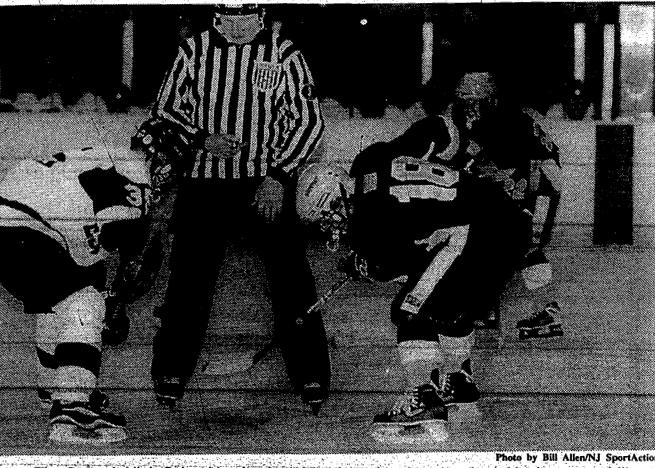
Summit is scheduled to play the loser of Tuesday's Old Bridge-St. Joe's of Montvale game today in second-round action of the Cron Tournament at Warinanco. The Hilltoppers are then scheduled to play at Central Conference-Red Division rival Bayonne tomorrow. "We have a tough schedule, but high expectations."

Nixon said. "Our goal is to always qualify for the state playoffs." Nixon thinks his team will mature as the season goes

"I don't feel we're out of it yet," Nixon said. "It's just a matter of getting better as the season goes on and learning

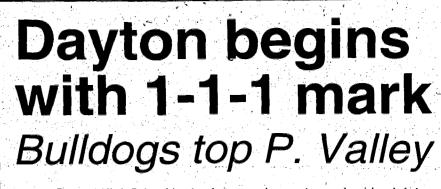
from our mistakes. Nixon is assisted this year by Matt Ramstedt and Tom

Upcoming: Dec. 13 at Bayonne, 8 p.m Bayonne Arena Dec. 16-18 Cron Tournament at Warinanco Rink, Roselle; Dec. 20 at Bridgewater, 6:30 p.m. Bridgewater Sports Arena; Dec. 22 Montclair, 10:15 a.m. Warinanco; Jan. 2 at St. Peter's, 8 p.m. Bayonne Arena; Jan-6-at-Millburn, 4:15. p.m. South Mountain Arena in West Orange; Jan. 7 Bernards, 8:30 p.m. Warinanco; Jan. 14 West Essex, 8:30 p.m. Warinanco.



The Summit High School ice hockey team is sparked by the play of junior center Mike Tammaro (No. 18), shown here in the Dec. 2 season-opener against West Essex at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Tammaro scored a goal in Summit's 4-2 loss to-Cranford Monday night in first-round Cron Tournament competition at the Warinanco Ice **Rink in Roselle**

Essex County: 973-674-2038



The Dayton High School ice hockey team began the week with a 1-1-1 mark after opening the season last week with a tie, loss and victory. Dayton's opener was against West Orange Dec. 2 at the Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle. Dayton jumped out to a 6-2 lead before West Orange rallied with four goals to earn a tie,

Freshman defenseman Rob Carrol netted two goals for the Bulldogs, while Justin McElroy, Eric Decter, Paul Leokumovich and Andrej Moczydlowski had one each.

Kurt Birchler scored three goals to cut West Orange's deficit from 6-2 to 6-5. The Mountaineers then tied the game with 1:10 remaining.

High School Ice Hockey

Dayton and West Orange are two of the seven schools situated in the Blue Division of the Central Conference

Last year's champion, Montclair-Kimberley Academy, defeated Dayton 2-1 last Friday at Montclair's Clary Anderson Rink. MKA moved up to the conference's White Division, with Livingston replacing MKA in the Blue Division. MKA scored the winning goal with two minutes remaining after senior Brett Berger tied the game with his first goal of the season just 48 seconds into the third period. Freshman Gregg Steffanelli dug the puck out of the corner and fed

Berger to earn an assist. MKA first reached the scoreboard in the opening period, but did not score again until late in the contest. Dayton defensemen Carrol, Decter, McElroy and Matt Parman played well as did goaltender Michael Rodrigues, who finished with 33 saves.

Dayton rebounded last Saturday by downing Passaic Valley 6-2 for its first victory of the season. Berger netted Dayton's first hat-trick this season, his third goal coming on a penalty shot. Moczydłowski earned three assists. Stephanelli scored midway through the third period to enhance Dayton's advantage to 4-2. Sophomore Cory Berger scored in the first period to tie the game at 1-1, while Steve Mandel scored the game's final goal in the third

Leading scorers after Week One: Brett Berger (4 goals, 1 assist, 5 points). Andrej Moczydlowski (1-3-4), Paul Leokumovich (1-2-3), Rob Carrol (2-1-3) and Rich Kolovyonski (0-3-3).

Mountainside's Hotz sparks

Muhlenberg College men's harriers Alex Hotz of Mountainside, a Governor Livingston High School graduate

elped the Muhlenberg College men's cross country team to its best season ever n 2002. Muhlenberg is located in Allentown, Pa. The Mules finished second at the Centennial Conference Championships and

fourth at the NCAA Mideast Regional, missing qualifying for the NCAA Division 3 Championships by just five points. Hotz earned All-CC Second Team honors by placing 12th at the conference

meet, then placed 32nd at the NCAA Mideast Regional to receive All-Region "Alex was one of the keys to our success this year," head coach Linda

Andrews said, "He adjusted very well to the 8-kilometer race and has a great future ahead of him." Hotz's best finish of the season was third place at the Mule/Falcon Classic

Mountainside's King a Second Team

All-NJAC pick at TCNJ def. lineman Chet King of Mountainside, a Governor Livingston High School graduate had an outstanding senior season as a member of The College of New Jersev football team, which finished 6-3 overall and tied for second in the New Jersey Athletic Conference with a 4-2 mark.

King, Who earned Second Team All-Conference honors on defense, played in all nine games and posted 35 tackles, 15 of them solo. The lineman had a teamhigh 10 sacks for 59 yards, which was third best in the NJAC, and also forced two lumbles. He had a season-high four sacks in a 42-7 win against New Jersev-City University King finished second on the team and fifth in the conference with 14.5 tackles for loss of 76 yards.

Summit Junior Baseball League registration continues Dec. 19

The Summit Junior Baseball League will conduct walk-in registration sessions for Summit boys and girls in grades K-8 for the 2003 baseball and softball seasons on the following dates: Dec. 19 from 3-5 p.m. and Jan. 11 from 9-11

Registration will take place in the Summit Middle School entrance hall. Registrations will take place in the Summit Middle School entrance hall. Registrations received after Jan. 11, the registration cutoff date, will be charged a late fee of \$50 per player. Baseball League fees are \$75 per player for grades K-2 and \$145 per player

for grades 3-8. Softball League fees are \$75 per player for grades 2 and 3 and \$100 per player for grades 4-8."

In either program, if more than two family members register, the fee for only the two oldest children is due. Scholarships may be available upon request. Application forms have been distributed to all K-8 Summit school children through their schools. Additional copies of the registration forms and other pertinent registration information can be downloaded off the SJBB web site at 222.summitnjsports.com.

The season commences April 7 and concludes June 15. More information may be obtained by calling 908-273-6529

Summit	Summit
Boys' Basketball	Girls' Basketball
Dec. 20 Morris Hills, 7 p.m.	Dec, 20 at Morris Hills, 7 p.m.
Dec. 27-28 Holiday Tourn. home	Dec. 26-30 Millburn T., 6 p.m.
Jan. 3 at Mount Olive, 7	Jan. 3 Mount Olive, 7
Jan. 7 at Mendham, 7	Jan. 7 Mendham, 7
Jan. 10 Parsippany, 7	Jan. 10 at Parsippany, 7
Jan. 14 at West Essex, 7	Jan. 14 West Essex, 7
Jan. 17 Weequahic, 7	Jan. 17 at Weequahic, 4 p.m.
Jan. 21 at Hanover Park, 7	Jan. 21 Hanover Park, 7
Jan. 24 Parsippany Hills, 7	Jan. 24 at Parsippany Hills, 7
Jan. 28 at Dover, 7	Jan. 28 Dover, 7
Jan. 30 at Morris Hills, 7	Jan. 30 Morris Hills, 7
Feb. 4 Mount Olive, 7	Feb. 1 at Cranford, 1 p.m.
Feb. 6 Mendham, 7	Feb. 4 at Mount Olive, 7
Feb. 11 at Parsippany, 7	Feb. 6 at Mendham, 7
Feb. 13 West Essex, 7	Feb. 11 Parsippany, 7
Feb. 18 at Weequahic, 4 p.m.	Feb. 13 at West Essex, 7
Feb. 20 Hanover Park, 7	Feb. 15 at Millburn, 1
Feb. 25 at Parsippany Hills, 7	Feb. 18 Weequahic, 7
Feb. 27 Dover, 7	Feb. 20 at Hanover Park, 7
Summit finished the 2001-2002	Feb. 25 Parsippany Hills, 7
season with a 14-8 record.	Feb. 27 at Dover, 7
· The Hilltoppers lost at Orange	Summit finished the 2001-2002
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Group 2 semifinal

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We are always going to have to fight for our freedom

Editor's note: This is the 12th part in a series from the book "Freedom Tide." We are reprinting it in serialized form, with permission.

To keep our freedom strong, we all have to pitch in and do our part to make sure our way of life is preserved and continued. One of the greatest contributions to that end is to start and build a business of your own. Find a need and fill it. Find out where and how you can serve your fellow man. Author Gil Bailie, sharing some advice given to him by a spiritual mentor, better sums up this idea: Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who

have come alive. Strengthening our country's heritage is what makes me come alive. It makes me come alive with passion to make a difference and do something about our country's direction and future. Owning my own business has taught me that I am responsible for my family and myself. It has given me a unique insight into personal responsibility that I am sure I would not have gotten anywhere else. Our country could use a healthy dose of personal responsibility! We are going to believe that either people are capable or that the government is going to make them capable. I believe in the power of the individual to perform. On Dec. 4, 2001, President George W. Bush hosted a Town Hall meeting in Orlando. Fla The discussion centered on the recent terrorist activity. and the resulting war and the impact of those events on our economy. Several people who had lost jobs in the economic downturn asked, "What is government going to do for me?" President Bush answered that he was concerned about the job losses and explained that training programs and assistance were being made available. Then he added that in our land of free enterprise, it was not up to the government to determine your success or failure. That was up to each person.

1 really liked his answer. Personal responsibility and accountability are important aspects of our government. We have come to rely too much on the government for answers and solutions. Yes, there are times and situations when someone does have to sten in and provide help. In the past, the community itself or the local church played substantial roles in assisting people. Today, many people expect --- the government to be the helping described the consequences of ignor

Former U.S. Representative Bob McEwen of Ohio once explained the danger of a governmental helping hand: While governmental economic planning may sound attractive, it is all must be fitted into it. Those who will not fit voluntarily are coerced. That is why they must build-walls and around socialist countries to keep people in to enjoy the benefits.



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I was in Venezuela recently speakg to a group about free enterprise. The people seemed very hungry to learn all that they could about our free market system, but many of them grew up and lived under some form of socialism. After the seminar, I had dinner with several business leaders. who honestly asked about the differences between free enterprise and socialism.

I answered by asking them what they thought government should provide for the people. They easily rattled of a list: housing, food, universal health care, welfare to the disadvantaged — all of which do sound attractive. They were just getting started when I asked how the government could afford to provide all of that. Then I decided to make the examples far-fetched to demonstrate that we would all love to have these things provided, but where do we draw the line? I asked if we could all have free cars, and if so, how big? What color? Two-door or four-door?1 think they got the point. Where do we draw the line? More importantly, who gets to decide where the line is drawn? We have to have clear thinking on these issues.

It's very easy to expect the government to always supply crutches for all the needs we could ever encounter. Either we are going to believe that people are capable of providing for themselves or we are going to believe that government will provide. That is why this is a philosophical question that each of us has to consider. Will I dedicate my life to principles that say people cannot provide for themselves and that government is all-powerful. or will I believe that individuals can succeed on their own?

On one extreme is the totally huma nistic and godless approach of communism that doesn't require morality because the government — the ones in power - decides what is right or wrong. On the other side is a free enterprise choice that requires people to take individual responsibility and is tied in to a set of absolute standards. Sir Alexander Fraser Tyler

ing this issue in his 'Cycle of Nations" discussion in The Decline and Fall of the Athenian Republic: A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that fundamental that in order for a gov- they can vote themselves money from ernment social program to work we the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for thecandidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with a result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always

followed by dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years: These nations have progressed

through the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to get courage; from courage to liberty; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency, and from dependency back to bondage.

With only about 50 percent of eligi-. ble American voters actually casting their vote in a typical election, where would you place the USA on this cycle? Complacency? Apathy? Dependency? Obviously, approximately 50 percent of our citizens "depend" on someone else to make their decisions for them.

Edward Gibbons' class The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire described how Rome's decline began when the politicans discovered a new source of income. Instead of encouraging work, thrift and savings, the leaders discovered that the political process could produce more money. They called the process taxation.

The politicians raised wine prices. and then destroyed half of the orchards. This created the need for government subsidies, thus leading to dependence on the government instead of on work and effort. The Roman government also created inflation to pay for its spending by debasing the currency, basically adding other metals into the gold and silver

The Roman emperor, Nero, said. "Tax, and tax again. See to it that no one owns anything." In 274 A.D., Nero became author of the first urban renewal program when he made welfare hereditary, a right, and an entitlement. Sounds familiar when we recognize that America's 30-plus year war on poverty has led us to have fourth-generation welfare families.

Only recently have conservative leaders pushed through welfare reform that has reduced welfare rolls in several states and restored dignity to people who went out and discovered that they could make it.

The Biblical work ethic -- "if you don't work, you don't eat" - is the cornerstone of individual responsibility. The idea that an individual is responsbile for where they are in life - self-government - is the same idea that has geometrically increased the wealth of the world. That is why it has been such a fight.

Some people are just as dedicated to the idea that a huge government knows what's better for the individual than the individual knows for himself. Freedom isn't free. We have to understand that if we are going to be a free people we are always going to have to fight this fight. The fight today seems to be largely internal in the hearts and minds of the people of America.

Two prevailing types of philosophy, or government, have survived: free enterprise and communism. But

vou don't hear people talking about communism anymore. Those committed to a bigger government disguise their socalistic ideals by telling us how badly we need more government or/more assistance.

Frederic Bastiat wrote a pamphlet first published in June 1850 entitled The Law. Bastiat was a French economist, statesman and author who did a majority of his writing in the years that France was turning to complete socialism. He called taxation "legal plunder" and said that socialists desire to make the law their own weapon." Bastiat went on to explain that "...legal plunder can be committed in an infinite number of ways...tariffs, protection, benefits, subsidies, encouragements, progres-

sive taxation, public schools, guaranteed jobs, guaranteed profits, minimum wages, a right to relief, a right to the tools of labor, free credit... All of these plans as a whole — with their common aim of legal plunder --- constitute socialism."

North Korea, Cuba and China openly flaunt their communism. An analysis of their economics and freedoms₁ demonstrates some of their huge shortcomings: human rights abuses and impoverished populations. Each year, the Heritage Foundation publishes an Index of Economic Freelom that measures how well 155 countries score on a list of 50 independent variables that are separated into 10 categories. Some examples of Index, categories are: fiscal burden of government, government intervention in the economy, property rights, and regulation. The higher the score on a particular factor, the greater the level of government interference in the economy and thus, the less economic freedom that country has the higher its per capita income is.

Therefore, it is documented that the nations that limit government the most really do allow the people the greatest freedoms, the highest stanlards of living, and the most choices. in the index, Russia, which has begun ntroducing free enterprise policies, is ranked 127 out of 155. Cuba is at 152 and North Korea scores 155. China, despite the huge export of its own goods, still rates 114 because of itsovernment intrusion.

No system is perfect, but free enterprise is spreading all over the world. Today, free enterprise businesses flourish in countries where communism reigned a short time ago. Yet, while freedom grows around the world, too many socialistic practices thrive here. Thus, our fight now is internal, right here in our country. It is better to trust the people than the $gov_{\overline{v}}$ ernment, but do enough of us understand and appreciate that?

Chad Connelly is founder and president of Freedom Tide Foundation, an organization committed to educating Americans about the fundamental principles that have made America great.

Watershed program Did you know there is a ridge run-

ning from Perth Amboy west to Edison, north to West Orange, and east into Newark, that creates one large watershed, or water drainage basin? Did you know this watershed directly affects the quality of your drinking water, your fishing, swimming, and property value? And did you know the argest source of pollution in the watershed, known as "non-point source pollution," comes from the average person, not factories and industry?

Sixth-grade students throughout Union, Middlesex, Essex and Hudson counties within the New Jersey designated Watershed Management Area 7 will have a unique opportunity to earn about watersheds and non-point source pollution through a special 5-minute hands-on presentation ponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation. The educational program is funded through a New Jersey Department of. Environmental Protection grant and offers practical information about

water quality and ways to prevent

non-point source pollution. The watershed presentation is being coordinated by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation and instructed by Mercedes Fol-Okomoto of Westfield and Aimee Petkus of Linden. Fol-Okomoto returns from a successful spring 2002 session; Petkus joins the Vatershed Team as a New Jersev Watershed AmeriCorps ambassador. The New Jersey Watershed Ambassadors Program is a communityoriented environmental AmeriCorps program designed to raise awareness about watershed issues in the Garden State

Teachers who schedule the free, 45-minute, in-class presentation, will receive a resource packet that includes additional resources, activities and vocabulary! lists to supplement the lesson.

The instructors use a threedimensional relief model to illustrate how different fand use activities and practices impact our local watersheds. The program is fun, informative, and offers many opportunities to extend the learning experience to other disciplines.

Teachers interested in scheduling a watershed education presentation for their sixth-graders, should call 908-527-4032.

Wanted: tax volunteers

Special opportunity for men and women volunteers to give free help to low- and moderate-income residents in preparing their federal and New Jersey income and property tax rebate forms from February to April 2003. Volunteers for this service receive training in December and January through the IRS, state Tax Department and AARP. For more information, call Union County AARP tax aide Sal Conforti at

908-351-9050 or Jim Walsh 908-276-3152.

Community blood drives The Blood Center of New Jersey

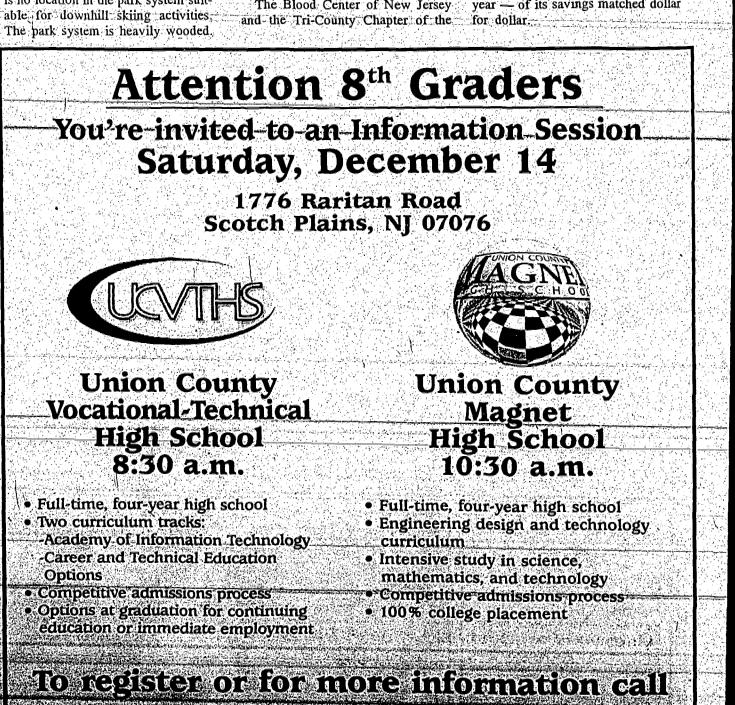
County parks offer certain winter sports activities

sen Freeholders invites the public to such as cross-country skiing, sledding Cross-country skiing will be allow- is no location in the park system suitvisit the county park system during and ice skating — are permitted in __ed at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf __able_ for downhill skiing activities;

the winter months to enjoy the activi- several locations, when weather, courses and in the Watchung Reserva-. The park system is heavily wooded

tion, conditions permitting, but there





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COUNTY NEWS American Red Cross will sponsor the

following blood drives: • Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hillside Elks Lodge, 244 Hillside Ave. Hillside

• Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Holy Trinity Parochial School, 336 First St., Westfield.

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

• Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. Kenilworth. • Dec. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Foun-

tain of Salvation, 50/52 Atlantic St. Elizabeth • Dec. 27, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road,

For more information, call the Blood Center of New Jersey. 1-800-BLOOD-NJ, or 1-800-652-5663, Ext. 140, or the American Red Cross at 1-800-933-BLOOD or 908-353-2500 Ext. 11.

NJAWBO holiday party

The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners holiday reception and auction will be tonight at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, Route 22 East. Mountainside

All women business owners in Union County, members and nonmembers of NJAWBO are welcome. All items that are donated will be auctioned at the event and the proceeds will go to this year's selected charity. The Center for Hope Hospice in Linden

For more information on how to donate an item, or to attend the event call Doreen Iossa, Holiday Auction Committee, at 908-527-1166.

UCUA annual meeting

The annual public meeting regarding the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, to be conducted by Covanta Union Inc. — formerly Ogden Martin of Union Inc. — as the Solid Waste Facility permittee, will be at the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1&9 North, Rahway, on Wednesday at 6 p.m. In accordance with the Solid Waste Facility Permit, this open meeting is to provide local officials and the general public with an annual forum to allow public input and exchange of ideas relating to the Union County Resource Recovery Facility. Following the special meeting, the UCUA's regular meeting, previously scheduled for 6:30 p.m., will be at 7. p.m.

Program helps families build long-term wealth

Union County families will soon have a new way to build long-term wealth. An Individual Development Account matched savings program is scheduled to begin early next year. Participant saving and match dollars can be used to help purchase a home. start or expand a business, or to pay for higher education. A family that saves on a regular basis for three years can have up to \$4,500 - \$1,500 per year — of its savings matched dollar

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The dining room at Liberty Hall Museum in Union is ready for the holidays, set as it would have been for Christmas 1846. Several holiday-themed events have been scheduled for the coming weeks, taking visitors back in time to days gone by.

Liberty Hall hauls out the holly for holidays Built before the days of the American Revolution, Liberty Hall's story runs

parallel with the growth, struggles and traditions of the United States for more than 200 years.

The holiday season, in particular, is one of tradition and for the seven generations of the Livingston/Kean family, who has lived in the house, it has always been a time of joyful celebration. Beginning in early December, the magnificent home will be gaily decorated to reflect the beauty and history of Christmases

On six evenings in December, Liberty Hall will be illuminated by electric candlelight, and visitors can experience its special beauty. Beginning with the stories of St. Nicholas and his nighttime journeys, five unique styles of Christmas will be explored during the "St. Nicholas to Santa Claus" evening tours.

English Twelfth Night of 1800, the season of merriment and relaxation as the old year ended and the New Year began, will be brought to life with stories and games. The dining room and Victorian parlor will be the settings for "The Night Before Christmas" of 1848 and Christmas 1898, as guides and guests reminisce about the holiday tradition of the mid to later 19th century, which more closely resemble the traditions of today. For those who might be old enough to remember the World War II era, a visit to the morning room, gaily decorated for Christmas 1942, will be a trip down memory lane.

Take a little time away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to relax, reflect and enjoy Liberty Hall Museum's tales of the origins of the rich traditions of the holiday season.

Reservations are required for the evening candlelight tours, which take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, now through Dec. 21. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$6 for children, 6 to 17 years of

age. Call for details at 908-527-0400. Community to raise voices in Society's annual 'Messiah' sing

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey Inc. will present its annual "Community, 'Messiah' Sing" Friday at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. James S. Little, musical director of the Society, will conduct the beloved Handel oratorio. Audience members are invited to bring scores and join in the singing of the chor-

Admission to the "Community 'Messiah' Sing" is \$10 at the door where scores may be borrowed for the evening. Little is no stranger to the "Messiah" community event having previously both accompanied and directed the performance. In addition to his duties as the director of the

Elizabeth Playhouse presents two pieces

"Hello Out There" by William Saroyan and "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell will be performed from through Dec. 22 at The Elizabeth Playhouse, 1100 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$8; students nd-senior-citizens, \$6.-For reservations, call 908-355-0077. Reading these plays in school, as

most have, does not begin to convey

New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's ter in Washington, D.C.; "Pro Bono acclaimed 40th Anniversary Season Publico" at the Eugene O'Neill culminates in a glittering grand finale National Playwright's Conference: production of "A Midwinter Night's "Oo-Blah-Dee" at the Goodman Theater and "Waiting for Tadashi" at (George Street Playhouse. She recieved her M.F.A. in acting from. the Yale School of Drama.

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Says Discher, who directs the pro-

than 2,100 lines in Shakespeare's text,

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changed. And yet even for those who

have seen "Midsummer" before, this

most beloved of comedies will come

to life and thrill in a whole new way,

as moments and scenes take on new

meanings against the backdrop of

In the roles of Titania and Hippoly-

ta, Sabrina LeBeauf makes her new

New Jersey Shakespeare Festival

debut. Well-known as Sondra Huxt-

able, the oldest daughter on televi-

son's "The Cosby Show," LeBeauf's

stage credits include "All's Well That

Ends Well," "King Lear" and "As

You Like It" at the Shakespeare Thea-

The cast

deep midwinter."

Mark Elliott Wilson, in his sixth season with the Festival, plays Theseus, Duke of Athens and Oberon, King of the Fairies. Since 1991, he has appeared in New Jersey Shakespeare Festival productions of "Twelfth Night." "Much Ado About Nothing," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Camino Real," "As You Like It," "Antony and Cleopatra," "The Merchant of Venice" and, most recently, "Pericles." His New York credits "Salome" with Al Pacino. include "Rebecca," "Unidentified Human Remains ..." and "Ghosts."

In the role of Nick Bottom is James Michael Reilly, a favorite of New Jersey Shakespeare Festival audiences. Currently is his 12th consecutive season with the company, this summer Reilly was featured as the optimistic and much beat-upon cook, Sikon, of the Festival's outdoor production of "The Grouch," presented at the amphitheater on the campus of the College of St. Elizabeth. He wasrecently seen as The Duke and Angelo in the highly acclaimed "The Comedy" true to the meter of Shakespeare's of Errors" at The Aquila Theater Co. in New York City, Among his numerous New Jersey Shakespeare Festival credits are Feste in "Twelfth Night, Jaques in "As You Like It," Parolles in "All's Well That Ends Well," Benedick in "Much Ado About Nothing" and Kulygin in last season's "Three Sisters," for which The Star-Ledger named him Best Featured Actor in a

> The impish Puck — perhaps the best-known character in the play --- is played by Greg Jackson: Now in his sixth season with the Festival, he appeared most recently as the Mute in "The Fantasticks" and Rev. Hale in "The Crucible," Other credits with the company include "Hamlet.". "The

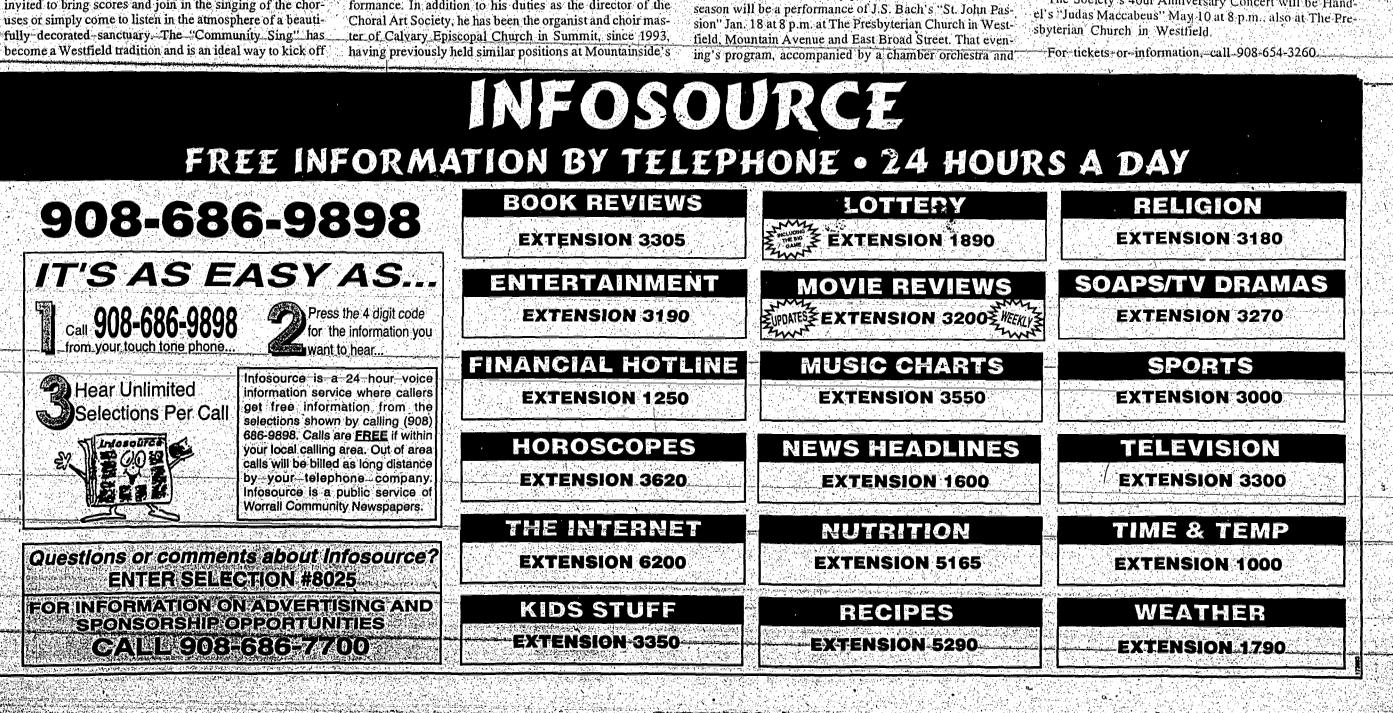
> > **NEWS CLIPS**

the mystical beauty and raw power from one town to the next. And has that seeing them on stage provides. "Hello Out There" was first pro- that a lynch mob might find him

in an isolated, rural jail in Texas. locked up for a crime that may or may not have happened. He tries to explain it to a lonely, teen aged girl, the only person he can find in the dreary isolation of the Texas plains.

Did he rape the traveling salesman's wife or did she claim it was rape when he wouldn't give her money? Is he just a con man or has he really found a kindred spirit in this innocent girl after a life of drifting

cappella singing group.



Classic is turned into 'Winter' wonderland "Love's Labours Lost." He was in the national tour and Off-Broadway production of The Acting Commpany's "O! Pioneers," directed by Richard Corley. Other credits include "The Comedy of Errors," directed by John Rando, and productions at Geva and

> Tennessee Rep. Rounding out the cast are James Earley as Snug, John FitzGibbon as Egeus/Peter Quince, Sharon Freedman as a fairy, David Foubert as Francis Flute, Keisher Glymph as a fairy. Kenneth Al-Shmir Hubbard as A Mortal Boy, Roderick Lapid as a fairy, Jay Leibowitz as Tom Snout/ Wall, Dawn Michelle as a fairy, Mandy Olsen as Helena, Erin Lynlee Partin as Hermia, Larry Swansen as Robin Starveling, Geoff Wilson as Demetrius and Jared Zeus as, Lvnsandei

The artistic staff Creating the shimmering world of winter are set designer Charles T. Wittreich, lighting desinger Bill Berner, costume designer Frank Champa, sound designer Richard M. Dionne and movement consultant Magaly About the director

Now in his 12th season as the Festival's artistic associate, Joe Discher returns to the Main Stage following alast season's highly acclaimed and immensely popular production of "The Fantasticks," for which The Star-Ledger named him Best Director of a Musical. Discher's other New Jersey Shakespeare Festival directorial credits include "Twelfth Night" on the Main Stage, "Travels With My Aunt," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Compleat Works of Wm. Shakespeare (Abridged)" on the Other Stage: "Romeo and Juliet" for Shakeapeare Live!, the company's educational touring program, and "The Tempest," Brecht's "The Visions of Simone Machard" and Corneille's "The Liar" with the Festival's Next Stage Ensemble. Tickets and

general information Continuing through Dec. 29, regu-School for Scandal," "Much Ado lar performances are Tuesdays About Nothing." "Leocadia" and through Saturdays at 8 p.m., today at tions, foundations, and individuals

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The second play is "Trifles" by

Susan Glaspell, written in 1916. A

farmer has been murdered in his bed.

7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 14 to 28, at 2 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Regular tickets range from \$28 to

The Festival also offers Sympo sium peformances, offered at 2 p.m Dec. 27. Tickets are \$35 for orchestra seats and \$30 for balcony, including a post-show discussion with the actors.

Make an event of it! Groups of 15 to 29 save 25 percent off the regular ticket price, while a 35-percent disount is offered for groups of 30 or

more: Advance reservations are required to receive the group rate. By popular demand, an on-schooltime Student Matinee performance

has been added for 11 a.m. today. All other Student Matinee performances re sold out. Tickets to today's Student Matinee are \$14 for student groups of 10 or more, including a post-show discussion and a comrehensive study guide for each eacher.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A relationship flourishes when there is a balanced exchange of energy. Celebrate in moderation and allow vourself to fall in love.

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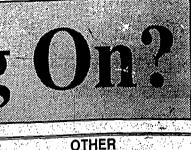
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personal goals and arbitions with those of a partner or mate. A confrontation with an elder, parent or authority figure could be quite devastating. Think compromise and everyone wins. Educational or political pursuits will help broaden your horizons. Pack light and travel far!

Also born this week: Margaret Mead, William Safire, Steven Spielberg, Ralph Richardson. Uri Geller. Joseph Stalin and Diane Sawver.

L'éfestyles de By Saimi Rote Bergmann

Copley News Service many a dish, but recipes in which the onion plays a starring-role have been rare.

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Leisure

No more. The onion has taken center stage and is getting quite entrenched there.

It now is served as a side dish or hollowed onion can become a bowl for dip, or be stuffed and served as an entree. The folks at the National a low-calorie, low-fat version of the popular blooming onion, a deep-fried treat served at steakhouses. Their herb-baked onion bloom is baked, not fried, and is quite striking.

"It makes an appealing side dish," said Tanya Fell of the association. "With this recipe, you don't have to use the big monster onions. You can use a medium type onion, so it's a single serving size. We're encouraging restaurants to do the same, to use it as a side dish, use a yellow or a red onion or half and half — something different, out of the box.".

To make the onion "bloom," slice into small wedges, leaving the root end intact. Top with butter and herbs, wrap in foil and bake. Simple, but you might want to experiment a bit before serving for company. I found the 30-minute cooking time to be too short — perhaps my onion was too big. The onion was also dry on top. In lieu of messy basting, try turning the _, as a side dish or an entree. Give a typi-____instructed. foil package upside down a couple times during baking to distribute the butter.

The herbed onion was sweet and delicious, but I preferred the variation that called for topping the onion with a mix of mustard and brown sugar. I ily soaked up leftovers with bread.

cooked on the grill. "A Taste of Can- orange zest and thyme. ton." the new cookbook compiled by it in foil. 'I got it a long time ago from What would a story about onions be-

Hoff said. "The fat gives it a nice fla- National Onion Association deve-Historically, the humble onion has vor, not exactly a bacon flavor. I like loped a beer batter than can be fried or been relegated to a supporting role on to cut the onion in half. The great baked. If you're watching calories, try the culinary stage. The pungent bulb thing is, you can serve them at room dipping the rings in batter, sauteing has added depth and character to temperature so they can be done ahead of time."

Onions also can be grilled sans foil. Thick slices brushed with oil and balsamic vinegar are delicious when grilled until soft and slightly charred on the edges. Scallions can be brushed 510, Greelev, CO 80631. with oil, sprinkled with coarse salt, vegetable - even as a container. A and grilled. Photographer Stan Myers says even children eat his crumbtopped onions, a favorite at his house for years. "You can have it ready in 15 Onion Association have come up with minutes," Myers said. "I serve it as a 'side dish, as a vegetable."

Myers parboils onion halves, then puts them in a baking pan and tops them with a mix of bread crumbs, butter, Parmesan cheese and herbs. Onions also star in tarts, quiches and casseroles. An old recipe of indeterminate origin, popular in the south. features layers of sliced onions, potato chips and cheddar cheese cooked in a onion with butter herbs and seasonsauce made from cream of chicken ings. Wrap foil around onion and soup. It's too salty for my taste, so I substituted a low-sodium soup.

Despite its nonsensical ingredients. this casserole is a guilty indulgence ------ tender but "petals" still have enough creamy, cheesy and filling. It's also body to stand upright. If desired, excellent cold - yes, I admit it, I had sprinkle with minced parsley or some for breakfast - and remarkable paprika. rewarmed and served as a topping for lot of leeway for creativity, so feel poons mustard with 11/2 tablespoons free to adjust the ingredients to your brown sugar, blending well. Spoon own taste. Some folks use barbecue mustard over onion and sprinkle with potato chips. Stuffed onions can serve 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Wrap and bake as cal rice and ground beef stuffing a Middle Eastern flair by adding a bit of Onion Association. lemon juice, oregano and a pinch of nutmeg.

In "The Vegetarian Gourmet's Easy International Recipes," author Bobbie Hinman combines recipes used honey mustard and the resulting from Turkey, Greece and Armenia to tangy sauce was so good that my fam- create orange and almond-stuffed onions. A simple bread stuffing is ele-Foil-wrapped onions can also be vated by the addition of almonds.

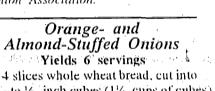
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them in a nonstick skillet, then finishing them off in the oven. To receive lope to the National Onion Associa-

Parsley or paprika to garnish, if desired

Cut about half inch off top onion; peel. Cut onion into 12 to 16 vertical wedges, leaving root base intact. Set "bloomed" onion on 14-by-10-inch piece of foil. Top pinch edges to seal. Place wrapped onion upright in pan and bake at 425 F for about 30 minutes or until onion is

Variation: Eliminate herbs. Dot



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