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TWO SECTIONS

## Work on new HQ delayed

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

The new Springfield firehouse which appears to resemble a skeleton of a structure, is behind schedule for a number of reasons — which could include the frigid weather.

However, many township officials have remained tight-lipped about the progress of the facility and the reasons for the delay.

Township Administrator Richard Sheola referred to the invoices for the job. He has yet to receive an invoice for January, but according to invoices that he has received, it appeared that the project was approximately 55-percent completed at one point before being changed to 52-percent complete.

The project was bid as a 400-day completion, the contract was awarded Jan. 24, 2002, which would have made the 400th day March 3. However, an extension was granted for six weeks, according to Sheola, to April 17. According to the site superintendent, completion of the approximately \$3.5 million firehouse is six to eight weeks off, said Sheola. The contractor for the firehouse is Sileon Inc. of Elizabeth. Calls to Sileon Inc. were not returned.

The new structure will be 26,000 square feet. The square footage of the current firehouse facility is approximately 6,500 to 7,000 square feet, according to Sheola. Fire Chief William Gras pointed out that the steel of the structure is up and the block is up and the workers have been doing brickface. However, there are no windows at this point.

The new facility will be able to house five vehicles in the front floor of the building and three vehicles in the back of the building, which is considerably more than exists at the current firehouse. There will also be



Photo by Jeff Grant

Even though work on the new Springfield firehouse has been continuing, the construction has fallen behind schedule of the original April 17 finish date. Still, officials are looking forward to the building's completion and the movement of the Fire Department into the new structure.

room for a ladder truck which is currently being parked at the Department of Public Works Garage on Center Street due to a lack of room at the firehouse. The new firehouse is going to be equipped with a sprinkler system, a smoke detector, and a fire alarm so as to guarantee ability to handle any type of crisis at the house.

Gras emphasized the importance of bringing the public into the new building. There will be an atrium in the building with a railing and an antique hose reel used in 1895. The glass that surrounds the atrium is supposed to create a homier environment for the public.

"It is the township's building, we want people to come in here," Gras said.



A worker peers out of an opening in the tarp covering the new building.

## Board gives budget and project update

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education meeting is still bringing parents through the door with comprehensive breakdowns of budget items and accompanying worksheets for all in attendance.

On Tuesday night, Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller presented preliminary budget numbers in the following categories: Resource Room, Curricular, Attendance, Health Office, Guidance, Media, Speech and Summer School.

Where can we see an increase for example under Resource Room of \$49,933, said Schaller. The representative of the person already working here and is to be at Beechwood School. Other increase — in equipment and supplies needed when the school opens.

With the numbers are just preliminary and the chair assume that Beechwood School will be open up and running in the next school year. Under Attendance, one salary item of \$1,800 is shown, which represents one staff person needed in the next school year. That was the only increase.

The Health Office is a new one at Beechwood School and had a long list of supplies and equipment necessary, the increase came to \$13,236, which included a new staff member. Also under Guidance, another staff member has been budgeted for, but that total came in less than last year's \$37,147 last year's budget.

Parents were interested in whether or not there would be a summer school this year although it is in the budget worksheets. Summer School is listed with salaries for eight staff members at a total amount of \$25,200 or \$300 less than the 2002 number of \$25,500. Under this category, the miscellaneous supplies needed were to remain the same as the last budget year at \$1,000.

At the open forum part of the meeting, one mother asked Schaller if he was absolutely certain there will be a summer school. He replied, "We cannot know for a fact if we will be having a summer school in the budget for salaries with approximately 13 teachers available."

But he was optimistic. Everything rests on Beechwood School being completed and it looks hopeful, but it is not certain, said Schaller. Board President Richard Kress then stepped into that question to carefully explain where the construction situation stands.

"Work stopped on Dec. 13 when Ramalazzo Builders were taken off the project, we knew at that time that eight weeks would pass and that nothing would happen. The bonding company has the ball on this one and they have chosen," said Kress. He said if they had just told us to go somewhere else, it would have meant litigation and long delays. But they did not do that, they have had temporary sub-contractors who were quite good and now they are trying to finish the job.

In fact, said Schaller, "The Hartford Company has asked for our permits on having a five contractors to look the facilities of both schools this week and see what must be done to complete the project. They will be at Beechwood from and will come here to Deerfield when classes are over and the children have gone."

Kress said Schaller will be with them and Schaller added, "It would be nice if we could start back at work on Beechwood beginning of March — and get it worked on through April, May and June." Board member John Perrin said it should take them at least those three months to complete. Parents present were aware that nothing has been done since December.

## Figures show Springfield gets aid increase, while Mountainside gets freeze

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

The figures for state aid are in and the results for Springfield and Mountainside are vastly different.

While one town will be getting an increase for critical school programs, one town will not receive anything more or less than what they got last year.

For the 2002-03 school year, the projected total state aid for Springfield will be \$1,725,000. Mountainside will not receive any increase or decrease in the amount of state aid for the upcoming school year, remaining the same at \$569,809.

In the 2002-03 school year, Springfield received \$1,258,930, a difference of \$113,536. The state aid breakdown for 2002-03 will be \$124,579 for transportation aid, \$975,919 for special education aid, and \$211,430

will go to consolidated aid, which is part of the district's general fund with no restrictions on its use. The other aids category will have \$60,538 slated for it. This category includes aid for such areas as bilingual, county vocational, instructional, supplement and school choice. For Springfield, the \$60,538 amount is for bilingual aid.

Matthew Clarke, business administrator for the Springfield Board of Education, said that the funding for state aid stays the same from year to year, but that the cost of the programs continues to rise each year.

The place where the district has seen additional funding is in consolidated aid, which is a newly created category according to Clarke. He said the other areas within the state aid categories have remained the same as last year.

Although he is pleased the district will be getting some state aid, he knows it will be a very small amount.

"When our budget only gets 6 percent from the state, even though it's an increase, it's very small compared to the total budget," said Clarke.

As far as the Springfield Board of Education budget is concerned, Clarke said they have to approve the budget by Feb. 24 so that the board can submit it to the county superintendent Glenn Fillion by March 4. After the county reviews the budget and approves it, the budget will go before the board so they can advertise for a public hearing.

A date is set for a Board of Education election April 15 between 2 and 9 p.m. The public will also vote on the school budget that date. The deadline for candidates to file for a position on the Board of Education is Feb.

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24 by or before 4 p.m. Mountainside, also, follows the same schedule.

For the 2002-03 school year, Mountainside received \$569,809 in state aid this year they won't be getting anything more or less than that amount.

"I'm disappointed because I would love to have more because it would help offset the tax impact," said Gerard Schaller, chief school administrator for Mountainside. He was grateful, however, that there was no decrease. Critical areas that the Mountainside

district has earmarked for state aid needs include \$126,001 for transportation aid, \$384,122 for special education aid, \$57,332 in consolidated aid and \$2,354 for the category of other aids.

Based on the major cuts that are being made in the state budget, said Vizzuso, business administrator and board secretary for the Mountainside district, said the state could have made drastic cuts to state aid but they didn't.

"Some districts got an increase," said Vizzuso. "We sort of expected

the same. Our expectations are that we would get more monies. The good news was that at least there was no decrease."

For the time being, Vizzuso said the Board of Education is going to have to see whether or not the particular amounts that they received for each state aid category will be enough to meet their requirements. If they do not, then the board has to look at how to get the necessary money for each state aid category.

It could cause some concerns about how to get enough state aid, but you still have the expenditures, that money has to come from somewhere, said Vizzuso. "Some times from your tax levy."

Vizzuso said the bulk of their state aid — about 65 percent for the Mountainside district — goes toward special education.

## Noles knows being drug-free is the key

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

Dickie Noles, a former Major League pitcher threw a fastball high and inside to the Deerfield School students in an attempt to remind them of the perils of drug and alcohol abuse. The intended message of the brushback pitch appeared to register in the psyche of the young students.

Noles appeared Feb. 6 at the school to discuss the various problems associated with drug and alcohol use. His message was to enjoy life and its natural highs as opposed to indulging in drug and alcohol use.

"I thought it was important for the kids to hear the message from someone else," said Andrew Haber, a juvenile officer with the Mountainside Police Department. "For someone successful to deliver it was a valuable message."

Noles, a swimmer who has lived in North Carolina, is remembered for his pitching performance in game 4 of the 1980 World Series. He threw a brushback pitch to Kansas City Royals third baseman George Brett. He

played professional baseball for 16 years and 11 of those years were played in the Major Leagues with the Phillies, Cubs, Rangers, Indians, Tigers, and Orioles.

Now, Noles is looking to help brush back young teenage students away from the ills of drug use.

"So often in life, given a choice between success and failure, we often choose failure without thinking," Noles said to the group of approximately 30 students.

Employed with both the Philadelphia Phillies Employer Association and the Dallas Cowboys Football Team, Noles serves as an inspirational speaker who extols the virtues of abstaining from drugs and finding natural highs in life.

One of the perceptions that we have is that professional athletes are always in trouble, that's because when they get in trouble people read about it in the newspaper," Noles said.

He emphasized the importance of choosing living as opposed to finding



Serving as a role model for students, Noles emphasizes the importance of drug abstinence, noting that athletes do not need them to succeed.

drugs to use to soothe hurt emotional states. He pointed out that smoking marijuana does damage to the frontal



Photo by Jeff Grant

Dickie Noles, a former Major League baseball pitcher, talks to students at Deerfield School in Mountainside about the dangers of drug and alcohol use at an assembly Feb. 6.

lobe of the brain. Its disorienting effects have a harmful impact on young athletes

who might be stepping up to bat for a baseball team. He finished up by asking students about what professions

they would like to be and reminding them that drug use could become an obstacle to achieving these goals.

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Monday: The Mountainside Planning Board meets at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Friday: The Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside will meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at noon at Community Presbyterian Church.

For information call 908-232-4406. The Sculptor's Association of New Jersey presents a special exhibition featuring a variety of creative approaches to sculpture.

Tuesday: The Lunchtime Video Series at the Springfield Free Public Library.

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For information call 973-376-4930. The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets at 8 p.m. in the Committee Room.

The Mountainside Borough Council meets at 8 p.m. for a regular session in Council Chambers.

Man arrested for contempt of order

Mountainside: On Feb. 6 at 9:33 p.m. the Mountainside Police Department arrested Samuel G. Gbelawa 28 of East Orange for contempt of a judicial order.

At 5:30 p.m. Saturday Axel A. Caruso 29 of Newark was arrested on Glen Road, Mountainside for driving with a suspended license and registration.

At 8:39 p.m. Friday, police responded to 1021 Route 22 on the report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle.

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Musician says he's happy to get award

By Marc Lightdale Staff Writer: At the Feb. 10 Springfield Board of Education meeting, 16-year-old Keith Dworkin, son of Neil and Amy Dworkin of Springfield, was recognized for having been chosen as second chair clarinet in the Central Regions Orchestra.

All the time I have to spare I spend improving my skills and auditioning. When I get an honor like this, it's one of the payoffs. Dworkin said he succeeded musically in getting people to support what I do in teaching people somehow.

Dworkin, a junior at Jonathan Dayton High School, participates in many music-related activities. In January, Dworkin's musical theater class performed an original musical titled "Next" for which Dworkin composed the score.

He plays in the high school band and sings in a cappella group and also plays saxophone in the pit orchestra for productions at the Jewish Community Center in West Orange.

Keith is a great musician, said Harry Marks, a Dayton senior who has performed with Dworkin in the concert band and a cappella group. He's the first guy we go to for musical arrangements and he's got perfect pitch.

Ron Slate, the band director at Jonathan Dayton, has known Dworkin for the past 10 years, ever since middle school for his involvement in concert band and pep band.

Keith had a reputation as being a talented musician, very eager and energetic, said Slate. He's been a good group peer leader and a kid I'm accustomed to counting on.

At the age of 5, the precocious musician began taking lessons at the Calderon School of Music in Springfield, which Dworkin refers to as a "general music school." More recently, he has taken clarinet lessons from Andy Lames, the assistant clarinetist with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

A classically trained musician, Dworkin has been playing the clarinet for seven years and the piano for 11. He also plays the saxophone. A jazz aficionado with a penchant for the "hop" era and one of its pioneers, Charlie Parker, Dworkin's interest in jazz piano began in the sixth grade.

He mentions that his parents have always supported his efforts to learn music. One musician who influenced him is Susan Braden who suggested he try out for the New Jersey Youth Symphony.

Tania Boehme and orchestra teacher Ron Slate has both encouraged him in high school.

"Music really defines me," Dworkin said. That's what I do that's what I am. I like having it that way.

His summers are devoted to music. He has also taught music at the Stage struck Kids in Short Hills and attended the Eastern U.S. Music



Keith Dworkin, a junior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, is happy to have been chosen as second chair clarinet in the Central Regions Orchestra, an award that will help him reach new musical heights.

Harelik talks to seniors

By Marc Lightdale Staff Writer: Terrorist fears have abounded over recent weeks as the United States edges closer to a potential war with Iraq and an lingering conflict, brinkmanship with North Korea.

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Candidate filing deadline approaches

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the Mountainside or Springfield boards of education is 4 p.m. Feb. 24. The election for both towns is scheduled for April 12 between the hours of 2 and 9 p.m.

Those interested in obtaining positions on the Springfield Board of Education can pick up a kit from the business administrator board secretary's office located on the second floor at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information about the New Jersey Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

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Questions surface over hiring township dispatchers

Currently there is one very good dispatcher in the town according to Township Administrator Richard Sheila. Two dispatchers may well be needed to handle afternoon and night calls according to Sheila.

Tom Ernst, the 911 coordinator, made a presentation about the advantages and disadvantages of whether the township should be hiring civilians to do the dispatching.

Embroidered in a bitter legal situation and a lack of a working contract for the police and fire departments, the issue of whether the police of the fire department should be doing the dispatching and how many dispatchers are needed, came up at the meeting.

Whether a whole department that deals with telecommunications or just one person should do the job is a starting salary for a dispatcher in Springfield ranges from \$26,000 to \$27,000 whereas the job market pays into the \$30,000 ballpark.

As a result, Sheila said the contract sergeant of the Police Department ends up being the dispatcher and the patrol sergeant ends up being back on the road. The question then becomes how many dispatchers are needed?

There are differences of opinion between the two sides, ever since said "We need to decide who will manage" the dispatchers.

At 12:55 p.m. Feb. 7 the Fire Department responded to a Morris Avenue apartment complex for an activated fire alarm at 11:47 a.m. Feb. 2.

On Feb. 3 at 9:20 a.m. the Fire Department responded to a Morris Avenue business for a lock-in.

At 10:31 a.m. Feb. 3 the Fire Department responded to a South Springfield Avenue residence for a medical service call.

At 10:16 a.m. Feb. 3 the Fire Department responded to a Route 22 east business for a medical service call.

At 12:50 p.m. Feb. 3, firefighters responded to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center for an activated fire alarm.

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Activated alarm brings Springfield FD

At 1:38 p.m. Feb. 3, firefighters responded to a Twin Oaks Oval residence for a water damage.

On Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. the Fire Department responded to a Mountain Avenue business for a medical service call.

At 3:23 p.m. Feb. 3, firefighters went to Briar Hills and Wentz for a medical service call.

Firefighters went to South Trivett and Mountain Avenue for a spill in the roadway at 4:32 p.m. Feb. 3.

Firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for a medical service call at 11:05 a.m. Feb. 4.

At 11:30 a.m. the Fire Department responded to the area of Mountain Avenue and Shunpike for smoke in the area Feb. 4.

At 3:34 p.m. Feb. 4, the Fire Department responded to a Millburn Avenue residence for a medical service call.

On Feb. 5 at 4:49 p.m. the Fire Department sent a pumper to Scotch Plains Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Mutual Aid.

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Clara Harelik

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The Miracle Worker starts off series

The Springfield, Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. begins its "The Miracle Worker" series...

Search of Happiness and Katherine Hepburn... Department of State...

New titles available

The Springfield Free Public Library 66 Mountain Ave. has the following new releases available this week...

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Newcomers Club events

The Mountanside Newcomers Club announced the following activities...

spaces fill up quickly. Also don't forget to let her know what treat and beverage of choice you are bringing...

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Revenge by Stephen White... Clerk and Carrier by John Gusney...

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Public Notice Township of Springfield... Notice of Bid...

New young adult titles

The Mountanside Public Library has recently made a substantial addition to its young adult collection...

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Evening Group meets

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will host its regular monthly meeting...

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Planning a 'Spring Fling'

Spring may be months ahead, but preparations are already under way for Spring Fling 2003 'Salsa Into Spring'...

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be a raffle drawing to win one of three "mucha grande" prizes...

Junior League will award scholarships to seniors

Do you know of any high school seniors deserving of scholarship money? Again this spring, the Junior League of Summit will award up to three \$1,000 scholarships...



Oh! Local women plan 'Salsa Into Spring' at Kent Place School. The annual Kent Place Parents' Association fund-raiser will be April 12...

Volunteers sought for food fund-raiser

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's New Northern New Jersey Chapter will host its fourth annual Taste of the Towns...

But Taste of the Towns cannot be a success without local help. Currently, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is seeking volunteers for the Taste of the Towns event committee...

Cancer patients can enjoy new groups

The Overlook Hospital Oncology Department, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit offers "Facing The Challenge" a cancer support group for all cancer patients...

CareOne at Livingston Assisted Living Wing

Advertisement for CareOne at Livingston Assisted Living Wing, featuring a photo of a building and text about services and contact information.

Advertisement for Huntington Learning Center, titled "Are the DOORS CLOSING on your child's future?", featuring a photo of a child and text about educational services.

Large advertisement for Professional Directory, listing various services such as Attorneys, Mortgage, Nutrition, Pediatrics, and IRS Tax Problems, with contact information for each.

### The place to be for brides-to-be

The area's most popular bridal show returns to the Grand Summit Hotel 570 Sprungfield Ave. on Feb. 25. Celebrating its 14th year, "The Perfect Wedding" show is sponsored by three area chambers of commerce - the Suburban Chapters of Commerce, the Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., brides-to-be and their guests will have ample time to visit and talk with the more than 40 exhibitors - stations that include travel consultants, caterers, party planners, photographers and videographers, musicians and entertainment consultants, hairdressers and make-up consultants, jewelers, dentists and financial planners. In addition, there will be vendors featuring floral and craft exhibits, silver, crystal and china, linens, and thousands of accessories, shoes, accessories and dresses and wedding favors.

Live parking is available in the hotel lot and on surrounding streets. Admission to the bridal show is free. No reservations are requested.

Registration is either the Suburban Chapters of Commerce in Summit at 908-522-1700 or the Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce at 973-479-1198 or the Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce at 973-615-2444 by Feb. 21.



The 2003 bridal show at the Grand Summit Hotel on Feb. 25 is the place to be for brides-to-be and their guests. The event will feature bridal gowns by Priscilla of Boston and a full fashion show.

### RECREATION

**YMCA hosts soccer league registration**

The Summit YMCA will be holding open registration for Super Soccer League, which is comprised of "A", "B" and "C" levels of play. Registration is on the summit YMCA, 60 Maple St., Space 100.

Super Soccer has three divisions: champions for second and third graders; "B" for first graders; and "C" for kindergartners. Winners of kinder-league and "B" and "C" are awarded. The champions division will play into boys and girls divisions. Practices are conducted on Saturdays and Sundays. Parents are advised to bring their own soccer gear.

Upcoming dates include Feb. 25, March 28, April 29, May 20, June 17 and July 29.

Meetings are canceled if the Summit public schools are closed due to inclement weather. Coaches and assistant coaches are required to attend club meetings.

For more information, call 973-277-1334, Ext. 149.

**Soccer Club meetings**

Summit Soccer Club has summer meetings at the summit Middle School cafeteria, 275 Morris Ave. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Parents are advised to bring their own soccer gear.

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### HEALTH

**Find fresh energy with yoga program.**

Find new energy in 2003 with an upcoming "Interweave" program for mind, body and spirit.

With "Kripalu Yoga - Strengthening the Body, Calming Body and Soul," participants will learn gentle stretching movements that can bring release from tension, restore flexibility and mobility. The program is led by Nancy Nusbaum, a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor.

The course meets eight Mondays beginning this Monday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. The cost of the course is \$415-\$500 for members. Sessions take place at the Interweave Center 31 Woodland Ave., Summit. No prior experience is necessary.

For information, call 973-763-8312.

### Program shows how to find cancer information

The Internet offers a proliferation of medical information and can be a source of knowledge when sorting out a new diagnosis of cancer.

A medical library staff person at Overlook Hospital will show patients how to begin a search and how to know what information is accurate. Search links, resources on specific cancers, and the general medical resources through Overlook Hospital Medical Library will be demonstrated.

Call Atlantic Health System Community Health Educator for more information or to register for this free course at 1-800-AHS-9580. The course will take place March 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

### Cancer support groups

Pathways is reporting that they have recently received a substantial underwriting gift from the Summit Area Public Foundation to help fund their groups. A program of the Women's Resource Center, Pathways provides the education and emotional support that can enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors.

Support groups address ways of coping, life values and priorities along with concerns about death and dying. All the following Pathways programs are offered free:

- "Monday Evening Breast Cancer Group" - For women at any stage of their recovery from breast cancer providing a safe and supportive environment where their experience and concerns can be addressed. Facilitators are Lenore Lerner and Sandra DeLew.
- "Wednesday Evening Breast Cancer Group" - For women at any stage of their recovery from breast cancer where ways of coping and resources are shared. Facilitators are Lois Bonnell and Cynthia Weaver.
- "Thursday Morning Breast Cancer Group" - Women who have been recently diagnosed who are continuing treatment find an opportunity to discuss issues including communicating with family and friends and the health care system will share insight, wisdom and hope. Facilitators are Suzanne Koerner and Vaughan Schwartz.
- "Recurrent Breast Cancer Group" - Now in its second year, this group is for women with recurrent breast cancer. Group meets mid-afternoon every other Wednesday. Facilitators are Emily Hyans and Jackie Bonanno.
- "Gynecologic Cancer Support Group" - This group now in its second year, welcomes women at any stage of diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic and ovarian cancers. The group meets every Tuesday morning.

### Overlook will offer two new courses

Overlook Hospital offers two new courses in self-help and coping with breast cancer.

The Breast Cancer Pre-Operative class is a seminar offered to assist in preparing women for breast cancer surgery. Lee Ann Caffery, nurse oncology specialist and Fran Ryan, surgical nurse, will present the one-hour-long program.

The program offers a question-and-answer session to prepare women prior to surgery, due to breast cancer. Personal questions are addressed and Caffery and Ryan help women to know what to expect, thereby reducing fears prior to surgery. Types of surgical procedures are discussed and after-surgery information is given.

Registration information is given at the following addresses:

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### Relaxation exercises

"Cancer Vibe" in "I Will Survive" is a group for cancer patients where they can learn how to use guided imagery, yoga and relaxation to deal with the changing circumstances in life during this free eight-week program offered at Overlook Hospital, Conference Room 4-99, Beauvois Ave., Summit.

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We're getting ready. Announcing the new Center for Surgery at Union Hospital.

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Maplewood at 973-763-0700

# SPORTS

### Best in county come out on top

Roselle Park won its seventh consecutive Union County Wrestling Tournament last Saturday at Union High, while second-place Scotch Plains had the most champions with three.

TEAMS: 1-Roselle Park 257 2-Scotch Plains 220.5 3-Rahway 192 4-Westfield 142 5-New Providence 139.5 6-Breadley 92 7-Gov. Livingston 89 8-Cranford 84 9-Elizabeth 83.5 10-Johnson 75 11-Union 69.5 12-Linden 56.5 13-Plainfield 39 14-Roselle Catholic 13 15-Oratory 8

Roselle Park gained 41 more points this year than last, while Scotch Plains gained 64 more and improved from third to second.

Rahway was fifth last year with 126 points and Westfield ninth with 106.5, both improving.

**FINALS**

103: Daron Caldwell, Rahway, pinned Rob Mench, Westfield, 1:05. 112: Ed McCray, Rahway, dec. Joe Blackford, Roselle Park, 6:4. 122: Stephen Mince, Scotch Plains, dec. Jon Reeds, New Providence, 17:2 (tech fall 5:02). 125: Amin Queen, Elizabeth, dec. Derek Francavilla, Scotch Plains, 8:6. 130: Nick Zangari, Roselle Park, dec. Carlos Nicasio, Rahway, 16:1 (tech fall 5:58). 135: Ethan Powell, Westfield, dec. Tim Vanderver, Gov. Liv., 8:6. 140: Mike Fullowan, Gov. Livingston, dec. Bob Dent, Roselle Park, 9:8. 145: Lee Tomasso, West, pinned Pedro Cust, S. Plains, 3:51. 152: Jim Garrison, Roselle Park, dec. Malcolm Jackson, Elizabeth, 8:5. 160: Charlie Bachl, Scotch Plains, dec. Ben Binko, Roselle Park, 5:2. 171: Andrew Silber, Scotch Plains, dec. Mike Rodriguez, Rahway, 10:4. 189: Shawn Mallory, New Providence, dec. Dan Zika, Breadley, 3:1. 215: Shawn Coughlin, Gov. Livingston, dec. Steve Carbone, Cranford, 6:5.

HWT: Matt Loomis, Scotch Plains, dec. Ronnell Orr, Linden, 3:1. Outstanding Wrestler (103-140): Daron Caldwell, Rahway, 103 champ.

Outstanding Wrestler (145-HWT): Lee Tomasso, Westfield, 152 champ.

Coach of the Year: Fred Strueber, Rahway.

Finishing Third:

- 103: Kevin Blatt, Roselle Park
- 112: Ross Baldwin, New Providence
- 119: Troy MacDermant, Roselle Park
- 125: John Gura, Roselle Park
- 130: Jake Kramer, Westfield
- 135: Eric Connolly, Scotch Plains
- 140: Tom DeLucca, Westfield
- 145: Joe Capone, Roselle Park
- 152: Brendan Small, Cranford
- 160: Alex Novak, Johnson
- 171: Chris Winter, Johnson
- 189: Mark Fabiano, Scotch Plains
- 215: Jose Arayna, Roselle Park
- HWT: Chris Bouhoutsos, RP.

**Top Seeds**

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- Nine top seeds win championships if you include Amin Queen who was the top seed at 119, but wouldn't make weight and wrestled at 125, beating top seed Derek Francavilla. Five top seeds finished second.
- Amin Queen was the only one of the three returning champions to win again, setting a school record with his third championship. Queen finished second at 103 as a freshman and then won at 112, 119 and 125, reaching the finals all four of his seasons. Derek Francavilla finished second at 125 after winning at 103 last year, while Dan Zika finished second at 189 after winning at 171 last year.
- Finishing second for a second straight season were Jon Reedy (112) and then 119) Joe Blackford (103) and then 121) and Steve Carbone (heavyweight and then 215). Champions that finished second last year were Nick Zangari (135 last year), Jim Garrison (145 last year) and Shawn Mallory (189 last year).
- Lee Tomasso finished third at 140, Stephen Mince third at 112 and Tim Vanderver third at 125 last year. Rob Mench finished fourth at 103 last year, Mike Fullowan fourth at 130 and Shawn Coughlin fourth at 215.



Photo by Barbara Kubit

## Dayton continues excellent play with shutout triumph Skaters have big game Monday vs. MKA

A dream season for the Dayton High School ice hockey team continued last Saturday night at Twin Oaks in Morristown as the Bulldogs blanked mighty Livingston 6-0. Senior goaltender Michael Rodriguez stopped 11 shots in posting his second shutout. Livingston fell to 0-10 with the loss.

Rodriguez also lowered his goals against average to an impressive 2.50 mark, which is excellent for the high school level. He will be relied on heavily when Dayton competes in the Central Conference Blue Division playoffs and Public School State Tournament.

Sophomore center Steve Mandel scored three goals, while David Sclar, Richard Kolovoyevsky and Andre Mlyzylowski added one. Also playing well for the Bulldogs were Ross Kravetz, Justin McElroy, Gregg Stefanelli, Paul Leokumovich and Cory Berger, all notching assists.

With the victory, Dayton improved to 11-2-3 overall and 9-1-2 in the Blue Division standings, trailing only Montclair-Kimberly Academy by two points.

Dayton is scheduled to play MKA Monday night at 8:30 at Wannanco Ice Rink in Roselle, with the division title on the line. In their first conference meeting this year, MKA won a 2-1 decision back on Jan. 6. Brett Berger scored Dayton's lone goal, while Rodriguez was sharp in net, making 33 saves.

Berger, a senior defenseman and co-captain, had a game to remember in Dayton's 11-1 win over West Orange last Saturday at South Mountain Arena in West Orange. Berger scored four goals and assisted on four others for eight points, giving him 135 lifetime, which is now the school record.

The previous mark of 129 was established last year by 2002 graduate Adam Cohen.

Berger's 135 points included 45 goals and 90 assists. Berger also owns the school's season (26) and career records for assists and leads the team in scoring this year.

Kravetz, also a senior co-captain, and Mlyzylowski both hit for two goals and three assists vs. West Orange. Kolovoyevsky, Mandel and freshman defenseman Rob Carroll also scored. Kolovoyevsky, Carroll and senior defenseman Eric Dexter earned assists as Dayton outshot West Orange by an impressive 44-22 margin.

The win over West Orange was also special because it was Dayton's record 10th victory. Last year's team had the most wins in a 9-11 campaign.

Senior defenseman Brett Berger is now Dayton's all-time leading scorer. He entered last Saturday night's game against Livingston with 135 career points, besting the mark of 129 set last year by Adam Cohen. Berger leads the team in scoring this year and his 135 points consisted of 45 goals and a school record 90 assists. He also has the school record for most assists in a season, with 26. Berger passed 2002 grad Cohen when he scored four goals and assisted on four others in Dayton's 11-1 win over West Orange Feb. 3 at South Mountain Arena.

**Top girls' swimmers in county make quite a splash at meet**

Governor Livingston swimmers made quite a splash at the Union County girls' meet held Feb. 8 at the Dunn Sports Center in Elizabeth. The Bulldogs swept the team title for the 11th straight year with 279 points. GL was second with 254 and Scotch Plains third with 141. Union Catholic was fourth with 106, Summit fifth with 117, Oak Knoll sixth with 100, New Providence seventh with 83, Johnson eighth with 61, Kent Place ninth with 52 and Union Tenth with 34.

GL had three individual winners in Moira Price, Sandy Zaeh twice and Jen Plug. Price won the 50-yard freestyle in 26.18, Zach the 100-yard freestyle in 55.01 and the 200-yard freestyle in 2:00.20 and bringing the boys and girls stroke in 4:09.62.

GL also had two vigorous relay teams, capturing the 400-yard freestyle relay, 5:49.46 behind Ange Plug, Kate Hansen, Jen Plug and Sandy Zaeh, and the 200-yard medley in 1:57.22 behind Hansen, Jen Plug, Zach and Price.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Meg Janson of Oak Knoll was second in 26:20, while Ange Plug was sixth in 26:76.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Janson was second in 56:21, Zaeha third in 56:33 and Laura D'Elia of Cranford fifth in 59:24.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Hansen was second in 5:22.53.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Annellee Lohmann of Summit was third in 1:05.79 and Hansen was fourth in 1:05.81.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Helena Sullivan of Kent Place was fifth in 1:14.33 and Mary Jane Pijanowski of GL was sixth in 1:16:10.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Jen Plug was second in 2:17.81, Zaeha third in 2:17.47 and Sullivan fourth.

Oak Knoll was third in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:46.04. GL fifth in 1:47.87 and Johnson sixth in 1:51.10.

GL girls' best Chatham: GL's girls' team defeated Chatham 99-71 Feb. 3 at Centennial Pool in Cranford to improve to 7-0.

Senior Sandy Zaeh captured the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events, while teammates Jen Plug and Moira Price each captured one race.

**St. James hoop teams excel**

St. James of Springfield CVO basketball teams had another excellent week, winning games at Dayton High School.

The 7-8 grade team defeated St. Theresa's of Summit 49-22 behind an 18-point effort from Steven Siracusa. Jimmy Guarino added 10 points, Eric DuBeau six, Joe Gamio and Chris Paninaus four and Andy Ghilino, Jose Canino, James Kukuicka and Alex Ambrose, two, Springfield improved to 13-6.

The junior varsity 6th grade team defeated St. Joe's of Roselle by nine points, 44-35.

The junior varsity 5th grade team defeated St. John's of Linden's 6th grade team by a 36-18 margin. Ten players scored for St. James, with Jason Condon pouring in seven and Kevin McGovern and Danny Osiak five each. St. James improved to 8-7.

The 8th and 4th grade Pee Wee teams are scheduled to resume league play tomorrow at James Caldwell School.

Minutemen hang tough against two foes

Although the Springfield Minutemen 8th grade team fell to Long Hill 69-46 at home and then at Chatham 47-39 last Saturday, the squad did play competitive basketball in many stretches.

Against Long Hill, Springfield had one of its best quarters, outscoring its opponent 13-6. The Bulldogs were led by David Steinmetz and Kyle Seeley provided hustling and scoring for the Minutemen, while Daniel DiCocco showed defensive presence and fought Long Hill's best big players for rebounds.

Jessie Alava paced the Minutemen in scoring with 16 points in their setback to Chatham, a game in which Springfield led 28-27 going into the fourth quarter. Shabat had two beautiful downcourt passes and Mike Dubiel connected on a long three-pointer. Eric Dworcin carried in and played aggressively in the paint.

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**Soccer club running teaching league**

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be running a teaching league this spring for Kindergarten through 8th grade through 12-31-97 and 1st grade (from 8-1-95 through 7-31-96) students.

Practices commence in late March. Applications are available on this website: [sc.springfield.mpsd.com](http://sc.springfield.mpsd.com). The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. The fee is \$55. Parent coaches and volunteers are needed.

More information may be obtained by calling Brian Sheehy at 973-376-1518.

LIFESTYLE

Cucciniello, Moore to wed

Rose and John Cucciniello of Springfield have announced the engagement of their daughter Lucy Cucciniello to Daniel Moore...

Survivors of breast cancer join trustees

On Jan. 9 the Board of Trustees of the Women's Resource Center welcomed Donna Dwyre and Lois Bhatt to the board...

Gianguilio receives Hotelier of the Year

Mark Gianguilio, general manager of the Grand Summit Hotel Summit, received the Arthur A. Godman Award for the Hotelier of the Year...

Wasko elected to lead environmental agency

Laura K. Wasko of Mountanside was elected president of Clean Valley Council Inc. Board of Directors...



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Strike is over

A settlement was reached Friday afternoon after negotiations resumed Feb. 6.

County to borrow \$13.5M

Seeking better interest rates in the payment of a \$12.5 million in the purchase of the Union County Board of Children, Youth and Family Services...

Look out, here we come

Taking advantage of the recent snowfall are Springfield residents Shaq, left, and Oz Bejerano, with dad Yigal, at Echo Lake Park in Mountanside...

Public input to be sought on use of farm

Residents soon will receive a letter asking them how Union County should preserve the 13-acre Esposito Farm in Clark.

County to narrow local field

Candidates from outside Union County are Millburn Mayor Thomas McDermott, former Assemblyman James Barry of Harding and Warren Township Planning Board Chairman Dan Gallo...



This was the scene last week as Elizabethtown water employees, from left, Andy Castaldo, Joe Kaiser and Jack Heyer picketed near a burst water pipe on Kenilworth Boulevard...



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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

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COUNTY NEWS

Retired captain will lead St. Pat's parade

John Langan of Linden A retired captain of detectives and one of the founders of the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade will lead this year's match along Morris and Stuyvesant avenues in Union Township March 15 as grand marshal.

Parade officials announced that all systems are go for the seventh annual march through Union Center in an event that has attracted thousands each year and created a fun event filled with laughter, food and lots of entertainment for the whole family.

Langan, who served for years as commander of the Union County Arson Investigation Unit and supervised the trial grand jury and domestic violence unit during his 26 years of service to the Prosecutor's Office was born the day before St. Patrick's Day 67 years ago and has been married for 38 years to the former Nancy O'Sullivan.

"I tried throughout my life and my professional career to apply my faith in God and my religious beliefs given me by my family and education to be a fair and compassionate person of integrity," said Langan who attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and Saint Mary's High School in Elizabeth.

To be chosen to be grand marshal to be given such an honor is a crowning achievement for me, he said. My mother's family and my father's family came from Ireland with the great Potato Famine in the 1800s and trying to escape British persecution. Langan also worked as a supervisor in the county's juvenile detention center when it first opened in 1965 and has dabbled in the amateur theater, playing Father Tim in a two-man stage show called "Mass Appeal" par on St. John the Apostle parish in Linden.

He is a recipient of the Union County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Distinguished Service Award for his work serving the poor with the St. Vincent de Paul Society throughout New Jersey.

This year's parade, with dozens of bagpipe and drum bands, colorful floats and marching units, promises to be one of the most popular yet and will feature a special opening ceremony.

mony and music at 12 noon on Stuyvesant Avenue and Morris Avenue. A special Investiture Mass to officially bless the success of the annual parade is scheduled Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Church in Clark.

Since 1997, the parade has honored the Irish people and their contributions to the county including Father Charles Hudson, Rev. Monsignor Hugh O'Donnell, Frank Donnelly, Joseph B. Sullivan, Edward Thomas J. Harratty, Owen Roe McGovern and Greta Sheridan.

Final budget hearing

The Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will conduct the final budget hearing on the 2003 budget Feb. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the treoholder meeting room, sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the Union County Vocational Technical School's Department of Public Safety, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Board of Elections, Department of Administrative Services and County Counsel. The county manager last month presented an executive budget of \$340 million at the treoholder board.

New parade web site

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade has a new web site detailing new events, dates and schedules for the 2003 parade in the Township of Union. The site can be accessed at www.unioncountypatricksvdayparade.com. The parade will be March 15.

Surrogate available for speaking engagements

Union County Surrogate James LaCorte is available to speak with community groups and civic organizations about the importance of wills and estate planning. LaCorte meets with groups of various sizes several times each month as part of an initiative to better educate the public about this important issue. As the county surrogate, LaCorte is responsible for producing wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of decedent's estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties.

To contact the surrogate's office, call 908-527-4280.

Blood drive Saturday

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor a blood drive Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Muhlenberg.

Electronic transfer of tax records available

The Union County Clerk's Office is now the first in the state to offer electronic transfer of tax records between municipal county and state government's County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi announced.

The state Division of Archives & Records, Department of State recently certified the County Clerk's imaging program. The clerk extended the imaging system to the county Board of Taxation with this first-in-the-state program. The program utilizes electronic storage of property records and eliminates a need for expensive labor, paper, preparation and storage of documents. The clerk was able to cancel a \$200,000 contract for the work.

This program pays for itself. More importantly, it will continue to reap financial rewards in future years, Rajoppi said. "This program lays the groundwork for full e-commerce and one-stop shopping of public records."

The Tax Assessors Program allows transmission of documents electronically from the Clerk's Office to the Union County Tax Office and

then to the 21 municipal tax assessors' offices. This program saves money and improves both processing records and searching for information.

Before, we had to work with multiple paper copies moving between local tax assessors, the County Board of Taxation, and the County Clerk's office," Union Township Tax Assessor Paul Parsons said. "Now the clerk is putting into place a system that will allow us to operate much more efficiently and cost-effectively."

Between tax records, property records and more the County Clerk's office processes 150,000 documents per year for a total of more than 1 million images, Rajoppi said.

Last year the clerk's office began making actual images of deeds and it also became the first office in New Jersey to allow members of the public to create orders from online information for complete copies of official documents.

Surrogate's office hours: Union County Surrogate James LaCorte has updated his schedule of evening office hours. As the county surrogate, he is responsible for producing wills and appointing executors, administrators, guardians and trustees of decedent's estates, among other constitutionally mandated duties.

LaCorte is available — by appointment — to meet during the evening with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court.

County will solicit input

"We'd like to really teach kids about each other in a positive way," said Hays. In Mountainside the county operates Trailside Nature and Science Center on the grounds of the Watchung Reservation which has been very successful in explaining the science of the process of expanding that museum.

"While this is not the same as Trailside, it's doing the same thing as far as educating children," Devames said, comparing the children's museum with the Mountaintop facility. "It's a great idea, an action and would further the county's reputation for providing quality family recreation for our residents."

Bonds fund early retirement

Employees beginning in 2001 before the treoholders again at an Employees' also will receive "a matching of \$1,000 per year for life, compared to \$1,000 per year for 10 years," which has the possibility of as having to spend the money on their employees' health care. The bond issue will be used to fund the County's Employee Retirement System. Employees who took part in the bond ordinance at a later date, said Hays.

The bond issue most likely will have a maturity date of 25 years of service place of late March as the closing date of April 15. The bond issue will be used to fund the County's Employee Retirement System. Employees who took part in the bond ordinance at a later date, said Hays.

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Trailside sets events for children

During the mid-winter school break, Saturday through Tuesday, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites all children on vacation to Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop for "February Festivities," a series of special programs for children and their families.

"With many young students off from school over the extended Presidents' Day weekend, Trailside is featuring a number of special activities to augment the regularly scheduled programs at the center," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

"The Journey from Sap to Syrup" will be presented Saturday at 2 p.m. and again on Monday at 1:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center auditorium. Families with children ages 6 and older will enjoy a side-by-side look that follows the step-by-step process of maple sugaring from early Native American times to home production of maple syrup today. Find out what is needed to do the job, walk to a sugar maple tree to see a tap in action and take part in a taste test. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 per person.

On Tuesday at 11:30 p.m., Trailside will present "Hocus Pocus." It's Joe Fischer for families with children ages 4 and under. The program will entertain, battle, delight, thrill and excite. Joe Fischer performs more than 300 shows a year and audiences are sure to laugh out loud as children assist in his magical acts. Tickets are \$4 per person and will be sold at the door. No children younger than 4 years of age will be admitted. No strollers will be permitted.

On Monday and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., "Who's Been Here?" will be offered for 3- and 4-year-olds accompanied by an adult, as part of the winter "Two of Us" series. You can be a mammal detective! Look for signs left by our animal neighbors. Use your ears to identify different animal sounds. The fee is \$8 per child and adult. Pre-registration is required.

As part of the winter "Small Fry Days" series, "Super Sleuths" will take place Monday and Tuesday at 11 a.m. for children ages 4 and 5 years old. Young children will scour the scene for animal clues. Gather evidence such as fur, feathers, tracks and chewed nuts to prove who your nocturnal neighbors are and then take a hike to look for signs and

'Dinner Party' served with style



Magician Joe Fischer pulls a rabbit out of a hat with the help of a young volunteer. The illusionist returns to Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintop next week.

On the Boards

By Brian Pedersen Staff Writer

Opening with several spotlights exposing a series of paintings decorating the interior of a classy Paris restaurant, the beginning of "The Dinner Party" at Cranford Dramatic Club sets the stage for a play that has a different kind of exposure in mind — shedding light on the meaning of divorce and marriage and coming up with some startling revelations.

The exquisite murals themselves depict "The Progress of Love," and are reproductions of the work of an 18th-century French artist, mirroring the three divorced couples who will soon find their lives intersecting. It's an intriguing, yet weighty concept that could easily get bogged down by the sheer magnitude of its subject matter. How does one effectively translate the powerful need we all have to be accepted and loved without relying on generalities or sappy, unrealistic resolutions? How does one convey the sadness of divorce without degenerating into oppressive cynicism? It's a delicate balance that is difficult to pull off in a compelling way.

NJCVA to unveil sculptures this Friday

The 17th annual International Juried Show is being presented at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts through March 19.

The International Juried Show is comprised of 54 individual artworks chosen from more than 1,300 entries. The exhibition is open to artists in all media from across the United States, as well as from abroad. This year's juror, Anne C. Land, associate curator, Department of Planning and Sculpture, MOMA, has selected a body of work that provides a moving expression of ongoing artistic expression in the making. A free panel discussion will take place Feb. 23. Panelists include this year's Best in Show winner Mel Leipzig and senior editor of Art in America Janet Koplos.

The 54 artworks featured span the world of contemporary art: gelatin silver prints, fiber papers, assemblage and Polaroid digital monochromes mingle with oils on copper and canvas, graphite on paper, and a fascinating wood, stone and metal sculpture. The Best in Show was awarded to Mel Leipzig's work, "You and His Son," a large acrylic on canvas. It is a wonderful detailed canvas depicting a man and his son at a seemingly pivotal point in their relationship, surrounded by an office crammed with art book classics, overflowing filing cabinets, and an intricately modeled ship. Leipzig's work is modeled on his own community, drawing his inspiration from poignant moments of daily life that present themselves to him.

Panelists include Richard S. Buswell's gelatin silver print, "Rethink," Karen Schifano's abstract oil on canvas.

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Past jurors have included New York Times art critic Bill Zimmer, Senior Curator at the New Museum of Contemporary Art Dan Cameron, and Deputy Director and Chief Curator of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum Lisa Demison.

The International Juried Show is produced annually by NJCVA. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the next year's prospectus, your name will be included. Call 908-527-4280 or e-mail your request to info@njcva.org.

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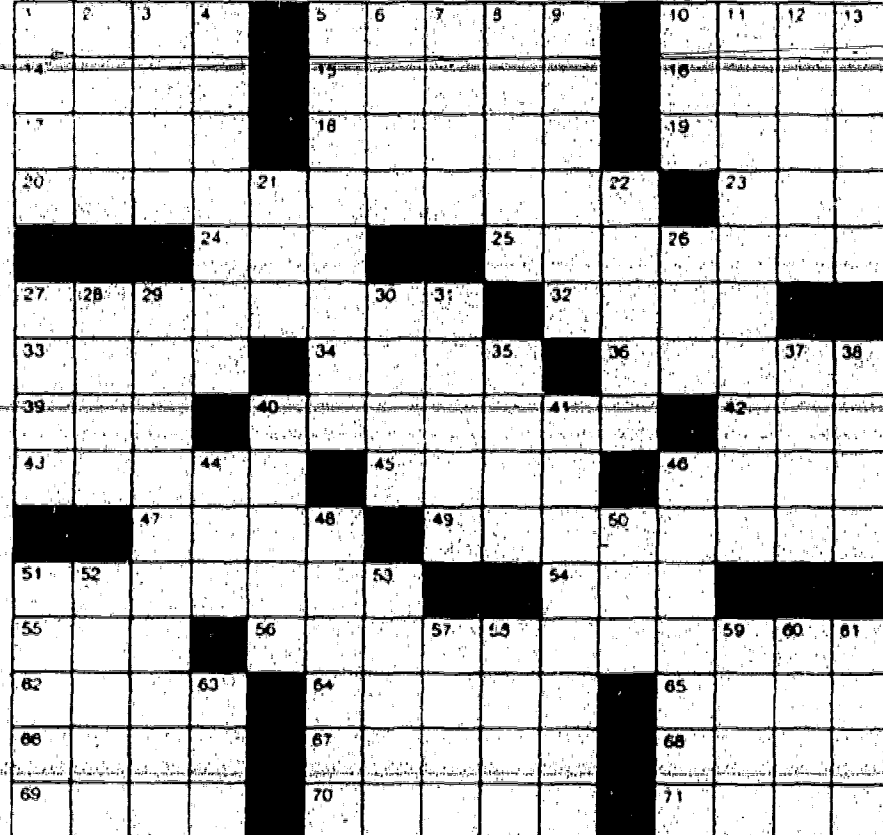
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Serious topic handled with 'Wit' in drama

Winner of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "Wit" is a play that is intellectually challenging as it is emotionally immediate.

It is the story of Vivian Bearing Ph.D., a renowned scholar and professor of English who has spent years teaching and teaching the brilliant and difficult metaphysical sonnets of John Donne, and who has been diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer. Her approach to the study of Donne has been aggressively probing and intensely rational. But during the course of her illness, and her stint as a nurse patient in an experimental chemotherapy program at a major teaching hospital, Vivian comes to reassess her life and work with a profundity and humor that are transformative both for her and the audience.



Diane Spodarek, right, stars as the stricken Dr. Vivian Bearing and Jean Kuras as her friend and mentor, Eve-Lyn Ashford, in the Summit Playhouse Production of "Wit" the Pulitzer Prize-winning play opens Feb. 21.

"Wit" is being directed by Chris Messinger. It stars Diane Spodarek as Dr. Vivian Bearing and features Shelley Brown, Art Deter, Jean Kuras, Hugh LaRose, Deborah Moore, Tamara Vedral, Ricardo Pino and Dan Rozzo.

"Wit" opens Feb. 21 and continues Fridays and Saturdays evenings at 8 p.m. through March 7 with a matinee March 2. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students 18 and younger, and can be purchased by telephoning (908) 271-1677 or at the box office Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. Credit cards are accepted. For additional information call the Summit Playhouse at 908-271-1677 or visit www.summitplayhouse.org.

Following the March 7 matinee performance, there will be a program titled "The Wit in John Donne's Poetry." This program will be presented by Professor Robert Department of English, Jean University, and all in attendance at that performance will be invited to remain for this program.

Come and see this "Wit" with the Pulitzer Prize and New York Magazine called it a "dazzling and humane play that you will remember for your dying day."

The Summit Playhouse is located at 30 New Field Ave., Summit.

Divorce is explored with insight, humor

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With her hair in a severe bun and her body in a skimpy polka dot dress, she stalks the stage after finally deciding to stay for the dinner party. Gabrielle Buonsavelli, the third woman played with brutal honesty by Sandra Rudnik, is a character aching to be loved, yet fiercely truthful, determined and strong—someone who is not going to be trifled with.

As in life, there's no tidy resolution, but in this version of "The Dinner Party," there is much insight, transformative character development and drama that is both witty and powerful.

"The Dinner Party" runs through Feb. 22 at Cranford Dramatic Club. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B8.

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**TAUROS** (April 20-May 20) Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way late in the week. Be flexible, and find yourself in the right place.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Put your hand at an assortment of creative activities. Get the inspiration for great ideas you'll need from friends or associates.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Some accounts held with a partner or manager will demand your attention. Keep a close watch on what transpires, and be prepared to ask questions.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) A relationship is magically rewarding and fulfilling. Don't ignore the strong, harmonious bonds that exist between you and another. It's very special.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) After some planning, excitement on the job site, everything calms down and gets back to normal. Take a deep breath and relax.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your self-confidence abounds this week. Take your point across. Make unity your goal.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Strive

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for balance between your private and public life. Ask family members for tips or guidance that could help you professionally.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Relationships bring some welcomed mental stimulation. Surround yourself with like-minded thinkers and lose yourself in conversation.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Stick to your budget, even if it's a little tight. A great deal may be revealed in order to meet a financial obligation on time.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your sense of superiority pushes you into the spotlight. Strive to be truly original. Do not show off, and walk away with the prize.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Release any emotional attachments that may be keeping you tied to the past. Break free, and you will experience an instant healing.  
**If your birthday is this week**, expect the unexpected in any and all areas of your life during the coming year. Lightening is quick to strike and change is always a possibility. Stay on top without much warning or time for preparation. Stay on your toes, and remain as flexible as possible. Listen to the advice of an elder or mentor, and that will help to keep you somewhat grounded and safe.  
**Also born this week**, Scott Alan Dyer, Dr. Dr. Rene Russo and Michael Jordan.

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Ted Chang was recently inducted into the Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs at the Annual Induction Ceremony and Dinner of the Hunterdon-Princeton Chapter held at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel. Mr. Chang's restaurant, Cathay 22 is the only Chinese restaurant in New Jersey whose owner is a Chaine member. Mr. Chang now joins the ranks of some of the top restaurant professionals in the world.

The Chaine des Rotisseurs is one of the oldest and largest gastronomic organizations in the world with more than 140 local chapters in the U.S. Its mission is bringing together those with a serious interest in and passion for fine food and wine and promoting culinary education among the young Chaine student members are given the opportunity to meet and work with some of the best chefs in the world and are eligible both to enter competitions and to receive scholarship awards to further their culinary education.

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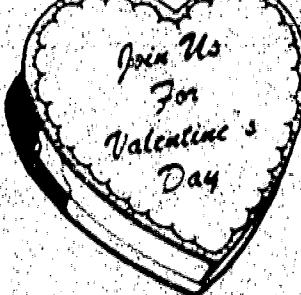
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CONSUMER REPORTS will be on exhibit through Feb. 20 at the Tammsu- to Gallery in the Kenneth Mackay Library, on the Cranford Campus of Union County College.

GALLERY HOURS are Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesdays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. For information, call 908-770-7145.

QUILTS and FABRIC ART will be on exhibit at the Diversity Art Gallery in Clark through Feb. 21.

GALLERY HOURS are Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. The Diversity Art Gallery is located at 4000 Valley Road, Suite 100, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1470.

RECENT WORKS by Brian Townsend and Timothy J. O'Connell are on exhibit at Swan Galleries in Plainfield through Feb. 28.

GALLERY HOURS are Tuesdays to Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swan Galleries is located at 433 Wallingway Ave., Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1750.

REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST, a special exhibition by artist, Smith, will be on display at the Eastern Connecticut Fine Art Gallery in Summit through Feb. 28.

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PAINTINGS and DRAWINGS by several artists will be on exhibit at the Skanska Art Gallery in Clark, Florida through March 3.

An opening reception will take place Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Skanska Art Gallery is located in the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7597.

PHOTOGRAPHER ALICE JOHNSON will exhibit her works and prints at the Wayne House at Reeves Reed ArtBorium in Summit through March 15.

Her work includes Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 17. Reeves Reed ArtBorium is located at 105 Hubbard Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-8800.

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, a new book by Denise Devereaux and Brenda M. Vandy will be on exhibit at the Cranford Art Center through March 14.

An opening reception takes place Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cranford Art Center is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 908-277-8800.

THE SCULPTORS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY will have its works on display at the Springfield Free Public Library through March 18.

An opening reception will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gallery hours are Mondays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

INTERNATIONAL JURIED SHOW '03 will be on exhibit at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through March 19.

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BOOKS

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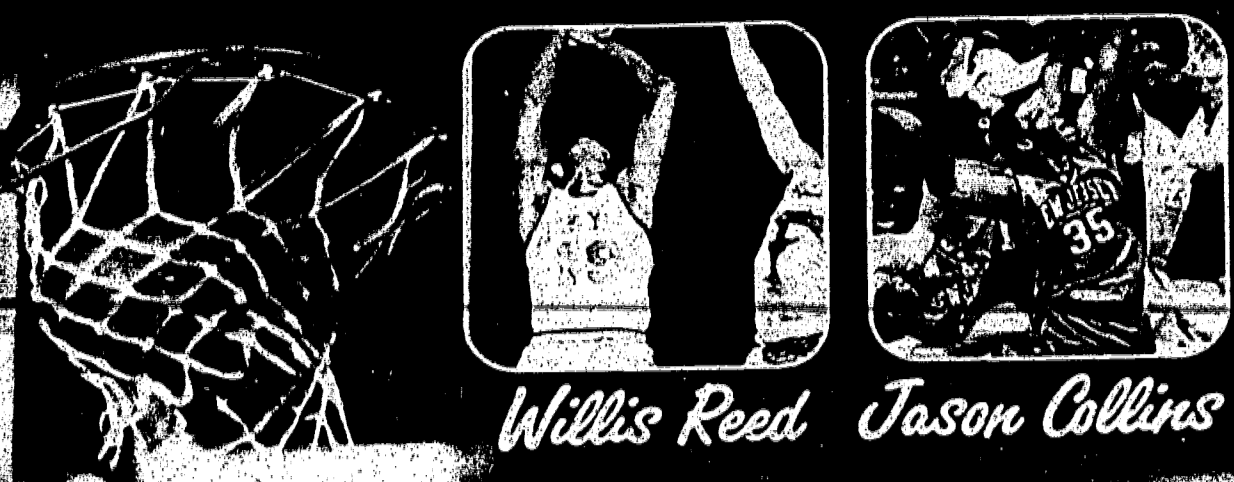
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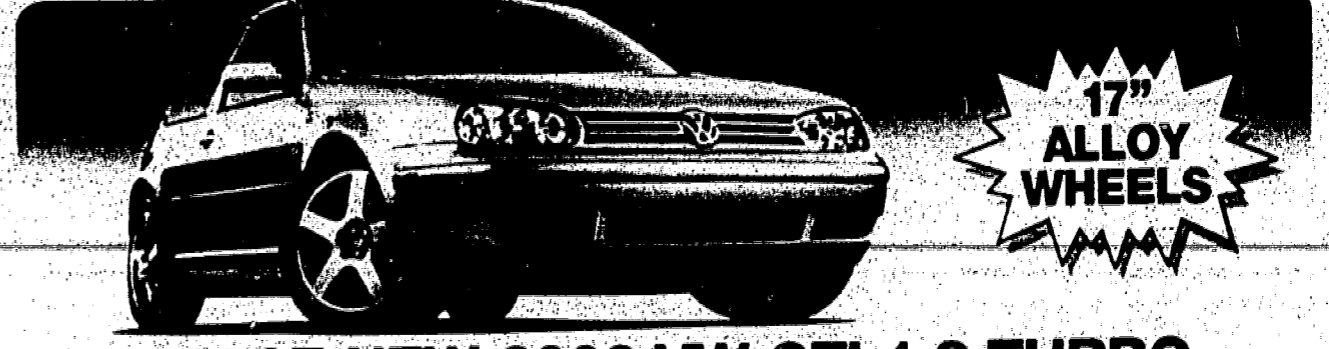
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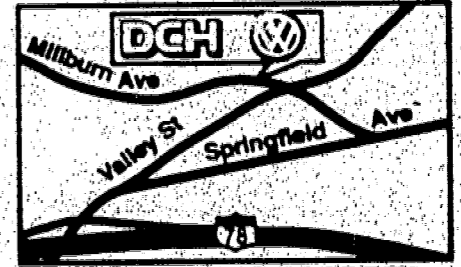
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