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Jones said Governor Livingston has really flourished in the area of technology, with computers and Internet access in every classroom.

The school was rewired in the summer of 1997 and the library is now equipped with 25 computers in order to do Internet research.

"Students from Mountaintop and Berkeley Heights are highly motivated and academically oriented," Jones said.

Growing up in Clark and graduating from Arthur I. Johnson Regional High School in 1965 before attending Newark State College, Jones received his bachelor of arts degree in math in 1969...

The principal received a master's degree in administration supervision from Kean College in 1979 and taught one year in Sayreville his first year out of college.

"I like helping people, I like working with students. Mathematics is a great subject to teach, there are so many applications and you can really make a difference," said Jones.

Jones became an assistant principal for 18 years after beginning in August 1979. He was acting principal for six months from January to June of 1997 before officially becoming the permanent principal on July 1, 1997.

Jones, who lives in Bridgewater and is married to his wife, Theresa, has one 26-year-old son, Jack.

The principal did not specify what he would be doing once he retires but mentioned the possibility of college teaching.

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

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Governor promotes PGA plan

By Marc Lightdale Staff Writer

In August 2005, the PGA Championship will be held at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield. Approximately 50 golfers were present for a ceremony Tuesday to begin the marketing campaign for the golf tournament.

Gov. James McGreevey unveiled the logo for the event at the gathering at the club and held the coveted Wanamaker Trophy, which is awarded to the winner at the end of the tournament.

The championship will take place on the lower course of Baltusrol and will cover 7,300 yards, according to J. Michael Carter, president of Baltusrol Golf Club.

"The PGA Championship is unique. Bringing a major championship to our city truly reflects bringing to the world's doorstep the international spotlight will be on Union County and the state of New Jersey," said Jack Connelly, president of the Professional Golf Association.

There have been 15 championships connected to the United States Golf Association at Baltusrol Golf Club, according to Carter.

"There's been quite a history at the club. Jack Nicklaus won two of his four U.S. Opens, the first in 1967 and the second in 1970, at Baltusrol. Evereddy from Nicklaus to Arnold Palmer have played at the legendary, well-trimmed grass of Baltusrol Golf Club.

Approximately 4,000 fans will volunteer their time for the effort. The total number of tickets available will be between 35,000 and 40,000. A more definite number would be known by early next year.

"Baltusrol is synonymous with championship golf. We look forward to testing the world's greatest players on the greatest golf courses," Connelly said.

A panel discussion of the PGA Championship took place Tuesday at the fourth hole of the golf course, consisting of Carter, Connelly and John Humeke, chairman of Baltusrol's PGA Executive Committee.

The PGA Championship will take place Aug. 8-14, 2005. The last PGA visit to Baltusrol Golf Club took place in New Jersey in 1942.

It was a terrific event for the Garden State, Carter said. He is the 28th president of Baltusrol and is excited about the PGA Championship coming to Baltusrol.

"I loved golf tournaments," Carter said. "When the PGA championship is crowned, he will be a worthy champion on a fair golf course."

McGreevey said he was thrilled to welcome the PGA Championship and a long tradition of excellence to New Jersey.

With the Devils winning the Stanley Cup and the Nets reaching the National Basketball Association Finals, sports in New Jersey are particularly strong. Having golf adds another feather to New Jersey's cap, said McGreevey.

"New Jersey has a proven track record of success in hosting major sporting events, and we look forward to working with Baltusrol and the PGA on the PGA Championship," McGreevey said.



Gov. James McGreevey, right, unveils the official logo for the 2005 PBA Championship. The government was at Baltusrol Golf Club on Tuesday to kick off the marketing campaign for the golf tournament to be played at the world famous club in Springfield.

Foundation honors local teen's legacy

Robert and Yeda Fish of Springfield have established The Jordan Lee Fish Foundation, in memory of the recent passing of their son Jordan, 14, who succumbed to leukemia last month.

They said he taught those around him how to love, laugh and face illness with dignity, courage and strength.

The foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity, will serve as a continuing legacy through granting of endowments and scholarships. It will honor children, both sick and healthy, who exemplify an incredible spirit and use it to make the world, a happier place as did Jordan.

The first scholarship will be named the Jordan Lee Fish Spirit Scholarship and will be presented to a graduating senior, at awards night May 28, at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

The recipient of the award will typify Jordan's spirit, personality and commitment to his/her school.

As an ongoing fund-raiser, tributes will be available for purchase. For information on the Foundation, call Robert or Yeda Fish at 973-564-9623 or write to The Jordan Lee Foundation, Inc., 25 Eton Place, Springfield, 07081.

Borough firefighters respond to accident

Firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue apartment for an activated fire alarm at 7:52 p.m. June 28.

At 8:22 a.m. June 30, police responded to Morris and Linden avenues for an oil spill in the roadway.

Firefighters responded to Route 28 east for a motor vehicle accident with injuries at 10:10 a.m. June 30.

At 1:34 p.m. June 30, police and firefighters responded to Walton School for an activated fire alarm.

Firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm at 3:21 p.m. June 30.

At 4:24 p.m., firefighters responded with a pumper to Union Fire Headquarters on a request from Union County Municipal Aid.

All units responded to a New Brook Lane residence for smoke in the house at 5:04 p.m. June 30.

At 5:36 p.m., firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

Firefighters responded to a Stern Avenue business for an activated fire alarm at 6:43 p.m. June 30.

At 7:17 a.m. July 2, firefighters responded to a Milltown Road residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

At 9:01 a.m. July 2, firefighters responded to a report of a minor grass fire in the commercial area of Cornell Parkway.

Township renews contract with FOCNJ

By Marc Lightdale Staff Writer

The First Occupational Center of New Jersey provides a sheltered workshop for workers who are handicapped, according to Roy Hirschfeld, a Springfield, committee member.

Eighteen workers of FOCNJ have been helping Springfield with the cleaning of buildings for the past year.

FOCNJ, located in Orange, recently was signed to a six-month cleaning contract with the township, where their performance will be monitored.

The renewal of the contract for six months was approved at the June 24 regular Township Committee meeting.

The FOCNJ provides jobs for people who are mentally, physically, or emotionally handicapped, and they are trained in specific fields, such as janitorial service. Hirschfeld said it helps to provide jobs for people who are less able.

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FOCNJ, a non-profit agency, has been doing the cleaning of Springfield for three to four years. The job includes sweeping, mopping, toilet cleaning, and emptying the trash.

Norman Belton, director of operations at FOCNJ, said the center has been doing a good job working with handicapped and disabled workers and other people from the streets with the goal of helping the dependent more independent.

FOCNJ is an organization which also does recycling, lawn maintenance, mowing, and trash collection.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Follow the ruling

For those who want to look up pornography on the Web at their local libraries, a new rule by the U.S. Supreme Court will prohibit them from doing so. For libraries that are federally funded, it is up to them to decide whether or not to provide these filters. If they don't, they run the risk of losing federal funding.

Springfield Free Public Library is indirectly federally funded, receiving money through such sources as the Community Development Block Grant, which is based on money from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mountaintops Public Library is funded through the municipality, with some help from local and county grants. Both libraries will have to decide on the use of installing filters on computers at a future Board of Trustees meeting.

Quite frankly, libraries cannot afford to ignore this ruling by focusing on the argument of censorship and the public's right to a free access of information. At the heart of this rule is the need to protect children from accessing or viewing this material, and this goal should be kept above all else, whether the libraries receive federal funding or not.

Most libraries do not carry "Hustler" or "Penthouse" magazine, nor do they carry hardcore or even softcore videos. Why should they allow patrons to access this material on the Internet?

The library is a free, public place and that means that allowing children the opportunity to view or access pornography in truth endangers their well-being and safety. For adults who want to visit these sites, they should be given every right to do so in the privacy of their own homes, not in the library.

Of course, there are different stages of pornography and the idea of blocking access leads to the argument of what constitutes pornography. Some would say the "Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue" is pornographic material even though the models are fully, if scantily, clothed. But there is a difference between scantily-clad models and visual displays of pornography that leave nothing to the imagination.

Libraries have to keep in mind that they operate in an environment where people of all ages are free to use their facilities. People who are doing legitimate research on anything sex-related may encounter difficulties as a result of these blocks, but if this comes at the cost of preventing children from being exposed to this material, then it's a small price to pay.

Also, if the filters interfere with legitimate research on sex topics, it's quite possible that libraries could provide patrons with individual access codes explaining what sites they need to go to and why. This would allow them to get their necessary research completed and prevent problems of access.

A strict rule such as this needs to be in place in order to keep the protection of children at the forefront.

Nothing too small

Union County was among the numerous regions hit hard by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Its proximity to New York City had many residents commuting to the World Trade Center on a daily basis. The County of Union plans to construct a fitting tribute to the almost 60 county residents who died on Sept. 11, 2001. The goal is to raise \$100,000 to cover the cost of construction as well as maintenance of the site.

There's something to be said for building a proper Sept. 11 monument without using taxpayer dollars from within the county budget. It's not just about avoiding tax dollars in a tight economic year. It's about residents contributing to a worthy cause because they want to make a contribution. It's about being asked rather than told.

Ground was broken on the monument last month at Echo Lake Park in Mountaintops. The 100-foot long memorial will feature tributes to those who died at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., as well as those on United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania.

The invasion of Iraq and the subsequent violence in the Middle East has garnered much of the nation's, and the world's, attention. But, like the reason for monuments, we mustn't forget the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001 and those who died.

We ask that Union County residents do what they can and contribute whatever they might be able to toward the Sept. 11 memorial. As is the case with contributions to any worthy cause, no donation is too small and none is insignificant. Every dollar helps to attain the ultimate goal.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made payable to the Union County September 11 Memorial Fund, c/o The Office of the County Manager, Administration Building, 6th Floor, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, 07207, or call 908-527-4200.



BEACH DAY — First-graders Amanda Fenton, Helena Zhang and Madison Goldman relax on their beach towels on Beach Day at Deerfield School in Mountaintops. All of the first-graders got to enjoy a day that kicked off the start-of-summer in style.

Nothing alone could capture our GL memories

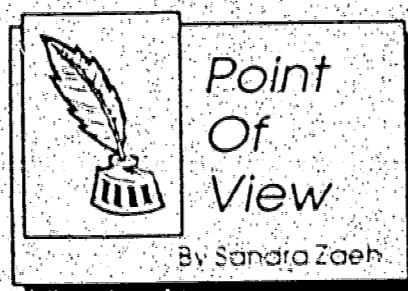
Dr. Bozza, Mrs. Rattner, members of the Board of Education, Mr. Jones, faculty, parents, friends and graduates.

I walked aimlessly down the usual yellow GI hallway, hoping to find something that would give me an idea of how to describe our past four years of high school. I wandered past the boys' gym, meandered up and down every staircase, and had finally arrived near the athletic fields when the realization hit me: there is no physical element of Governor Livingston that could possibly explain the lessons we've learned, the people we've met and the memories we've experienced.

And then, as I kept walking, I suddenly seemed as if a memory could be associated with everything I encountered. There were personal memories: like writing the names of the Class of 2003 in white paint, heading to the journalism room after school with Jackie to work on layout, and of course playing volleyball with Mr. Howard every day — a GI tradition.

But more importantly, there were memories we share together. I found what makes GI special is the ideals that we share and demonstrate through one another. There is GI pride in every football player who steps out onto Fries Field to play, and there is GI pride in every Highlander band member who dresses in a kiln. There is GI spirit in everyone who dares to throw checkbooks, lip sync, or even happily "bop" during Class Clash. There is GI honor in every scholar who diligently pursues the highest level of achievement. And finally, there is GI love within friendships that will never be forgotten.

There is something unique that binds us to GI, and will forever remain in our hearts. And it isn't the fact that we all head to Wendy's twice



a week or insist on going to Magic Fountain after varsity baseball games. It's an unwritten feeling, a common bond, a shared four amazing years, and a knowledge that we will forever bleed red and blue.

It seems increasingly hard to believe that the faces we have grown up with will soon be dispersed throughout the United States. While some will be only 20 minutes down the road at Drew University in Madison, others will be nearly 3,000 miles away in Palo Alto, California at Stanford University. And while some of us will have the privilege of being Tigers and others will be Changemans, each and every one of us will always be a Highlander.

Remember to keep true to your dreams. As Walt Disney said, "If you can dream it, you can do it." And if you get stuck in a rough patch along the way, just think about your roots, and everything you accomplished just where you stand. Have faith in yourself and your ability to do the impossible. You know you can make a difference.

But most importantly, do something because you love to do it. When you've found what your real love is, it's not a job anymore, it's work to you. And no matter how far you end up from GI, you're living your future life, always remembering the memories from your years at Governor Livingston.

Thus, I discovered our high school experience can't be described on paper, rather it's a series of snapshots, memories that will endure forever. And while we may not remember our locker combinations, services we had taken on while we were freshmen, or the smell of the gym locker, we will always remember the most important thing: being united as the Governor Livingston Class of 2003.

Thank you to the people who made this journey possible: our parents, our friends, influential teachers, and administrators. Congratulations, guys, we made it!

Sandra Zach was one of the two seniors who gave a commencement speech at the Governor Livingston High School graduation June 25.

Melissa Bergenty was one of the two students who gave the commencement speech at the Governor Livingston High School graduation ceremony June 25.

Saying goodbye, letting go is students' final test

Casual afternoon. Dr. Bozza, Principal Jones, faculty, students, family and friends.

Someone once said, "As much as I want to get out of here and how I hate it sometimes, I take a moment to look around, smile, and say, 'Wow, I'm going to miss these times and realize how lovely things really are.'"

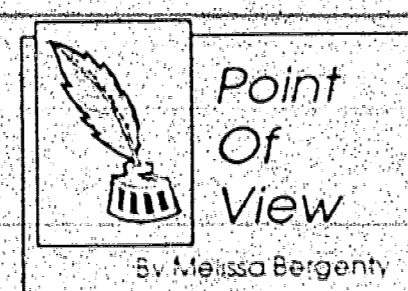
I believe many of us are feeling these similar mixed emotions, as our time at GI draws to a close. We now come to realize how short our time here really was, even though it feels like it has taken us forever to get to the point where we are today. It is said that to realize the value of one year, ask a high school senior. However, I have come to understand that the things we have learned and the experiences we have gained must be taken from our whole high school career.

From the first day of our first year, until the last bell of our last moments, we have been together. Through triumph and defeat, joy and heartache, we have lived through it all. We have discovered that high school was never about the gut wrenching exams or the all-nighters pulled studying for them. High school is about the memories that are gained and the friendships formed that last a lifetime.

But most importantly, it's our time spent as Highlanders that we'll never forget. How many seniors can go off to college saying they got to participate in the time-honored tradition of Class Clash? Or even the volleyball tournament, where coordinating outfits is equally important to skill? Or getting to write their names on the walk down to the football field?

Moreover, it's also the little insignificant things we've experienced here at GI that we will always remember. Yes, maybe other high schools have equally interesting things like open lunch, but where's the fun in that? They will never know what it feels like to try to run to Wendy's and back in 12 minutes without getting a cut. That's what really makes each and every one of us a Highlander.

Aside from the moments we will never forget, there are the things we've learned as well. From freshmen to senior we've learned that it's OK to make mistakes, and to make a lot of them; credentials on a wall do not make you who you are; friends can never be over or underestimated; pictures can never replace actually being



there, and most importantly, the backpacking off is dangerous.

The only thing our teachers have forgotten to teach us is how to leave everything we know behind.

But when that time comes, it is the final test, how do we good-bye and how to let go? And although the names on the party list won't fade, the results we've achieved will be challenged and broken, and the messages we write in the creases of desks and the inside of lockers will be erased, we will always be red and blue, through and through.

To realize the value of one year, ask a high school senior. But to realize the value of four, ask a Highlander.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Site would have been better saved

To the Editor:

It was a mistake to put the new fire house in Springfield on a valuable Main Street real estate. The site would have been better saved for commercial use providing a taxable and income.

P.S. I noted this during the planning stages. Now what with the rail road planned?

Joseph Chiappetta
Mountaintops

I haven't given up request for light

To the Editor:

I just wanted to give you an update on the intersection of Shumpke Road, Milltown Road and the South Springfield Avenue traffic light situation. I haven't given up yet. I've written Congressman Michael Ferguson, Union County Board of Freeholders, the PTAs of schools, temples and the YMCA asking them for help.

George S. Garrison
Marketing Director

Robert Pisanzo
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John D'Acchino
Circulation Director

I hope that these people get on the bandwagon and write some letters. Maybe with everyone's help and cooperation, something will get done.

Lisa Jackowski
Springfield

There should be a stop to slaughter

To the Editor:

I'm so glad they stopped killing the geese. It was uncalled for doing it the way they did. All you do is have a sign to tell people not to feed the geese. First it was the deer now the bears. Even in Alaska and Canada they want to slaughter the endangered species, the wolves and the Harp Seal. Who is next on that list?

There should be a stop to this slaughter. When you do this to the geese it reminds me of what happened in Nazi Germany some 60 years ago at the concentration camps telling the people they were going, only to take them instead to their deaths. Some of these geese had babies, also. We have to stop this because we will not have any animals on this earth to see. There are other ways to do deal with it.

Joan Faszczewski
Springfield

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Designation reflects township clerk's mastery of profession

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, certified municipal clerk for the Township of Springfield, has been accepted as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

The academy is the professional body of municipal clerks who have continued their level of educational achievement beyond the attainment of the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk Award.

IIMC President Jean M. Bailey, CMC, City Clerk of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, said, "I am honored to welcome Mrs. Wisniewski as a member in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy. She is dedicated to municipal service and an inspiration to all members of our profession."

In order to become a member of the academy, a person must first attain the IIMC Certification — CMC designation, attend a minimum of 36 hours of graduate courses at an IIMC

recognized municipal clerk's office. Specific professional participation must be achieved, such as leadership in national and state associations, attendance at seminars and conferences, and professional writings and accomplishments.

To date, approximately 15 percent of 10,300 members of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks have qualified for the Master Municipal Clerk Academy status.

Wisniewski has been employed with the Township of Springfield since 1981, serving as assistant township tax collector, deputy register, and deputy township clerk before appointment to her current position of township clerk in May 1999.

She completed the Municipal Clerks Institute conducted by the Center for Government Services, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, and received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in December

1999. Continuing her professional education, she has completed IIMC-approved Academy Programs offered through the Center for Government Services, Rutgers — The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, Institute for Professional Development, Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey, New Jersey League of Municipalities, Municipal Clerks Association of Union County, Personal Computer Education, and other seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Active in professional affiliations, she is serving as fund-raising chairwoman with the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey and is a county representative with the Union County New Jersey Municipal Clerks Association.

Wisniewski has been a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks since 1989.

Don't forget your helmet



Mountaintops PTA and Deerfield School Resource/Bike Officer Andrew Huber have a ball conducting their annual "Bike Rodeo" for second-grade students. Officer Huber inspects the students' bikes and helmets for appropriate fit and safety features. Here he is with second-grader Douglas Maslo.

EVENTS

St. James presents Vanity Fair shopping trip

St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield presents a shopping trip to Vanity Fair and Reading, Pa., outlets Monday.

The cost is \$16 per person. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. from the Springfield Knights of Columbus building off Shumpke Road and Springfield Avenue and returns at 5:30 p.m.

The fee includes a round-trip bus transportation, lunch voucher, discount coupons and bus driver gratuity.

For reservations, call Tony Graziano, 973-376-5612.

Get ready to 'R.E. Cycle'

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountaintops will be the setting for an environmentally-themed magic show at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Mr. R.E. Cycle, an acclaimed magician who brings magic to the environment, will present a show about recycling and litter reduction that is said to entertain and enchant children while they learn important lessons.

This magical presentation is part of Trailside's Summer Wednesday Matinee series. The show is for children ages 4 and older only. No infants or babies in strollers are allowed in the auditorium. Tickets are \$4 per person and go on sale 15 minutes before each show.

Mr. R.E. Cycle is the original working symbol that launched New Jersey into statewide recycling.

For information about this and other programs call 908-789-3670.

Officers named at Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Francis X. Coyle of Knights of Columbus Council 5560 in Springfield announced its new officers for the 2003-04 fraternal year.

The officers are: Grand Knight, Anthony DeGagna, Springfield, Chaplain, the Rev. Robert Stagg, St. James the Apostle Church, Springfield; Deputy Grand Knight, Hector Ariza, Summit; Chancellor, Mark Weber, Springfield; and Recorder, Charles Carbone, Summit.

Other officers are: Financial Secretary, Anthony F.X. Graziano, PGK, FDD, Springfield; Treasurer, Joseph Farmer, Union, Advocate, Raymond K. Oakes, PGK, FDD, Springfield; Warden, Anthony Vitale, Summit, and Guards, Savino DeFeo, Summit, and Joseph J. Indrella, Scotch Plains. The Board of Trustees includes: Frank

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Senior Citizens Club of Mountaintops to meet

The Senior Citizens Club of Mountaintops meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Community Presbyterian Church at noon.

For information on any of their programs, call 908-233-6280.

Springfield Newcomers plan summer fun

The Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Springfield is a community organization offering social events for residents who wish to get to know others in town.

For information on to be added to the mailing list, e-mail newcomers@comcast.net or call Simone Miller 908-608-0679.

The Web site is <http://community.comcast.net/springfieldnewcomers>.

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But happiness does not come with a guarantee. Tragedy has a way of coming from out of nowhere, leaving those behind stunned, regretful, angry and searching for answers.

What if one small event — one fatal day had been averted? Could an accidental death resulting in so much anguish have been avoided? And how can the emotionally devastated survivors possibly resume their lives?

Director Moretti, known as the

Italian Woody Allen" opts for a change of pace in this cousin to "In the Bedroom." The drama won the Palme d'Or at the 2001 Cannes Film Festival.

Funding for the film festival has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts, Department of State through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library.

For information, call Wings at 974-924-0252.

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Matthews and Moore to wed

Mr. David James Matthews of San Francisco and Mrs. Adair Harditt Matthews of Summit, announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Jordan Matthews to Alan Michael Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thompson Moore of Parkland, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Henry Weller of Glastonbury, Conn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Summit High School, Summit, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., and is employed by Tornhill, Sigmon Design, P.A., of Charlotte, N.C., as a human resource manager.

The future groom is a graduate of Glastonbury High School, Glastonbury, Conn., and Wintthrop University, Rock Hill, S.C. He is employed by Mr. Olive Pickle Company of Gastonia, N.C., as a senior business analyst and director of market development.

An October 2003 wedding is planned in Charleston, S.C.



Brooke Jordan Matthews of Summit will wed Alan Michael Moore in Charleston, S.C., in October.

Our policy on weddings and engagements

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

Information requested for engagements are parents names, high school and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer, and town where located, job title, and direct contact information. Information requested for weddings are parents names, date of wedding, where the wedding took place,

who officiated, date attended, bride and groom high school names, and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and town where located, job title, and direct contact information, and wedding date.

When sending a photograph with the announcement a check for \$100.00 is appreciated.

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Programs build new skills

The Recreation Therapy Department of Children's Specialized Hospital, 340 New Providence Road in Mountainside, announces the following summer programs.

Therdays through Aug. 19
• Martial Arts: From 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 5 to 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, ages 9 to 13.

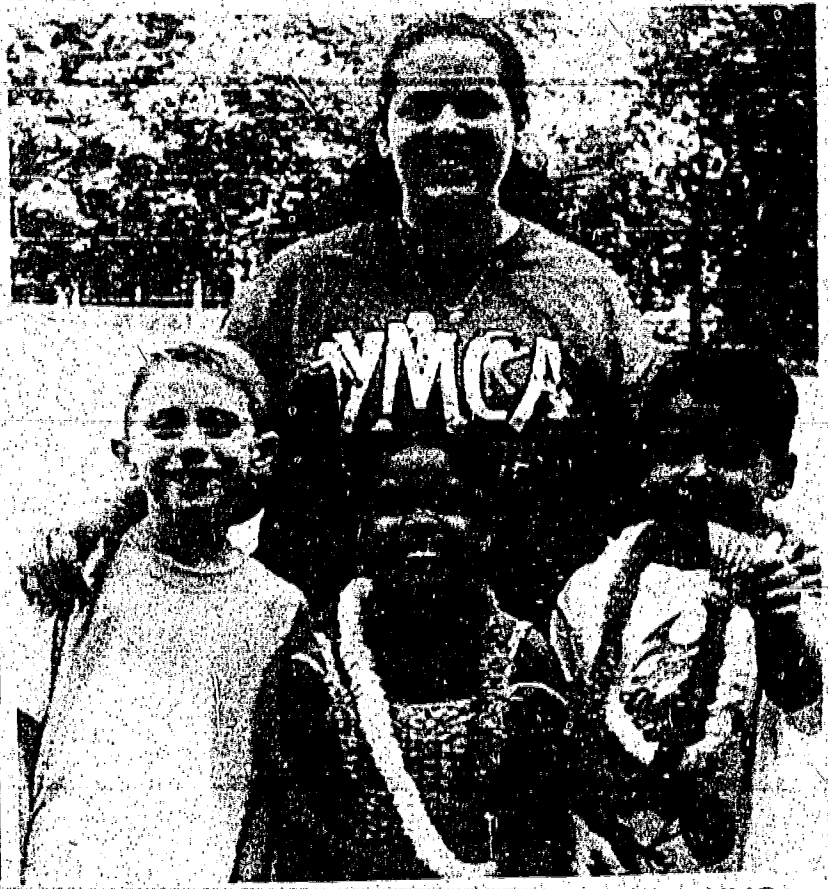
Programs will be conducted in Auditorium A and B. This class, instructed by Steve Mermim, and Katie Van Ness, a certified therapeutic recreation therapist, is designed for children with ADHD, neurological impairments, and/or problems with balance, coordination, techniques and listening skills. Coordination of movements, balance and thought are incorporated. Class size is limited. The registration fee is \$75.

From Saturdays to Aug. 23
• Adaptive Athletics: From 2 to 3:15 p.m. Saturdays, for ages 4 to 6, from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Saturdays, for ages 7 to 9.

This takes place at the Children's Specialized Hospital, 340 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Contact: LRS, coordinates a beginner, instructional swim program for children with physical disabilities, and of developmental disabilities. Parent participation in the pool will be encouraged. The registration fee is \$75. Class size is limited. To register, call 908-253-3720, ext. 3104.

From Tuesday to Aug. 19
• Arts and Crafts Workshop: From 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays for ages 10 to 15.

Fun in the sun



The Anumapa campers of the Springfield YMCA camps are all smiles and eager for a day of activities that include hiking, arts and crafts as well as trips and other special events. From left are Kyle Ostentfeld, Lee Ann Stapleton and Paul Asmerinos of Springfield with Child Care and Camp Director Terri Clinton. Call 973-467-0838 to register.

Group meets for business leads

A tip of Summit members work at provide a good business leads. Meetings are from 7:08 to 8:11 a.m. Mondays at the Grand Summit Hotel.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to give a presentation, "communities" about their business and describe the types of clients needed. Breakfast is free for first-time visitors. For information, call 908-273-9444.

Frank Rubino Jr.

Frank Rubino Jr., 56, of New Providence, formerly of Mountainside, died July 1 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Rubino lived in Mountainside before moving to New Providence in 1976. He was a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, Mountainside, for 35 years and retired in 2002. After retiring, Mr. Rubino was a crossing guard in New Providence. He served in the Air Corps during peacetime.

Surviving are his mother, Lillian Kederling; his stepfather, Joseph Kederling; and a sister, Joyce M. Marra.

Stanco G. Stankov

Stanco G. Stankov, 54, of Mountainside died July 2 in Bulgaria.

Born in Bulgaria, Mr. Stankov lived in Sayreville before moving to Mountainside six years ago. He was a self-employed contractor for many years and later owned Mac Lumber, Newark, now called Newark Lumber, for 13 years before retiring two years ago.

Willie R. Edwards

Willie R. Edwards, 90, of Florham Park died July 6 in the Marriott Brighton Gardens, Florham Park.

Mr. Edwards was active with the Order of the Eastern Star in Livingston and the Women's Circle of the Springfield. Emanuel, United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 15 years, Cheryl; two sons, George and Kostadin; two daughters, Katerina Stankov and Enna Karapetrova, and a grandchild.

Amanda Wyckoff

Amanda M. Wyckoff, 91, of Hackensack, formerly of Springfield, died July 1 in the Health Village, Hackensack.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Wyckoff lived in Springfield and Berkeley Township before moving to Hackensack. She was an administrative assistant to the dean at Union County Regional High School before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Arlene Weaver, a son, Alan, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jacob R. Bauer

Jacob R. Bauer, 85, of Onancock, Va., formerly of Mountainside, died July 4 at home. He was a retired lawyer and municipal court judge in Mountainside. He graduated from Colgate University and the Rutgers University School of Law.

He served in the Army during World War II. Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Mountainside before moving to Onancock.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, sons, Jeffrey R. and Craig S.; a brother, Charles; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Josephine Diaz

Josephine Diaz, 79, of Springfield died July 4 in Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

She was an administrative assistant for the New York Stock Exchange in New York City for 20 years before retiring in 1986.

Linus A. Deeny

Linus A. Deeny, 89, of Springfield died June 30 at home.

He was a truck driver with Abbots Dairy, Newark, from 1940 through 1945 and from 1965 through 1972. From 1945 through 1965, he worked at Philadelphia Dairy, known as Dally, Madison in Newark.

Surviving are her husband, Jose, a daughter, Elena Martinez, a son, Jose; a sister, Helen Suarez, and five grandchildren.

William Rubin

William Rubin, 94, of Toms River died July 4 in Bay Lea Village, Toms River.

He worked for SKS Furs, Jersey City, for 25 years before retiring in 1974. Earlier, he was a janitor with Hollander's Furs, Jersey City, for 30 years.

Born in Berkeley Heights, he lived in Newark and Liberty Corner before moving to Springfield in 1957.

Surviving are a son, Arnold, a daughter, Miriam Wolkolsky; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Terence G. Burke Sr.

Terence G. Burke Sr., 95, of Summit died July 4 in Rambley Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

He was an executive with the Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc., a shipping company in New York City, for 42 years before retiring in 1967. After retiring, he was a self-employed marine insurance consultant until 1987.

Mr. Burke was an associate member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, New York. He taught marine insurance at the College of Insurance in New York in the 1950s and 1960s.

He was a member of the Downtown Atlantic Club, Manhattan, for more than 50 years, serving as past governor and many years on the Herman Trophy Committee. Mr. Burke was a member of the Summit Old Guard.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Summit since 1940.

Surviving are daughters, Pamela Burke and Randi Burke Opladen, and a grandchild.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

OBITUARIES

Advertisement for Kessler Assisted Living Community. Features a photo of a person in a wheelchair and text describing the community's amenities and services.

Advertisement for Summit Days Sales. Promotes an event on July 10, 11, and 12 with 'Inside and Out' theme, featuring bargains, merchandise, and dining.

Advertisement for Calderone School of Music. Lists various instruments and classes for children, including piano, keyboard, organ, and accordion.

Advertisement for Carteret Senior Living. Includes a photo of an elderly couple and text about special rates starting at \$70 a day.

Advertisement for Bloomfield College. Promotes 'Instant Decision Days' for transcripts and enrollment, featuring a photo of a smiling woman.

Advertisement for Keamy Federal Savings. Promotes a mortgage program with 'No Application Fee' and 'Low Rates', featuring a photo of a couple.

Advertisement for Lilies Lizards. Promotes 'Kids Wear With Flair' and 'Complete Layette Department' with 'Final Days Cash Only!!'.

Advertisement for Union Center National Bank. Promotes low mortgage rates, including 3.875% and 3.927% APR, with a photo of a person walking.

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September, New York show, Momma-Mia Dinner, Chelvi Market...

Nov. 6, Special Show: Irish Way Entertainment... Nov. 23, Holiday Show: Lunch at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse...

Summit Old Guard meet, discuss Woodrow Wilson... At the Tuesday meeting of the Summit Old Guard...

SAGE presents program on acupuncture... Ross Rosen and Ann Tomoko, certified acupuncturists...

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reflected in the books he has written, including the anecdotal "Real Life in the White House" and "Oh Say Can You See..."

The Old Guard invites retired men from the Summit area to attend its weekly meetings, which are conducted at the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood Ave. every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Coffee is available at 9:15 a.m. and meetings usually end at 11:30 a.m.

Members are involved in golf, swimming, fishing, bridge, tennis and trips to the theater, sporting events and area landmarks. Also featured are "Timely Topics" meetings to discuss contemporary issues. For information, call Bob Reagan, membership chairman, at 908-464-5329, or log onto www.summitoldguardhome.com

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SHIP volunteers educate seniors on healthcare... Many seniors lack adequate healthcare coverage. Many others are simply not aware of all the benefits that are available to them. Positions are available to help these senior citizens.

Consider becoming a trained SHIP volunteer counselor in Union County. SHIP is an acronym for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, a free, statewide program offering assistance, information and support to Medicare recipients.

SHIP volunteers give free, unbiased information, as well as assistance with Medicare claims problems. Medicare recipients access SHIP services in Union County by calling 908-273-6099.

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Temple holds summer schedule

Summer services at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield, will continue through Aug. 29.

During this period, Friday night Sabbath services will start at 8 p.m. and will be led by lay members of the congregation. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will return to lead the final summer service Aug. 29.

Conducting services, this Friday will be Fred and Marge Sande of North Plainfield, Fridays, Roger Gold of Cranford, July 18; Karen Levin of Springfield, July 25; Amy Lebovitz and family of Springfield, Aug. 1; Shabbat morning minyan members, Aug. 8; Marc and Pam Bam of Springfield, Aug. 15. Bill and Sandy

Volunteers sought for blood pressure readings... The Summit Area Red Cross is looking for volunteers to take blood pressure readings.

Readings are taken on one Tuesday afternoon every other month between 1 and 3 p.m. in the chapter house at 905 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Berkeley College grads
Christina Ferraz of Mountaintop and Jessica Lynn Ploug of Springfield were among the students at Berkeley College who received degrees at the college's 2003 commencement ceremony.

Both earned associate's degrees in fashion marketing and management.

Ber named Gaudiner
Student of the Year
Florence M. Gaudiner of School's "Student of the Year" recipient of the 2002-03 school year is Jonathan Herr.



Jonathan Herr

Video series reveals man's quest for gold
Famous Video Series at the Springfield Free Public Library on Mountain Ave. presents "Obsession: The Story of Man's Greatest Obsession" at noon Tuesdays.

On July 22, volume one will be shown of "The Gold Wars." From Pizarro's brutal conquest of the Incas to Christopher Columbus, this film explores the tragic legacy of man's lust for gold.

"Volume Two: Gold Fever" will be shown right after. This film accompanies the miners of South America's Witwatersrand Basin on their journey to the center of the earth and back in time to the heyday of the infamous Gold Rush. Both videos are 90 minutes long.

On Aug. 5, "Volume Three: The Stuff of Dreams" will be shown. Scholars explore the meaning of the most enduring golden myths, and viewers will join modern-day treasure hunters searching for ancient Spanish galleons off the Florida Keys.

"Volume Four: Gold Hard" features the epic tales of the constant struggle and the bustling trading posts of Wall Street to explore the pervasive impact of money and greed on society. Both videos are 90 minutes long.

For information, call 973-376-1930. Bring your lunch, coffee and cookies will be provided.

'Antipony' comes alive
At 1 p.m. July 24, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey's next stage production brings a New York theater classic to the Donald B. Palmer Museum one of the Springfield Free Public Library with a performance of Antipony.

Two fallen brothers, one honored in death, the other declared a traitor. Their strong-willed sister defies King's commandment and follows her convictions.

Soccer offered at Dayton for summer

It's not news that soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. It is also common knowledge that children are enjoying the benefits of quality coaching from overseas coaches right here in Springfield. However, what is remarkable is the success that has brought youth soccer in New Jersey and soccer in the states as a whole.

New Jersey now boasts one of the top youth soccer leagues in the nation, top ranking youth teams and will play host to the world's best professional teams. Manchester United and Juventus included in an international showcase this summer.

At United Soccer Academy, they believe that this is just the beginning. "We are very pleased that soccer is really starting to attract some significant attention," says Neil Richards, Regional Director of U.S.A. Soccer.

Small Faces is an ultra close-up portrait of the very small faces of refugees, immigrants and actors/actresses lately got to be seen up close. Their personalities emerging from the large color images give a rare look at their individuality, a quality we rarely connect with them.

Lipman was born in London, England, and has been a resident of New Jersey for 30 years. He is a photographer and artist which he has combined with new digital techniques to create commercial and artistic works.

AT THE LIBRARY

Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. through Aug. 28. "Small Faces" is an ultra close-up portrait of the very small faces of refugees, immigrants and actors/actresses lately got to be seen up close.

Exhibit takes a look at 'Small Faces'
An exhibit of photography, titled "Small Faces" by David J. Lipman will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library.

His photographic work has appeared in The National Geographic, Time, Newsweek, as well as in newspapers and specialized magazines. His artwork hangs in private collections in the USA and Europe.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

Greek tragedy topic of Great Books meeting
Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of Western civilization.

The group meets at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Laptops' program in Union
The topic of the July 17 discussion is "Laptops' program in Union."

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World Series champions



The Blue Jays captured the Springfield Boys Junior Baseball League's Minor League Division World Series championship. Kneeling, from left are Dillon Reiss; Stephen Bratsch, Max Webb, Daniel Torres and Danny Haroldson. Standing, from left are Ronnie Herman, Justin Grant, Anthony Don, Jake Rudolph, Chris Maslo, Andrew Kravantzis and Danny Wilkenfeld. Coaches include Don Wilkenfeld, Mike Webb, Mr. Maslo and Mr. Don. Team member not in picture is Zachary Glennon.

South leads North by a 12-9-2 margin in series

The 23rd annual North-South High School All-Star Football Game will take place at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway Saturday at 1 p.m., with the sixth annual New Jersey vs. New York Governor's Bowl to follow at 5 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Montmartside and the Lakeside School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

The South leads the North by a 12-9-2 margin in a series that began in 1979. The game was not played last year because of inclement weather.

The North won the last game played in the series by a 24-0 score at Rutgers in 2001. The South won 20-5 at Rutgers in 2000.

Here's a look at the scores and where the games were played: 2001: North 24, South 0 at Rutgers Stadium.

2000: South 20, North 5 at Rutgers Stadium. 1999: South 23, North 9 at Rutgers Stadium.

1998: South 14, North 11 at Rutgers Stadium. 1997: South 28, North 14 at the College of New Jersey.

1996: South 32, North 23 at Rutgers Stadium. 1995: North 37, South 15 at Rutgers Stadium.

1994: South 21, North 16 at Trenton State College. 1993: South 9, North 8 at Giants Stadium.

1992: North 7, South 7 (tie) at Giants Stadium. 1991: North 26, South 12 at Giants Stadium.

1990: North 14, South 10 at Rutgers Stadium. 1989: South 24, North 0 at Rutgers Stadium.

1988: South 12, North 9 at Rutgers Stadium. 1987: North 21, South 10 at Rutgers Stadium.

1986: North 20, South 17 at Rutgers Stadium. 1985: North 10, South 13 at Rutgers Stadium.

1984: South 7, North 7 at Rutgers Stadium. 1983: South 16, North 7 at Rutgers Stadium.

1982: South 32, North 0 at Rutgers Stadium. 1981: South 13, North 6 at Rutgers Stadium.

1980: South 44, North 13 at Rutgers Stadium.

New Jersey leads New York by comfortable 4-1 edge

New Jersey leads New York by a 4-1 margin in the Governor's Bowl series that began in 1998. Jesse Holley of Roselle is the lone area player on the New Jersey roster.

Holley will continue on scholarship at North Carolina. New Jersey bounced back from its only loss last year with a 7-0 triumph at Columbia University in New York.

Here's a look at the scores and where the games were played: 2002: New Jersey 7, New York 0 at Columbia University.

2001: New York 26, New Jersey 8 at Rutgers Stadium. 2000: NJ 48, New York 7 at Michie Stadium, West Point.

1999: New Jersey 26, New York 15 at Rutgers Stadium. 1998: New Jersey 36, New York 20 at Rutgers Stadium.

Union County seeks to even Snapple Bowl

The Union County football All-Stars will now have to win the next two Snapple Bowls to take their first lead in the series.

Middlesex won last year's contest by a 28-20 score to take a 4-lead and snap Union's two-game winning streak.

Snapple Bowl 10 is set for Thursday night at Park Brunswick High School. Practice commenced this week with 18th graders leading up to the game commencing next week.

All proceeds go to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Montmartside and the Lakeside School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

Last year's game was the first Snapple Bowl played at Kean University's Alumni Stadium.

The previous four Union County home games were played at Union High School in 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000.

The Middlesex County home games were played at Sayreville in 1995 and at East Brunswick in 1997, 1999 and 2001.

The road team 18-7-2. Here's a look at the scores and MVPs of the first nine Snapple Bowls.

2002: Middlesex 28, Union 20 MVP: Zack Levin, South River, RD. 2001: Union 17, Middlesex 16.

MVP: Brandon Bracey, Linden, OB. 2000: Union 27, Middlesex 21. MVP: Billy Gilbert, Elizabeth, RB.

1999: Middlesex 28, Union 7 MVP: Jeff Lesieur, Perth Amboy, WR. 1998: Middlesex 13, Union 7.

MVP: Luke Ciampelli, Dunellen, QB. 1997: Union 28, Middlesex 7. MVP: Louis Campbell, Rahway, QB.

1996: Middlesex 21, Union 6 MVP: Kenny Rogers, South B. RB. 1995: Union 17, Middlesex 15.

MVP: Jamie Allen, Summit, WR. 1994: Middlesex 35, Union 14. MVP: Khamis Jackson, Monroe, RB.

Series lead: Middlesex 5-4. Home team: 2-7. Road team: 7-2. Most points: Middlesex 204. Least points: Union 133. Shutouts: 0.

Summit Legion has 2 games this weekend

The Summit American Legion baseball team is scheduled to play two games this weekend at Memorial Field. Summit is set to play Scotch Plains Saturday and Clark Summit is scheduled to play Linden on the road.

Wednesday night at 7:30, a game under the lights at Linden's Memorial Field. Summit was scheduled to play at Union Catholic July 1, host Rahway July 2, play at Scotch Plains last Saturday and was to host Springfield Tuesday evening.

Springfield swimmers turn in solid efforts in 2 meets

The Springfield swimming team turned in several outstanding performances at its first two North Jersey Summer Swim League meets, despite falling in both.

Springfield was defeated at home by North Caldwell 211-193 on June 30 and was then bested at Mountaintop 220-173 on July 2.

Here's a look at Springfield results from the North Caldwell meet:

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
12-under girls: 1-Kim Baldwin, 3-Casey Friedman, 4-John Hoehn. 12-under boys: 2-John Hoehn, 3-Maria Innes, 4-Carolyn Maul, 5-Louis Puopolo.

FREESTYLE
8-under girls: 3-Megan Cieri, 4-Jon-Jon Gonzalez, 5-Matt Lebowitz, 6-Dylan Curry, 7-John Hoehn, 8-Casey Friedman, 9-John Hoehn, 10-John Hoehn, 11-12 girls: 24-Late Demberger, 3-Eleanore Costa, 13-14 girls: 2-Amanda Rodriguez, 3-Maria Innes, 15-over girls: 1-Joanna Galante, 2-Nicole Gretten, 3-Nick Padino.

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BREASTSTROKE
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Study seeks answers on county taxes

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money to Washington and getting funding in return.

Summit's task force is part of a larger discussion Hatfield, a Republican, has tried to initiate about county government and property taxes in general.

"When the economy is bad, you feel the pinch."

"It's very disconcerting that 27 percent of property taxes goes to the county," Hatfield said, calling county government "nothing more than the redistribution of income."

"We're all paying way too much for the system," she said, and county government primarily is made up of state-mandated services, such as the prosecutor's office, and that, that should be funded by the state. Many health and welfare services, she said, come from federal mandates.

"The legislative responsibility for providing these services, I ultimately feel responsible for," Hatfield says. "Right now it's very unfair and inequitable."

Secession and eliminating county government are both movements that have gained steam in recent years because residents are upset by their government, Hatfield said. The legislature has not done anything to help.

A few mayors in Union County have expressed interest in the results

of Summit's study of county services and perhaps even apply it to their towns, if possible.

The task force has met monthly since the spring and is in the process of finalizing its report. Mayor Walter Long said.

Summit resident Robert Watteringer is skeptical of his city's study, describing it as a prelude to scaling back the operation of county government. He says he is a political effort rather than a government effort.

The Democrat and former president of the Summit Taxpayers Association said adding more to the county's budget would be more effective.

Summit also has been a Republican stronghold while the county Board of Chosen Freeholders has been controlled by Democrats since the mid-1990s.

"County government is not an issue in either that state or regional political arena," Watteringer said.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's a political issue and not a sound suggestion," he said. "I'm not sure it's a good idea to take anything to the state."

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COUNTY NEWS



John J. Dugan Jr.

Long time Westfield resident John J. Dugan Jr. has been elected president of the 200 Club of Union County. A financial advisor with UBS Financial Services in Westfield, Dugan brings a unique perspective to the office as a former Westfield police officer and sergeant with the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Dugan resides in Westfield with his wife, Maryann, and three children. He serves on the Board of the Westfield YMCA and is president of the Westfield Police Athletic League and the Westfield Basketball and Baseball Association.

The 200 Club is an organization consisting of 438 members of the business community from Union County and the surrounding area. The club's main purpose is to assist families of police officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty as well as provide scholarship assistance to both the children of Union County police officers and firefighters as well as the officers themselves in furtherance of their own educational pursuits. Each spring, the club has a "Valor Award" ceremony honoring Union County police officers and firefighters for valorous acts.

To join the organization, call the club at 908-222-2222.

Proseur, Theodore Romankov said the program has provided important services to nearly 150 persons during its first two years of operation. "As we mark in the second year anniversary, it's important to highlight the need to bring more talented and dedicated nursing professionals into this extremely worthwhile effort."

There are only 12 nurses currently in service for the on-call list, and they receive \$250 each time they respond for a call out, plus the hourly rate while they carry a beeper according to Coordinator Felicia Infante.

"Our nurses respond along with a Rape Crisis Advocate and the case detective to any case of sexual assault where the victim is 13 or older," Infante said, and there are special rooms with equipment set up at Thomas, Mulhern, Avesco, and Rahway hospitals.

The nurses only have to be on call for 24 hours each month and they can split the times on a set flexible schedule. Infante said the setup has allowed for a great improvement in comfort, privacy, and feedback. In addition, said Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado, the program has greatly reduced waiting time for victims.

The program, which starts two years old this week, is funded by the New Jersey Office of Victim Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice and the county Board of Chosen Freeholders. Registered nurses or RNs, with Infante, SANE SARI coordinator, at her office at Rammed Hospital at 908-771-6728 or contact her by e-mail at J.Dinfante@aol.com.

Classroom training is offered on-line through Seton Hall University and the only other requirement is a two-day session covering clinical procedures and legal issues.

A big part of the job is talking to the victim and collecting basic evidence while trying to comfort them. Infante said, pointing out that some of the nurses have psychiatric nursing background or an interest in women's health issues and that seems to work out very well. They all seem to get a

great deal of satisfaction from being part of this important intervention.

Program can help to rehabilitate homes

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved a program to help Union County residents rehabilitate their homes. The Multi-Functional Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded by a grant from the State Office of Community Development through the county funds.

The program is designed to improve single and two-family occupied homes in Union County that are available to low and moderate income homeowners in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Fairwood, Garfield, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roseland, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, and Westfield.

The program is eligible for a \$25,000 grant. The grant packages to help homeowners include repair of roof, gutters, and foundation; electrical and plumbing repairs; energy audits; and energy conservation measures such as weatherstripping windows and doors. Eligibility is based on data provided annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program offers two types of financing packages for applicants. One is a deferred payment interest loan for low-income homeowners. Payment is deferred until the sale or transfer of the property. The other is a revolving loan to provide income homeowners with a low interest rate of 6 percent with a repayment term of up to 15 years.

Program applicants must meet with potential applicants and will explain the program guidelines, complete the program application and schedule the property inspection. Staff will prepare a detailed cost estimate and review the contractor's bid, perform a progress inspection to assure quality work and a final inspection at the completion of work.

Geese removed from four county parks

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additional algae, which reduces the dissolved oxygen in the water, which kills off much of the fish population.

"It's not a proven fact that the goose droppings are the cause but it's definitely a big part of the problem," he said.

The added nutrients in the water reduce the water quality and quality of life for the animals living there.

Nancy J. Choksy, of Rahway, said she goes bird watching in several county parks and the goose droppings aren't nearly as big a problem as the dog droppings. She said she was outraged by the county's killing of the geese.

"You don't just kill an animal," she said. "If you're going to kill it, you should do it humanely."

Leibovitz pointed out that at Lake Park the county can provide more space for a dog park and that makes it possible to use some land for the geese, using deterrents to keep the geese in the specified area.

Before coming to the elimination of the 700 geese, the county had tried several options to control the animals, including border collies and motor-

ized boats to scare the geese away, fishing wire strung around the water, the planting of grasses and the treating of the grass with toxic chemicals.

"The county has tried pretty much every idea that has been suggested," Leibovitz said.

The county planted grass and shrubs, which grow taller than the geese, trying to deter geese from congregating in the parks.

"They don't generally walk on vegetation over their heads," said Kelly. "They're not going to eat that. They're going to eat the grass and the shrubs. We make sure that they've taken their measures to try and deter the geese from congregating in the parks."

APHIS is responsible for protecting and promoting U.S. agricultural health and carrying out wildlife damage management activities.

APHIS planned the elimination of the geese and carried it out, said Leibovitz.

As a solution, Blanchard suggested that long-term residents could use their own funds to buy the geese away from the parks.

"After a while these geese are not doing to think this is the best place in New Jersey to hang out," said Blanchard.

In March, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders allocated \$200,000 for an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to establish a geese management program that would entail egg adding and the removal of up to 2,000 geese as allowed under a federal permit.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Harry Patrick Christian as Oscar Wilde and Terri Sturtevant as Madame Augusta, seated, face off over a pivotal game of poker in 'A Wilde Night in the Rockies'. Looking on in anticipation are, from left, Matt McCarthy, Jessie Gill, Rose Pedone, Gary Glor and Rick Delaney.

Comedy is 'Wilde,' despite flaws

Slapstick, farce and good old "mellendrammer" collide head on at Union County College, resulting in a truly wild night.

Currently on stage in the Riv Smith Theater, courtesy of the Theater Project, "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" by New Jersey author Jeffrey Spina is a comedy that is both funny and thought-provoking. The play is a comedy of manners, a genre that has been largely abandoned in modern theater. It is a comedy of manners, a genre that has been largely abandoned in modern theater. It is a comedy of manners, a genre that has been largely abandoned in modern theater.

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His fluid tossing out of the Wilde-like puns, as well as the audience's blocking of the drinking contest and the black-out moments of the big brawl, are flawless and smooth.

The script, however, is really not much more than a one-act using an intermission to disguise itself as a full-length play. With one 10-minute intermission, which runs a total of 10 minutes, making the whole more appropriate for an evening of one act. The continued plot devices work well, given the comic style, and all the characters are given a chance to be fully evolved.

However, the music is merely quibbles. On the whole, "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" fully accomplishes a play's task: it takes us out of our own reality and into another for that brief, magic time spent in the theater.

As it Miller "Is it Ibsen? Is it Ibsen? Is it Ibsen?" and it's not meant to be. What it is, is a rollickin' good time, warts and all.

"A Wilde Night in the Rockies" runs through Sunday at the Theater Project at UCC. For information, see the "Calendar" listing in the Stepping Out theater on Page B6.

Cop's concert is 'uplifting, soaring'

Daniel Rodriguez, who became known to America after 9/11 as the policeman who sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" at ceremonies honoring those killed in the Twin Towers attack, went beyond patriotic songs in his debut at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center last Sunday night.

Yet the high point of the concert was still his American songs. The large spool American flag at the side of the stage set the tone for the evening.

Backed by the magnificent New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, there were times when the orchestra's swelling sounds threatened to drown him out, but the rugged New York cop hung tough and his voice kept up, even holding the high notes long enough to impress.

What was a surprising extra to the evening was Daniel Rodriguez's relaxed manner and easy patter between songs. He began the evening by denoting the newspaper association that he had left the police force, announcing that he was still a New York policeman. After the ringing applause for that statement, he added a ringer "So I'll be checking all your licenses after the show." He constantly mentioned the 9/11 tragedy and extended that to the soldiers in Iraq, dedicating to them his song from "Les Miserables," "Bring Him Home," ending with the line, "Bring them home."

The audience reacted clearly, with some of his warm and friendly personality, especially his references to having lived in Newark and played in Westgate Park, and his humble admiration for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, claiming he never imagined he would be singing before such an "amazing" orchestra.

A particularly folksy touch was his introducing not only his wife, including the story of how he met her, but his aunt and cousins, and the man he most admired, his "old boss," the man who showed him his side at Ground Zero, Inspector Bill Callahan. The conductor and arranger, Tom Scott, got his share of praise and accolades as well.

So after all these friendly asides,



Daniel Rodriguez, The Singing Cop

everyone began feeling a part of his family and applauded vigorously his every joke. There was a nice self-effacing tone to his acknowledgement of the NJPAC's Prudential Hall, which he filled especially when he cracked that the concert would be filmed and sent to the audience's e-mailing at the Jersey shore.

If not of operatic level, Rodriguez is close, explaining why Placido Domingo had taken him under his tutelage at his Washington Opera Company. Yet obviously Rodriguez himself does not feel ready to attempt an operatic aria. He explained to this reviewer that he will include opera selections in his future concerts, not "erudite," but "erudite" was more than equal to the Broadway and operetta tunes he sang. He revelled in the songs of his childhood idol, Mario Lanza, his version of "He My Love" by Brodsky-Scott was stirring.

The low point was his singing "H.L. Loved You" with soprano Barbara Davis, who stammered through the duet and kept looking desperately at Rodriguez. After which in his charming manner he admitted he had booked by scheduling a song that he had never sung. He had never sung it, he had never sung it, he had never sung it.

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Exhibit continues at Skulski Gallery

The Art Educators of New Jersey's Artist-Teacher Network will return to the Skulski Art Gallery in Clark for an exhibit of works in various media during July.

The Skulski Art Gallery is located at the Bush Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-2197.

Over the years of its existence, the quality, variety and distinctive artists who have shown at the Artist-Teacher Network makes it one of the most prestigious in the tri-state area. The exhibit in Clark will take place through July 25.

The A-T Network comprises artists who also happen to be full or part-time teachers of art for students in kindergarten through adults in schools throughout the state. Many have exhibited in other galleries in the four-state area, many have won awards, written articles, or had articles written about them. They work in a variety of media from light, light drawings to impasto painting.

In the group, the visitor to the gallery will find photographers, potters, painters and printmakers. Some have combined their passion with their research in other cultures and make use of them in unique ways, not unlike Native Americans or Africans.

Many travel around the world and share their experience with the gallery and its visitors through their art. Mixed-media techniques, digital computer graphics,

whatever the composition based on imagination, research or any combination, the artwork reflects personal statement, that those who teach art also create art.

The show features Mark Esslin, photography, Larry Grinch, painting, Frank Guberna, painting, Mildred Kaye, printmaking, Maxine King, painting, Linda VanderSchmidt-LaStella, ceramics, Stephen Marotta, painter, Roberta Martin, painting, Marietta Horvath-Herkin, mixed-media, Patricia Mueller, mixed-media, sculpture, Miriam Linton, mixed media, and Barbara Weskol, painting.

The Skulski Gallery is open Tuesdays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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NJHS receives grant from Mellon

The New Jersey Historical Society has announced that it has received a \$346,100 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to fund a three-year project for collection inventory and for creating existing card catalogs into an online public access system.

The Mellon Foundation provides grants in higher education, public history and research in performing arts, population, conservation and the environment, and public affairs.

"This is a major step in the advancement of access to our collections," said Chad Leineweaver, library director, "and it will help us to better understand the history of New Jersey."

The New Jersey Historical Society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark. The society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark. The society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark.

State's pro theaters to audition

The New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the State's professional Actor's Equity theaters, will hold auditions Aug. 19 and 20 for Equity performers and Aug. 20 for non-Equity performers.

Auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in New Brunswick, by appointment only. Performers will be given to New Jersey-based theaters. More than 20 professional New Jersey theaters are expected to attend, including representatives from MetLife Theater, Paper Mill, George Street Playhouse, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey and Two Rivers Theater Company, along with many others.

To enter the lottery, visit www.njtheater.org. Send one \$2.00 headshot with attached resume. Send a copy of your 1041 tax form if you are a member of the union.

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Arts Guild seeks submissions for annual 'Excellence' exhibit

The Arts Guild of Rahway is seeking artworks from artists who live or work in Union County for "Celebrating Excellence: The Merck 2003 Union County Art Show."

This marks the 10th consecutive year that this exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Artists will be invited to submit their work for consideration. All media will be accepted, except sculpture due to the multiple use of the art gallery for the Art Guild's Mass Series. Craftwork is also not accepted. The maximum size for submitted works is 36 by 36 inches framed. There is no charge for artists to submit works. For an entry form and/or information, contact a volunteer at 908-231-7511. No entries will be accepted without an entry form and compliance with conditions.

Artists for the exhibit this year are Hugo Bastidas, artist, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Johann Kuchnowski, artist, professor of art at Kean University; Nancy J. O'Connell, artist, professor of art at Kean University; and an instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and Somerset Art Center.

The hand deadline for submission of slides is July 31. Judging will take place in early August and artists whose work is selected for the exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Oct. 19 through Nov. 15.

"Celebrating Excellence" is a partnership sponsored and organized by the Arts Guild of Rahway with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded by Merck and Co. Inc.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22): It is important for you to stand on your own two feet. Expect to make mistakes, but also look forward to learning from them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Lie low and play a behind-the-scenes role this week. Your time in the spotlight is soon to come, so be diligent in your preparations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A mutual friend is destined to cross your path. Keep an open mind, be very observant and pick up as much information as you can.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): This forecast period marks an emotional high cycle in your yearly development. Feel good about yourself and what you have accomplished.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Make use of the creative ideas exchanged between you and a child or younger sibling. Think outside of the box and dare to be different.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finances tend to fluctuate. It helps if you can be more disciplined in your spending and saving. Avoid using credit.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unexpected development on the relationship front rocks your foundation. Step back, regroup and work to clear up a misunderstanding.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good health, far outweighs wealth. Make a conscious effort to take care of your body. A plentiful exercise followed by periods of rest.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your cards on the table and avoid creating confusion in a social setting if you decide where you are going, getting there becomes easy.

If your birthday is this week, confusion or a just a lack of information could spell disaster during the coming year. Keep a close watch on your finances and avoid making a very costly mistake. You are also sitting on an emotional time bomb.

Also born this week: Woody Guthrie; Ingmar Bergman; John Chancellor; Linda Ronstadt; Jesse Ventura; Barbara Stanwick; Ginger Rogers; Donald Sutherland; Duhann Carroll; Nelson Mandela; Hunter S. Thompson; Vin Diesel; Lizze-Borden; Vikki Carr; Sir Edmund Hillary; Natalie Wood and Carlos Santana.

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This baby iguana is among the models captured by photographer David J. Lipman, whose works are currently on exhibit in Small Faces at the Springfield Public Library.

Lipman exhibit gets up close & personal

Small Faces, an exhibit of photographic works by David J. Lipman, will be displayed at the Springfield Public Library, Monday through Sunday, July 14 through July 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibit is located at 52 Park Place in Newark. The society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark.

The New Jersey Historical Society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark. The society is located at 52 Park Place in Newark.

Commission offers internships to NJ's film students

The Educational Advisory Board of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission is offering internships to students enrolled in film, television, and communications degree programs.

These internships are now available for the fall 2003 semester and are open to students presently enrolled in New Jersey colleges and universities. Interns are unpaid, and college credits must be arranged through a student's faculty advisor.

During the semester internship in the office of the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission, students become involved with the pre-production and production coordination of motion pictures, television programs and commercials. They assist in the scouting of film locations and the preparation of research material for presentation to production companies. Students are also afforded the opportunity to visit the sets of feature films and television shows being made in the state.

Interested students may request further information by calling the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission at 973-643-6270.

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Gallery presents annual show of members' works

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit will host the annual Members' Show and Sale through July 20.

Each year, NJCVA presents the Members' Show and Sale to highlight the diverse works of the members. Open to all mediums, the show features painting, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and collage among others.

During the opening reception more than \$4,300 in prizes were awarded. This year's Members' Show and Sale juror is Ginny Butera, vice chairman of NJCVA's Board of Trustees. The best-in-show award winner received a check for \$850 and most honorable award of \$100. Special awards of \$100 were given in portrait photography, watercolor, and sculpture. Each of these awards is named for a former NJCVA member. The Lifetime Award of \$100, funded by past presidents and board chairs of NJCVA, is given to a work the juror finds noteworthy. The most innovative and original work is presented with the Promise Award.

Members in good standing may submit one original work, with only the first 200 entries accepted.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

Theater explores history

The Union County Arts Center located in the downtown section of Rahway announced its plans to reach out into the local community for archival material related to the theater's rich history.

In preparation for its 75th anniversary season, the Union County Arts Center, formerly the Rahway Theater, will seek submission of archival material from local residents. Selected material will be on display for the 2003-04 season in the theater's inner lobby starting this fall.

All submissions will become property of the Union County Arts Center archives unless other arrangements are made in advance.

Rahway artist exhibited

An exhibition of photographs by Rahway artist Yolanda Avila is on view through July 20 at Doherty Gallery, the Union County Conservatory of Art and Music, 1348 Pierce St., Rahway.

Since 1989, the documentary photographer has specialized in projects about her native country, Ecuador. Her subjects have included Ecuador of the Paez, Mij, Grandmother's Vill...

Cruffers are being sought

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is looking for artists, craftspersons and food vendors to demonstrate colonial or Native American work craft skills and to sell their wares at Union County's 22nd annual Harvest Festival on Sept. 28.

The event is a celebration of colonial and Native American life featuring music, Native American dancing, a Revolutionary War encampment, children's crafts, colonial food, games and much more. The 22nd annual Harvest Festival will take place, rain or shine, at Frause State and Science Center in Mountainside on Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Harvest Festival is a popular autumn event that draws approximately 5,000 visitors, said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"By participating in contests, vendors and demonstrators will receive excellent exposure and have a great opportunity to educate others about their art, craft or work skill and the colonial time period in general," Holmes added.

Examples of craft and work skills being sought are blacksmithing, kick wheel pottery, broom making, shoe making, hat making, jewelry making, quilting, plus other colonial and Native American crafts or skills.

For details about how to participate, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

Guild sponsors classes

This summer, the Arts Guild of Rahway is offering a new program for children ages 7 to 14. The Kids Summer Art Camp.

For four weeks, children are out of school, the Guild is making available a fun-filled opportunity for young children to receive high level instruction about creating art from a staff of talented artists and teaching professionals.

During a typical one-week session of the program, children will explore their creativity in drawing, active painting, printmaking, watercolor, collage, assemblage and other creative avenues.

If your child has been interested in drawing or painting, or making art of any kind, whether or not they have received art instruction in school, the Art Camp projects will introduce them to another level of artistry and the new possibilities for their budding talent.

The Art Camp will be offered as three, separate, one-week sessions: Monday through Friday, July 14 to 18; July 21 to 25; and July 28 to Aug. 1.

The Art Camp is available for children ages 7 to 14. Weekly camp hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Rate: \$27.5 per week. This fee is for the 25 hours of camp per week and includes all art materials and supplies needed as well as drinks and snacks for a daily break. Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Full payment is due at time of registration to ensure a place for the child in the program.

Weather permitting, children will have lunch outside on the lawn surrounding the Guild. The teacher and a supervisor will be present at all times during lunch breaks and activities.

The Art Camp instructors are Joan Aronson, M.F.A., Bonnie Marantz, M.F.A., the arts and science teacher, and a Fine Arts education teacher. For more information, call the Summer Art Camp, call Tracy Paschko of Lawrence Cappiello at 732-581-5411 or send email to arts.guild@earthlink.net.

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Jose's Mexican Cantina is a trip 'south of the border'

Brightly decorated, with hanging chili peppers, traditional sombreros and Spanish music, customers feel as though they are visiting southern Mexico when they step into Jose's Mexican Cantina in New Providence.

The ambience is as authentic as the cuisine. "We don't serve anything else," said Manager Daniel Zepeda.

Families, many of whom have become regulars since the restaurant's opening 14 years ago, can look forward to a special children's menu that is currently under consideration. But there already are enough options for the entire family.

Customers can eat at the cantina 20 times without repeating an appetizer. The "botanas" range from traditional nachos and quesadillas to scrumptious baby shrimp sauteed in fresh garlic, paprika, cilantro and Pasilla chiles. The shrimp is served with toasted garlic bread to mop the remaining spices.

Overwhelming flavors are presented with the entrees, which include choices from enchilada and burritos to barbecued jumbo shrimp marinated in Oaxaca style, to tender, marinated beef steak topped with sauteed sweet peppers and onions to a variety of vegetarian options.

Perhaps the most popular item is the fajitas that arrive sizzling and are marinated with a perfect blend of spices, peppers and onion. The flour tortillas are light and add to the delicious chicken or beef.

Jose's Mexican Cantina is located at 24 South St., New Providence. Reservations are preferred for more than six people, especially during the more popular Friday and Saturday nights. For reservations and directions, call 908-464-4360. Three years ago another location, with the same menu, opened in Warren at 125 Washington Valley Road. Call 732-563-0480.

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Conference inspires confidence

David Finger, chairman of the board and co-founder of RE/MAX International, recently came to the Hirschbach Hilton in East Brunswick for his personal seminar, "Starting to Sell: The High-End Market." Finger, who is also the president of RE/MAX International, was one of the many real estate agents in attendance.

Finger is a nationally-recognized expert in time management, sales training, negotiation, and coaching of each of these topics during his seminar.

"It's always exciting when David Finger comes to the region. His seminars are fresh, informative, and extremely motivating. It's a pleasure to get to hear him speak, and to have the opportunity to meet him in person," said Langheld.

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Coldwell New Homes receives honors

Coldwell Banker New Homes, one of the nation's largest, award-winning residential brokerage firms, walked away with top honors at the annual Sales and Marketing Awards gala presented by the New Jersey Builders Association during its annual Atlantic Builders Convention in Atlantic City.

The firm was lauded for its innovative sales and marketing tools including Best Web Site, Coldwell Banker Moves.com, and Best Black and White Ad for the firm's "Revolutionary New Homes" campaign.

This special campaign attracted pre-qualified prospective new home purchasers and resulted in a number of sales.

The coveted Marketing Director of the Year award for an associate member went to Coldwell Banker New Homes Vice President David Schorer for his achievements in directing, supervising and managing the sales and marketing campaigns for more than 250 new home communities and builders throughout New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

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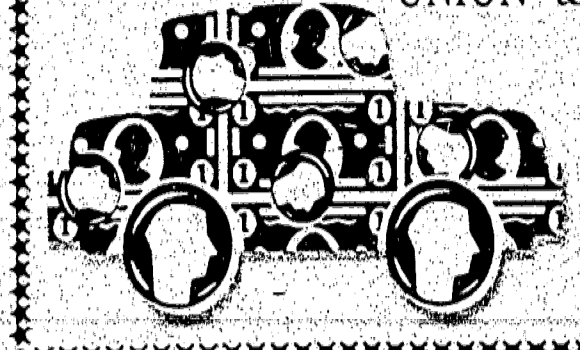
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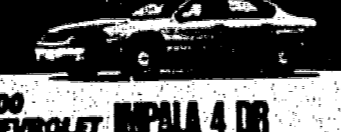
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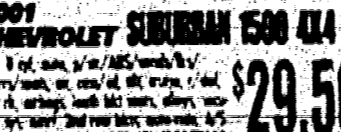
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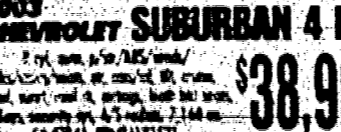
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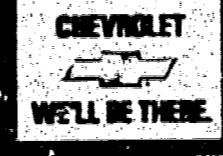


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