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TWO SECTION

## Springfield to seek permanent superintendent by February

Meeting scheduled for Sept. 15 to solicit public's input

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education is looking for an interim superintendent by Oct. 1 and a permanent superintendent by February, according to board President Larry Levee. The news came shortly after the board learned of the plans of the current Superintendent Walter Mahler, who will be leaving the district in October to become superintendent of the Bridgewater-Raritan School District.

Candidates for the interim position have until Aug. 15 to return their application. The next regular public meeting of the school board is Aug. 25.

Levee said the district has sent letters to people who may be interested. Levee had no comment on the possibility of Mahler leaving earlier than October but said Judith Zimmerman will remain assistant superintendent and will not take over as interim superintendent.

For the interim position, Levee said the board is looking for a retired superintendent, because a current superintendent would not be able to fill the post since most contracts require 60 days' notice for resignations. The Springfield board has a 90-day notice in Mahler's contract.

"We have a top district," Levee said. "We want our standards to remain high."

Levee said the district is possibly looking for a past superintendent who serves as an interim in another district.

The listing of the long-term superintendent job will be advertised Aug. 24 and Sept. 7, and the board will be looking to fill the position by February.

"We are looking for somebody who is able to take over the \$26-million budget, 350 staff members, and

2,100 students," Levee said.

The board will then begin a search for a permanent superintendent. The board is looking for a candidate who is experienced as an assistant chief school administrator.

For the long-term position, Levee said the board is looking for somebody with exemplary interpersonal skills and a doctorate in education.

The board has hired Carole Larsen, a New Jersey School Boards Association, senior field representative, said Matthew Clarke, business administrator.

There will be a public input forum Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorium. Larsen will lead the district through the hiring process, Clarke said.

"We encourage all community members to come out and voice their opinion," Clarke said.

Larsen said one of the things the

NJSEA sets are requirements and she will be conducting the search for the superintendent. Larsen said that she would address what Springfield is looking for in the search.

The board has set up a calendar for the superintendent search, Larsen said, and a position announcement that talks about the challenges Springfield is facing: ongoing curriculum improvement, and dealing with growth, budgets, the facilities improvement project, and maintaining good community relations.

"These are the challenges we're facing in the next two to three years. They form the bulk of a magnificent curriculum improvement plan — the CURATE project," done by Zimmerman, Larsen said. "These are the things that the new superintendent will be facing. We need somebody who can handle these issues," Larsen said.

The criteria include looking for a candidate who has been both an assistant superintendent and a super-

intendent. They would also want the person to have experience in a K-12 school district. The person has to have been both a principal and a classroom teacher.

The superintendent in Springfield will be managing the rest of the principals. Having had the building level experience as principal will give them the knowledge, understanding, and ability to better manage principals," Larsen said.

The classroom teaching is important because they want them to have direct hands-on experience educating children.

The school board is looking for somebody who has maintained a knowledge of educational issues, with a preference for somebody with a doctorate degree. The other requirement is a legal certification.

"We don't headhunt. I can't have any candidates in mind. We advertise, spread the position announcement, and review the candidates

based on this criteria.

For the next six months, the advertisement will be placed. On Sept. 15, Larsen will spend a full day in the district meeting with all levels of staff, administration, and community leaders to refine the criteria further.

"The advertisement is very broad because the idea is to attract a lot of people with the initial advertisement," Larsen said.

"Then, we go deeper and deeper into wishes and needs. We want the broadest possible catch in the net. Then, we start rating people and winnowing down," said Larsen. The purpose of the Sept. 15 meeting is to gain more discreet information on what people are looking for.

Larsen plans on asking four questions that night: what are the challenges faced by Springfield schools, what are the strengths that exist to help meet those challenges, what

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## At the movies

By Marc Lightdale  
Staff Writer

A group of 20-somethings is moving at whirlwind speeds with directions being barked out, "Let's get ready" and "Everybody in position." While these may look like college students participating in a quiz bowl, these are the new generation of movie producers and writers.

The director, Danuta Klosowski, and assistant director, Dan Fabrizio, are holding court and experiencing frustration as they come to realize that people are not ready for filming and proceed to bark commands at the last minute as the group awaits the filming of the movie "Fractured," a mainstream thriller like the movie "Seven" or "Memento."

The production crew are casually dressed wearing T-shirts, baseball caps, and tan shorts. But there is nothing casual about the event as intensity begins to mount 10 minutes before filming begins at 10 a.m. Sunday.

It's the same group of 15 people who previously participated in "The Wasteland" and are now participating in the filming of the psychological thriller known as "Fractured," which has an online Web site: [www.fractured.com](http://www.fractured.com).

The production staff, which includes four Springfield residents

ranging in age from 20 to 27 years old, munch on sesame and onion bagels with scallion cream cheese and nurse bottled water.

Four of the people involved in the latest film were acquaintances from their days at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. Fabrizio, assistant director Joe Voorhees, audio supervisor Mike Henrichs, boom operator and Josh Ravitz, an editor of the video.

It's a group of people who participated in the television production class with Frank Addyevsky at Jonathan Dayton High School. There was a mutual respect between student and teacher, Fabrizio said.

"He treated the students like a college professor and in turn they respected him," Fabrizio said.

The school had some problems with the film "Foreshadows" because its use of several profanities, according to Fabrizio.

At McGlynn's on Morris Avenue, two dining rooms with the lights out are darker than a Stanley Kubrick movie, with a glare on the bar from the Hypnotic Vodka that makes the bottles glow in the dark.

The group has allowed the young actors and producers to use the closed restaurant for free in order for them to film a bar scene.



Producer Nels Lauritzen, left, helps Director of Photography Kevin George, right, do a camera and lighting check, as boom operator Michael Henrichs and Audio supervisor Joe Voorhees work in the background.

"We scouted a lot," said Fabrizio. "Originally, we were looking for a bar in a hotel."

Luis Martinez, an actor who looks like a younger version of Johnny Depp, is having make-up lathered on his face in the bathroom, and the directors are scrambling at the last minute as they get further behind schedule for the filming of a new picture.

Paper Street Films of New Brunswick, which originated with a student-film club at Rutgers, was shooting footage for "Fractured," a gloomy, psychological thriller based on an urban legend.

"It is a story about sexual obsession and paranoia in a world where betrayal is taken for granted. It is the story of a boxer, Val, that pursues Betty where he falls into an underworld of sinister characters," according to the press release.

There are people who are making the films they want to make in their 40s, according to Fabrizio, his group of peers is doing what they want to do in their 20s.

The goal is to have as many people as possible watch and appreciate the collective stories that have not been told, according to Fabrizio, a former Rutgers student and assistant director of the first film produced at the university.

The previous film, by Paper Street Films, was known as "Wasteland"

and explored the motif of a quiet sadness that pervades Rutgers during students' drinking sessions, where some of students arrive at the realization that they are homesick or unhappy with their college experience.

In September, "Wasteland" will be featured at the 2003 Los Angeles Film and Video Festival. More than 1,000 people have seen the movie "Wasteland." It received a nomination for the Best Soundtrack at the 2003 International Film and Video Festival.

The group's first film made in high school, "Foreshadows," was a story about a kid who died in a drunk driving accident and the subsequent impact on surviving friends. Fabrizio says they are all searching for redemption.

For "Fractured," the group borrows video monitors and receives help from as many as 15 people who pool their resources together to help get by. The monitor used for "Fractured" was borrowed by Fabrizio from one of the companies that he does freelance production for and is valued at \$2,000.

The movie "Wasteland" cost \$400 for tapes and extra bulbs and was filmed at Rutgers University. The film was written by screenwriter Klosowski, who works at ABC and produced by attorney Nels Lauritzen.



Director Danuta Klosowski instructs the stars of "Fractured," Caroline Cagney and Luis Martinez, during filming at McGlynn's in Springfield on Sunday.

## Board of Education adopts revised policy on bullying

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

Bullying, harassment and intimidation of any kind is absolutely not permitted within the Mountainside school system.

Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller made this very clear in his address at the July 30 Board of Education meeting. "There are new guidelines from the State Board of Education, and they are detailed and complex, and very important," he said.

He read from a long list of specifics: "Intimidation means any gesture, written or verbal, modified by race, religious affiliation, sexual

orientation, gender, and so on, that might offend another. We will be sending home to parents this new directive, on what is expected behavior from the children and what can happen if an incident does occur."

Schaller said all acts of harm should be reported to him or Patricia Church, principal of Deerfield School, as they are responsible for determining what is harassment, and for deciding how to handle the incidents.

"But we are dealing with children pre-K through eighth grade only. How we will approach this policy must be determined," he said. Consequences range from training ses-

sions, positive interventions, a mentoring program, up to suspension and even expulsion. In some instances they must notify law enforcement as well.

Schaller noted that the consequences for false accusations are being looked at as well. The entire statement must be approved by Paul Rubin, the Board of Education's attorney, who was out of the country on vacation at presstime. Schaller said they have been in touch with their attorney by e-mail, and are expecting a reply from him shortly.

During the public participation part of the meeting, one parent, Gary Richards, asked

Schaller if the state requirement on the bullying issue was different from the one in place before.

"This is not that different, but we have to draft a whole new policy; all the schools must do this now. Apparently there have been many lawsuits and we cannot live in the past. This new directive has more teeth in it, so to speak," said Schaller.

Board President Peter Goggi added, "One could always argue that everything is already contained in our policy, but this has to do more with the legal aspect that might be involved."

When all is finalized, a full copy of the report will be sent home to all parents and teachers.

## School will be ready after Sept. 4

By Joan M. Devlin  
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be on TV 15, but it didn't happen. The Mountainside Board of Education meeting Tuesday night at Borough Hall was sparsely attended. President Peter Goggi quipped, "Everyone is home waiting to see us on television."

He then apologized to those who did venture out in the terrible weather night. "The cable people did not show up, so I will be sending out another letter — this is an important meeting."

The Board of Education met at 7 p.m. at the school, as a precaution for Beechwood School.

"We have to plan on opening day for Beechwood School to be late, not a lot later, but later than September 4 due to the mold problems we have encountered," he said.

Paul Otto, construction manager, was present to bring everyone up to date from his end. The update worked out well, as he was candid in his summary, and answered questions presented to him in good humor.

"Since the last written communication I sent to you, there has been a lot of movement on the site itself," Goggi told residents. "We have approved several change orders to make sure the changes go through and we are still in discussion with Hartford," he said.

"The bottom line is to begin the contingency plan. However, school will not be open on September 4, we will house the children at Deerfield, while we continue to work on the earliest possible date of opening," said Goggi.

He said they have also developed a migration plan.

"It cannot be emphasized enough, the contingency plan review means that every child has been and will be housed within a classroom, have his own desk and his own teacher," Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller said. "We even have one free classroom, and our pre-school Moppets will also have their own classroom. The only exception is the world languages department; they will be floating, and those students will travel. We are looking at all options," he added.

He also reassured parents about bus routes. "We have four bus routes and we are still determining whether or not we will need a swing bus. In the plan, we have put in an extra 15 minutes for staggering the times," Schaller said the bus schedules will be sent home the third week of August, with the room assignments.

He said it was very difficult to know exactly when they would be able to go into Beechwood School. "My biggest fear is, I want to see the least amount of disruption. We will have the buildings open on weekends as we near the date, so that I can take any parents on tour."

"I am here to answer any questions tonight. I think I can say that I believe we have eliminated the obstacles and that we are at the point where the

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## AT THE LIBRARY

### 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, 66 Mountain Ave. through Aug. 28.

"Small Faces" is an ultra close-up portrait of the very small. The faces of reptiles, insects, and crustaceans are set 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 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. His photographic work has appeared in Life, National Geographic, Vogue, Time, and Newsweek as well as in newspapers and specialized magazines.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

### Chinese Folk Art exhibit has historical origins

The Chinese Folk Art exhibit presented by the Asian American Cultural and Heritage Corp. will be displayed at the Springfield Free Public Library through Aug. 29.

The Chinese folk art exhibit has a long historical tradition. On the occasion of festivals, the people of towns and countryside always like to decorate their rooms with paper-cut. The designs of paper-cut are often used for embroidery, on clothes, shoes, hats, pillowcases and cushions. The subject of the paper-cut is rich and varied, such as folk dances, stories of traditional opera figures, flowers and birds, rural landscapes etc.

Paper-cut is popular in China. Most people, especially women and children, may learn it from their kindergarten teacher, mother or grandfather, but there is no art school in China teaching this art. The exhibits in the show were selected from the provinces to reflect their life, customs, or favorite things.

The exhibition is sponsored by the China Consulate in New York. The exhibit will be shown in the Meeting Room of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Tuesdays. For information, call 973-376-4930.

### Trustees meetings

The Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the library's meeting rooms.

Dates of the meetings are: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Jan. 8.

### Con artists converge in 'Nine Queens'

The International Film Festival continues today at the Springfield

Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. "Nine Queens" will be shown at noon and at 7 p.m.

What if Argentina held a series of writing competition and a neophyte writer-director, determined to outdo Alfred Hitchcock and David Mamet, won the funds to realize his dream? It happened, and the result has been described by critics as a thrilling, seductive, funny and sharply clever caper movie, a con within a swindle within a ruse where nothing is as it seems to be.

The plot revolves around the efforts of two small-time Buenos Aires bank artists to sell a forged set of "rare" stamps called the Nine Queens. What they don't know is that the buyers are also busy working their own shady schemes. Social politics add another dimension. Given the country's recent economic collapse, con artists become a metaphor for wider government corruption.

Leading for the film festival has been made possible in part by 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 973-376-4930.

### Box office hits film series

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will begin its "Lunchtime Video Series," "Box Office Hits" on Aug. 19 at noon.

Academy Award winner Al Pacino of "Scent of a Woman" and "Gladiator" will be featured in "The Recruit," a psychological thriller. "The Recruit" stars James Caviezel, played by Farrell, one of the smartest graduates in the country. He is the person Walter Burke played in "The Exorcist" in the agency. James quickly rises through the ranks and falls for Livia, played by Bridget Moynahan of "The Sum of All Fears." One of his fellow recruits.

But just when James starts to question his role and his car-and-mouse relationship with his mentor, Burke, he is told to make a move. As the suspense builds from a maze of gripping twists and turns, there are only two things James can count on: the can't trust anyone and nothing is as it seems. Rated PG-13, the film is 115 minutes.

The series will continue on Tuesdays, Sept. 2, Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, and Nov. 18. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

### Correction

In the July 31 edition of the Echo Leader, the police blotter incident was identified as a vandalism incident occurring at the Springfield Municipal Pool. The incident occurred at the "Hotels" condominium complex.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct any significant errors brought to the editor's attention. If you believe such an error has been made, contact Tom Canavan, editor in chief, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083, or call 908-686-7700, ext. 329.

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083.

### Today

• A Ladies' Night Out for the Mountainside Newcomers Club will be at 7 p.m. at J.J.'s Grill, off Route 22 West, Kenilworth.

The Mountainside Newcomers Club Inc. is a social organization dedicated to providing a friendly greeting to new members, to help them meet others and to extend a welcome to the community.

For membership information, call 908-928-9297.

• "Nine Queens" will be the featured movie of the International Film Festival at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Screenings are at noon and 7 p.m.

For information, call 973-376-4930.

### Saturday

• A Babysitters' Training Course for teens ages 14 to 15 will be offered by the Mountainside Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

For information and to register, call 908-232-7600.

### Sunday

• The Neighborhood of Temple Sha'aney Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct their annual rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the temple's social hall.

For information, call 973-376-5387.

### Monday

• The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'aney Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will conduct their annual rummage sale from 10 a.m. to noon in the temple's social hall.

For information, call 973-376-5387.

• The Springfield Township committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex Building, 20 S. First Ave., for a workshop session.

• A Pet First-Aid course will be offered by the Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Chapter House, 321 Elm St. in Westfield.

For information and to register, call 908-232-7600.

Registration for the fall 2003 session at the Springfield YMCA will open at 7 a.m. for family members, in-person in the Union County Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

### Tuesday

• The Mountainside Newcomers Club's Mommy & Me group will meet at 3 p.m. at Suups on Route 22 West in Scotch Plains.

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For membership information, call Susan Buchner at 908-928-9297.

• The Mountainside Neighborhood Council will meet for a work session at 8 p.m. in the meeting room of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East.

• The Springfield Township committee will convene at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave.

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## Headlights and hubcaps reported stolen

### Springfield

A car dealership on Route 22 West reported four sets of Nissan Maxima headlights, valued at \$4,000, either damaged or stolen on Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

On July 30 at 9 a.m., a Mountain Avenue resident reported that his front window was broken from a rock being thrown.

A resident of Short Hills Avenue reported that the hubcaps from his Ford Explorer were removed on July

### POLICE BLOTTER

30 at approximately 11 p.m.

A Tooker Avenue resident reported that his vehicle was damaged by a shopping cart while it was parked at a Morris Turnpike store on Friday at 2:04 p.m.

On Sunday at 9:25 a.m., a North Plainfield resident, an Orange resident and a Union resident each reported that the headlights of their vehicles

stolen while parked at a Route 22 West business.

A Morris Avenue business reported several thefts to his store on Monday at 12:21 p.m.

On July 29 at 10:55 p.m., an Old Farm Road resident called Mountain-side police, complaining about a neighbor in the yard talking too loud.

On July 31 at 9:26 p.m., police officers broke up a fight in the parking lot of a Route 22 West business.

## Fallen wire sparks tree fire on Wabeno

### Springfield

On Friday at 11:05 p.m., Springfield firefighters extinguished a tree fire on Mountain and Wabeno avenues. A power line had fallen and ignited the tree.

On July 26 at 9:14 a.m., firefighters contained a fuel leak at an auto dealer on Route 22 East.

On July 28 at 4:58 a.m., they responded to an apartment complex on a report of an outside fire. At 8:45 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Prospect Place residence. At 1:24 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue office. At 2:55 p.m., they responded to a medical service call at a Route 22 West office.

### FIRE BLOTTER

On July 29 at 9:10 a.m., the department investigated an activated fire alarm at a Cleveland Place business. At 11:48 a.m., they attended to an activated fire alarm at a Morris Avenue business. At 2:08 p.m., they answered a medical service call at a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex. At 3:52 p.m., they responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Morris and Meisel avenues. At 4 p.m., they attended to a motor vehicle accident at the corner of Meisel and Wabeno avenues. At 4:31 p.m., they assisted in a look-out at a Tudor

### Court apartment complex

On July 30 at 8:26 a.m., firefighters investigated an activated fire alarm at a South Springfield Avenue school. At 12:19 p.m., they answered a medical service call at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Caldwell Place. At 12:45 p.m., they attended to a medical service call at a Mapes Avenue residence.

On July 31 at 6:02 a.m., they investigated an activated fire alarm at a "South Springfield Avenue" school. At 10:09 a.m., they answered a medical service call at a Mountain Avenue apartment complex. At noon, they attended to a medical service call at a Wabeno Avenue apartment complex. At 12:51 p.m., they responded to a

## Tooker Avenue residents fear reactivation

### By Staff Lightfare

### Staff Writer

Anybody in Springfield whose backyard has railroad tracks running near it, must confront a certain reality about the Railway Valley rail line, which is being planned for reactivation.

Several local township residents gave their thoughts about the proposed reactivation and what its effect might be on the neighborhood of Tooker Avenue, which runs parallel to the railroad tracks with many homes and backyards in between.

Steve Decoster of Tooker Avenue expressed concern for the children. It's going to have a negative impact and he doesn't understand the need for it. There is no longer the same level of security, he said.

"The people in this town have no safety," Decoster said. "I'm afraid that in the long run, it's going to escalate to more and more traffic in the back."

The town has grown, Tooker Avenue resident Fran Monaco said, and having the railroad would be ludicrous. It would be very detrimental to the town and she would not like it to see it go through her backyard.

Monaco did not see the advantages of having a short-line freight railroad and is concerned about property values.

The safety of the kids and the property values would be adversely affected. This is a family street with a lot of kids, said Anna Silva of Tooker Avenue.

"I'm afraid it would affect property values. It's a pretty suburban community, this means more industrial children play back there, even my dog goes back there. It would no longer be safe," Tooker Avenue resident Mary Jean Canziani said.

A maximum of three trains per week with no more than 15 cars long and traveling less than 25 miles per

hour, Union County Manager George Devaney anticipates six to nine months for the rehabilitation of the railroad tracks.

The Union County Board of Freeholders voted 5-1 in early June to implement the first four phases of the operating agreement with Morris and Erie Railroad Inc. Freeholder Nicholas Scaturo voted against the resolution. In third year of the agreement, no more than three to five trains per week will be allowed.

The state is providing \$7.8 million in funding as part of a \$25 million fund set aside by the New Jersey Bridge, Rehabilitation & Improvement and Railroad Right-of-Way Preservation Fund Act of



# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Not another tax

In the never-ending chase to make ends meet, the state once again is opting for an easy solution and levying a new tax. Like a number of other taxes, the new tax on hotels is intended to be painless and therefore more palatable to the public at large by targeting an industry rather than New Jersey residents directly.

Springfield stands to benefit from the new state tax because of the presence of Holiday Inn on Route 22. According to the language of the law creating the tax, the township has the option of adding a 1 percent surcharge for room rentals and functions at the hotel, above and beyond the 7 percent the state will be exacting. Next July, municipal officials will have the option of raising their share to 3 percent as the state drops its tax to 5 percent.

We hope Springfield will not support this new tax. With state aid levels still in deep freeze because of the economy and the budget struggles the McGreevey administration has been facing in Trenton, the opportunity to fill the municipal coffers even slightly with a tax that doesn't hit Springfield residents or locally owned businesses has got to be appealing. But we hope common sense prevails.

British playwright George Bernard Shaw once wryly observed that a government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend upon the support of Paul. It seems unlikely that anyone in Springfield, or anywhere else in the state, is going to mind terribly if the state and the township rely on a tax that targets a business so few of them rely on in state, especially if the revenue that tax raises goes to providing some of the bread and butter we are all accustomed to.

But nothing happens in a vacuum. Several hotels in the county have raised concerns that the tax could drive their prices high enough that they become less competitive with hotels based in New York, with a result that out-of-state businesses will find it more affordable to situate flows in employees directly in the city rather than tarrying them back and forth from Union County.

Taxes are an easy solution to shortfalls in the budget, but in the end they are only stopgap measures and do nothing to satisfy government's insatiable hunger for more money to run its programs. Rather than passing new taxes to shore up its heavy bureaucracy, the state needs to make reasonable cuts in spending and lessen the burden it places on the people and businesses government is meant to serve.

### Tread carefully

Although the charges have not been proven, the recent complaint of sexual harassment and discrimination made by a school nurse in Springfield against her boss, the principal, has shed light on an unpleasant issue lurking within every workplace.

The Springfield Board of Education was also named in the complaint, and the charges against both the board and Ken Bernabe, principal of James Caldwell School, were filed with the state Department of Law and Public Safety Division on Civil Rights.

According to Rogers, the alleged incidents included acts of unwanted touching, gestures and comments directed not only at her, but at other female employees at the school. Whether the accusations are true or not still depends upon the findings of the investigation.

But the questions remain: What implications do complaints such as these have upon workplace environments everywhere, and in particular relationships among co-workers and between supervisors and their employees? Complaints such as these illuminate the sometimes dangerous line people can easily cross while in the workplace environment. In some cases, it can be hard for the victim of sexual harassment and discrimination to tell whether or not he or she is actually being victimized.

Is the casually phrased sexual comment shared among co-workers really a form of sexual discrimination? What about giving someone a hug? Making sexually suggestive gestures or remarks? According to the law, all of these are forms of sexual harassment, as they can be defined as any form of contact, including gestures and comments, that is unwanted.

In some cases, the harassment or discrimination is so overt that there is no question that one is being victimized. In other cases, the lines are blurry and not so easily drawn. Chances are, if it makes someone uncomfortable, it's some form of harassment. Regardless, any type of harassment or discrimination should never be tolerated.

While behavior can often be easily misconstrued, harassment needs to be taken seriously and both employers and employees would be wise to keep their behavior in line with how they would like to be treated themselves.

*"It is the felicity of the times that you may think as you wish and speak as you think."*  
—Tacitus, Roman historian c. 110 A.D.

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**FATHER AND DAUGHTER** — Bob Levy and daughter Lauren, 10 months, enjoy a dip in the baby pool during a recent visit to Springfield's municipal pool.

Photo By Barbara Kunkin

## Sanctuary shows dogs the way to Santa Fe

Most people wouldn't take a trip to Santa Fe to go on a dog walk. Especially my friend, Marie Clare, I can't see MC, who's allergic to fur animals.

When you visit MC, the dog walk is as she moved to the far side of the pool.

We entered the Heart and Soul Animal Sanctuary at 130-acre preserve located outside the city where my daughter worked when she wasn't teaching at the College of Santa Fe.

Nature, the proprietor greeted us from the long porch of the unfinished wood home that she was now sharing with 25 dogs.

Time on MC, Nature beckoned as we entered her front door and walked through the long narrow kitchen that ran across the front of the building.

Behind it, every inch of the floor in the large open room was covered with edge to edge towels and bags and dog beds. Except where a dozen size bed sat against the center of the back wall.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Was salary hike for school failure?

To the Editor:  
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### We're not the world's policeman

To the Editor:  
When the United States went to war against Afghanistan, I fully supported the endeavor. Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda were being given sanctuary by the ruling Taliban there. President Bush wanted Taliban leader Mullah Omar to hand bin Laden over to the United States. The war was necessary.

The leader with the war in Iraq, President Bush, the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, and to mention the United Nations, Korea, the large stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons held by Saddam Hussein. Hussein admitted that he had these weapons because he used them on his own people. Furthermore, Hussein refused to give evidence that he destroyed these weapons as he claimed to have done. Time ran out. Had the United States not gone in, no doubt Saddam Hussein would have accumulated more weapons of mass destruction and he would have been a greater threat to the U.S.

We were satisfied.  
President Bush now has made the decision to enter into the civil war in Liberia. There is no vital interest at stake there. America's security is not threatened by this nation. Yet President Bush is sending 2,000 Marines to Liberia for the purposes of being the head and a part of an international peacekeeping force.

Bush's decision to send troops was made under pressure. That pressure came from United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other political and international lobbyists. They argue that intervention is justified because of the people suffering in that war-torn nation.

Now don't get me wrong. The plight of the people of Liberia is tragic indeed. That, however, is not sufficient reason to commit U.S. military personnel there and put them in harm's way. There is a great deal of suffering taking hold in many parts of the globe. For example, there is suffering taking place in the Congo, North Korea, Communist China, Cuba, Somalia, Myanmar, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Zimbabwe and others.

Can the U.S. military forces intervene everywhere where bad things are happening? If that were the case, the U.S. armed forces would be spread very thin, overextended beyond capabilities, and placed on a permanent war footing. Thus, intervention, no matter how noble the humanitarian purposes are, is a bankrupt policy.

## WHAT? WHY?

HERE'S A CHANCE for all readers to share their answer to questions presented in this column. We will publish responses a week later. Send comments or suggest another question to **WHAT? WHY?** P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083 or e-mail to [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com). Please include your town name.

stepped inside the small St. Francis Xavier Chapel, where we saw 10 people painted on boxes that held shoes of dogs that had gone to dog heaven. A large doghouse was labeled "dog heaven."

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### Restored rail service will benefit all

To the Editor:  
There is a controversy about restoring the Staten Island and Rahway Valley Railroads under the operating name of Rahway Valley Railroad. These necessary passenger and freight lines have been on the radar screen before 1993 and officially since then. The transportation act quoted was a housekeeping move by the prior owner, the New York State Thruway and Western Rail Road headquartered in Little Ferry, New Jersey. The act was to easily allow a closer rail operation to take over.

Restored rail service will benefit all, including the towns along the line. It is a good move by moving freight and the goods in rail cars at a rate as much as five trucks per car, which is a lot of trucks on roads as they return empty. We not only clean out our but save the county and towns money as there is no truck or auto-user charges goes directly to counties or towns. That comes from our already high real estate taxes.

Material moving by rail to plant who saves the company operating costs as the railcar is thus a part of the company's output without having to stop everything to unload these five trucks. This saves existing industry and enables our chambers of commerce to bring in new industry with new materials and no new school costs. Since a part of every town's real estate taxes goes to support the county operation, these new industries benefit every county, resident directly by reducing individual tax burdens.

The new Colorado Railroad shown in Bergen County last October will enable both passenger and freight service with both lines to benefit everyone, especially the one in four who do not drive due to age, health, economic status or fear of road rage.

This vital north-south passenger line has been needed for 10 years at least and more so as traffic grows. The Route 22 situation defies solution, but rail service will bring workers and shoppers to those many stores regardless of how the lines cross the road.

There are 100,000 people in Union County every day. These are the people the freighters should be working after as should every state Assembly member or senator whose district includes Union. Any attempt to know to NJM-BY's is a violation of the citizens' right. The rail line should have been in operation already.

William R. Wright  
Cranford

**WHATEVER HAPPENED TO JOBS HAVING A BEGINNING AND A MAXIMUM WAGE? NOW IT SEEMS THAT GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND TEACHERS GET 3 PERCENT TO 4 PERCENT RAISES EVERY YEAR WHILE EVERYONE IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY STRUGGLES TO GET RAISES.**

## Journey from days of handcranks

### The Way It Was

By William Frolich

In the good old days a person had made a deal with whichever phone company had the monopoly in his area, and that was all that was necessary. He had phone service. That service might not have extended so long distance, but neither did any other service, as there were no wires set up then. That service office later.

The first commercial telephone service came to town in 1891. In 1892, in Roselle, when the council passed an ordinance that became a contract with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company to provide and service.

It is quite possible that the first telephone line in Roselle was a direct line run from Mr. Moore's home on East Fourth Avenue to the Edison Generating Plant on the corner of Leavitt Street and West Fourth Avenue.

As the extension of the general line station, Mr. Moore's office, which had been informed of this problem, even if he were not at the station. As the power poles were already in place, it would have been a simple matter to add a phone line between the station and his home.

The contract with the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company to set up a wire explicit lines to the company to follow in the line of poles and wires in Roselle. All the poles were to be straight and painted with two coats of paint and repaired as necessary. However, there is no mention of what color the poles were to be painted.

One thing that is mentioned is that as was the number of subscribers to this service, the company is to provide a line free for house business, that is, for house use.

It was a simple matter to use a phone line. A person just picked up the receiver, cranked a small handle on the side of the box and waited for the operator to come on the line. When the operator asked with whom you wished to speak, just stating that person's name was enough, the operator knew all of the subscribers.

Years later, the increase in demand for phone lines forced the company to revise the system, and R.O. 4 was replaced by Chestnut 3, and later Chestnut 4 was added. Chestnut 3 was an appropriate designation for Roselle, for Chestnut Street is the main street in the borough. Other exchange numbers have been added since, but they seem to have no relevance to Roselle.

In Elizabeth, the situation was somewhat the same. An early design of the phone system was a handcrank system. A person just picked up the receiver, cranked a small handle on the side of the box and waited for the operator to come on the line. When the operator asked with whom you wished to speak, just stating that person's name was enough, the operator knew all of the subscribers.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### It's time we honored Basilone with a postage stamp

To the Editor:  
July 20, 2003 has been four years since we and the Citizens Stamp Committee began our campaign to have a postage stamp honoring our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone. On June 12 and June 26, 2003, the House and Senate of the 108th Congress, respectively, passed legislation to the floor that stated that it is in the sense of the House and Senate that a stamp should be issued in honor of Sgt. John Basilone.

These are S. Con. Res. 56 and H. Con. Res. 108. The Senate resolution is sponsored by Sen. John McCain, and the House resolution is sponsored by Rep. John Latta. The House resolution is sponsored by Rep. John Latta.

With more than 250,000 signatures, we have shown that we are a community that is proud of our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone. We have shown that we are a community that is proud of our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone.

Postmaster General Jack Potter and the 13 members of the Citizens Stamp Committee still have not acknowledged this great World War II hero, Sgt. John Basilone, on a United States postage stamp. That is a disgrace. We have shown that we are a community that is proud of our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone.

On Sept. 25, a parade will be held in Raritan at 10 a.m. to honor our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone. We have shown that we are a community that is proud of our hometown hero, Sgt. John Basilone.

Justice and Peter Ippolito  
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## An afternoon of Jewish music



The Jewish Seniors of Springfield recently sponsored a performance, 'An Afternoon of Jewish Music,' featuring Cantor Amy Daniels, third from right, at Springfield Senior Housing along with residents and members of the board of JSS.

## Red Cross offers various courses

The Westfield Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross offers a series of educational courses this summer. All courses are conducted at the Chapter House, 24 Elm St. Westfield.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required for all courses. For information or to register, stop by the Chapter House, call 908-242-7200 or e-mail [info@mtmrc.org](mailto:info@mtmrc.org).

**First Aid**  
This class has just been added. Created in conjunction with the Humane Society of the United States, this course provides valuable information needed to keep your pet safe. It teaches owners to act with confidence during an emergency, and the veterinarian can be reached. Each participant will receive a Pet First Aid textbook.

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## Buried With Bills?

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Photo By Kat Wolfe



**AUGUST SCENES —** Two-year-old Liana Tizzio keeps mom Margo cool during the weekend's muggy weather at the baby pool in Mountainside, above. Meanwhile, Juliet Spinelli, 20, left, keeps the peace at the pool, where she has been a lifeguard for six years.

## Board updates public on school

(Continued from Page 1) building will be completed promptly," Otto said.

He told how, when he started on the job, the roof had countless leaks, it had mold growing, but that now the problems have been addressed. He joked, "As of today, with all this rain, we had just two drops, that is a phenomenal amount of progress."

Otto said the board had hired an environmental consultant to review the building, and they had identified the source of the mold.

"Next week we will start the dehumidifying of the entire building, and then we begin the remediation of the mold problem, the building will be treated to prevent this ever happening again. I think once this is accomplished, your Board of Education can feel very comfortable."

"I don't think I can say we really are behind — the mold surprised everyone, and I think the board is going to have to tell you this date," Otto said. "Your site work will start and be accomplished the next two weeks, so I would say by the end of August, all the site work will be done."

He then laughed and said, "You know I don't want to put my foot in my mouth as to the exact date."

"We are putting all our forces together to make it happen as soon as we can," Gieger said.

"Another matter," questioned whether the building will be structurally safe.

"Absolutely safe," Otto said. "I think you will find it is worth the wait, it will be beautiful."

Scott Schmiedel asked Otto, "I wonder if you could describe the major things still to be done?"

"Up to a point, I can. We had difficulties with permanent power in the building, that was resolved and we have met with PSE&G. The drying out process will start the same day the power goes on, fans and air conditioning will stop the mold and decrease the humidity in the building."

Otto then went into the technical aspects about mold growth, and how that work would be coated to prevent the spores from growing again. "That will take a few weeks, but we are certain it will be accomplished," he added.

## EDUCATION

### EMT degree program

This fall, Union County College is introducing an exciting new degree program for current or soon-to-be paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians. It offers these emergency health practitioners the opportunity to expand the skills and knowledge they already have through general education courses that lead to an associate in science degree allowing seamless transition to a bachelor's degree program at a four-year college or university.

There are several program tracks being offered suited to those who are already certified as a paramedic or EMT, as well as for those who have not yet been certified.

For those who are committed to saving lives for a living, this new program can change your life by offering you the opportunity to enhance your competence and credentials in the delivery of health care.

For more information, call Program Coordinator Jennifer McCarthy at 908-412-4551, or email at jmc@ucoc.edu or Peter Vidar, director of recruitment, at 908-799-7518, via direct email.

### Vo-Tykes' registration

The "Vo-Tykes" Child Development Program at Union County Vocational-Technical Schools has several openings still available for its morning pre-school program starting in October and ending in June.

The preschool program meets three days a week — Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays — from 8:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Vocational-Technical High School, 110 Rutland Road, Scotch Plains.

The program follows an interactive curriculum appropriate for preschoolers. It is developed and supervised by a certified teacher and includes participation from high school students interested in pursuing careers in the field of child development and child care.

The fee for the preschool program is \$45 a month, which is used to offset the cost of supplies for the children.

Parents from throughout Union County who are interested in learning more about the program can obtain more information by calling program director, Diana Scocchia at 908-458-3288, ext. 314.

**New paralegal studies program will be available**  
According to the U.S. Department

of Labor Bureau of Statistics, the paralegal profession is projected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2010.

In Union County, recent market research indicates that 40 percent of law firms employ legal assistants/paralegals, which 45 percent were able to fill their open positions due to a lack of qualified applicants. Even more promising for the observer is that 90 percent of these firms said they will need to fill new paralegal positions over the next several years.

Within five years more than 100 job openings for skilled assistants/paralegals will be available and 70 percent of the firms who responded said they would be likely to hire a graduate of UCC's Paralegal Studies Program.

This fall, Union County College introduces its new paralegal studies program which can be completed in only four semesters. Graduates earn an associate in applied science in paralegal studies that prepares them to play a vital role in the law offices of firms, corporations and government agencies and take the Certified Legal Assistant Exam.

As a qualified paralegal, you can change your life with intellectually challenging work and expanding job opportunities, or, if you prefer, you can transfer as a junior to a host of colleges or universities to complete your bachelor's degree.

For more information, contact Linda Spagnola, spagnola@ucoc.edu or Peter Vidar, director of recruitment, at 908-799-7518, via direct email.

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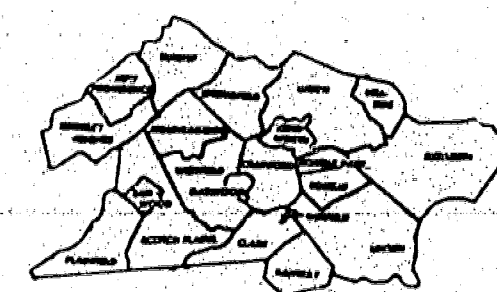
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## County confident in goal of children's museum

Nonprofit organization raised less than \$15,000 in its first fiscal year

By Mark Hrywna  
Regional Editor

County officials are confident that \$1 million in seed money will jump-start fund-raising efforts for a nonprofit group seeking to build a children's museum.

The Children's Museum of Central New Jersey Inc. raised \$13,615 from "direct public support" in its first fiscal year after forming in August 2001.

The group has raised considerably more in its second fiscal year, according to President Heather Hays, who did not have specific figures immediately available. The most recent fiscal year ended June 30 and financial statements filed with the State Office of Consumer Protection's Charitable Registration & Investigation Section likely will not be available until December.

The county had been in discussions with the nonprofit group for nearly a year before announcing at January's reorganization meeting the \$1 million grant as one of Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon's initiatives for 2001. The \$1 million will be paid to CMCNJ in \$250,000 installments over the next 18 months.

## Tools for the marketplace

Group provides support for women

By Joshua Zaitz  
Staff Writer

Throughout the state, women business proprietors meet as part of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide tools for women business owners to compete in any market place.

However, closer to home, members of the Union County chapter of NJAWBO meet monthly, where they offer support and encouragement to women-owned businesses.

"Owning your own business can get a little lonely with all the tough decisions you have to make," said Fami Gaines, a Montclair resident who is NJAWBO's Northern Regional President, which in addition to Union County, includes the counties of Essex, Morris, Sussex, Bergen, Hudson and Passaic. "When you're in an organization like NJAWBO, which is extremely supportive, you have a lot of people to turn to."

NJAWBO is the largest statewide women business owners' organization in the United States, addressing the needs of the 175,000 women business owners in New Jersey.

"I was looking for an association that might offer me, as an owner, some information to talk to other owners about common problems. It seemed like a good resource," said Mary Metz, who owns several companies, including BJ&M Auto in Elizabeth.

The group's goal is to provide tools for members to enhance their expertise in managing a financially successful business, maximize the growth and profitability of women-owned businesses, increase the visibility of women business owners through participation in the business community, provide a legislative voice at the local, state and federal levels, encourage and support business ownership by women, expand contacts through networking opportunities, and provide training and assistance for women.

"Some of these businesses are small and you need to bounce ideas off other people," said Union County Chapter President Lori Bierman. "And we've found that when we're a cohesive group it works pretty well."

Bierman, a Cranford resident who owns Acme Rubberstamp Works in Maplewood, said NJAWBO is not just for women who are starting a business but also for women who are already in big corporations.

"Even if you have a big company, and you have a problem with employees and you want to talk to somebody, it's a great place to bounce ideas off people," said Bierman.

"My entire network was down in Virginia," said Gaines. "I actually went looking for an organization that would give me access to other business owners as well as networking opportunities."

Bierman said that different members have joined the organization for different reasons.

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## Interim superintendent sought

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kind of background training and experience are necessary in the new superintendent, and what kind of personal skills or characteristics would be necessary to make that person successful in Spring field.

There is a tremendous amount of turnover in superintendents in New Jersey over the last two years, Lansen said. Anywhere between 15 and 45 percent of the superintendents in the state have turned over within the last two years.

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## Task force garners public input on animal control

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"The governor's Animal Welfare Task Force is taking proactive steps towards designing a new future for animal welfare in New Jersey," said Ellen Melloy, a spokeswoman for Governor James McGreevey.

The 16-member Animal Welfare Task Force was created in July 2002. Its focus is to address issues that affect animals throughout the state and make recommendations for reform. The task force is examining the current laws governing animal abuse and neglect, the manner in which the anti-cruelty laws are enforced throughout the state, and the status of the population control and sheltering systems in the state. The task force will pass its recommendations on to the governor, the attorney general, and the commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services.

"The knowledge that was there, I just wish we could harness it some way and get all that information — perhaps the task force is the way to do this — to our governor, mayors and people in government because government is supposed to be there to help with these issues," said Union County Sheriff Ralph Ebnich, who is a member of the task force. "Hopefully the task force will be able to make some recommendations."

Christine Gayle of Morris Plains agreed with Katz when it comes to FNR. "I strongly believe in FNR," she said. "It's a solution that has proven itself."

Katz told the task force that trapping and killing the animals will work if the state provides funding and if animal control has the manpower.











Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union-County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill Vansant, Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, NJ 07040.

## ART SHOWS

**NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY**, multi-media works by Andrea Lammor inspired by a poem by Robert Frost. Will be on exhibit in the Winter House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through today.

Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave. Summit. For information, call 908-273-4742.

**SELECTED WORKS** of the winners of the 2003 ArtCrest Junior Fine Arts Show will be on exhibit through Friday at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Galleries hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located 703 Watchung Ave. Plainfield. For information, call 908-756-1107.

**UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT** will be on display through Aug. 28 at the Hillside Municipal Building, Hillside and Liberty Avenues, Hillside. For information, call 908-558-2250. Relay Service users, call 711.

**SMALL FACES**, photography by David J. Lipman, will be on exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library through Aug. 28.

Galleries hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 12 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 40 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**TAYLOR MADE: NO ALTERNATIVES**, artwork by Kathie Anne Taylor of the same name, will be on exhibit in the Les Maunard Art Gallery in Union Public Library through Sept. 3.

Galleries hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1800 Morris Ave. Union. For information, call 908-815-5451.

**A NATURAL CONNECTION**, artwork inspired by nature, by Nancy Orr and Dwight Haskins, will be on exhibit at Barnes and Noble in Summit through Sept. 8.

Galleries hours are by appointment only. Barnes and Noble is located in Union Properties LLC, 25 Delaware Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-6284.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit the Art of the Child in the Union County Art Center through Sept. 14.

Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Art Center is located at 165 Hobart Ave. Summit. For information, call 908-273-4742.

**FIELD OF FLOWERS**, the work of a local artist, will be on exhibit in the Winter House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum from Tuesday through Oct. 2. An exhibition will take place Sept. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.

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**BOOKS WE LIKE**, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. The selection for Aug. 27 is "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Biondi. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-558-2250.

**SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD** Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-558-2250.

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**MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS** of Linden will conduct auditions for Simon Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" on Aug. 25 and 26 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle, 111 W. 5th St. on the corner of Roselle. Linden Show dates are Oct. 31 to Nov. 5. For information, call 908-255-0000.

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**BOOKS**

**HARRY POTTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet every other Thursday at 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield.

Today "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" by J.K. Rowling.

Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY** Book Discussion Group will meet the third Wednesday of each month, with no meetings in August and September. Sept. 17, "Solari" by Naomi Ragen.

Oct. 15, "Stolen Lives: Twenty Years on Desert Jail" by Malka.

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# Stepping Out

Nov. 19, "Atonement" by Ian McEwan.

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. Participants must have read the selection prior to the meeting. Union Public Library is located at 1800 Morris Ave. in Friburger Park, Union. For information, call 908-815-5451.

**AUTHORS LYNN WENZEL AND CAROL J. BINKOWSKI** will appear at Barnes and Noble in Clark on Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of their new book, "More Remarkable Than Potatoes: Remarkable New Jersey Women." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-558-2250.

**BOOKS BY WOMEN ABOUT WOMEN** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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**EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE**, led by Cheryl Rabinowitz, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-558-2250.

**CLASSICS BOOK CLUB** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-558-2250.

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**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit the Art of the Child in the Union County Art Center through Sept. 14.

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Today "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" by J.K. Rowling.

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