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Trees try to shed disease

By Marc Lightdale
Staff Writer

Trees in Mountainside are struggling with disease and two arborists who both work in Mountainside would like to shed some light on the problems related to tree fungus.

Just about every dogwood, crabapple, and sycamore has shown signs of the fungus, according to Jody Huxter, a certified arborist.

Huxter, originally from Canada, has worked at SavATree, covering Mountainside for five years. He compared Mountainside to Springfield, Summit, and Westfield in the problems that the trees have.

"We do a lot of safety and maintenance pruning; we move dead branches or hazardous branches, every day, we prune trees for their overall health and longevity," Huxter said.

In terms of tree planting, there is a forestry program in Springfield run by the township's Department of Public Works, according to Robert Boettcher, assistant superintendent of the DPW. Two dozen trees are planted in the spring and in the fall depending on the amount of money allocated.

The locations where the new trees are planted are in the same area where older trees have been removed. Boettcher said they try to plant the trees in areas where they can thrive.

In Mountainside, trees are pruned every day. SavATree in Mountainside doesn't do planting but does have landscaping companies that do planting, Huxter said.

Fungus protection is done between 600 and 700 applications, Huxter said.

"Virtually, every property has some degree of fungus," said Huxter. "Very few people know trees are sick, until evident signs, usually the tree is dead or beyond the point of saving."

The products for fungus protection vary depending on the type of tree, the disease that they're trying to combat, weather conditions, and the age of the tree.

In terms of anthracnose, a disease



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Jody Huxter, an arborist with SavATree in Mountainside, points out signs of leaf fungus, a disease found crippling many trees in the borough. Once these trees are deemed hazardous, they have to be removed.

where the leaves turn brown, Huxter said it is commonplace in Mountainside.

It affects the foliage and new shoots.

Trees try to shed the disease by protecting itself by shedding the leaves,

Huxter said.

Huxter said that tree feeding or deep-root liquid fertilizing is very important, which also is done in Mountainside or within five miles, according to Cohn, to bring out fungicide protection for different properties and to spray. Typically, the process is done three or more times a season with bad weather.

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Leaf fungus is a plant disease characterized by leaf discoloration, including brown spots, bright colors, varied colors, or yellow shades.

"Fungus is very common. You could easily see numerous affected trees on every single block in Mountainside," said Cohn.

This year, there have been more than 600 applications for fungus protection, the greatest concentration in Mountainside or within five miles, according to Cohn, to bring out fungicide protection for different properties and to spray. Typically, the process is done three or more times a season with bad weather.

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For example, Cohn recently saw a Douglas fir tree where 50 percent of the tree was affected by this year's leaf disease. The leaves are blotchy and some were completely brown and will fall off soon. Approximately 20 percent of the tree was leafless.

The leaves have brown sections, and irregular coloring. This winter was especially harsh on plant trees, including evergreen, broad-leaf, thododendrons, laurels, azaleas, and camellias.

New Jersey has dry winter weather with approximately 50 percent humidity. With humidity levels reduced in the winter, the leaves can become brown and have a weak green color.

Initially, leaves are being infected when they are exposed to airborne spores.

Spores, which are the seeds of the fungus, land on the plant and cause infection if the conditions are right.

With high moisture and even temperatures under 52 degrees, the best environment for fungus is temperatures from 52 degrees to the mid-40s.

Electricians from DJL Electric are finishing the job that Zecola started. He was following standard safety procedures—that are well-known,

McDaniel said.

"I don't think that they are doing anything different, this is an aspect of what electricians do," McDaniel said.

"They have to get the wire onto the pole, on a place where Jersey Central can connect to the power grid."

The incident took place at 11:15 or 11:30 a.m., according to McDaniel.

Schwerdt saw what happened from outside the firehouse, from a first-hand perspective. He said there

were two workers in the bucket, removing a pulley for pulling wire through a conduit up to a transformer off the pole. The pulley was on the floor of the bucket and swung the machine away from the pole. They were just starting to elevate and Schwerdt turned away to walk into the firehouse. He had walked six feet before hearing a very loud hum.

There was an electric arc and a very bright flash, which lasted three to four seconds. Schwerdt said it might have been electricity grounding out or something shorting out.

The bucket was nowhere near the transmission wires when he walked away, Schwerdt said. Immediately upon seeing the flash, he radioed for help and the Fire Department was on the scene within one minute, Schwerdt said.

Zecola sustained second- and third-degree burns, according to Schwerdt.

CPR was initiated because he had no pulse and was not breathing when he was removed from the bucket, according to McDaniel.

The Fire Department performed CPR and used an ambu bag to deliver oxygen to his lungs and attempted to defibrillate him. They continued with CPR before the paramedics arrived on the scene and defibrillated him again, Schwerdt said.

When he was loaded into the ambulance, he was breathing on his own and had a pulse, Schwerdt said. He realized the intensity of the situation.

"I knew it was going to be a difficult situation to work with, my personnel and police officers were on the scene with training and skills," said Schwerdt. "They revived this person, they delivered a viable patient to the burn center at St. Barnabas."

According to McDaniel, the new firehouse is to be served by a line from a transformer on a pole at the edge of the parking lot. There is a transformer about 12 to 15 feet up the pole.

DJL believes that Pete was a

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Pastor brings passion

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

The Emanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield has an enthusiastic new pastor, The Rev. Elaine Wing, who loves her work.

"I have just been ordained two years now, but I have been a licensed pastor for five years," she said.

She is a wife and mother, and relates to young families and especially children and youth. Her husband, Chuck, is in the public relations field, and their two children are Matthew, 19, and Meagan, 16. All are supportive of their mother in her pastoral role.

Her background is in business—she also worked in public relations and in the hospitality industry, as well as for non-profit organizations.

When asked, "What brought you to the ministry?", her answer was short and swift, "God."

She seems to have followed a path, however, because the pastor has always been involved in outreach work, even while at other jobs. Her mother and grandmother were perfect role models also for the coming religious life. "They practiced Christianity every day of their lives, and were always involved in projects to help others," she recalled.

She also said that as a child, religion was never "forced down her throat." It just became a way of life for the family. Both her mother and grandmother were always helping others less fortunate, so that she saw this, especially since her mother was involved with a 24-hour counseling service.

"But for me, working with people who are marginal, that is, lonely, hungry, without shelter, and who are hurting—this brought me into the ministry through a series of small steps."

"Actually, as a young person, I had



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

The Rev. Elaine Wing is ready to welcome new and old members of Emanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield as their new pastor.

fun being involved in this type of ministry, when I allowed myself to become an instrument for Christ—that is when I felt the most whole myself. There are many steps that led me to know that this is where God wanted me to be, and now I am very happy doing this."

A native of Southern California, where she originally went to college, Wing married and came east, attending Drew Theological Seminary at Drew University in Madison to receive her master's degree in theology.

All this while, her family supported her. "As a family, we have learned how to be in ministry so that our fam-

ily life has distinct borders from my work in the ministry."

Her formal steps into the ministry began at Cranford United Methodist Church, where she served as director of Christian education, teaching children, youth and adult in classes. During that time, she was beginning her studies at Drew.

"While at Cranford, I made the decision to go into the seminary, so I left employment there to do this, and in the process received an offer to be employed at the Denville United Methodist Church, as assistant pastor."

While there, she was also responsible for Christian education, and

their outreach ministry and youth work. "I then received my license and that allowed me to participate in sacramental ministry," said Wing.

She was ordained while at the Denville church, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in June of 2001. "That was a very special time for me," she said.

The beautiful white colonial-style church, which holds about 150-plus people, has been in Springfield since 1833. The United Methodist community is devout and close-knit, and already the new pastor has established a close rapport with her flock.

Her family lives in Springfield also. "This is where we belong."

Budget preparations begin for borough

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

"Things are getting tight," said Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti.

He was referring to the municipal budget, and even though budget time is several months away, Viglianti gave the Borough Council some suggestions that may be used to offset the tax hike in the 2003-04 budget, which he said could experience a 7 to 8 percent tax increase due to the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority increases.

In December, the RSVA Board of Commissioners adopted the 2003 operating budget for the wastewater plant, which called for increased assessments for nine of the 11 member towns, including Mountainside. The borough's assessment jumped from \$360,878 in 2002 to \$377,300 in 2003.

Viglianti plans on working on the budget in October and on transfers in November.

At the work session Tuesday, he presented council with a varied list of potential increases looming on the horizon, all of which will have an

impact on the 2003-04 budget. Last year, he said the borough lost a significant amount of state aid and the impact of the Board of Education's tax increase for next year is still unknown.

Also, he said the borough lost 3 to 4 percent in investments and experienced a reduction in snow removal funds, since the was less of a surplus.

Health benefits for borough employees are projected to increase 1/2 to 3/4 of a point this year and revenues for Municipal Court are expected to have a 3 to 4 point reduction. The borough's new firetruck is expected to tack on two tax points per year, until it is paid for.

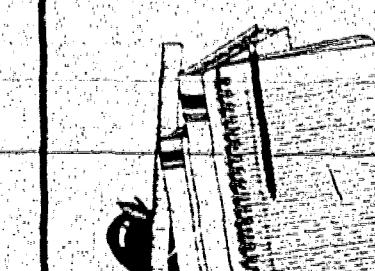
"I have done preparations for the formation of the budget," said Viglianti. "I'm considering possibly a 3 percent reduction for all departments, with no increase in spending."

He said he spoke with Police Chief James Debbie about the feasibility of operating the Police Department, minus four police officers and a hold on purchasing new police cars for the upcoming year.

Back In Class

With school opening in another 2 weeks, we can offer ideas for parents in our Back to School Special Section.

See inside this week's edition.



COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

A need or a want?

We're constantly hearing about budget woes in this dreary economy. The state is hiking every tax but the income tax to cover shortfalls while municipalities, school districts and counties have raised property taxes to obscene levels this year.

So how is it that Union County — with a \$335 million budget and almost \$18 million tax increase — can afford to give away \$1 million this year? Simple. Residents allowed them to do it.

In 2000, Union County voters approved an Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, dedicating \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value to those efforts over the next 20 years. Since there's not much open space left in the county, freeholders must find some way to spend your money, so now they're giving it to a fledgling nonprofit organization to build a children's museum.

What can we expect the money to be spent on 10 years from now, when there likely will be even less open space left? The county already collects some \$6 million annually in open space funds and that figure will only rise in the future as valuations increase. This is a perfect example of why it was not necessary to enact the 20-year trust fund from the start.

When the trust fund was enacted, county officials said it was to be used to implement recommendations from the Recreation Master Plan. The plan, unveiled in 1999, recommends \$50 million worth of improvements in the park system during the next 10 years. But it also makes recommendations such as upkeep of existing facilities, such as sorely needed lake dredging.

Is a Children's Museum of Central New Jersey sorely needed? We remain unconvinced. Within a short driving distance there seem to be plenty of activities for children, such as Liberty Science Center in Jersey City and New Jersey Children's Museum in Paramus. For those willing to drive a bit farther, there's Garden State Discovery Museum in Cherry Hill, or the Staten Island Children's Museum just across the Arthur Kill. And of course, who could forget that quaint little town across the Hudson, New York City, only the cultural mecca of the world. In our own backyard, freeholders are in the midst of planning a multimillion-dollar expansion at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

But the freeholders cannot go a year without trying to show that they're "connected to you." That's why this was an easy decision for them. The \$1 million already will be collected through the trust fund, regardless of what they do, to the county budget.

The county has made three significant purchases of undeveloped land since the trust fund was enacted: 64 acres in Summit, 13 acres in Clark and five acres in Union. That's approximately 82 acres at a cost of about \$17 million. The public perception is that freeholders have all but decided to use at least part of the 13-acre Esposto Farm in Clark to have the museum built, even though they stress that they're considering all options. If they want a museum that badly, surely there must be a place in the county where new construction would not be necessary. Most importantly, land bought to be preserved as open space should remain that way.

Welcome input

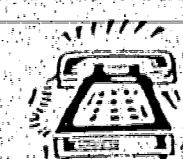
Springfield schools face many challenges, much like any district in the state. Especially at this time of year just before classes begin, getting schools ready is a priority. Springfield is a special case this year because of the suddenness of a new superintendent.

Walter Mahler's resignation last month left school officials scrambling. With Mahler gone in October, an interim superintendent will be necessary as it would be near impossible to find a permanent replacement this late in the year. The Board of Education has set a timeline for the search process and plans are to find a permanent replacement by February.

Until then, planning will be a vital part of the process, and part of that planning must include input from the public on what they want in a superintendent. The school board made a good effort in soliciting public input during the search for Mahler only several years ago to replace the retiring Gary Friedland.

The Board of Education plans a public input meeting on Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Jonathan Dayton High School. Outside of that, the board also must remain communicative to residents during every step of the process.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9988, and enter Selection 8000. Use our Infousource hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.



Use strengths toward common goal

To the Editor:

Last week, the Springfield Board of Education voted to hire Superintendent Walter Mahler. I am sure that many people are wondering what the new superintendent will do with the school system.

As a member of the Springfield Board of Education, I am

concerned about the future of our school system.

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Veterans honor students

At its June general meeting, Union County Chapter 688 of the Vietnam Veterans of America presented seven scholarships to local college and high school students.

Distinguished honorees with an award of \$500 each were Susan Carro of Summit, Alyson Martucci of Clark, Karen McCourt of Scotch Plains and Jeremy White of Long Pond, Pa. Carro, the daughter of Paul and Dorothy Carro of Summit, just completed her freshman year at Penn State University, where she is a communications major.

The daughter of Ed and Barbara Martucci of Clark, Martucci is studying design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City.

Karen is the daughter of Joe and Kathleen McCourt of Scotch Plains. She will be a sophomore at Boston College in the fall, majoring in Elementary Education.

The son of Tom and Judy White of Long Pond, Pa., White just completed his junior year at Salisbury University in Maryland where he is a communications major.

Dougherty is the son of Dennis



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 688 scholarship winners are, from left, Tim Dougherty of Westfield, Susan Carro of Summit, Alyson Martucci of Clark, Karen McCourt of Scotch Plains and Jeremy White of Long Pond, Pa. Not pictured is Gina Huskra of Scotch Plains.

and Nancy Dougherty of Westfield. In the fall, he will be a senior at Montclair State University where he is a history major.

The daughter of John and Sharon Huskra of Scotch Plains, Huskra

graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in June. She will further her education as an education major at Union County College.

The Vietnam Veterans of America is a veterans service organization of

RECREATION

all registration at YMCA
Fall program registration at the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St., is underway. The 10-week fall session begins Sept. 8 through Nov. 16.

Y Swim Lessons, a nationally certified YMCA swim and safety skills program will offer parent-child water survival classes for ages 6 months to 3 years and progressive swim lessons for ages 3 and older. In addition, Lifeguard Training certification course will be offered starting Sept. 1 and will run for 10 weeks.

The Y Sports Department offers many choices for participants including "Tumble Bees" and "Kids Play" for toddlers and a new 90-minute combination "Gym & Swim" class for ages 4 to 6. Preschoolers can learn the basics of ice skating and traditional sports including basketball, soccer, and T-ball. For older youth, sports include instructional roller hockey, tennis and basketball clinics.

Two new enrichment classes will be held on Saturday mornings adding to the Y Family experience. "Mad Science," teaches kids entering grades

1 through 3, science through experiments, and "Oozy Gooey Fun" has 2 to 5-year-olds and their parents making messy concoctions with a variety of gooey materials.

For information, visit the Summit Y on the Web site at www.summitymca.org or call 908-273-5330 for a program guide.

Gym, swim classes for home-schooled families

The Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St.

will be offering a new gym-and-swim class for home-schooled families from Summit and the surrounding towns, beginning in September. This session runs Sept. 8 through Nov. 16.

"Home-Schooled Plus" is designed for girls and boys 6 to 9 years old. It's a structured class with curriculum that includes sports, exercise and gym games.

For information, call Dean Becker, sports director at 908-273-5330, ext. 146 or visit their Web site at www.summitymca.org.

For more information, call 908-273-5330 for a program guide.

Group meets for business leads

Up to date, members work to provide qualified business leads. Meetings are from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Mondays at the Grand Summit Hotel.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to give a one-minute "commercial" about their business and describe the types of clients needed.

For information, call 908-273-5330 for a program guide.

Religious School accepts registration for 2003-04

The Religious School at Temple Shaarey Shalom, Springfield, is accepting registration for the 2003-04 school year.

For information, call the temple at 908-343-7653.

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Prosecutor warns of fraudulent lottery

An elaborate lottery sweepstakes giving away that is being mailed to residents in Union County is a scam designed to defraud residents, said Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

Dubbed the "Spanish Lottery Scam" by Federal Trade Commission detectives, the letter advises the recipient that they have won part of a \$10 million lottery jackpot and are asked to pay the taxes on their winnings upon receipt before they receive their prize amount.

Winners are told that they are one of 17 persons selected by way of a computer ballot from 25,000 entrants throughout the world and also qualify to participate in a billion-dollar lottery scheduled for the end of this year.

The letter from the El Gordo Sweepstakes Company announces the results of the most recent computerized lottery drawing with numbers that allegedly match the person who receives the letter.

The prosecutor pointed reporters copies of the letter and the form and asked residents to ignore the letter, contact local law enforcement and spread the word to friends and neighbors about the scam.

To date, detections in our Special Prosecutors Unit have investigated three cases where letters were mailed to citizens, one each in Mountainside, Linden and Roselle Park, and we have forwarded our results to federal authorities in New York City," said Sgt. Tracy Diaz.

Capt. Patricia Leonard said the warning was being issued here so that no one will be victimized in the same way.

For information, call 908-527-4280.

The regular evening office hours are at Summit City Hall, 512 Franklin Ave., on the fourth Thursday.

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Estate outreach continues

Union County Surrogate James S. LaCorte has administered more than 300 estate cases after-hours since launching his successful evening office hours initiative three years ago, the Surrogate's Court announced.

LaCorte began holding the evening office hours in 2000 as a way to meet with residents who have matters pending before the Surrogate's Court but are unable to visit the office in Elizabeth during the day. Surrogate LaCorte has handled 323 estates during evening hours — 89 in Union, 87 in Cranford, 79 in Summit and 68 in Rahway.

This initiative has been a tremendous success. The Surrogate's Court will continue to work to make use of the services of the Surrogate's office as convenient as possible," he said.

Surrogate LaCorte holds evening office hours by appointment only. Appointments must be made 48 hours in advance by calling 908-527-4280.

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Union County Surrogate James LaCorte assists Jan and Bill Styler of Mountainside with an estate matter at his evening office hours in Summit. For information on evening appointments, call 908-527-4280.

OBITUARIES

James Sivarsen

James Edwin Sivarsen, 20, of Summit died Aug. 4 at home. He was a student of film at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Mr. Sivarsen previously attended Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., where he was elected president of the freshman class. He was president of the Summit High School Class of 2001. Also in high school, Mr. Sivarsen was captain of the varsity baseball team and president of the Key Club.

In 2001 he traveled to Israel on behalf of the LaTourette Research Center, where he produced a film at Hebrew University of Jerusalem documenting cancer research efforts. More recently, Mr. Sivarsen was working with the Lance Armstrong Foundation to develop a series of films on cancer survivorship.

Surviving are his mother, Nancy; his father, Samuel; two brothers, Samuel and Daniel; a sister, Deborah; his girlfriend, Arefe Densenceng; and his grandmother, Frances Parker.

Mary Wilkinson, 82, of Summit died Aug. 5 in the Windsor Nursing Home, Yarmouthport, Mass.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., Mrs. Wilkinson lived in East Orange before moving to Mountainside 40 years ago. She was a teacher with the East Orange Board of Education for many years before retiring many years ago. Mrs. Wilkinson graduated from Hunter College, New York City, in 1943.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Kimerer; two sons, Robert and James; three sisters, Elizabeth, Wrisley, Teresa Harris; and Helen McCann; a brother, Thomas Shannon; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife, Columbia, and a son, Robert W. Wilkinson, a daughter, Ruth Goense, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

William R. Nott

William R. Nott, 86, of Mountainside died Aug. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Nott lived in Mountainside for 20 years before moving to Mountainside last year. He was a painter with Polar Metal Wayne, for many years before retiring many years ago. Mr. Nott served in the Army during World War II.

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Mario Noviello

Mario J. Noviello, 85, of Elizabeth, son of Springfield, died Aug. 5 in Mount Sinai Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Springfield for many years before moving to Elizabeth, he was a vice president of Standard Concrete Block and Supply Co. in Newark, where he worked for 50 years. Mr. Noviello was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Italian American War Veterans Post in Newark.

DEATH NOTICE

ZIMMERMANN, Robert, 90, of Buxton, formerly of Mountainside, New Jersey, died on Aug. 23, 2003. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Lillian.

Survivors include a son, Robert W. and wife Joann Zimmerman of Buxton, N.J.; a daughter, Linda Zimmerman of Mountainside, N.J.; beloved grandchildren, 12; seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered as Jimmie. Interment will be at MOUNTAINSIDE-CHAPEL, 1180 Service Drive, Mountaintop, N.J. 07092-2700.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation may do so to the Mountaintop United Way Fund for many years.

Mr. Pawelec was a volunteer at Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. He was also active with the Westfield United Way Fund for many years.

For information, call 908-373-5387. Reservation deadline is Aug. 29.

For more information, go to their Web site at www.shanay.org.

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Nuns, cancer victim receive warm wish

When the Knights of Columbus St. Rose Council conducted a pasta dinner two years ago, they had no idea it would lead them into a year-round pasta sauce business that would generate \$30,000 in profit.

But after a year of selling their homemade sauces after Sunday Masses at the church, they were able to recently award gifts to a local young man who has been fighting cancer and to the Dominican Nuns residing at the Rosary Shrine in Summit.

The story began in May 2001, when, at the request of Pastor Monsignor George Trabold, the Knights organized a parishwide pasta dinner. The event was such a success that they made plans to do it again the following year.

This time, however, due to a conflict with a school play, attendance at the dinner was lower. Several parishioners asked if they could purchase the leftover sauce and the Knights happily obliged. The "take-home" sauce proved to be such a hit that they were asked to provide it for sale to the entire parish. During the course of the 2002-03 school year, the Knights set up shop after Sunday Masses twice a month and sold quart containers of

marinara, meat, and sausage and 8 oz. containers of pesto sauce.

The two men responsible for the Council's sauce business are Grand Knight Jack Dalton and Advocate Joseph Delano. Jake — as he is known to his friends — and Joe are life-long friends who were classmates in the St. Rose of Lima Class of 1939. The two men do all the purchasing, preparation, and cooking of the sauces. The secret recipes are of their own making. They were also the primary sales force, hawking their product after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. masses.

In addition to their sauce sales, Jake and Joe also have been involved in meal preparation once a month for the past five years for the soup kitchen at St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth. Both are also volunteers at New Eyes for the Needy in Short Hills, with Jake serving as operations manager and a member of the executive board.

At their June meeting, the members of the Knights of Columbus St. Rose Council voted to use the entire proceeds of the successful sauce sales to help the Dominican Nuns who reside at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit and a young



Jack Dalton and Joe Delano, members of the Knights of Columbus St. Rose Council, present a check to Sister Mary Martin and Sister Mary Daniel of the Dominican Nuns of the monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit.

Knight from their Council, Peter Bremberg, who has been battling cancer.

Peter, who is from a family with nine children, is a college student at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio and was diagnosed with bone cancer on his 20th birthday this past November. His parents are Rebecca

and 4th degree knight Averi Bremberg. During the past eight months, Peter has undergone extensive chemotherapy treatments as well as surgery to remove the tumor in his leg, along with part of his lower leg.

After he is fitted for a permanent prosthetic leg and goes through a great deal of physical therapy, Peter hopes to return to Steubenville next spring where he can resume his studies and his love for sports.

The Knights plan to continue their sauce sales for the 2003-04 school year in hopes of making more charitable contributions to the community.

HEALTH

Volunteers sought

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

Readings are taken between 1 and 3 p.m. on one Tuesday afternoon every other month in the chapter house at 695 Springfield Ave., Summit.

Anyone who is a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or an emergency medical technician, with current credentials is encouraged to call the chapter house at 908-273-2076.

Program explores Alzheimer's disease

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America will sponsor a free educational program on Alzheimer's disease Aug. 21 at Brighton Gardens of Mountainside, 1350 Route 22 West.

Topics include an overview of Alzheimer's disease, early diagnosis, stages of the disease, treatment options and medications, wandering, sleeping disturbances and communication tips for caregivers.

The speaker is Lorren Becker, director of programs and services for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

This program is cosponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and Brighton Gardens of

Mountainside, a Sunrise Senior Living community.

Registration is at 6:30 p.m. The program is to be held from 7 to 8 p.m.

For information, call 908-654-4460.

Program helps patients 'Look Good, Feel Better'

"Look Good, Feel Better," a special program at Overlook Hospital that offers help with appearance and side effects for women undergoing cancer treatment from 10 a.m. to noon Monday.

Each participant will receive a "Look Good, Feel Better" kit.

For information or to register for this course, call Lee Anne Caferty at 908-522-5349.

To receive a "Look Good, Feel Better" kit you must attend the program taking place in Conference Room 3, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

This program is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Pathways offers support for breast cancer patients

Pathways offers free community-based breast cancer support groups for people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

Facing Breast Cancer Together is a group for women who have been recently diagnosed or are currently receiving treatment.

The group meets Tuesdays afternoons at the Resource Center for Women, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit.

For information, call 908-273-2253.

Depression support group meets Thursdays

A depression and manic depression self-help support group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of every month at Overlook Hospital Conference Room 1.

Talking with others who have had similar experiences can boost self-confidence and improve the effects of medication and therapy.

For information, call 908-234-7074.

Cancer support group

The Oncology Department at Overlook Hospital has established a free support group for adults living with any type of cancer.

The group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

For more information, call 908-522-5352.

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EVENTS**LIFESTYLE**

Foothill Club welcomes veterans speaker
The Foothill Club luncheon will be held at the Hettfield House, at 11 a.m. on Sept. 11. The speaker will be a local who does "Interviews with Veterans."

The club will hear stories and experiences of American veterans while they served their country in war.

The club will also present their annual donations to the Rescue Squad, Volunteer Firemen and the Mountainside Community Foothill Club committed to serving the community of Mountainside.

For a reservation call Genevieve at 973-5626. Guests are welcome.

Mountainside Newcomers collect school stuff

The Mountainside Newcomers, a community affairs chairwoman, is collecting back-to-school items for the needs children in Union County.

Consider donating pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, backpacks, paper or other items. Backpacks, new and used, are also an item highly in demand.

The Mountainside Newcomers Inc. is a social organization dedicated to providing activities greeting new neighbors to help them meet others and to extend a welcome to the community.

For membership information call Barbara Buchman at 928-9291.

St. James Church offers Austrian holiday trip

St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield will present a trip to Austria for Christmas Markets from Dec. 13 to 19.

The trip is \$8,200 per person, double occupancy plus \$199 tax and airfare.

Special features include:

- Round-trip air transportation from Newark.

- All transfers and luggage handling overseas airports & hotels.

- Five nights accommodations in Austria.

- Five days shopping.

COUNTY NEWS

Community blood drives
The Blood Center of New Jersey and the Bergen County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor the following blood drives:

• Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

• Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m., Masonic Pythagoras, 1011 Central Ave., Westfield.

• Aug. 22, 8 to 2 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road.

• Aug. 27, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road.

Donors must be 17 years of age or older; there is no upper age limit to donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their Social Security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

For more information, call the Blood Center at 1-800-552-5663, ext. 140, or the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

Boxwood Hall seeks courthouse memorabilia

Boxwood Hall, an historic site in Elizabeth that hosted and housed George Washington and other major figures from the American Revolution, is collecting artifacts and memorabilia related to the 100th anniversary of the Union County Courthouse.

The collection will be part of a temporary exhibit during the county's annual "Four Centuries in a Week" celebration Oct. 18-19.

Boxwood Hall will display photographs, papers, artifacts and other related memorabilia dating to the early 20th century. Persons with items to share or with suggestions can call Susan Coopersmith of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-888-3580.

Specifically, exhibitors are hoping to find interior and exterior photographs, newspaper articles, event programs and more.

For more than 130 years, a government building has stood at Broad Street and Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth. The present courthouse was erected from 1903 to 1905 and has seen several expansions and renovations since.

The Boxwood Hall State Historic Site Building Museum was a residence and gathering place for prominent American statesmen of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. In 1772, it became the home of Elias Boudinot, who served as president of the Continental Congress. Young Alexander Hamilton lived at Boxwood Hall while attending school in Elizabeth.

George Washington visited Boudinot and a committee of Congressmen in 1791 en route to his inauguration. In 1795, it was sold to the

Jonathan Dayton, signer of the Constitution, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and member of the U.S. Senate. In 1824, Dayton hosted the Marquis de Lafayette during his American tour.

Senior Farmers' Market

The Union County Division of Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced the location of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program for the month of July.

The Senior Farmers' Market features locally grown fruits and vegetables available to eligible participants age 60 and older. Vouchers are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bilingual staff from the Division of Aging will be available to assist seniors in filling out the information for the vouchers.

Vouchers will be distributed at the following locations July:

• Fridays, First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Mondays, Shiloh Baptist Church, 95 Morris St., Elizabeth. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Fridays, G.P. Apartments, 40 Meeker Ave., Cranford. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Tuesdays, Garwood Seniors, Garwood Police Station, Center and South Avenue, Garwood. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Aug. 22, Ann Ferguson Towers, 1600 Dill Ave., Union. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Aug. 29, Plainfield Senior Center, 105 E. Plainfield St., Plainfield. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Aug. 29, Union Firehouse, 1600 Dill Ave., Union. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The market will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Arc golf classic Sept. 23
The Arc of Union County will be sponsoring its Arc Golf Classic on Sept. 23 at Shadyacres Golf & Country Club, Scotch Plains.

Proceeds will benefit programs and services of The Arc of Union County. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Arc branch located in the Department of Human Services Division of Planning and

designed for comprehensive work with survivors of all areas of sexual assault. Some people may believe that only young women would need its services, but they're provided to adult males, females, teenagers, children and their families, whether the sexual assault abuse took place recently or in years past.

The center also offers crisis intervention, short-term counseling and therapy, which are provided free by qualified professionals. Referrals for long-term services are provided.

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Training sessions begin at 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Attendance is required at all training sessions in order to be qualified to become a training site crisis advocate.

The training is free, prospective volunteers will be paid during July and August. Interested individuals should call 908-888-3582.

If you prefer, email contact person@arcnj.org and for more information about this event and other countywide events, visit www.arcnj.org.

Volunteers wanted at Rape Crisis Center

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

There is especially a need for volunteers who not only speak English, but other languages as well." Freeholder Marie Ruotolo, liaison to the county's Commission on the Status of Women, said. "People familiar with other cultures are also helpful."

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Health officers surveyed

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New Providence pays \$500 for general to St. Hubert's, which has had a contract with the hospital for monitoring and evaluation.

"What we use St. Hubert's for is to monitor what is stay, we pick it up and take it there," said Samira Majeed, Warden of St. Hubert's, explaining that he's not that familiar with the county's system to contract an animal shelter.

Summer paid \$424 for St. Hubert's services this year, while Berkeley Heights paid \$196,664 annually for similar services.

"I'm not a fan of the services provided by the county in the first place," said Long. "I'm trying to eliminate county services as much as possible."

Mirabella said the county ran legal aid and pro-bono better care for the inmates and more opportunities to add.

Sheriff Ralph J. Fornelli, who has been involved in the planning of a shelter, said that about five years ago, a few county commissioners of the freeholders board and himself, formed a group called the Union County Animal Welfare Task Force.

"I think our first meeting was held in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Economic Development.

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• Linden, Maria Grasso, Linden High School, and Matthew McManus, Middle School, and Irene Lin, Elmwood School.

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These places are the alternative to the art's social surroundings and run the gamut from rural pastures to urban space.

The work is not to be seen as traditional landscape, but rather as a reflection of society's cultural humor.

The 12 artists exhibited include George Rush, Brooklyn, who paints recognizable interiors of modern urban life.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**Teen Arts spotlights county's young artists**

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The exhibit consists of 50 pieces of student artwork selected from more than 600 visual creations shown at the 2003 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Economic Development.

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Healthy Living

Tips help make camping safer



Shendell-Falik designated a Robert Wood Johnson fellow

National fellowship-focused on creating the country's health care system into the 21st century has been awarded to a local leader in the healthcare industry.

Nancy Shendell-Falik, M.A., Basking Ridge, vice president of Patient Care Services at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of St. Barnabas Health Care System, was selected as a 2003 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. Shendell-Falik is one of 20 nurses in executive leadership roles nationwide selected this year to participate in the three year program.

The RWJ Executive Nurse Fellow is designed to strategically position the voice of nursing across many sectors of the economy in a health care system undergoing unprecedented change and challenges. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation understands that nurses must play a pivotal role in leading the redesign and success of health care now and into the future," Mrs. Shendell-Falik said.

Shendell-Falik was the recipient of the 2002 Governor's Nursing Merit Award, and she was named a 1998 New Jersey Nurse of the Year.

Nancy Shendell-Falik

has been a nurse since 1996.

She is a member of the editorial board

of the New Jersey Nurses Association.

Shendell-Falik was recently elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Organization of Nurse Executives of New Jersey for the 2003-05 term. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the National Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, the New Jersey Nurses Association, the Bergen County Nurses Association, the New York University Nurses Association, and the Rutgers Nursing Association. She is also a member of the Regional Industries Advisory Board for Advanced Nursing Education.

Shendell-Falik and her husband, Roy, 60, a medical intern, Ian and Rachel, 18, reside in Basking Ridge.

The cold, dreary days of winter are gone and the warm weather of summer is in full swing.

For many families, summer is a time to get back into nature, breathe the fresh air and take a camping trip. An outdoor excursion can be a time of exploration and adventure, as long as campers follow some simple safety precautions.

"Although camping seems like a relatively low-risk outside activity, many families underestimate what can happen in the great outdoors," says Susan Margolin, M.D., chief of general pediatrics, part of the Department of Pediatrics at St. Barnabas Medical Center. "The sun, insects, streams and campfires can all be potential hazards."

Outdoor safety

To enhance a camping experience, the Department of Pediatrics at St. Barnabas and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommend the following guidelines:

General safety:

• Make sure kids wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices or life jackets when around oceans, rivers, and lakes or during water sports. Air-filled "swimming aids" are not considered safety devices.

• Children should not run, push others under water, jump on others, or dive or jump into shallow water.

• Never let a child go in the water before testing the temperature. If the water is too cold, it may affect the child's breathing or cause cramps.

• Be aware of the nature of the water. An open body of water that looks virtually motionless may have a strong current.

• Do not allow children to wade into water without protective footwear. Broken glass or sharp objects may be present.

• Do not let your child dive into water unless an adult is present and knows the water is deeper than 4 feet.

• Adults and kids older than 13 should know infant and child CPR.

• Never allow children to swim during lightning storms or in dangerous weather conditions.

• Make sure children have warm and dry clothes to wear after swimming.

• Check the weather forecast before you leave.

• Always supervise children near a fireplace, vegetable stove, or candles.

• Teach them to stay away from campfires and stoves even when not in use.

• Make sure your campfire is far enough away to keep a fire from spreading.

• Always check the fire danger levels posted at the entrances of camping areas.

• Keep a bucket of water and shovel near the fire at all times.

• Keep matches and lighter away from fabrics.

• Pack essentials such as flashlight, extra food, water, and rain gear.

• Make sure sleeping bags are clean, warm and dry.

• Inform others where you are camping and when you will return.

Hiking safety:

• Never allow children to hike alone.

• Map out your hiking trail ahead of time. Be sure any trail you choose is well marked and do not stray from it.

• Learn to use a compass.

• Make sure children are physically capable of the hike's distance and difficultly.

• Bring plenty of drinking water or sports drinks and high-energy snacks.

• Bring extra layers of clothing and rain gear in case the weather changes suddenly.

• Wear proper hiking boots and clothing that covers as much exposed skin as possible to protect from scrapes and poison ivy plants.

• Teach children not to disturb or prey on any animals they may encounter.

• Check clothing and skin for ticks and other insects after spending time outdoors.

• Never leave a child unsupervised in or around water.

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EDUCATION

EMT degree program

This fall, Union County College is introducing a new degree program for current students 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 credential in the delivery of health care.

For more information, call Program Coordinator Jennifer Metz, at 908-412-3551, or email jmetz@ucc.edu or Peter Vida, director of recruitment, at 908-709-7513, via vida@ucc.edu.

Vo-Tykes' registration

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

The pre-school program meets three days a week, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. at the Vocational-Technical High School, 1726 Raritan 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 pre-school 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 Scavullo at 908-789-5288, ext. 314.

Women's studies to begin

Women have proved, and will continue to play important roles in many fields and diverse fields. A new program at UCC examines how women live, how they are perceived in the world, and how gender differences affect men and women in everyday life and in society. UCC's women's studies program is open to both men and women interested in pursuing an interdisciplinary arts degree.

Graduates of the program can pursue careers as chefs, sous chefs, banquet cooks, prep cooks, line cooks or bus cooks. Many graduates continue their education pursuing bachelors' degree in culinary arts at four-year colleges.

Classes meet daily, Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuition, except for the summer arts and crafts programs, is \$1,000 per semester.

The Career Decision Clinic sponsored by Counseling Career Service at Union County College is offering its service available to residents of Union County. This program is designed to provide career counseling and the resources necessary for participants to make effective career decisions. The clinic is located on the college's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, is once again offering the New Jersey Boating Safety Certification course, Sept. 2.

The course is required for those who are 16 years old and older who wish to operate personal watercrafts and for those 13 years of age to operate power boats.

Students who enter the program in September will complete the program in June.

The "Boating safety course" includes occupational and technical training that prepare students for employment in their field of study.

Interest, skills, values and personal goals are explored during the counseling sessions. Each participant is given an individualized assessment program to further evaluate interests and personality characteristics as they relate to career choices.

For more information on this certification or any other program offered by the Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education, call 908-709-7600.

At the conclusion of the counseling sessions, participants receive a personalized Plan of Action, which

is designed to meet their needs.

The course will run from September through June and will prepare students for the licensing examination administered by the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology. Classes begin Sept. 3, and are Monday through Friday, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the school's campus on Raritan Road.

Cosmetology is an art and a science involving the study of skin, hair, scalp and nails. The vo-tech course includes state-of-the-art classroom training, which utilizes mannequins

and equipment.

For those who have already declared a major or are interested

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For more information, contact Professor Cynthia Roemer, at 908-412-3488, ext. 314, or Linda Vida, director of Peter Vida, director of

Women's studies at 908-709-7513, via vida@ucc.edu.

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Cosmetology course

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Industrial real estate market in New Jersey remains strong in 2003

At mid-year 2003, the industrial real estate market in northern and central New Jersey have continued to perform strongly according to statistics by Cushman & Wakefield's New Jersey Inc.'s research services team.

With an estimated industrial inventory of just under 744 million square feet, New Jersey has fared well in a national scale through the difficult economic environment of the past two years. At the end of June, registered an overall estimated vacancy rate of just 6.2 percent.

According to Frank Caccavo, an executive director and industrial specialist in Cushman & Wakefield's Newark office, the market yielded no surprises during the first half of the year.

"User and investor demand for industrial properties has continued last year's solid trend," he said.

Cleasing activity is picking up slow-

ing, registering a continued diversity in New Jersey industrial tenant mix,

with competitive prices driving most transactions."

In addition, Caccavo said, "Northern New Jersey maintained a brisk pace, registering 2.4 million square feet during the second quarter. Available space decreased more than 1 million square feet from year-end 2002, resting at 23.1 million square feet at mid-year. Direct weighted-average triple net asking rental rates rose slightly to \$5.45 per square foot at mid-year from \$5.28 per square foot at mid-year per square foot."

Like Trammel Crow, Matrix and Klauskam are talking about moving forward with plans to build on site, in order to take advantage of today's low interest rates.

The Northern New Jersey industrial market, especially in the Meadowlands, also remains healthy. Leasing activity registered 1.8 million square feet for the second quarter.

Currently available space has decreased from 24.2 million square feet at year-end 2002 to 19.8 million square feet at mid-year. Much of new space entering the market during the first half of the year and this decrease in available space have driven weighted average direct triple net asking rental rates up 3 percent to \$5.00 per square foot.

"Demand for small blocks of space continues," Caccavo said. "Yet, at the same time, a number of large blocks remain available." New speculative construction, including the ORIX RRIF in Meadowlands, was recently made by James W. Weichert, the company's founder and president. The company's previous best day had

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The bottom line is that New Jersey has outstanding market fundamentals, he said. "Companies located here have the ability to reach 42 percent of the United States population within a one-day drive."

Weichert Realtors has its best day ever

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Industrial sales activity during the second quarter is "significantly lower than the first quarter at approximately 500,000 square feet," com-

pared to 4.4 million square feet from January through March. However, the first quarter was above average, quarter with portfolio sales skewing the numbers upward. Ultimately, sales activity is far from double the pace of mid-year 2002.

Despite the oversupply of existing product, a large number of developers both national and local are still chasing what land is left at NAI.

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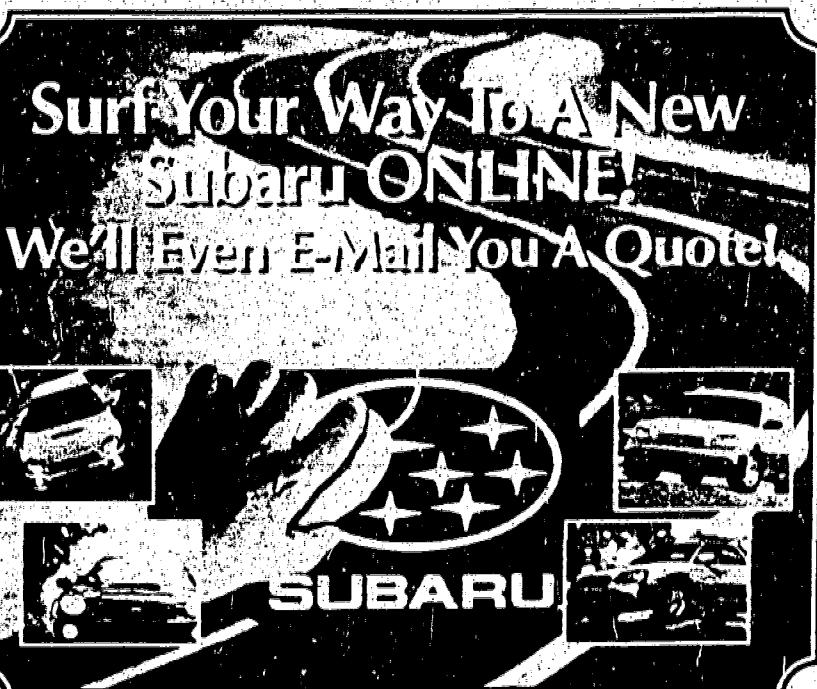
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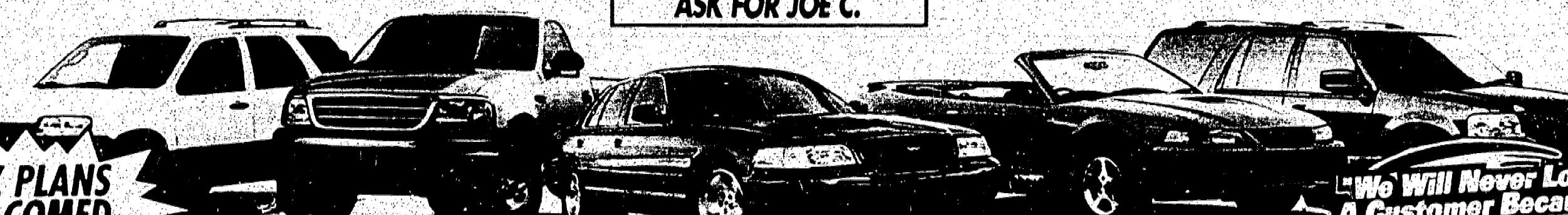
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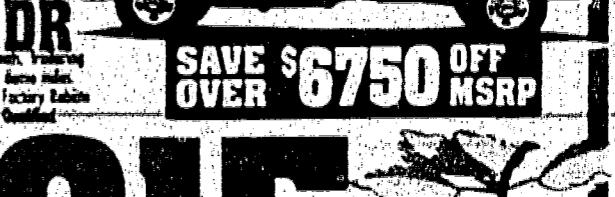


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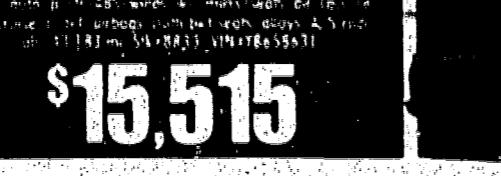
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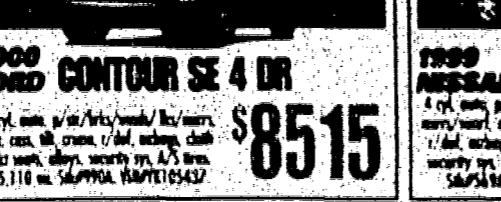
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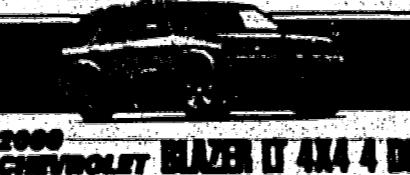
2000 FORD CONTOUR SE 4 DR



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1999 NISSAN ALTIMA GXE 4 DR



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2000 CHEVROLET TRACKER 4X4 4 DR



6 cyl. auto. p/le/brks/wndy/lk/mtrs. ou cd, am/fm stereo, cloth blt seats. B/W A/S tires. 7,403 mi. Shtk#104. VIN#1A7P10414537.

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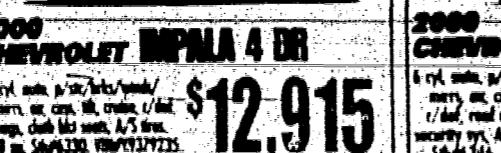
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GALANT ES 4 DR



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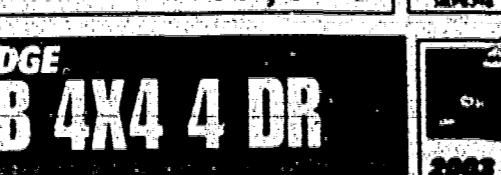
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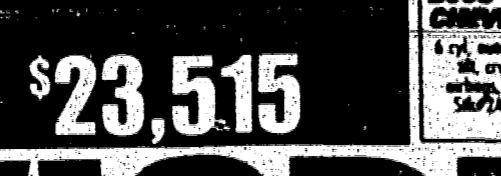
2000 CHEVROLET LUMINA GS 4 DR



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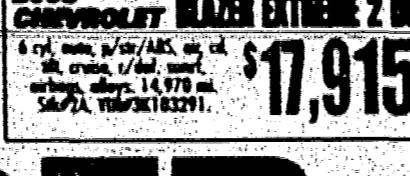
1999 DODGE
RAM QUAD-CAB 4X4 4 DR



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2001 CHEVROLET S10 ZR2 4X4 4 DR



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2000 BMW
528i

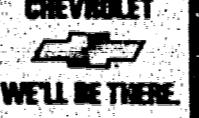


6 cyl. auto. p/le/brks/wndy/lk/mtrs. ou cd, am/fm stereo, cloth blt seats. B/W A/S tires. 28,515 mi. Shtk#104. VIN#1A7P10414537.

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