2003: A year of trains, school growing pains and gov. change

By Rick Klittleh

Staff Writer After an eventful year marked with progress, debate, and hopeful plans for 2004, it would be fitting for Springfield to make some New Year's resolutions, as several 2003 issues remain unresolved as the ball drops.

While the new firehouse has hit several bumps in the road and is still without a projected completion date. the Police Department and Fire Department remain without new contracts, as the arbitrator's decision is forthcoming

Meisel Field has remained empty and unused, and although plans are being made to move along rehabilitation, many residents find this a long time coming and wonder what has taken so long.

Finally, while a school expansion and construction referendum was passed in January, recent problems regarding the public bidding process for construction work at the Edward V. Walton School has forced a one-year delay of the reorganization of students within the district. The problem. according to the Board of Education, was one that could not be predicted: members say they are as disappointed. as any one.

Although Springfield has seen plenty of accomplishments and achievements throughout the township during 2003, the most notable one inay be the changing of a one-party Township Committee to a two-party

Here's a look at some more issues and events that made headlines in

January

· Committeeman Gregory Clarke is sworn in as the new mayor of Springfield at the township's reorganization meeting. Among other topics, Clarke speaks about the adversarial relationship between the Fire Department and the Township Committee, noting that

. The year's first wornes concerning the Rahway Valley Railway emerge, as officials ask what delays may occur in the fire department's res-

along Mountain Avenue. The new firehouse is being erected on the corner of Mountain and Tooker avenues, and the railroad tracks would cross Mountain Avenue on the west side of the fire-

. In order to make changes to the new firehouse, which is still under construction, the Township Committee approves change orders of slightly more than \$73,000. At this point, 12 items had been submitted to the township that would result in changes Construction was to be completed by

· Springfield residents vote in favor of the bond referendum for school expansion, a \$19 million spending plan with a share of nearly \$15 million funded through local taxpayers.

February

. The new Springfield firehouse falls behind schedule for a number of reasons, but township officials remain silent as far as progress and reasonsfor delays are concerned. The project was originally bid with a 400-day

· Five candidates decide to run for three seats in the Board of Education election: Incumbents Larry Levee and Jacqueline Shanes, and challengers Jo-Ann Holmes, Hugh Keffer and Brian

· The preliminary 2003-04 Board of Education budget of \$26,134,047 is approved by the board, an increase of 5.5 percent from the previous year.

March

· Another setback stalls plans for the new firehouse as Silcon Inc. Project Manager Manuel DaSilva explains that the scaffolding was removed because the subcontractor was thrown off the job for nonperfor-

· The Board of Education budget. already approved for submission to the voters, will have \$23.6 million raised through local property taxes. If involved in the process at all. home assessed at \$157,800.

· A \$20.2 million municipal budget is introduced, calling for an increase of \$189 for the average home in cue efforts if trains are blocking traffic. Springfield. The increase in taxes is

12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valua-

· As teacher contract negotiations continue, the starting annual salary for a teacher in Springfield is reported to be \$42,175, which is relatively high compared to surrounding districts.

· Jacqueline Shanes, Larry Levee and Hugh Keffer, who run collectively on a three-candidate platform, win the Board of Education election. However, the public rejected the school budget by a margin of 5 percent. A total of 1,814 people came out to vote out of a total of around 8,900 registered voters:

· The introduced municipal budget of \$20,2 million is adopted by the Township Committee. This year's budget represents an increase of nearly \$1.4 million.

· Yet another change order is issued for the new firehouse, this time for June 17 According to Township. Administrator Richard Sheola, the primary teason for the delay given by Silcon Inc. is weather-related prob-

. The Township Committee unanimously decides to cut the defeated school budget by \$100,000

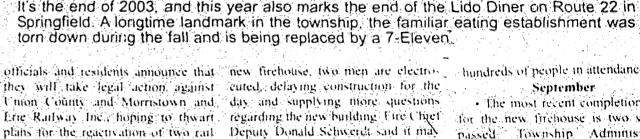
June

· Nominations for the two seats available on the Township Committee are earned by Democrane Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, Democrat Ken. Fargenbaum, and Republican challengers, Harold Poltrock and Victor

· By a 7-1 vote, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders agrees to implement phases one through four of the operating agreement with Morristown and Eric Railway, Referring to public hearings, which occurred in the nast to discuss the rail line's possible reactivation, Mayor Gregory Clarke said that this time, "We have not been

• A 31 million eleanup and recontax-increase of \$230 for the average sinction of Meisel Avenue Park in Springfield is expected to start and be completed by fall. The athletic fields are expected to be ready for use by next spring.

· A coalition of local government



. Giv James McCireeves unveils the logo for the 2005 PGA Championship, which will be hosted by the Baltusrol, Golf Club. The marketing campaign was officially under way, as

McGreevey held the Wanamaker Tro-

phy, which is awarded to the tournament's winner-. A new contract for the police and fire departments is still unresolved, as both sides await an arbitrator's deci-

sion. The departments have been with-

out new contracts since Dec. 31, 2000. James Caldwell School nurse Elleen Rogers files a sexual harassment and discrimination complaint against Ken Bernabe: the school's principal, along with the Board of Education.

· While working on wires at the

cuted delaying construction for the day and supplying more questions regarding the new building Fire Chief Deputy Donald Schwerdt said it may have been electricity grounding out or some wire shorting out.

· Social Clubhouse Inc., located on Brown Avenue, files, a class action lawsuit against the Ford Motor Company, claiming that the vans it purchased to transport its clients cannot he used to carry 15 passengers, as was described by Ford.

· Springfield avoids the largest blackout in U.S. history, having no accidents or specific incidents reported during the time span. The only small problem resulting from the outage was a traffic light that went out just after 4 p.m. that afternoon, but it field Police Department and Fire

tivation of the Rahway Valley Railway, after two public meetings yielded

hundreds of people in attendance.

September

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

· The most recent completion date for the new frehouse is two weeks passed Township Administrator Richard Sheola declines to speculate how long it would take before the building opens, and Committeeman Ric Hirschfeld says that there are questions regarding contract extensions and possible penalties for the contractor, Silcon Inc.

. The Township Committee shows support for the statewide 7 percent hotel and motel occupancy tax, agreeing to add I percent for the town, on top of the b percent sains lax that already exists.

· After close to three years of negotiations, the contracts for the Spring-Department remain in arbitration.

· The Springfield Education Asso-The Township Committee recog-ciation-agrees to ratify its contract nizes the support from the townspec- with the Board of Education, calling ple regarding the fight to stop the reac- for a three-year contract with a salary increase of four percent.

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School opening, new rec center show promise of coming year

Managing Editor

For Mountainside, 2003 may best was finally realized with the community center entering the preliminary planning stages at the tail end of 2003.

In sheer size and scope, the new center is shaping up to be one of the most massive building projects undertaken in the borough's history. For many, it truly is the culmination of a _dream

More good news came in the form of Beechwood School's ever-closer completion of construction and renovations.

Nationally, it was the year that plunged much of the northeast into sweltering darkness, gave Hurricane Isabel a bad name and sent many of America's soldiers overseas into a war

Here's a look at some of the major. events of 2003 that helped shape the community of Mountainside into what it is today and what it will be in the

January

. Double bundles of joy arrive for Christine and Bill Stoffel and daughter Morgan Anne, 2, of Mountainside. Twins Devon Marie and Ryan William are born Jan. 6, making them the first babies born in Mountainside in 2003.

Responding to complaints from residents about giving full disclosure during its public meetings, the Board of Education conducts an open public forum Jan. 28 as a way to continue having the public work with the board during the budget process.

February

· A strong blizzard dumps roughly two feet of snow on the tri-state area Feb. 17, with Mountainside getting its fair share of the white stuff. Cars get stuck on both sides of Route 22, with piles of snow blocking the bus shel-

The borough's Department of Public Works does its best to plow through the mess. Four employees and the to combat the snowstorm.

. The next day, the Borough Counbe remembered as the year a dream cil agrees to pass a resolution that would aid them in the attempted goal of gamering additional funds to pay for snow removal

> · Five candidates decide to run for the upcoming Board of Education election. They are incumbents Mary Beth Schaumberg and Frank Geiger and challengers Pauline Genakos, Linda Esemplare and Patricia Knodel.

March:

 The Board of Education reveals its \$10,580,287 school budget during special meeting at Borough Hall

An approval would mean an estimated annual tax increase of \$411 on the average home assessed in Mountainside at \$158,000.

. The \$6.8 million bond referendum-to-expand-Deerfield School and reopen Beechwood School was approved in April 2001 and despite previous delays in 2002, is expected to be completed in September 2003.

Two school board members, along with the administration, meet with the district's bonding company. The Hartford Company, and The Musial Group. the project's architect, to review the progress. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller reports that the general contractor should be back on schedule with the project by next month.

Charles L. "Rex" Riley, president. and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, dies suddenly in his Westfield home March 17. He was 57. He is survived by his wife, Jan and two sons, Paul and Ross.

. Thanks to additional student enrollments, the Board of Education reveals that the county, after certifying Mountainside's budget, has given the district \$731,000. These funds can be put back into the budget

. The Board of Education presents each part of the proposed school budget for 2003-04 at a public hearing

chief of the DPW work 28-hour shifts. March 25, approving it by a unanimous vote. Their next step is for voters to cast their ballots April 15, when both the election of two board-mentbers and the budget vote take place.

The total amount of the base budget is now \$11,042,160 after a spending growth limitation adjustment of \$422,132 was added. In 2002, the estimated school tax was \$2,955, compared with \$3,365 in 2003

· Since the start of the U.S. led war with Iraq, officers in Mountainside wear special uniforms and local police are in a state of heightened alert. The uniforms are reserved for crisis situations to distinguish the police from the public. Two officers have been assigned to the Counter-Terrorism Task Force, a group of officers that go to Washington, D.C., for briefings.

April · The Mountainside Republican Committee announces its candidates for the seats that will be up on the Borough Council election this year.

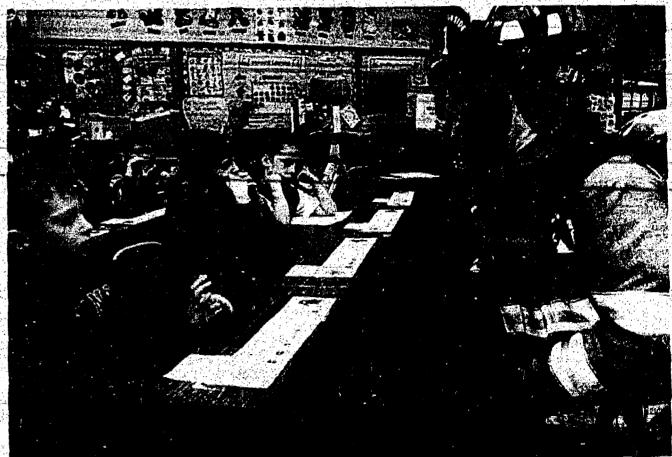
With the exception of Councilman Thomas Perrotta, Republican candidates Mayor Robert Viglianti and Councilman William Lane both seek re-election as their terms expire this year. Seeking Perrotta's seat is fellow Republican Robert Messler. The Republicans run unopposed in the upcoming election.

The Borough Council agrees to provide financial assistance to the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority. The RSVA's estimated \$11.5 million plan calls for all 11 municipalities that are members of the authority to help share in the cost of upgrading the sewage treatment that discharges effluent into the Rahway River.

The borough pays approximately 3.43 percent of the estimated \$11.5

Based on unofficial results tallied by pressume April 15, the \$11,042,160 school budget passes by 189 votes. A total of 798 said 'yes,' while 609 cast 'no' votes.

Also, Mary Beth Schaumberg Wins



Student Thomas Keane gives a tentative wave to firefighter Rob Forgus at Deerfield School in Mountainside during the fire department's annual visit to the school to talk about fire safety in October. This was just one of the many events happening in the borough that made headlines in 2003.

back her seat on the school board while Patricia Knodel, a former board member, makes a return to the district after voters cast their ballots.

 The Borough Council approves the 2003 municipal budget of \$8,224,026.33, resulting in an estimated annual tax increase of 2.92 points, or \$49.50 on the average home assessed in the borough at about \$159,000. The total budget figure represents an increase of \$10,307.20 from the 2002 budget of \$8,213,719.19.

May

Questions surface about the opening of Beechwood School at a Board of Education meeting.

Paul Otto Construction now has the contract between the school board and the bonding company, which is Hartford Insurance Company. Paul Ono takes over for Randazzo Builden, the by the board in December 2002 for failure to keep the project going.

· The Borough Council approves the \$8,224,026.33 budget at their public hearing May 19. The total increase is \$10,307.14 from 2002.

June

. The final signing of the construction contract with the Board of Education and the Paul Otto Construction company takes place during a ceremony at Deerfield School.

· Gerard Schaller announces his plans to leave the district and resign from his position as chief school administrator, effective July 2004.

July · A possible detour in the road to Beechwood School's opening date is revealed at a school board meeting side-Union border July 18. when Board President Peter Goggi informs parents that the acquisition of

construction company that was fired lighting fixtures and roof damage could delay the September opening.

The roof damage caused by the previous contractor, resulted in internal water damage and mold. The lighting fixtures are being held in storage in another location since the previous contractor didn't pay the bill for the

fixtures that were ordered. As a result, the board votes to accept six change orders totaling \$241,287 to help with the roof repair and payment of the light fixtures. Possible litigation may be needed to

recover the funds. · Police officers from Mountainside. Union and Hillside take part in a high-speed chase that begins in Mountainside and races through Union before ending in a crash at the Hill-

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Firehouse opening unknown

· 1986 Jonathan Dayton graduate limmy Yee becomes the first U.S. soldier detained as a suspect in the war on terror. Yee is arrested for suspicion of espionage while serving in a Guantanamo Naval Base camp, as Pentagon officials say that he was found carrying hand-drawn maps of the Guantanamo camp and sensitive information concerning the detainees.

. A public input session is held to replacement of Superintendent Walter resolved. Mahler, who served three years of his tive-year contract and announced his resignation mid-July. October

· Interm Superintendent Tom Buter is expected to fill in during the time between Walter Mahler's leaving and a permanent superintendent is found.

. Close to 80 parents and children pack the courtroom during the Township Committee meeting, demanding to know when their children will have a football field to use. The crowd was angered and upset that they have no fields to play on, with Meisel Field still lacking the renovations that have been talked about in the past.

. The Board of Education address es the district's issues regarding the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation that requires schools to meet set standards in 40 categories. While Springfield had not been put on the list of schools that "need improvement," Assistant Superintendent of Schools Judy Zimmerman still sees the biggest

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temale passenger after their vehicle

August

approaching for the opening of Beech-

wood School, the Board of Education

conducts a special meeting at Horough

Hall to explain to the public that a con-

Due to the mold problems, the

· Iragedy strikes the borough when

well-known and well-liked borough

Police Lt Todd Turner, 42, is struck

by a driver and dies a few days after

Mountainside, who is travelling north

on Cherry Hill Road. Andrick alleged-

versity Hospital Trauma Center in

hospital Aug. 19, the borough's police

chief, mayor and Turner family mem-

During the largest blackout in

U.S. history, things look pretty dark.

throughout the major cities of the

outage reaches as far west as Michi-

gan and as far north as Canada, with

many New Jersey towns and cities

But in Mountainside, it was just

another late summer day. No residen-

tial power outages were reported in

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Northeast on Aug. 14. The massive

is then taken by helicopter to the Uni- Church.

school's opening has been pushed. Board of Education meeting.

Mountainside on the afternoon of Aug. High School Calabria, a principal at

15. Mr. Turner is struck by driver Ivan Sparta High School for 16 years, joins

Mountainside Police respond to the named interim principal at Deerfield

accident at about 4:30 p m. Mr. Turner School, taking over for Priscilla

Newark. In a special ceremony at the reveals that the Certificate of Occu-

bers take part in a special ceremony to November, with plans under way for

promote Mr. Turner to the rank of cap- students and teachers moving into the

Andrick, of Knollwood Road in GL as its interim principal.

ungency plan is in place.

back to an unspecified date.

being rushed to the hospital.

ly-did not stop at a stop sign

of Frhardt Street and Route 22:

crashes and rolls over the interchange

. With the Sept 4 deadline fast

Police arrest the male driver and

problems with the program being the

involved with it.

. The police and fire departments hold a rally outside of Town Hall prior to a Township Committee meeting. marching with signs that ask why they have been without contracts for more than 1,000 days. The dispute continues indoors during the meeting, as Township Committee members take questions from the workers and supporters within the township, but by discuss the issues involving the meeting's end, nothing has been

November

· The Springfield Township Committee is changed from a one-party government to two-party governing body, as Republican Harold Poltrock earns a seat with an overall victory in the elections. Joining him is Democrat Kenneth Faigenbaum, a former school board member. The new members join the committee Jan, 1.

· Still no word on the completion of the firehouse, as there haven't been any new opening dates announced. While everyone seems to be looking forward to using it, nobody seems to feel comfortable commenting on its progress, or lack thereof.

. The issue of an unreleased report concerning the needs of the town's Fire Department remains unresolved The report, which was conducted between December 2000 and May 2001, has not been made public because the contracts are still in arbi-

December · A debate begins regarding the

town although Borough Hall experi-

enced its first power failure at about

ough Hall closes. Since all radio sys-

tems and phones at the dispatch desk.

of police headquarters are on an emer-

gency generator, no problems occur

- · School is set to open Sept. 4, but

only at Deerfield School, not at

Beechwood, says Chief School

Administrator Gerard Schaller at a

board discusses is the news that Deer-

field School Principal Priscilla Church

• Frank Calabria takes over for

Benjamin Jones, who retires this year

* At a special Board of Education

meeting Oct. 6. Walter Rusak is

Oct. 28, the Board of Education

pancy for Beechwood School is to be

issued sometime around the middle of

November

· Mountainside's mayoral and Bor-

. The estimate now is that Beech-

· Just in time for Veterans Day.

Nov. 11, the Borough Council

announces plans to name new streets.

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wood School will be open sometime.

after Thanksgiving, although no firm

is resigning, effective Oct. 3.

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Among the other issues that the

with the equipment.

4:30 p.m., which is also the time Bor- War.

decorate the tree in front of the municipal building in red, white and blue lights. While some residents have problem with the patriotic colors, others are upset with a lack of holidayrelated decorations altogether.

. The five Umon County town looking to stop the reactivation of the Rahway Valley rail lines have their arguments dismissed, leaving them t appeal to federal court, as their case i determined to be an issue that belongs before the Surface Transportation Board, which is the federal agency that oversees railroads.

. The search for a Springfield superintendent is down to two, as long day in the district is put in by each prospect. Interviews are conduct ed and tours are taken of the entire school district. Meetings with the Board of Education, teachers and staff help to make the final decision.

· A recommended decision is made that beginning in April, Springfield along with three other municipalities will pay more than \$8 million dollars over a span of five years, to Mountainside and Garwood. The decision which is not final, is made after seven years of litigation involving the towns' breakup from the Union County Regional High School District

. The trial of terror suspect Jimm Yee is postponed as evidence is exam med more closely. Yee is on leave and s able to spend the holiday with his family while government officials

two of which will be christened after

residents who served in the Vietnam

Road near the Fire Department head-

quarters, where a subdivision is under

way, will be named James T. Egan Jr

Court after a Mountainside resident

who served in Vietnam and is pre-

A new street at Mountain and

Woodland avenues will be named after

the first mayor of Mountainside. The

third street to be named is a subdivi-

sion off Mill Lane. This will be desig-

nated Little Court, after William Little

Ill, a Vietnam veteran killed in the line

December

ough, bringing in new, million-dollar

Garwood should be reimbursed more

than \$8 million by the other munici-

palities that composed the former dis-

that. Should the rule stand, the four

owns would be ordered to pay Moun-

· With an opening almost a year

and a half after it was originally

planned. Beechwood School is ready

to open its doors to students in pre-

kindergarten through second grade,

welcoming about 242 children who

have been part of the overcrowded

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. "Works of Art, Old and New," an exhibit of sculpture by George Tarr and paintings by Margaret C. Hanscom, will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave, through Feb. 12. For information, call 973-376-4930. Jan. 12 The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader. Attn. managing editor, P.O. Box

New-Year's Day

zation meeting in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100

• The Springfield Township Committee conducts its annual reorgani-

. The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues

. The Mountainside Borough Council reorganization meeting takes

. Union County for Howard Dean hosts its next regularly scheduled

Agenda-items will include voter registration, outreach activities, and

the latest information regarding the campaign. There will also be a dis-

cussion of community activities for "Generation Dean" Whether to vol-

For more information, call Fran Middleberg at 973, 912-4309. Further

. The Springfield Planning Board meets in the Council Chambers of

information can be found on the Web at http://dean2004/meetup.com

the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.

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· Cecelia Hallia licensed climical social worker, licensed marriage

and family therapist and poard certified diplomate in clinical social

work will present the first of a three-part parenting workshop series

from 5 to 6 p.m. at Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Provis

. The Mountainside Planning Board conduct their annual reorgani-

zation meeting in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route

unteer or just to learn more, all are invited to attend

Union County Meetup from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at Springfield Public Library,

place in Council Chambers at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8

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Mountain Ave. at noon,

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noon, For information, call 973-376-4930,

at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m. The Mountainside Board of Education will convene in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. at 8 p.m.

Jan. 14 The Springfield Board of Health will meet in the Annex Building. 20 N. Trivett Ave. at 6.30 p.m.

. The Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in the library at 66 Mountain Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

The Springfield Recreation Department presents "Disney On Ice" at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, lower level seats in Section 124. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. The bus departs at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Admission is \$30 per person. Register by Jan. 16. For information, call 973-912-2227.

• 2003 saw the construction

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ary at Borough Hall.

* At 4:32 p.m. Dec. 43, firefighters · Classified advertising - Tuesresponded to Route 24 East formotor vehicle accident with injuries We wish all of our readers and . At 8.53 p.m. Dec. 13, the Fire advertisers a happy new year. Department responded to a Hillside Avenue apartment complex for an

Residents reminded to renew pet licenses post 47.4 for a motor vehicle accident The borough of Mountainside reminds residents that cat and dog · At X 28 n.m. Dec. 14. firefighters

oder of something burning. At 10 19 am, Dec 14, firefighters responded to Route 78 West mile

for a water flow alarm. · At 12 29 p.m. Dec. 15, firefight rs responded to a Morris Avenue business for a vehicle fire. · At 9:48 a.m. Dec. 16 firefighters

FIRE BLOTTER

esponded to a Morns Avenue business for a child locked in a vehicle. * At 5 06 p.m. Dec. 16, the department responded to a Surrey Lane resi dence for an electrical problem. * At 1.26 a m. Dec 17, firefighter responded to a Diamond Road busi-

split for a motor vehicle accident with

· At 2:16 p.m. Dec. 19, firefighters line down.

. At 5 p.m. Dec. 18, firefighters responded to a Hillside Avenue restdence for a medical service call.

At 8.09 p.m. Dec 17, firetighters responded to Route 78 East at the 24 Roselle Fire Headquarters on a request. Avenue for an arcing power line.

for a medical service call, ntersection for a motor vehicle acci- At 1.48 p.m. Dec. 22, the Fire from County Mutual Aid. . At 5:38 a.m. Dec. 23, the depart-

ment responded to Route 78 West mile post 45 for a car fire.

sponded to Christy Lane for a power for a trash can fire

· At 11:21 a.m. Dec. 23, firefighters responded to a Millburn Avenue busiresponded to the exterior of Town Half ness for an activated fire alarm.

· At 9/16 a.m. Dec. 22, firefighters responded to a Fadem Road business, apartment complex for an activated fire alarm. . At 1:59 p.m. Dec. 24, the Fire Department dispatched a pumper to Department responded to Waverly

responded to Route 78 East to assist the First Aid Squad. - At 4.41 p.m. Dec. 25, firefighters

At 3 01 p.m. Dec. 25, firefighters

Clinics keep an eye

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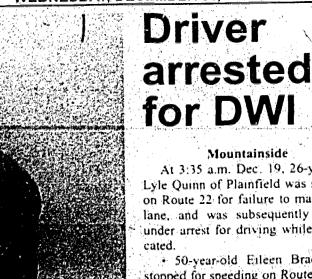
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At 3:35 a.m. Dec. 19, 26-year-old Lyle Ouinn of Plainfield was stopped on Route 22 for failure to maintain a lane, and was subsequently placed under arrest for driving while intoxi-

• 50-year-old Eileen Brady was stopped for speeding on Route 22 and

POLICE BLOTTER

was released on the scene.

· 44-year-old Oscar Rodriguez was arrested at 1:50 a.m. Dec. 20 for failure to maintain a lane and failure to signal. After being pulled over, Rodriguez was arrested for driving while intoxicated

Springfield

At 10:40 a.m. Dec 24, a 1995 Jeep Cherokee Sport was reported stolen while parked on Morris Avenue. . Unknown parties reportedly

attempted to gain entry to a Mountain Avenue office at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 20. The only damage was to the office

. Four tires and rims were reported tolen off a Honda parked on Morris Avenue at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 22. . Unknown parties smashed the

window of a 1995 Honda while it was parked at an Alvin Terrace residence Dec. 23 at 8:34 a.m. A brief case and laptop computer

were reported stolen.

•A Cadillac was reported stolenfrom the rear parking lot of a Morris Parking spaces will also be dou-Avenue business Dec. 25. bled at Walton, the existing roof will

• At 7:30 a.m. Dec. 19, damage to a Route 22 East hotel room was report ed, including damage to the walls and tiles of the bathroom, water damage to the walls and carpet, a smashed picclassrooms outside the building, the ture tube of the television, a smashed. board addressed the fact that the state mirror on the wall, a phone that was only allows for them to be used on a ripped from the wall and smashed. lamps tom down, damaged air condi-

> tioner, broken toilet, bed and furniture damage and mattress and boxspring · A white reindeer christmas deco-

ration was reported stolen from the front lawn of a Twin Oaks residence sometime overnight between Dec. 11 · A Route 22 East business report-

Computer, valued at \$1,510, another Sony Personal Computer, valued at \$1,933, and a Compag Personal Com-. The passenger rear window of a

sponded to a South Springfield, and Maple Avenues for a motor vehi-responded to Route 78 East for a car parked on Mountain Avenue was motor vehicle accident with injuries

broken into at 9 p.m. Dec. 18. • At 10/19 a.m. Dec. 24, firefight-· A car parked in a Pitt Road driveers responded to a Wabeno Avenue way was burglarized at 7 fl a.m. Dec

The driver's side window was smashed and a scurf, blanket, coffee mug, and assorted papers were report-

on senior blood pressure

noon at Mountainside Borough-Hall 1385 Route 22 East.



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departing members By Rick Klittich

Committee honors

ECHO LEADER

mittee recently adopted two resolu- and knowledge will always be appretions of appreciation for the services crated. of Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld and Mayor Gregory Clarke, who are both ure," she said

leaving the committee effective New Year's Day Clarke: who served on the Township Committee from 1995 to 2003, was mayor of Springfield three times. in 1996, 1999, and this past year,

Hirschfeld served the Township Committee as a member for the pastnine years, as well, and was mayor in hers of the committee have to sacrifice

In comments made by members of awork, personal lives, family lives, and the committee appreciation was anything else that is otherwise taken expressed for the hard work and dedi- for granted. cation that the duo brought to the

Sheola brought up an anecdote from possibly improve how things run withwhen he first started his job in Spring. in the township. field, saying that Clarke gave him a tour of the town in his car, driving ed expanding the committee to seven

the professionalism and courtesy that at a Township Committee meeting. Clarke brought to the committee, even where many things are addressed. when there was a difference of opin-

Staff Writer

out that a process like this doesn't run

Interim Superintendent Tom Butler.

expansion and renovation project.

Springfield

responded to Morris Avenue and Mor-

ris Tumpike for a motor vehicle acci-

dent with injuries

At 3.06 pm Dec 15, firefighters

After receiving bids for construc-

Springfield Board of Education found "tember of 2005.

plans did not meet certain specifica- many reasons.

district's roughly \$19 million school. months for a rebidding process.

said that the presence of both men will The Springfield Township Com- be-missed, and that their leadership "It's been a great honor and pleas-

> While Hirschfeld offered no comment. Clarke was sure to speak about the hard work that goes into being a member of the Township Committee. In front of the audience, Clarke expressed his feelings toward the rest of the committee, saying that a lot of people don't understand the time and commitment required by the position. Clarke said that many times, mem-

After thanking everyone on the committee, Clarke made note of cer-Township Administrator Richard tain changes that could be made to

Two examples Clarke gave includaround to parts that Sheola otherwise members, which he had also seen as a was unaware of until then and giving good idea in the past, and also holding ing that packed a heated auditorium to but lost in a relatively close race; has cations that could be made him an explanation of the sewage sys- public meetings concerning specific topics, which Clarke said could help toon, which the Township Committee Sheola noted that he appreciated get things done more efficiently than

thwart the reactivation of the Rahway Market. In suggesting more public meet. Valley Railway, joining other municiings that addressed a single topic, palities in the legal battle.

Springfield's schools was originally

scheduled to be completed by Septem-

non work that will eventually be done ber of next year, the new expected date dung process, these things come up."

Irwin Sablonsky, vice president of

efforts to improve the township's pool. Walton's delay slows down school construction work

"Unfortunately, in the public bid-

unanimously opposed.

"We want it done night."

"said Sahlonsky "The project will be I moms, two preschool special educaon the Edward V Walton School, the to implement the plans will be Sepdone and it has to be done right." Construction on other schools in accommodate different instructional the school board, addressed the the district will go according to plan. change, saying that because three bids but the reason for such a long delay is were out of line and two weren't in the actual reorganization of students tions. It's beyond our control,"

speaking about the problems that are compliance with bid specifications, and grades will not occur until Walton. Sablonsky added, saying that he has a often inevitable when dealing with a the project is delayed for at least two is finished as well-The board was quick to note that January 2003 called for the Walton

costs that the board was willing to Mountainside, where the opening of and James Caldwell School to have said.

the district is, too," said school Busi- sixth- through eighth-grade students: conversion of the present library to a tions.

At 3.36 p.m. Dec. 17, firefighters

senue residence for an activated fire

· At 5:52 p.m. Dec 17, tirelighters

responded to the Meisel and Milliown

fourth-grader-of his own that will be The approved referendum back in affected by the change of plans "It's better to do it the correct way The bids that were received turned they did not want to rush things and School to hold pre-K through second- and move without the stress and anxi-

The Springfield Township Committee recently adopted two resolutions of appreciation for

the services of Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld and Mayor Gregory Clarke, who are both

leaving the committee effective New Year's Day. From left are: Committeewoman Clara

ship by writing the grant for the Jitney.

Springfield's bus-to-train station serv-

Hirschfeld also helped move along

The new construction that needs to

happen at Walton involves nine

kindergarten classrooms with bath-

tion classrooms; and other rooms to

"We have to follow state regula-

Hirschfeld, who ran for re-election specifying problem areas and modifi-

rodms, eight second-grade class- be replaced, and a playground will be

Harelik, Clarke, Hirschfeld and Committeeman Steven Goldstein.

discuss the issue of the train reactiva- most notably contributed to the town-

Clarke has made a strong effort to lice; along with starting the Farmer's

out to either be above the maximum and up with the problems seen in graders. The Ima L. Sandmeier School ety that will be there anyway." Butlet rence M. Gaudineer Middle School nons, including the conversion of two Association meetings in January to

· Firefighters responded to Morris

cle accident with injuries at 9:27 a.m.

spend based on the budget, or the Reechwood School was delayed for third-through lifth-graders, and Flo- Walton is also in need of renova- bers will be attending Parent Teacher

Because of the plan of action, the board did not foresee any problems with keeping the trailers running. Letters have been sent home with

two-year basis.

students to notify parents of the changes, and Butler and board-memtions based on state government regu- We're disappointed and we know would continue to be the home of classrooms to create a library and the discuss the effects of the modifica-

Republican Harold Poltrock and

Democrat Ken Faigenbaum will

replace Clarke and Hirschfeld when

the committee is reorganized at their

public meeting New Year's Day at

installed for first- and second-graders.

forced teachers to use trailers for

While overgrowding at Sandmeier

ed stolen items at 5:10 p.m. Dec. 17. The items include a Sony Personal Firefighters respond to motor vehicle accident scene

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stops at exotic ports of call, where guests can dance with a swing band, isten to musical performances from sazz to symphony, watch comedy and aerobat bets and enjoy a hip-hop dance for middle schoolers, among many other events,

Children's activities begin at V30 p'm at the Summit Middle School. followed by evening activities starting at 730 p.m., with fireworks at 7 p.mand midnight.

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Speaker examines ethics

At the fuesday meeting of the Sammy Old Guard, guest speaker Donald Cr. Jones will speck on the tome Making Ethical Decisions and Judgments in Contemporary Life." As a professor at Drew University wife of 1066, Jones teaches social ethics in the graduate school and the laberal And tollere After receiving degrees from Drew University, Jones served in

The bolds professional memberships in organizations relating to pracmean and husiness offices, religion, and Ingher education, and is active in the Attomes I thes Committee of the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Medical Libres Committee of Motris-

. - (Birth Certificate, Etc.)

awards, Jones is buthor of numerous books and articles and a participant in Seminars, and, conferences with emphasis an corporate and business ethics He lives with his wife. Karen. in Madisonic they have two sons.





of Summit is surrounded by some of the yarri donated by a yarn manufacturer for her project to knit scarves for those in need. She is flanked by senior Erica Hoerl, left, and junior Nicole Brown.

Agency

The Summit Housing Authority recently entered into an agreement with Helping Hands Homecare of Clark ic provide personal care and housekeeping services for frail, elderly residents of its Senior Citizen Housng located at 12 Chestnut Ave. Sum-

Personal care services can assist esidents with daily tasks such as bathing, dressing, shopping and lousework, enabling residents to live

The 12 Chestnut Ave. Housing. built in 1986, houses approximately 125 senior citizens. Income-eligible esidents can participate in the personal care and housekeeping programs at i state-subsidized rate through the state's Congregate Housing Services program. In addition, the Summit lousing Authority has recently expanded its programs to its residents to include a Health Wellness Center and a daily hot meal for its frail, elderly residents

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Israeli folksongs, dances are in a transitional stage of regroup ing and want to embrace life rather highlight Shabbat than hide from it, yet do not have the Extend the beauty of Shabbat at the proper forum. They may be new to the Summit Jewish Community Center. 67 Kent Place Blyd. Jan. 10 with a special program of Israeli folksongs

area or find that all of their friends are marned or otherwise involved, so that they still feel as if they do not fit in. ind dances led by Cantor Janet Roth Call 973-921-0277 for a weekly Krupnick with guitar accompaniment: At 4:29 p.m. there will be a Mincha led by their USYers, please wel-

Their plans for fun will include loing to the movies, the beach, flea markets, antique shows, dinner, Broadway shows, having yard sales ogether, fund-raising events and more. Their support and resource offerings will include resources for men and women in need of new clothing, a grooming shelter and even help-

ing, a lot of singing and of course. ing hands to move to a new place Join others and learn how to take For information, call 908-273pleasure in grouping together and enjoying activities, supporting each other and networking resources while

exploring one's newfound wings,

Jewish Seniors sponsor-Center, 67 Kent Place Blvd., invites

lecture series on history members to a Family Shabbat Service - The Jewish Seniors of Springfield is sponsoring a fall-winter lecture All children in grades Gimmel third through Zayin seventh series, "Topics in American History." are invited on the Bima to lead servic-The decturer will be professor

es with the cantor Rabbi William The lectures begin at 1:30, p.m. Hom, who will give a special blessing. to all children who are celebrating a with blood pressure screenings available at 1 p.m. at Jemple Sharates birthday in the month of January There will be special performances

Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave. of songs by the Gan, Aleph and Bet The lectures will be be held Monkindergarten, first and seconddays and the topics to be discussed grade students, the nursery school are "American Business History" children and the Meshorerim chil-Monday, "American Immigrant History" and Jan. 19, "American Labor The SICC conquets an informal History" The program is open to the family service the first Shabbat of public without fee or reservation.

For information, call 973-379:

5387 or go to the Web site.

Christian-minded social group forms Wings, a social group for ages 35

gio tausde, www.

60, has formed in Springfield. bat planned The group's mission statement is to "At " pain" Jan 30 and 31. Artist in form a group of Christian minded Residence Shabbat with Pzinon, the a members who have found themselves cappella choral group of Columbia recently separated, divorced or widowed and need nurturing, companionship and want to have some fun, too. These individuals will have a need for companionship with other singles.

Artist-in-Residence Shab-

University Barnard College and the Jewish Pheological Seminary, with take place at Summit Jewish Community Center, 67 Kent Place Blyd For information, call 908-273 But are not ready to begin dating They will in

Special ed. parents group to meet

The January Special Education Parent Advisory Meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 9 in the Summit Middle School board conference room. Please note that this is a change of venue and day to allow the teachers to attend,

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Student

knit club

Oak Knoll School sophomore Jes-

sica Gardner was spending a little free

time at school crocheting a scarf one

days when other students started ask-

ing her to teach them. At the same

time; she began thinking that perhaps

someone else could use that scarf

"I thought maybe if there was so

much interest in it. I could start a knit-

ting and crocheting group after school.

and start making things for people

knit and crochet years ago; and she

recently resurrected those skills. She

put flyers up all over school, just to

see how many might show enough

interest to start an after-school club

Tessica also sent letters to every yarn

manufacturer she could find, asking

for donations. The response was posi-

The group's first meeting Dec. 12

attracted more than 20 students. One

of the yarn manufacturers. Brown

Sheep of Nebraska, sent a huge box of

sain, and a couple of students brought

Jessica, is the daughter of Kovin

a donations, as well

and Usa Gardner of Summit

Jessica's great-aunt taught her to

who really need them? said Jessical.

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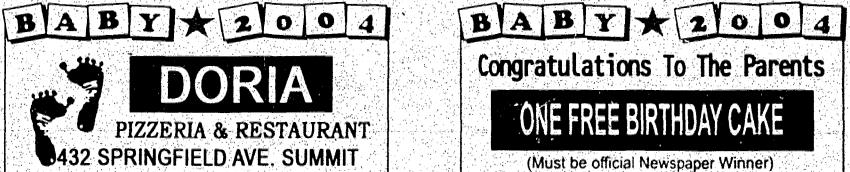
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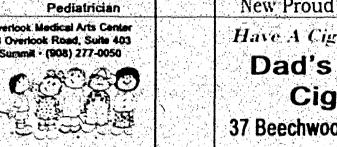
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Mom's Night Out

EDITORIALS

Way to go

Getting an opportunity to learn about the land at the Houdaille Quarry in Springfield usually only comes once a year. But plans to create a new public trail system at the site are moving forward under the direction of Union County, with the project expected to be complete by 2007.

This can be good for the quarry, as it will raise awareness about the importance of an environmental asset in the township and get more people to visit the site. As it is now, the quarry doesn't appear to be a place most people would go on a regular basis. The entrance gate to the area doesn't look too inviting, even if the view is fairly expansive.

Creating a trail for people to use, complete with foot bridges, fencing, educational kiosks and maps, would provide for a more user-friendly place to visit, giving people more information on the natural history of the area, which includes a leaf composting operation. Instead of having tours just once a year, the public would be able to enjoy the quarry all year, from dusk to dawn.

The county is applying for a \$25,000 Federal Recreation Trails Program grant, administered by the state's Division of Parks and Forestry, to help fund the trail. The county is going to match the grant with \$5,000 for labor, equipment and technical assistance. Even if the grant is not obtained. the county plans to go ahead with the trail, with work starting in the spring

We can't wait to see how the quarry will improve with a public walking trail, a plan that's sure to generate more appreciation and interest in what goes on there.

What is your opinion about this subject? Send us an e-mail and let us know. Responses will be published next week. Send Char Send e-mails to editorial@thelocalsource.com

Party sensibly

Tonight is New Year's Eve. As many other unofficial holidays in America, there are established traditions associated with this, the final evening of the year. Some people draftlong lists of New Year's resolutions in hopes of improving themselves. Families have been known to prepare a specific meal for either tonight or tomorrow morning to assure good luck in the coming days:

On the public side, hundreds of thousands of people will crowd into Times Square to see the dropping of the ball, which marks the beginning of the new year. And those members of the Polar Bear Club will awaken New Year's Day and jump laughing into the Atlantic Ocean, no matter what the water temperature.

But for most of us, the traditional New Year's Eyeas spent at a social gathering, from small dinners to huge, noisy parties that explode into gaiety at the stroke of midnight. And for nearly all those gatherings, the retreshment of choice is alcohol. If you have any doubt about this, late this afternoon peek inside nearly any liquor store and observe the long line. of customers at the cashier station.

The alcohol is what presents a problem tonight, because many people will be tempted to drive home when they shouldn't be anywhere near a steering wheel. They may be infrequent drinkers, unaware of the effects of their impairment. Or they might feel their inebriation is hidden by the cover of darkness. Or they simply may not care, although that would probably not be the excuse they would give the police officer if they were stopped at one of the many nocturnal checkpoints established during the holidays.

We urge all party-goers not to restrict their revelry, but to party sensibly. Go light on the alcohol. Sip a glass of water after each drink. Enjoy a mocktail. Take along a designated driver. Better yet, take a cab. But no matter what, celebrate the arrival of the new year without putting yourself or your

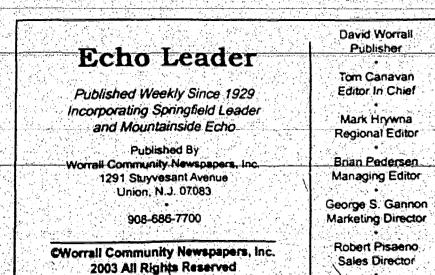
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To diet well, know when the calories don't count

on the market these days. Some of them are pretty good. But most would be dreters fail to stick to them. long enough to shed those unneeded

The reason for this is that these designer diets fail to include the "it doesn't count" rule. As a result, most dieters find themselves frustrated. inhappy and most of all hungry: But the majority of these diet dropouts could be eliminated at only the "it doesn't count" rule were made a part of their program

For example, it doesn't count: you eat when you are standing up This applies at cockfail parties, weddings and similar functions All around you people are nibbling away. at the cocktail franks and the assorted

canapes. You are left evering them enviously while you chitch your bottle of mineral water.

This proves to be so upsetting that you order a second helping of prime rib during the su-down portion of the testivities, thus undoing two weeks: worth of detay discipline and saon-

It doesn't count it you are at some doesn't count at you are eating out. thist's specially because it happens to you for piches and backyard barbe. this newspaper.

herr day and fest assured that you out of doors would not be excluded from the guest list for the next function.

It doesn't count if it is a Sunday

After all, what are Sundays for if not

to reward xourself after a week of toil" And it certainly doesn't count on choliday. Only a grineh could deny you the pleasure of a belping of cherr pie a la mode an a feast das And it it happens to be a holiday

that falls on a Sunday, and you are at someone else's home, you have hit the "it doesn't count" trifecta. Most people are aware that it

would be very ungractious. You easily tant rule because everyone knows. could make up for your excess the that food fastes so much better eaten

> knows and follows. It doesn't count if no one sees you eat it These fules of "it doesn't count" are crucial to dieting success

Of course, we probably do not

even have to mention the one "it

doesn't count" rule that everyone

Time, it you follow them you probable will not lose much weight. But it least this way you will be much less surly and a lot more pleasant to be with And most importantly, you

Robert B. Lapidus is a local resone else's home to turn away your .. doors. This tille is necessary to cover .. Ident and a frequent contributor to

Annual speeches can sound awfully familiar

nel from the juvenile and family court. probation, youth service and social services to work together addressing problems of invenile offenders."

In the face of shrinking tax revenues, jeduced federal and state dollars, higher unemployment, higher crime, and a host of other serious economic and social issues that impact on reorganization speech construct, a the county budget." the freeholder board has managed to keep tax levy increases minimal, to 2 to 5 percent "Almost 80 percent of the county's

budget is mandated, with little or no control over these expenses. State or... federal government says the county must provide services like criminal justice system of the courts and juils

Board of Chosen Freeholders in

"We cannot re-create the boom years of the 1980s when business expanded, and housing values soared," incoming Chairman Frank Lehr, one of five Republicans on the board at the ume, said back then

their jobs the way they are today, and

people had more money to spend.

The more things change.

People were not afraid of losing

Other highlights of Lehr's 1994 Republican

new train station in Union, dredge \$264 million, with \$148 million comtwin span for the Coethal's Bridge in budget was \$344 million, \$191 million for 2003. Preserve Union County, Firstboth, secure vital links from from property taxes. County Manager which provided \$500,000 in grants to New ark International Airport to down George Devanney will present his Jocal historical societies, and a \$1 miltown bivabeth and extend these to the executive bindget for 2004 to freehold lion grant to help develop the Chil-Western part of Union County to Utan are res no later than Jan 15

tion meeting of the Union County Cogeneration plant, driving the price reserve Part of that he attributed to

tag past \$40 million

Since then, at least two committees: new facility. Summit officials threat- court system, the freeholder board one time was planned to house a new it slightly. detention center. But not until a sui-

years ago but some of the topics are et Parks. cirtually the same today, almost . The county isn't quite as flush with venere. There's the keeping taxes in money as it was five years ago, as evi-

ments that you might hear from just salways the Open Space, Recreation about anyone anywhere Democration and Historic Preservation Trust Fund-Port Newark Prizabeth, construct a long from property taxes East year, the several trust fund-related initiatives

Initial discussions indicate Howill \$5.45-million acquisition of the 13-By 1997, Democrats had gained a be a better year for the county than, acre Esposito Farm in Clark also was but they give us no money to pay for amajority on the nine-member free- 2003. "Last year was the toughest, announced at last year's reorganizathe services yet they tell us what we holder board and mixed plans to build year." Devanney said, adding that the tron meeting a new juvenile detention facility in county has "turned the corner" in

> have looked at potential sites for a the state taking over the cost of the taxes are increased. ened secession at the suggestion of sit- by their dominated solely by Democing it in their city, and the county pur- cats - was able to keep the fax levy chased, and later sold, property that steady, and in some years even reduce

Record surpluses also allowed the cide at the facility last spring did it board to come up with initiatives like gain as much momentum, at least pub- the Freeholder Scholars Program and municipal grant programs like Down-

Lohe's speech was delivered 10 town Union County and Project Pock-

line while battling ingreased costs. denced by some of the more frugal iniand state mandate, state pay argue thankes in secent years. But there's last year, the freeholder chair-

> woman, Deborah Scanlon, announced dren's Museum of Central Jersey. The

The trust fund; approved by voters downtown Elizabeth, where the Prose-terms of creating some tax stabilizating 2000, collects \$0.15 per \$100 of the chairman at the annual reorganization project included a parking garage and plus, the board will have a healthier age county homeowner, raising about \$7 million annually. This is money that will be there every year until-In the late 1990s, with the help of 2021, whether or not county property

It's a safe bet that Angel Fatrada, in his address as 2004 chairman on Sunday, will count on the trust fund for atleast some of the programs in the new

> Mark Hrywna can be reached at mhry was a thelocalsource.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homeland security is our heritage

The Civil Air Patrol is celebrating 62 years of volunteer service to America. Since Dec. 1, 1941, when the organization was formed, CAP has protected the home skies. In the early days of World War II CAP performed anti-submarine patrols and was responsible for saving countless lives and merchant ships from disaster. Today Civil Air Patrol, as the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is involved in homeland security with over 64,000 trained volunteers, 1,700 operational units. 8313 or pa@njwg.cap.gov. Visit the Web site, www.cap.gov. Homeland securi-530 aircraft and 1,000 vehicles.

Sept. 11, 2001, was a tragic day, for America. CAP responded with the first aerial survey of the World Trade Center disaster site and provided air transportation for federal officials days after Sent 11. CAP patrolled the waters off Cape Kennedy prior to the last shuttle and provided homeland security support during the Winter Olympiks in Salt Lake City flying 534 hours of

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> Major Lisa Van Clief, public affairs officer New Jersey Wing Civil Air Patrol Auxiliary of the United States Air Force

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 and WHY, P.O. Box 3109, Union, N.J. 07083 or e-mail to editorial@thelocalsource.com Please include your town name.

IS IT REALLY BENEFICIAL TO NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS THAT THE PARKWAY AND TURNPIKE AUTHORITIES HAVE MERGED? AREN'T THE APPOINTED EXECUTIVES STILL BEING OVERPAID?

OBITUARIES

She was a member of the Sisterhood

Irving Maloratsky of Springfield

died Dec. 18 in the Daughters of Israel

Born in Newark, Mr. Maloratsky

moved to Springfield 43 years ago. He.

was a comptroller with the Kessler

Institute for Rehabilitation in West

He received a bachelor's degree in

Alpha Phi Epsilon fraternity, Mr. Mal-

Hodes; and two grandchildren.

died Dec. 4 in the Brighton Gardens

Extended Care Facility, Mountainside.

Holmes lived in Elizabeth and Edison

before moving to Mountainside. She

was a founding member of Edison's,

Oaktree Presbyterian Church, Mrs.

Hoimes was active on the board of

JFK Medical Center, Edison, and with

the Metuchen Race Relations Council,

the North Edison Civic Improvement

Club and the North Edison Day Care

Center. She had been a civil rights

Surviving are a son, Robert C.; a

Born in New York City, Mr. Dal-

He was an engineer for Bell Tele-

daughter. Diane H. Barbour, and three

activist in Elizabeth and Edison.

grandchildren.

Center, Lakewood.

eight years ago."

Born in Farmville, Va., Mrs.

Mary E. Holmes

Genatrics Center, West Orange.

a daughter, Mindy, and a sister, Gloria Lodge, Millburn, and Christ Church,

Short Hills.

Springfield.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth;

Consuelo V. Francis, 84, of Spring-

Springfield, before retiring. Mrs.

Methodist Church Choir, all of

two sons, Eric and Peter L.: five

Consuelo Francis

field died Dec. 13 at home.

Louis Puopolo Jr.

ECHO LEADER

Louis A. Puopolo Ir., 90, of Spring-Care, both in Bayonne. field died Dec. 15 in Overlook Hospi-

Born in Newark, Mr. Puopolo lived in Springfield for 50 years. He was a hairdresser and owned and operated Irving Maloratsky Louis Hairdresser, Springfield, for 45 vears. Mr. Puopolo retired 15 years. ago. He also was a musician and played in the house band at the Friar Tuck Inn, Cedar Grove, Mr. Puopolo was a member of the Musicians Local

Surviving are his wife, Julia, a son, Orange for 28 years before retiring in Louis III, a daughter, Lois Giello, and 1981. Previously, Mr. Maloratsky our grandchildren. owned an accounting firm in Spring-

Martha Amabile

Martha M. Amabile, 94, of Pittstown, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 14 in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington.

oratsky was a member of the New Jer-Born in Newark, Mrs. Amaoile sey Association of Public Accounlived in Irvington and Springfield tants, the Men's Club and the chorus, before moving to Pittstown nine years both at Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, and the Musicians Local 19 in ago. She was a member of the New Bowlers Association Springfield.

Surviving are three daughters. Audrey DeMarco, Joan D'Antonio daughter, Gail Solomon; a sister, Bess and Rosemarie DeHart; two sons, R. Thomas and John; 17 grundchildren. 25 great-grandchildren, and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

John Schleupner

John Schleupner, 83, of Springfield

died Dec. 16 at home. Born in Germany, Mr. Schlaupner lived in Newark before moving to Springfield many years ago. He was a baker at Berkeley Bakery and Deli. Berkeley Heights, for more than 20 years and retired about 20 years ago Mr. Schleupner was an Army veteranof World War II. He was stationed near-Hawaii and was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, the World War Il Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, Mr. Schleupner was a member of the American Legion Post

228, Springfield. Surviving are his wife of 57 years. Lillian, two sons, John J. Jr. and Warren; and a grandchild

Judith Rosen

Judith Rosen, 64, of Short Hills, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 16 rymple lived in Springfield for 45 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Liv-

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Rosen lived in Jersey City and Springfield before phone. Murray Hill, for 35 years and moving to Short Hills 10 years ago.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield is in need of contracting for aurveying and related services contract in accordance with N.J.S. A 40A-11-1, 11)(4)(1) of its in need of contracting for aurveying and related services contract in accordance with N.J.S. A 40A-11-1, 11)(4)(1) of its in need of contracting for aurveying minderestion and implementation of a GIS for the Township of Springfield. County of Union State of Said object by the Township of Springfield. County of Union State of New Jersey and WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law J.S. A 40A-11-1, et al., requires a vestolution authorizing the award of the County of Union State of New Jersey and Contract for professional services completely competitive bids, and that the contract its life bids and the life bids and lif

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'Disney Mr. Dalrymple was a graduate of of Temple Beth Ahm and the Cancer Brooklyn Poly Tech and attended All On ICE Saints Episcopal Church, Lakewood Surviving are her husband, Ralph. He was a member of the Masonic

The price is \$30 per person. Checks payable to "Township of Springfield." The fee includes transportation to and from the Continental Born in Irvington, Mrs. Francis moved to Springfield many years ago. Airlines Arena. She worked at J.J. Newberry's,

The bus departs 6 p.m. from the Thisholm Community Center, Regis-Francis was a member of the Church ter at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. accounting from New York University and Cannon Chapter of the Daughters 30 Church Mall in Springfield. For ty, where he was a member of the of American Revolution, the Econominformation, call 973-912-227. Regisic Council and Emanuel United ter with payment by Jan. 16.

> Surviving are four daughters Pamela Steiner, Kathleen Thomson. Eileen Johnston and Wendy Pershpalaj, a son, Dennis, 17 grandchildren,

Surviving are his wife, Jean, a and 14 great-grandchildren, Joseph Keiderling

Joseph C. Keiderling, 75, of Berke-Jey Heights, formerly of Mountain-Mary Elizabeth Holmes, 85, of side, died Dec. 18 in the Berkeley Mountainside, formerly of Elizabeth, Heights Convalescent Center.

Fisherman's tale Born in Taylor, Pa., Mr. Keiderling lived in Pittston, Pa., Newark, Mountainside and New Providence before moving to Berkeley Heights three years ago. He was a technician for Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will meet Western Electric Co., Union, for 33 years and retired in 1983. Mr. Keider- by John Casey.

Surviving are his wife of 33 years. Lillian; a daughter, Joyce Marra; two brothers, James and Fritz, two sisters, Elizabeth Webb and Dorothy Pesotine. and a grandchild.

Golda Drucker Golda Drucker, 70, of Boca Raton,

Fla., formerly of Springfield, died Eric Dalrymple Sr. Dec. 18 in Rockville, Md. Eric G Dalrymple Sr., 95, of Lake-Born in Newark, Mrs. Drucker wood, formerly of Springfield, died

lived in Springfield before moving to Oct. 25 in the Harrogate Health Care Boca Raton more than 10 years ago. She was vice president and controller of Drucker Printing, Linden, for 30 years as well as president of Dash Offyears before moving to Lakewood et. Millington, for 10 years before

retiring in 1990. years, William, a son, Howard, a daughter. Cindy; and two grandchil-

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Springfield Recreation Department presents "Disney on Ice" at the Continental Airlines Arena in East grandchildren; and three great-grand-Rutherford, lower level seats in Section 124, with a 7:30 p.m. performance Jan. 30.

Teen Center now open

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Springfield residents between the ages of 12 and 17 who attend Springfield schools can participate. For information, call 973-467

3790, ext. 10.

of romance on tap The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 to discuss "Spartina"

Winner of the US National Book Award, "Spartina" is Casey's first Discussion Group meets to examine novel since his 1978 debut with "An the great books of civilization. The American Romance." Casey uses a winter selections range from essays to simple, unadorned narrative style to fiction. create a character study.

third Thursday of each month in the books with the utmost delight and Dick Pierce is a Rhode Island fish-Springfield free Public Library, 66 curiosity A show of sketches began to erman who has managed to support his wife and two sons but has always The next two discussions will be found bigger and easier money just Herman Melville's "Billy Budd. one step - a bank loan, a sponsor, a Sailor" on Jan. 15 and Adam Smith's bigger boat - out of his reach. "Wealth of Nations" on Feb. 19: Instead, he works alone, and occa-The Great Books compilation may sionally takes rich couples out for be purchased for \$20 at the circulation fishing runs, although he can barely

Tagitum and restless in his 40s, he grows inward, nursing grudges and regrets, until the unexpected occurs: an attair with Elsie, a bright young Artist's sketch exhibit National Resources warden who

ish behavior.

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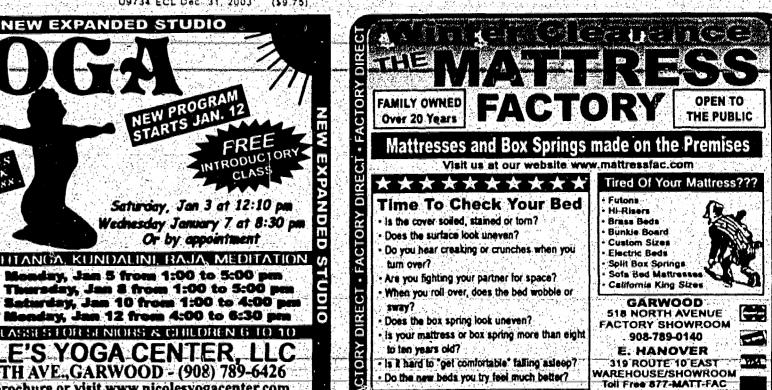
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Union County Wrestling Tournament History:

Year, Team Champion and Outstanding Wrestlers

2003: Roselle Park, Darron Caldwell; Rahway and

2002: Roselle Park: Dan Appello, Roselle Park and

2001: Roselle Park, Altay Vigilante, Brearley and

2000: Roselle Park, Dan Appello, Roselle Park and

1999; Rosella Park: Craig Frost, Roselle Park and

1998: Roselle Park, Craig Frost, Roselle Park and

1997: Roselle Park, Bill Creeca, Roselle Park

1994: Union John Sachsel, New Providence.

1993: Roselle Park Pat McCafferty, Roselle Park

1991: Roselle Park. Willie Carpenter, Cranford.

UC Coaches Award / Union County Coach of Year

2003: T. Ralph "Pug" Williams award: Stueber, Rahway

2001: Joe Lospinoso, Brearley and Glen Kurz, West-

2000: Carlos and Tony Garay, Rahway and Brian

1998; Roger Cassett, Plainfield and Dave Bello, SP

1995: Al Lilley, Union and Fred Stueber, Rahway

1997: Steve Povalac, J.P. Stevens and John Silveira.

1996: Jerry Sachsel, Dayton Regional and Fred Stueber.

1994: Gerry Nisivoccia, Elizabeth and John Mineo.

1993: Len Zanowicz, Scotch Plains and Fred Stueber,

1992: Hosia Payne, Elizabeth and Gary Bremer, New

1991: Rick Brodman, Summit and Sam Appello

1990: Mike Sorrentino, Scotch Plains and Don Mac-

1989; Phil Esposito, New Providence and Fred Stueber

1988: Emie Finizio, Roselle Park and Gerry Nisivoccia

1987: Gary Kehler, Westfield and Fred Stueber, Rahway

1985: Walter Shallcross, Union and Sam Appello.

1984: T. Ralph Williams, Roselle Park and Charles Fer-

With the seeding meeting set for Feb. 5, the 14 reported

· Form of Wrestleback: 1st- and 2nd-place winners

· A loss in the pre-preliminary round (the out bracket)

· A wrestler who loses in the preliminary round will only

· All matches in the consolations (wrestlebacks) will be

. Team scoring will continue throughout the wrestle-

be eligible for the consolations if his opponent makes it to

2 minutes; 2 minutes, 2 minutes. (New rule to be applied.)

will have four matches, while all other place winners could

will eliminate a contestant from further competition.

weight classes include: 105, 114, 121, 127, 132, 137, 142,

147, 154, 162, 173, 191, 217 and 277.

Format of Tournament:

1986: Herb Farrell and Gerry Nisivoccia, Elizabeth

Donald, Westfield and Rick Jacono, Dayton Regional

2002: Mike Tonno, R. Park and Dave Bello, S. Plains

1996; Ruhway, Jom Wysock, Rahway,

1995; Rahway Eric Swick, Roselle Park

1992: Westfield: Paul Jordan, Westfield.

Four-time individual champions:

1985-1988: Larry Guarino, Union

field and Dom DiGiocchino, Cranford

Rahway

Providence

rara, Cranford

Awards:

1993-1996: David Bubnowski, Union

1996-1999: Craig Frost, Roselle Park

1999-2002: Dan Appello, Roselle Park

1990: Westfield, Mauricio Rios, Elizabeth.

140 - Mike Fullowan, Gov. Livingston

112 - Ed McCray, Rahway

125 - Amin Oucen, Elizabeth

135 - Ethan Powell, Westfield

145 - Lee Tomasso, Westfield

Lee Tomasso, Westfield

Gree Donofno, Cranford.

Ishmael Mediev, Elizabeth

Nik Fekete, Cranford.

Barry Stein, Umon

15. Oratory Prep 8

Champions



Summit High School senior quarterback Rob Schroeder (No.15) was named co-Offensive Player of the Year in Union County by The Star-Ledger along with teammate Dwayne Reid. Schroeder, who will attend Duke University on a lacrosse scholarship. was also a Third Team All-State selection, while Reid was a Second Team choice.

Summit boys' basketball fouled up against Rahway

Hilltoppers sported 2-1 mark as of Monday

win, while Summit dropped to 2-1.

pate in a consolation game against.

Rahway improved to at 0 with the

The tournament was scheduled to

Frailing 6-4 early on, Reid he ped

third place and championship games

with a steal, but was fouled on a layup

Summi

Jan 13 West Essex.

Jun 27 Dover

Jan 16 at Weedwaltie.

Jan; 29 Morns Hills.

Jan 23 at Parsippany Hills,

Lacrosse registration

mit Middle School Concourse

in Summit Wed., Thursday

The program is open to all girls in

Membership fees for the spring

Westfield Monday might Rahway was making a pair of layups. The last layup

Staff Writer RAHWAY Foul!

That's what the coaching staff and basketball feam where saying after the then scheduled to follow right after in came on a mice back door pass from Hilhoppers, 61-46 loss to Rahway in Assemblinal game against South Plant Chris Conton. the first round of the John "Butch" field Kowal Memorial Tournament at the Earl H. Walter Civmensium last Sanir

A bigarre event happened with 5 (10) remaining in the third period when Summit senior forward Dwayne Reid of 11-6. Mike Dugan.

Despite the mix up, what came next was even more odd, as Reid, who fed the Hilltoppers up to that point with mine points, was forced out of the game with his fifth foul, even though it appeared to be only his fourth Shortly thereafter, juntor center Wellington Smith picked up his fourth

With Summit's two top scorers on the bench, a very athletic Rahway squad took advantage by going on an 8-0 run with dess than three minutes remaining to take a 40-24 lead-

pair of free throws to bring it to 40-26. Rahway's Jason Johnson drove into the paint, knocked down an eight-foot- girls' program. Wednesday and Thurser and was fouled. Johnson connected day from 7/30 to 8/30 p.m. in the Sumon the extra shot to push his team's

Lead to 43-26. Summit in grades 2 through 8. In the closing seconds, Dugan and Rahway's Islimyl Johnson traded free throws to bring the third quarter to an 2004 season are \$40 for 2nd graders. \$75 for 3rd and 4th graders and \$200 end at 44-27.

Despite outscoring Rahway-19-17 for 5th through 8th graders

in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough.

The club offers free registration to for the Hillioppers as Summit lost by anyone who requests financial assis-

from Dugan.

Dayton girls' hoops team off to fine start

The Bulldogs were defeated by Group 4 contender Lin-

Elizabeth Tournament Dayton was scheduled to face a 2-3 Elizabeth squad

Monday afternoon in the third-place game: Standout junior guard Cristin Zavocki paced Dayton

with a 19-point effort that included five 3-point field goals margin in the extra session.

Mountainside's Collins in lacrosse league

Former Georgetown men's lacrosse players Pat Collins. During his career at Georgetown, he also had seven goals of Mountainside and Kyle Sweeney were selected in the and nine assists. 2003 National Lacrosse League Entry Draft, which took place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada Oct. 25. Collins was selected 8th in the fifth round by the

ed 10th in the eighth round, 83rd and last overall, also by the Wings. Both players graduated Georgetown in 2003

Collins, who starred in high school at Delbarton, was a the new Glendale Arena. dominant Hova defenseman and a leader of the top defense

in Hova lacrosse history. His career stats are 110 ground Sweeney was a captain for the 2003 season and holds

the Georgetown career record for groundballs with 229, cle 969 shiml.

Margaret Mysliwice added seven points and Amanda

of-December-with an impressive 3-1 record and were one. DiCocco four less by Linden, netted 19 points and made five 3-pointers to den 41-30 in overtime Sunday in the semifinal round of the lead Dayton past Canarsie, New York 51-35 in a first-round of Union County Wrestling Coaches Association. game the day after Christmas. Zavocki chipped in with 12 points and five rebounds.

Dayton opened its season with wins over North Plainfield 30-17 and Roselle Park 38-18.

The Bulldogs are coming off an 18-5 season in which and Union County for many years. against Linden, which outscored the Bulldogs by a 14-3 they lost three regular season games and one each in the Jack Adriance: Former Dayton wrestling coach and a

Both players were named ECAC Defensive Player of the Week twice during the 2003 season.

Georgetown's men's lacrosse team will kick off its 2004 Philadelphia Wings, 51st overall, and Sweeney was select-season at home on Feb. 28 against Maryland. The National Lacrosse League officially began its 18th season of play last Friday when the Arizona Sting made

their league debut by hosting the Vancouver Ravens inside

More information on Hoya lacrosse may be obtained by visiting the following website: www.guhoyas.com. More information about the NLL Draft may be obtained by visiting the following website: http://www.nll.com/arti- wishing to become baseball/softball umpires in the New addressed-stamped envelope to: David R. Klein, 37 Bryant

Grapplers getting in gear for the bigger tournaments

29th Union County T. competition Feb. 6, 7

13. Plainfield 39

Many area grapplers are competing in holiday tournaments this week, seeking to excel in tournament competition that will prepare them for later in the season. The first big tournament for local wrestlers will be the

29th Annual Union County Wrestling Tournament Feb. 6 The Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference. serving Union County student-athletes for more than 50

years, is sponsoring the 29th Annual County Wrestling Union High School will be the site once again for this highly-competitive tournament.

The seeding meeting is scheduled to take place at UHS five weeks from tomorrow, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. The schedule of rounds is as follows

Friday, Feb. 6: 5 p.m. Pre-preliminary and preliminary

7:30 p.m. Quarterfinals. 9 p.m. Consolation Preliminary Saturday, Feb. 7:

3:45 p.m. Awards Presentations

10 a.m. Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals 11 30 a.m.: Consolation Semifinals 2 p.m. Consolation Semifinals, 3rd, 5th places.

Participating teams include Cranford, Brearley, Elizaboth, Governor Livingston, Johnson, Linden, New Provis-

dence, Oratory Prep. Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle Catholic. Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Union and Westfield: If weather is questionable, the number to call will be 208-241-3099 or log on to Roselleparkschools org. Chek

on the high school symbol and then click on athletics

This prestigious Union County Tournament is sponsored by the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference under the supervision and direction of Frank J. Cicarell,

The UCIAC wishes to thank the Union Board of Educaand there rebounds, made one-of-two tion, administration and staff for hosting this great wrestling tournament. Special thanks also to the entire toutnament staff, especially Bill Parsons, Union High School Athletic Director and Ron Bubnowski, Union High School Wrestling Coach.

This tournament has always featured outstanding sportsmanship on the part of fans, coaches and wrestlers Let's keep the 2004 tournament at a high level.

Special thanks to Martino Studios from Kenilworth fir. conclude vesterday with fifth clude. Take a 42 11 advantage. Refid had an opportunity to put serving as "UCIAC Official Wrestling Tournament Photog-Summit alread just before the buzzer rapher. Order forms will be available for the purchase of Summit go on a 30 sun to take a lead, ending the period; but his eight-footer

was charged with a foul, even though After Dugan made a seven-footer. The Indians opened the second Niedal presentations include: te to the real case of came up sharter by taking a 14-11 lead when

Real, who registered three steals.

He then closed out the surge by

However, Rahway responded with

a 6.0 run to close out the quarter and

forward-Daryl Martin drove the left

a six-foot furnaround before Reid got

the lead back by grabbing a defensive

layup for a Summit 15-14 advantage:

Rahway regained the lead at 16-15,

but Dean, who finished with four

points and four rebounds, recovered

an offensive rebound and scored on a

putback to give the Hilltoppers a lead

However, Rahway answered the

Smith, who led Summit with 14

pair of free throws to make it 24-19

before Martin made two-of-three free

throws to bring the score to 26-19 at

Rahway made it 27-19 early in the

third period on a free throw by for-

ward Ogi Igbinosun before Reid

scored his last points of the contest

when he scored on a layup off a pass

Martin then made three-of-four

free throws to bring the score to 30-21

before the mishap at the scoring table.

Smith closed the deficit to 14-13 on

Herb Farrell: Former wrestling coach at Cranford, two-time state champion and a judge for the Outstanding

Len Zanowicz: Former longtime wrestling coach at Scotch Plains and a judge for the Outstanding Wrestler rebound and going coast-to-coast on a award

Mike Sorrenting: Former wrestling coach at Scotch Rahway and Sam Appello, Roselle Park Plains and Goy Livingston and a judge for the Outstanding

Dick Matarante: Former President of the New Jersey Gov. Livingston. Wrestling Official Association and a judge for the Out-

Jerry Sachsel: Former Millburn wrestling coach, seeding chairperson for this tournament and judge for the Outbell once more as an 8.0 run gave it a standing Wrestler award.

Sam Appello: Former Roselle Park wrestling coach and Roselle Park former President of the Union County Wrestling Coaches

Frank Cicarell: Executive Director - Treasurer of the CIAC and Director of Physical Education for the Eliza- Rahway beth Public Schools

Fred Stueber: Former Rahway wrestling coach and Elizabeth former President of the Union County Wrestling Coaches Bill Parsons: Director of Athletics for Umon High

School and co-director and host for this prestigious tourna- Roselle Park

Gary Kehler: Former Athletic Director and coach at Westfield and a judge for the Outstanding Wrestler award. Steve Povolac: Former J.P. Stevens wrestling coach. New Jersey state champion, great supporter of USA

Wrestling and a judge for the Outstanding Wrestler award. Rick Harner: Former Elizabeth wrestling coach, member of the Advisory Planning Committee and author of sou-

Harry Frezza: Veteran sportswriter for the Bridgewater Senior point guard Sara Steinman, who was held score. Courier News and great advocate of the sport of wrestling. have 5 to 6 matches, with an additional match (7) if they Brian Luciani: Brearley wrestling coach and President draw a pre-preliminary match. James Shriner: Roselle Park Athletic Director and

three-time Union County Tournament champion. Tony/Carlos Garay: Former great Rahway wrestling champions, state place-winners and contributors at Rahway

judge for the Outstanding Wrestler award.

Team Standings:

1. Roselle Park 257 2. Scotch Plains 220.5 3. Rahway 192. 4. Westfield 142. 5. New Providence 139.5 Brearley 92

7. Gov. Livingston 89. 8. Cranford 84. 9. Elizabeth 83.5.

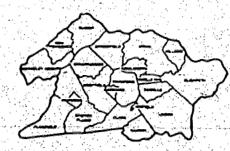
Individual: Medals for: 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd Ribbons for: 4th place, 5th place and 6th place. Outstanding Wrestlers: 105-142 and 147-277

. Team scoring will be to the 6th place

Teams: 1st place, 2nd place,

T. Ralph "Pug" Williams: Contribution to Union County Wrestling Others include: Union County Coach of the Year and Most Pins.

Applications available to umpire baseball and softball Applications are now being accepted for candidates didates may obtain an application by sending a self Jersey State Baseball Umpires Association. Interested can- Ave., Bloomfield, N.J. 07003. Classes begin Feb. 4.



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Catching the wave

As reported, a major chunk of the Union County Democratic power structure joined the state leadership in the early endorse ment of Howard Dean as their standard bearer. In the past, while the candidates trekked-in New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina, our state took on the role as a cash cow, always near the top in terms of contributions per person to candidates.

Picking winners in the presi dential sweepstakes is always dicey. The John Glenn, Mike Dukakis and Joe Biden efforts saw a lot of local Dems come ur empty Still, a fund-raiser in near by Essex County a week before th 1992 New Hampshire primary say a churck of Union County Demos rats raise money that helped stabi lize the faltering campaign of young Arkansas governor named

Out

By Frank Capece Catching the right presidenti wave can be heady stuff C Constantinou, an Essex lawy caught the wave by becoming tenacious fund-raiser for Clintor le was later named ambassador. Luxemburg There are no guaran tees. This time Constantinou is najor fund-raiser for the falterar campaign of Sen. John Kerry Union County Democrats had

riend in Washington during the Clinton years, It included visits to the White House and spiffy Christmas cards. The personal picture with former President Clinton an Vice President Gore, still adorn. lot of offices of the party faithful On the other side of the polit cal fence. Cranford lawyer and Republican fund-raiser William

Palatucci is a member of an elite fundraising group known as Pioneers. Going back some four year ago. Palatucci organized countles trips for major fund-raisers for then Texas Gov, George W. Bush It has made Palatucci a force in Republican national affairs.

Still, the Dean candidacy unique in the role of presidentia politics. The next "Union County Meet Up" of the campaign is Jan 7-at Springfield Public Library The Web site claims 161,286 sup porters who joined the campaign via computer. Assemblywoman Linda Stender, an early supporter talks about a Dean presidency which will reclaim the country for

the struggling middle class. In her endorseizent. Unio County Democratic Chairman Charlotte Defilippo said, "Dr Dean is a visionary who will brin executive experience to the Whit House and a proven record i expanding health care to the previ ously uninsured improving chil dren's education inside and out side of the classroom."

Rahway Mayor Kennedy remains a key supporte of Kerry. Mayors Chris Bollwage of Elizabeth and Albert McWilliams of Plainfield are still uncommitted. The state's senior senator, Jon Corzine, while acknowledging the front-runner status said last week about Dean. "Some will be concerned about his attitude, which is not fleshed out completely, about laying down initiatives on re-regulating the econo-

I still like the scenario that the Democratic primaries leave at least two major candidates standing, with New Jersey deciding the ominee in June. Talk about being a real king maker.

More realistically, if Dean does prevail, Union County Democrats will be sitting pretty at the Democratic convention the last week of July in Boston. That still leaves open, of course, the General Election where recent polls put the popularity of President Bush at 63 percent, the highest in the third year since Jimmy Carter. But the analogy about shifting sands is for another day.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

Expansion of center started

By Joshua Zaitz

Construction on the nearly \$5 million addition to Union County's Trail, preserve containing forests, three side Nature and Science Center in Mountainside has begun. The three-story addition will coded hiking trails: increase the museum's total floor area

by more than 17,800 square feet. Chosen Freeholders allocated \$1 milbringing the facility's total square tion from the county's Open Space, footage to 25,717, Plans for the renovation of Trail- to help offset the cost of the Trailside side have been in the works since construction 2001, after it was determined by county officials that the facility needed November 2000 referendum that additional classrooms for school established a tax of \$0.15 per \$100 of

> exhibit areas; and adequate office space, recreation and historic preserspace for staff and naturalists. "We have a unique, educational" Watchung Reservation for school-Parks and Recreation Director Charles

> The SI million from the Open the Space Trust Fund was added to \$3.6 aged children," said Department of approved for the project Sigmand, explaining that Trailside Corporation, which received a

> groups, scouts and adults; a variety of assessed value dedicated to open

room space to accommodate all the complete the expansion, broke ground

interested children. "We need to on the project about a month ago."

million an capital funds already Farmingdate-based Hall Building currently does not have enough class- \$4,985,400 construction contract to

Trailside is located in the

Watchung Reservation, a 2,000-acre

ponds, swamps, streams, springs

fields and more than 13 miles of color-

In July, the Union County Board of

Recreation and Historical Trust Fund

al classrooms, exhibit space, staff offices, an exterior terrace and rest-Currently, Trailside offers pro-

between 12 and 18 months.

Construction on the three-story

facility will include on the lower level

collection and storage units, rest-

rooms, an audio visual preparation

area and studio, discovery room and .

attraction area; on the main level: a

multi-purpose room, classrooms, a

kitchenette, additional exhibit space, a

gift shop, a reception area, restrooms.

and on the upper level; three addition-

stances," said Sigmund. The Trailside visitor center is open—and live animals during the summer grams such as forest evology, the geol- daily from 1 to 5 p.m. and contains months.

under way and expected to last 12 to 18 months.

ogy of the Watchung Reservation, as exhibits on reptiles, featuring lis

well classes dealing with aquatic life. snakes and turtles The Natural History Museum Most of Trailside's programs take open daily from 1 to 5 p.m., Aprilplace outdoors field trips and through November and during winter nature walks. However, Sigmund said school vacations. The museum is open once the museum has additional classweekends only from December

room space Trailside's programs will through March. The museum features exhibits Limited programming is being including the mammals of the offered at the museum while construc-Watchung Reservation, birds of the Watching Reservation, the art of taxi-"The staff as trying to do the best dermy and fluorescent minerals. The they can under difficult circum museum also has a discovery room for children, featuring hands-on exhibits

Protests louder, more frequent in 2003

Rail, geese, center brought citizens out

By Joshua Zaitz

The more things changed in 2003. the more Union County stayed the

Incumbents Democrats Deborah Republican, Green Party and inde- county officials contend pendent candidates to retain their

Board of Chosen Freeholders face to Union County residents, Freeholder Nicholas Scutari won the Senate seat in District 22, after incumbent Sen, Joseph Suliga dropped out of the Atlantic City casino where a woman earlier than it had anticipated filed a harassment complaint against

Residents in five Union County

towns sued the county to stop the reac- erv in 2000 way Valley, earlier this month. However, Union County Superior Court have jurisdiction over the matter and the case belongs before the Surface Transportation Board, a federal

agency that oversees railroads. The reactivation of the rail lines would bring trains through seven municipalities in Union County. The agreement between Morris-

town and Frie Railway Inc. and Union County to reactivate the rail lines was

For the last year, residents in Kemlworth, Roselle Park, Roselle, Summit Despite anti-train protests and resist and Springfield have voiced opposidents voicing their displeasure over tion to the reactivation, which resiretroactive pay raises and the killing dents and officials in those towns of geese on county property, incum- claim will cause it disruption and bents in Union County swept the 2003 could also be a safety hazard. The line General Election, winning legislative, will also run through Linden and

Scanlon, who served as the 2003 Free-train but it did sign a operating agreeholder chairwoman; Chester Holmes ment allowing for the maximum

the Legislature was actually a familiar ... the county, or have a final destination (... Open space acquisitions race on Sept. 26, citing alcohol-related space in 10 years. The county sur-

problems after an incident in an passed that goal in 2003, seven years The county was able to acquire a

total of 104 acres of open space since the Open Space, Historic and Recreation Trust Fund was approved by vote

Assignment Judge Edward Beglin million, and almost five acres on ruled that the state's courts do not. Green Lane in Union at a cost of \$3.4 In three years, the county has acquired four pieces of property at a

> The county spent \$7.5 million to acquire 63 acres in Summit in 2001 from New Jersey-American Water

Construction of Union County's memorial to local victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

was completed with a dedication ceremony in September.

Cranford, which did not join the suit. The county cannot legally stop the

and Alexander Mirabella, defeated amount of control over the railroad According to the freeholders, the three-year seats on the Union County tailroad will provide short-line service. within Union County, Freight moved. The only new face to gain a seat on along the lines must either originate in

> Originally, the county had set a goal of acquiring 100 acres of open

pieces of property; the 23-acre Ponderosa Farm in Scotch Plains, for \$10 three undisclosed sites. Following the soleids of an inmate

total cost of slightly more than \$26.3

Union County's plans for Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside will bring

the facility to more than 25,000 square feet. Construction on the \$5-million expansion is

repules and birds

be enhanced indoors as well.

tion takes place, he added

Demonstrators took to the sidewalks outside the county courthouse in Elizabeth in the fall, protesting conditions at the county's juvenile detention center following an inmate's

Co., as well as \$5.45 million in 2002

Juvenile detention center

For the last two months, county officials have said they are examining

last spring, the state's Juvenile Justice Commission mandated that the county build a new juvenile detention center facility to replace the current George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center. located on the seventh floor of the parking garage adjacent to the county

complex in Elizabeth....

for the 13 acre. Esposito Farm in studying the construction of a new ed the freeholders to instead place the facility for the past decade. A site adja- children's museum near Liberty Hall cent to the Goethals Bridge in Eliza- on Morris Avenue across from Kean The county has not disclosed a site. both was purchased in 1999 for a new. University in Union. years later. The commission also capped the

> center to 34, which cost the county at year as it sends detainees to other centers in neighboring counties. Elizabeth-based United Youth Council, a youth activist group, is

looking into taking possible legal action against the county. In September, the group threatened to begin civil disobedience - including sit downs and blocking streets. However those actions were stopped

after meeting with county officials. The council and county representatives were able to compromise five recreation and self-esteem activities will be created with automatic doors.

that includes youth representatives. Children's museum In June, the freeholders approved the funding of \$1 million for the planning and development of the Children's Museum of Central Jersey's physical structure and exhibits.

The money will be provided over Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust fund.

Clark had been considered for the ing, as well as overall site improvenonprofit organization's museum, ments such as new lighting, landscap-However, Clark residents voiced their ing, decorative fencing and paving. opposition to the construction of the

Union County has been planning or museum in that location. This prompt

received initial funding of approximately \$250,000, with quarterly paynumber of detainees housed at the

Children's Museum of Central least an additional \$1/1 million this New Jersey plans to raise approximately \$12 million for the project to Construction projects

The county began several construction projects in 2003, including renovation of the Union County Administrative Building in Elizabeth, a new police headquarters in Westfield, an expansion at the county's Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains and an addition to the Trailside Nature and

Science Museum in Mountainside. The \$1.5-million renovation projdemands-concerning-the-detention-ect at the Administrative Building will. center. The demands included the add two handicapped public bathshutting down of the facility and send-rooms on the first floor, where there ing juveniles elsewhere, the termina- currently are no public bathrooms; a tion of the director of the detention delivery entrance in the rear of the center, developing a strict health and building; an enlarged front entrancesafety policy, developing a plan that way, which will be pulled out approxwill include education, motivation, imately 10 feet where a heated area

for youths; and the establishing of a. The county's new police headquarjuvenile center citizens advisory board ters is scheduled to be completed by

The three-story building on North Avenue East will be the new home of the Union County Police Department, the Union County Division of Emergency Management and the prosecusquare-foot facility will include on-18 months, coming from the county's sile parking for 169 cars and 22 emer-

The \$13.5-million project calls for The 13-acre Esposito Farm in the demolition of the existing build-Sec 2003, Page B2

tor's forensics laboratory. The 51,209gency vehicles.

2003: The year in review

(Continued from Page B1) the new building will include a 5.000square-foot communications center. for public safety, emergency and county use, and child inspection bays, and will be linked via computer to the main county building operations center at the Union County Courthouse.

In July, the freeholder allocated \$1 million from the county Open Space. Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the expansion of the Trailside Nature and Science Center in

Earlier this month freeholders approved a nearly \$5-million contract to Farmingdale-based Hall Building Corporation to complete the threestory addition, which will increase the museum's total floor area by more than 17,800 square feet, bringing the facility's total square footage to 25,717, adding classrooms, exhibit space and storage areas.

Unforeseen electrical problems delayed the completion date for the expansion of the Union County Vocational-Technical School until mid-The 69,000-square-foot, \$14-mil-

lion expansion will allow the vocational-technical high school to make the transition from a shared-time program to a full-time basis. The project will add 12 academic classrooms. three computer labs, four science labs. a multimedia center library, nurse's office, administration office, and fitness center and gym, which will serve as multipurpose room for theatrical productions

State construction funds provided 40 percent of the funding, approximately \$5.6 million, with the remainder, approximately \$8.4 million, coming from the county.

Last July, residents were outraged by the way the goese were "removed" from four county parks. The county contracted with a company that used a gassing method to suffocate the ani-

Although Union County had a permit allowing the killing of 2,700 geese who habitat county parks, only 700 geese were removed.

The two-day goose control effort took place on July 1 and 2 at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Nomahegan Park in Cranford, Rahway River Park and Warinanco Park in Roselle. The geese were congregating in large numbers throughout the county's

County officials maintained that the geese were a health problem. Due to the geese's fast digestive system.

parks. The parks were providing geese.

their fecal material was spread throughout the county's parks. The feeal material washes into the waterways when it rains. Whenever fecal chloroform is added to a waterway, it can cause problems, it adds

nitrates to the water, which creates to the attack on the Pentagon in Wash. All ruses are retroactive to Jan 2. additional algae, which reduces the dissolved oxygen in the water, which

Housing and Urban Development

find affordable housing and services

the second largest won by the county.

funds to the county," added Scanlon.



Renovations to the atrium at the Administration Building in Elizabeth were among a number of constructions projects that got under way during 2003, in addition to expansion of the county Vocational-Technical School and county. police headquarters.

kills off much of the fish population: The added intrates in the water reduce the water quality and quality of victims is affixed to the grante pentaife for the animals living there

Before opting for the chrimation of the 700 geese, county officials der collies and motorized boats to. Disiston of Engineering with the conscare the geeke away, fishing wire vents approved by the prechilder strung around the lakes, the planning board and the September IV Memorial. shrubs and small trees around the Public Advisory Committee, which takes and the treating of the grass with ancluded approximately a dozen out-

Sept. 11 memorial I'wo years after the terrorist attacks, attacks of Sept. 11, 2001; Umon County dediated its memorial honoring the vic-

women on Sept. 11, both at the World supproved pay bikes for department. The women selected from the nom-Trade Center and on Flight 93, which heads, constitutional officers, the inces will be honored at The Westcrashed in Pennsylvania after passen- county manager and themselves at a gers stormed the cockpit of the December board meeting.

The memorial, which fesides fat freeholder board made them the fifth Peho Lake Park, is in the shape of the highest-paid counts governing body in infinity symbol, a figure-eight on its the state, trailing only Hudson, Essex, with their ideal habitat long expanses side and measures 100 feet from end. Monmouth and Ocean The designs for the moniment incor- highest pay increase at 6 percent, with porate two beams from the original other department directors receiving

World Trade Center, which the county pay linkes anywhere between 2 percent A 4-percent pay raise was given to

families will also be made available thanks to the grant

\$59,464; American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter,

Agency, \$121,968, Interfaith Council for the Homeless of

Union County, Inc. \$738,838, YMCA of Eastern Union

County, \$837,632, and YWCA of Eastern Union County,

"Not only will housing be provided, but also job train-

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"This financial assistance will help those in need in sev-

The grant money will be distributed to the following

A stainless steel plaque inscribed

with the names of all Union County.

There is also a liberty torch, hon-

formy those lost on Flight 93

tember 2002. The beams, measuring seven feet and weighing more than the four Board of Dections commis-1.000 pounds, are featured prominently in the memorial, within a pentagon- officers, including the county sheart. shaped brick area, which pays tribute - county elerk and county surrogate-

eral ways," said Estrada.

Tuesday, January 27 (9:30 am - 11:00 am)

REGISTRATION (New Students)

County awarded housing grant

tive federal grant from the United States Department of will go a long way in helping provide relief for the home-

The monies will be used to fund the county's existing. Along with subsidized housing permanent housing Continuum of Care strategy to assist families with children through family homes and condo units for individuals and

year," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon, agencies and organizations Housing Authority of the City "With this grant we will be able to provide transitional; of Elizabeth, \$1,219,680; Community Access Unlimited,

The Union County Department of Human Services \$57,901. New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance

wood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, on

Counselors association selling '04 books The Union County School Counselors Association's selling Entertainment '04 Books to fund "We Care" awards granted to chosen high school

students in Union County. Students who have made signifieant contributions in their communities and in helping others in need are hosen by guidance counselors throughout the county to receive these monetary awards in recognition of

their good deeds. Entertainment Books offer discounts for fine dining, casual dining, special attractions, hotels, airlines. movies, dry cleaning, and car washes o name a few. Books are available covering the northern, central, and southern sections of New Jersey at costs of \$20 and \$30.

To obtain books, call Carmine venes, president of UCSCA, at 908-

Dean Meetup Jan. 7

Union County for Howard Dean has announced that its next regularly scheduled Union County Meetup will be Jan. 7 at Springfield Public Library. 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield, from

Agenda items will include voter egistration, outreach activities, and the latest information regarding the campaign. There will also be a discussion of community activities for "Generation Dean" Whether to volunteer or just to learn more, all are invited to

For more information, call Fran-Middleberg at 973-912-4309. Further nformation can be found on the Web at http://dean2004.meetup.com/

Nominations sought for Women of Excellence

The Union County Board of Cho-The memoral was designed by Walt Patrylo of the Union County sen Freeholders and the Commission on the Status of Women are accepting modinations for the 12th annual Women of Excellence Awards. The commission is looking for out-

standing women nominees of Union vens appointed by mayors of towns. County who have distinguished themwho were affected by the Sept 11 selves in one or more of the following categories. Arts and Humanities. Bustness Entrepreneur, Community Ser-Despite pleas from their con- vice. Education, Government, Law. stituents, not vo approve retroactive Law Enforcement, Medicine Health The county lost ou men and pay raises, the freeholder board Care, and or Women's Advocacy,

pharmacies, or a national chain store tations to qualify for the county's program. However, residents who are currently enrolled in state-funded prescription coverage programs may already have maximum discounts on

their prescriptions. The enrollment form must be returned with documentation that includes a clear, legible copy of the applicants drivers license or a utility bill reflecting a Union County residence, and, if handicapped and under age 55 documentation reflecting disabled status. Coverage should begin seven to 10 business days after the

application is received and approved. Only a single card is needed if both husband and wife meet the eligibility requirements. Both names will be listed for just one enrollment fee.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, of Union County's 522,541 restdents, 117,976, or 22.6 percent, are age 55 and older

The YWCA of Fastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, as seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at 908-355-1500, ett. 18. Grants are available to

Volunteers sought

help fight litter The Union County Board of Chosen freeholders invites non-profit groups to fight litter in parks and playgrounds, along stream banks, and on the streets by participating in the Union County Clean Communities

Funds are available to non-profit groups of 10 or more volunteers who are willing to clean up targeted Union County parks, streams and roadways Each non-profit group must agree to provide a minimum of 10 workers The Union County man grants will be based on the number of volunteers. with the grants ranging from \$100 for

Union County received nearly \$25,000 in state funds generated by cent to 50 percent depending on the the Clean Communities Act and is making these funds available to community groups that volunteer their time and energy

of 40 or more volunteers.

for more information about the Clean plan. To sign up, all it will take is one. Communities Program, contact the call to Addhealth's toll-free number. Union County Bureau of Environmental Services, 300 North Ave. East, sec-Residents will have the ability to and floor, Westfield, 07090, or call

COUNTY NEWS

March 12 at 7 p.m.

Due to the overwhelming interest in this annual event, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is greeninging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possi-

cover letter, resume and biographical statement about the woman, highlighting her accomplishment in a particular category to Joan Abstante, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, 07203.

For more information, call Abitante at 908-241-4889.

Tax volunteers sought RSVP and AARP both are recruiting seniors, 55 and older to volunteer to help prepare tax returns for the elderly, fruit, low-income and disabled citizens of Umon County.

Tax counseling will be offered at various sites within Union County A special fax law training session will be offered free at Community Access Unlimited for the volunteer tax coun-

selors in early January.

During December and January. men and women volunteers receive tax training, directed by U.S. Internal Revenue Service and New Jersey Tax Department, in order to give free income tax help to seniors and lowerincome taxpayers in the February to

For more information, call Sal Conforti, AARP Union County tax uide coordinator, at 908-35149050 or Jim Walsh at 908-276-3152 If you are interested in becoming an RSVP volunteer tax counselor, call

Steve at 908-354-3040, Ext. 369. Discount prescription drug program available

Union County residents who are 5

years of age or older, as well as qualified disabled residents of any age will be eligible for discounted prescription. drugs under a program announced by the Union County Board of Chosen the smallest group to \$300 for a group Discounts can range from 20 per-

prescription's classification as either a company specializing in healthcare saving programs will administer the

1-800-733-8546. fill their prescriptions at neighborhood 908-654-9890.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Images show the best of arts in 2003

It may not have been an easy year. but 2003 proved the age old adage of

the show must go on Between the national crisis surrounding the war in Iraq and Gov. James F. McCircevey's infamous cut to the state's arts budget, arts entities in New Jersey were faced with somewhat dimnishing audiences and drass; tically diminishing dollars However, the sails continued to

remain alive and well in the state, as exidenced by the photographs on these As 2003 draws to a close, we look

back on the mayes of the year. glumpses into the alega, many success stones on stage

Among the highlights of the arts in the I men County area were the Cranfold Dramatic Club's "The Dinner Party," which carried Mary McCibed of Crantord, the 2003 Perry Award, for Best Set Design, a pair of brilliant productions from the Theater Project at Union County College, Bierodacty's? by Nicky Silver and Emily Mann's "Having Our Say," which both opened and closed the season; becoming the only production to be revived by the Theater Project in the same year, some allestar appearances at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, the expansion of a popular concert series; and work done throughout the county



Scenic artist Stephanie Lalor of Linden works her magic on the set for 'The Dinner Party' last February at Cranford Dramatic Club. The set design by Mary McGhee of Cranford earned the 2003 Perry Award for Best Set Design in September



Turning in twin bravura performances in Emily Mann's 'Having Our Say' at the Theater Project at Union County College were Daaimah Talley and Tamela Aldrige in April/May and again in November.





town series benefiting local charities. Among the 2003 entertainers were, at left, Valerie Vigoda of the folk-funk-trio GrooveLily in June and, at right from left, Mindy Simmons and Jay Mankita, joining series producer Ahrre Maros of West-



in George Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion' at the New Jersey Shakespeare Theater was Victoria Mack, joined by Paul Niebanck as Henry Higgins in the September pro-

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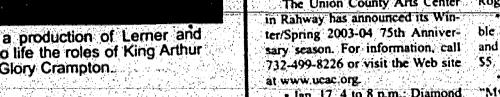
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Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey delivered a production of Lerner and Loewe's 'Camelot' in April that was fit for a king. Bringing to life the roles of King Arthur and Guenevere were Brent Barrett and Paper Mill regular Glory Crampton. Bill VanSant, Editor Editorial deadlines

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tribute, "King Kong" with Fay All tickets are \$5. Wray. All tickets are \$5.

Classic Lily Tomlin' in November.

clettes. Tickets are \$40, \$35 and The Union County Arts Center Rogers, All tickets are \$5. in Rahway has announced its Win- +Jan, 24,7:30 p.m.: Movie dou- \$30_ ter/Spring 2003-04 75th Anniver- ble feature, "My Favorite Wife" Other events include "Martin sary season. For information, call and "Citizen Kane." All tickets are Luther King Jr.," Feb. 22; a Gospe!

• Jan. 25, 2:30 p.m.: Silent film. • Jan. 17, 4 to 8 p.m.; Diamond. "My Best Girl" with Mary Pickford Jubilee Cocktail Party with special with live theater organ accompani-

Among the celebrity faces to grace the stage of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway in 2003 were, from left, actor Jack Klugman in 'On Golden Pond' last February, singer Dionne Warwick in October, and Lily Tomlin in her one-woman show, 'An Evening of

UCAC announces winter lineup

• Feb. 20, 8 p.m., "My Way: "A Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: Movie, RKO Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra."

- Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: Richard Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.: Matinee Nader's Doo Wop Reunion Tour with Fred Astaire and Ginger and The Classics, and The Chi-presentations.

20: Duck Soup Magic Show, March 21: "Sophisticated Ladies: The Music of Duke Ellington," March 26; The Amazing Kreskin, March 27; the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, April 17; "An Evening With Joy Behar," April 24; a Cinco de Mayo celebration, May 8; and Movie, RKO tribute, "Swing Time" with Lou Christie, Emil Stucchio several silent and "talky" movie

Fest, Feb. 28; The Black Brothers

and the Aoife Clancy Band, March

these is always difficult," said Freeholder Vice Chairman ing, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse Angel Estrada: But due to the hard-working individuals in ireatment and child care will be available as well. DISCOVER ST. AGNES SCHOOL (Prek-8)

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"The demand for subsidized housing increases each

applied for the competitive grant, with applications

received from throughout the county. This year's grant is

tant to take advantage of any program that brings federal

"With the national economy struggling, it is so impor-

"Finding the money to fund important projects such as

housing for persons moving from homelessness."

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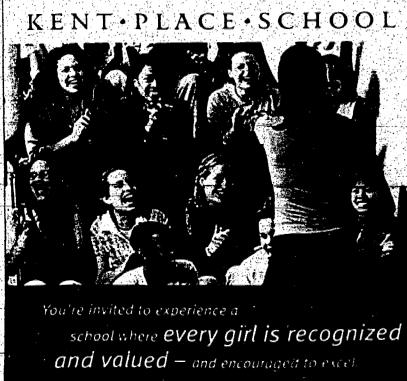
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when the home gardening movement. Summi

Suste Graham Reeves joined the a reads a recently printed historical Summit Garden Club in 1919, a time guide at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Removals & Replacements Close underground tanks via three methods

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January 15th, 2004

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SUNDAY January 4th, 2004 EVENT: FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW PLACE Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave. Believille, NJ (Off Jorale-

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Teen Arts Touring Exhibit

The Umon County Board of Cho- pencil drawing at Pencilworks sen Frecholders sponsors the 2003 Studio, which he owns: Winick Teen Arts fouring Exhibit at Ehra- has won more than 300 awards beth Public Library, 11 S Broad St., and his work may be found in The exhibit consists of 50 pieces

of art selected from more than 600 visual art works shown at the county Teen Arts Hestival in March at Union County Division of Cultural and Herstage Atlants on the Department of Leonomic Development. The exhibit is open to the public

For assistive services or more information, call the Union County Division of Cultoral and Hentage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202 Teles phone 908-558-2550, Relay Service L sers call "H

Hospital shows artists Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation bospetal in the I nited States, will exhibit the work of the New Jersey Photography

Forum and pencil artist Jerry Winick of lattle halls throughout the months of December and Jan-Nancy J On of Berkeley Heights and Michael Creem of Summit statted the New Jersey activities. Whenever you are feeling

down lift your spirits with happy cuss their work, share expertise, advance skills and explore exhib- playwrights PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Friends If your birthday is this week, you

the forum by several noted judges. Winick is an artist who uses a pencil as a painter uses a paintbrush He has taken the art of pencil drawing to new heights

clear up a misunderstanding or to set Wintek's style of photorealism is so unique that most people, when or accusation Political or philosophi viewing his work for the first time find it difficult to imagine that Also born this week: Robert Duvall, these drawings are done with only Louis Bruille, Mel Gibson, Cuba

most of his life and is a teacher of

In proparation for its 75th authoris sary season, the Uman County Arts L'enter tometh the Rahway Thester, will seek submission, of archival numerous private collections and material from local residents. Selectmuseums in the New York metroed material with be un display for the 2001-04 season in the theater's inner. by the Auxiliary at Children's

Specialized Hospital: All artwork All submissions will become propenty of the 1035 on County Ails Center archives junters other anangements. aise made in advance. For more information, call 552. 499-0441, ext. 602 To mailtans items to the Arts Cemer, use the theater's

> Chorale plans its season " The Summit Chorate has

lannounced its 2(8)3-434 season-Madrigals, ar songs and the Duruffe Requient will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. on March to at 1 env stal Presbyteman Church, 20 Maple

· Bruhm's Requiem Nam's gala larewell concentation on May 1. at a location to be determined. The chorale will be accompanied by a full

Additional information and tickets can be obtained from the Web site atwww.summitchorale.org or from 973-

Under the leadership of music director and conductor Garyth Nair. Summit Chorale is one of the state's most respected choral organizations, now in its 95th year. It is composed of

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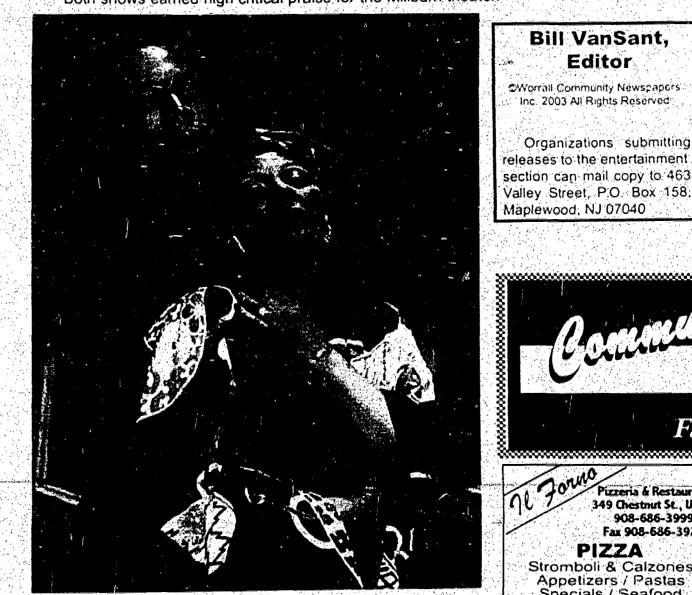
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Taking a chance on newer works, Paper Mill Playhouse kicked off 2003 with productions of Romeo and Bernadette, above, starring, from left, Rosie DeCandia, Andy Karl, Adam Monley and Natalie Hill, and 'Blue, below, starring Michael McElroy and Leslie Uggams. Both shows earned high critical praise for the Millburn theater



Deadline nears at NJPAC

The deadline for free registration to earn an audition in the fourth annual New Jersey Performing Arts Center "Young Artist Talent Search" is just around the

Applications postmarked on or prior to Jan. 1, 2004 are free. A \$15 applicafrom fee must accompany application forms postmarked between Jan. 2 and Feb. 1, and a \$20 fee must be included with applications postmarked between Feb. 2. and March L.

Audition applications may be obtained online at www. nipac.org or by calling the Talent Search Hot Line at 973-353,8009.

Impated three years ago, the weekend event conducted by NIPAC's Arts Education Department provides artistically talented young people with opportupities to audition for more than 225 openings in any of its five arts training programs. Auditions will take place March 27 and 28 at the Lucent Technologies Center for Arts Education on the NIPAC site Last-year, more than 500 young situate from every corner of the state auditioned over the two-day weekend.

The Julent Search, made possible through the generosity of the Independence Community Foundation and the NJPAC Women's Board Association, gives students the opportunity to audition for The Star-Ledger Scholarship for the Performing Arts, Jace for Teens, Jeffrey Carollo Music Scholarship, and Summer Youth Performance Workshop. Also, a preliminary audition will be held for the NIPAC Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater Summer Musical Pro-



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The Theater Project at Union County College delivered a production of Nicky Silver's "Pterodactyls" in September that was equally hysterical and harrowing From left are actors Matt McCarthy, Liz Zazzi and Gary Glor

Weather extends miniature show at Swain

Worrall Community Newspapers Organizations submitting artists this month. The exhibit coneleases to the entertainment naues through Jan. 30.

tion has been rescheduled for Jan

The multi-media showcase of Jan 30. Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 756-1707

Historie Swain Galleries, a family Mimatures's features the works of aim, to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 9:30 ly-owned art enterprise in Plainfield Douglas Allen, Judy Banyas, Kat a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays, noon since 1868, will celebrate "A 135th Block, Sancy Brangaccio, Patricia, to 4 pm, at Swing Galleries, 703 Christmas Weekend", with a Brentano, Leslie Delgyer, Mark Watchung Ave in the historic Cres-"Christmas Miniatures" exhibit of deMos. Andrew Engel. Helen cent District of Plainfield. small-scale art by 19 noted gallery Jacobs. Timothy Jahn, Carroll Jones, Louis, Lanzafama, Nat traits, still lifes, landscapes, animals Lewis, Karen McCormack, Paul and wildlife and more in oils, water-

The exhibit continues through

Allyn Schaeffer

On view will be florals, por Due to inclement weather in McCormack, Richard Nigrodsky, colors, acrylics gouaches, pastels, early December, the opening recept Dean Ostrum, John Reilly, and S., cut paper collage, pen and ink, colored pencil, calligraphy, and others... For more information, call 908-

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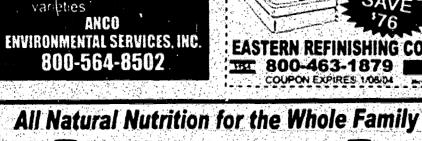
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The east for Paper Mill's includes Award and received a Tony nomina. has made more than 30 guest appear-Daytime Framy Award-winner Robin tion for Best Play It reopened on ances on TV series and sitcoms rank-Strasser as Marjorie Taub, Lenny Broadway in November 2001, and rain Wolpe is Dr. Ira Taub, Meg Foster as for 777 performances. Mohammed, and, from the original Strasser received a 1982 Emmy Award Broadway cast, Shirl Bernheim as for Outstanding Actiess in a Daytime Frieda. The production team of "The Drama for her work in "One Life to: Tale of the Allergist's Wife" includes. Live," Strasser has been one of the - set designer Michael Arianta, costume best-loved and most-hated performers designer Miguel Huidor, lighting in that genre for nearly 10 years In designer F. Mitchell Dana, and sound addition to Dorian Lord on "One Life designer Dunean Robert Edwards.

now Student rush tickets are \$16 placed Christina Karras on "All Myavailable day of performance with Children." A native New Yorker, current LD Call the Paper Mill box. Strasser graduated from the High office at 973-376-43430

is the story of Marjorie Taub, an Upper Broadway, theater credits include the West Side culture vulture who is in the. Bullitzer, Prize winning. The Shadow throes of a mid-life crisis, when a Box and Chapter Iwo. Strasser was elimorous childhood friend reappears a founding member of the American for a mysterious visit and shakes and. Conservators Theater, and has worked transforms her world. This deliciously, at the Williamstown, Theater Festival devious social, and sexual safire is and the Mark Taper forum miled with wicked fun and delightful. surprises Marjorie is a woman known to star as Dr. Ira Laub Paper Mill to all brought to hilarious life markay andrenees will remember Wolfe for

The Tale of the Altergist's Wife" Betty Buckles in the revival of began as a six-minute sketch about a "Gypsy" Wolpe's recent theater credstaffected housewife that Busch us melude the Broadway revival of wrote and performed in his one-person. "The Sound of Music" and Goods. show "Flipping My Wig." Busch took A speed's "The Baker's Wife." He is a the piece in a different direction after favorite performer at Pittsburgh CTO. seeing the Broadway revival of Sacramento Music Theater and the Edward Albee's play A Delicate Bal- 16 A. Reprise series Wolpe created the ance." According to a New York Times role of Ed Koch in the off-Broadway. interview. Busch started thinking. "Wouldn't it be funny to take these, ences have seen him on "Six Feet + Jewish characters and put them in a "Linder." "Alls McBeat," "Kine of rather cryptic Albeg or Binter play " Queens," ER, and Strong Medi-Specifically, the murky relationship cine. betsteen two women and a man in Harold Pinter's "Old Times" provided a blueprint for "The Tale of the Allers igist's Wife " "I didn't intend it to be a genre parody, just a mysterious storyline with very an mysterious characters." Says Busell In March 2000.

the Outer Circle Critics John Gassher Sion series "Cagney and Lacey." She of such plays as "The Lady in Ques-

Lee Green. Arrel Shafir is Playing Marjorie laub, Robin 10"ER to live," she created the tole of the Woods," "Steel Magnohas." Tickets at \$30 to \$67 are on sale. Ruchel Dayis on "Another World" and School of Performing Arts and attend-"The Tale of the Affergist's Wife" ed the Yale School of Drama, Her Making his Paper Mill directorial

debut is Carl Andress, who most recently directed Charles Busch's award-winning "Shanghar Moon" at New York's famed Drama Dept. costarring Busch and H.D. Wong, as well as its workshop incurnation at Theater t enny Wolpe teurns to Paper Mill for the New City. He made this off-Broadway debut directing and costarred in Charles Busch's "Queen his performance as Herbie opposite Amarantha" at the WPA Theater. Other directing credits and lude a revival of Neal Bell's Two Small Bodies" at the John Houseman The-John Kuntz's solo show. Star and octs." at the Ohio Theater. "The Hermitage of an Exiled Smoker" for the New York Fringe Festival 2003; as well as the annual "Times Square Angel" among many others. "musical "Mayor" Jelevision audifor the "Matinees Classiques" per-

> "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" is playwright Charles Busch's first script to play on Broadway, although

As her Circuit Steg Foster returns he has long held a cult following as an

Bill VanSant, Editor

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ing from "Bonanza" to "The Costly Show" and from "The Twilight Zone"

Reprising her Broadway role of Frieda is Shirl Bernheim, who last appeared at Paper Mill in the 1976. production of "Circuse" as Miss, Lynch, Her other theatrical credits include "Old Lady's Guide to Survival," "Over the River and Through "Social Security," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner" Bernheim has been seen on screen in "I'm Not Rappa-"Broadway Damage," ." Guiding "Law & Order," and "The

achievement at the 2003 Drama-Desk Awards. He has appeared for two seaauthor wit the Boy George musical sons as Nat Ginzburg in the HBO "Taboo" Basen is the author and star-Northwestern University and is a tion," "Red Scare on Sunset" and member of the Dramatist's Guild. "Vampire Lesbrans of Sodom," which The performance schedule for ran five years and is one of the longest-running plays in off-Broadway history He wrote the screenplay and starred in the film version of his

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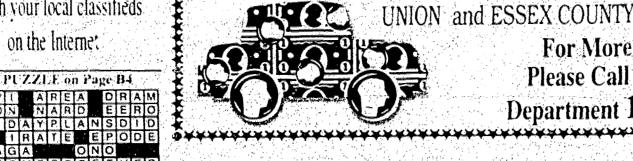
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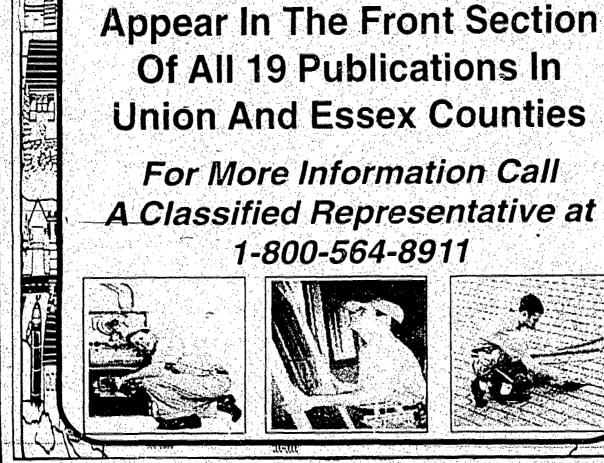
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By Laura Byrd Copley News Service

There it sat like a computer-generated gameature out of a James Bond movie A gleaming brushed aluminum motorevele crouched in an angular, menacing package that only a designor with audacity would dare ereate.

It was stunning and bizarre at the same time:

The Dodge Tomahawk concept motorcycle is a Viper V-10 engine. with just enough bike wrapped around it to quality as a motor sehi-

"I ve been everywhere around the world with this bake," says Bud Bennest, owner of Restoration Motorsports in Wixom, Mich., the Jabricators of the Dodge Tomahayak concept, motoreyele." And its appeal spans all. generations and every country

It's an appeal that includes automotive journalists so bent on midlife crisis they become Harley Davidson morners and avid riders, as I have

Apparently, gear heads and people in crisis recognize each other, so Budoffered me the chance to fire up the Joinahay k and clinib aboard.

A Harley never sounded like this Squeezing the clutch was a grit-yourteeth effort, and praving that I was in neutral took my breath away.

That is until the N-10 thursdered to life, and I couldn't stop the grin that spread from ear to ear:

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"It's the weirdest thing we've ever built, and we've done all sorts of outtageous things.". Bennett says

Outageous is a fitting word, considering the Tomahawk has only two gears, an excessive four wheels and brake calipers the size of dinner plates. And despite its considerable size and weight, there's no kick stand.

The rear wheel has two independent drives on swing arms that are locked together by a hydraulic cylinder at the push of a button. This creares a stability between the two rear wheels that holds the bike in place

The exhaust, head and taillights are arranged vertically between the two front and rear wheely

It is air cooled with the help of two 18-inch radiators on either side of the body They force an from the front end to the back, preventing the aluminum frame from heating up. The fuel cap is in the front fender, and the turn signals at the tips of the grips.

Techmeally, the Tomahawk is a car Motoreveles have two wheels. put four, and shar's something the designer will ingo should the bike actually go i in groduction \

"We work, educe the front wheel from two down to one," says Chrysler's Mark Walters, the designerwho envisioned the Tomahawk, "Lo build that is motorcycle, it would have to have no more than three wheels

But considering the presence of the Tomahawk, that isn't likely to affect demand.

"We'd only make 55 of them, with approve of about \$250,000 each," he

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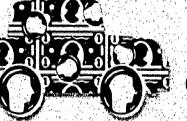
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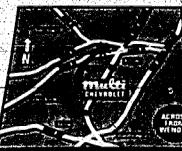
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