Taking a leap of faith can be a lot of fun

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

The theme at St. James Roman amone School in Springfield for Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 25 through Saturday - is called "Making a Faith-Filled Future."

The 200-plus children from prekindergarten through eighth grade have been working on doing just

"They have had a lot of fun doing this, as well," said Principal Pat Dolonanski.

This particular day, everyone from the principal on down, was dressed in "mixed match" style, just for fun - socks that did not match, different prints and tops and more than casual, that too was fun. The children thought this was great, of course, and it certainly was col-

It was Tuesday, and this was the day for the "Fun Olympics" and also the "Academic Olympics," ending in a staff/student volleyball game. Meg Keller, one of the kindergarten teachers, had just brought her children to the blue room - formerly the sanctuary, a large, bright room where the art teacher awaited them.

"Today they had relay races for the physical part and last week they made Chinese lanterns in honor of the Chinese New Year," said Keller.

It was lively, and the children's work was on display all over the walls and on bulletin boards.

Little Anuj Modi, 5, said, "I am making a snowman with markers and crayons. He has a black hat."

Art teacher Andrea Schneider brought over his drawing and it was very like a Christmas card, with the

She said, "We have a subject we take and then we let them take over with their own imaginations; they

are very good." Tahlia Suggs, 5, proudly showed her Chinese lantern, which was already on the bulletin board. "This... was fun," she said.

Allison Bratsch, 6, said she had drawn a "Chinese lady, with a littlesnowman."

As for the older children, eighth graders create community projects. This Catholic Schools Week, they made backpacks, to be distributed to another Catholic school in Elizabeth, where there are many needy children who do not have back-

On the first floor of the school. Anna Marie Quagliato was guiding her class of pre-K children, mostly just three years old, who were absorbed in making things." On the walls outside the classroom were many small handprints in bright paint. A sign read, "One small hand can make a world of difference."

The teacher said, "We teach them, especially this week, that they are all very important, and that everybody is special. They all know where their handprints are.

Down the same hall, there was a large quilt, made for Martin Luther King Jr. day, with "dreams" of the children. One child's dream was that all the African children would have enough to eat. Another, who



Looks like James Kocur, 11, is trying out for the 2004 Olympics. Here he is diving to hit his votive candle with a pencil across the finish line. The olympic games were part of the Catholic Schools Week activities at St. James Catholic School in Springfield.

the dream of meeting her in heaven soon, with a dove on the quilt.

The school was quiet this day, but with a happy feeling, especially in the gym where fifth and sixth raders were sharing a balloon game and leg races for the "Fun Olympics" part of their day. This the computer teacher. Virtually all of the children, except for the three-

had just lost her grandmother, had year-olds, use computers regularly. Fifth-grade teacher Jennifer Campbell looked on after she

brought in her children.

... Now it's time for fun; this morning we had the 'Academic Olympics' -- I am also the science teacher," she said

Part of Catholic Schools Week was controlled by gym teacher involves bringing the parents fames besides the games and May Alice Zavocki, who also is and/or guardians into achool as Yun, they love to come in school guests and having lunch with them of these days; our attendance is great after taking them on a tour of the

- school. This they had done the previous day.

It is also a week for honoring the nation and the flag, when veterans are invited to the national assembly for special presentations.

Lori Kocur, parent and publicity very special for the children at St.

Teacher fired for incident

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

The Tuesday night Mountainside Board of Education meeting made it official. Kindergarten teacher Michelle Marrazzo had her contract terminated, effective March 26.

The teacher had been on suspension only, and reports of her firing last week were incorrect.

The reason for her firing was for an incident involving her allowing a boyfriend to enter Beechwood School, identifying him as her "cousin."

The man then threatened her, giv= ing her two bullets - one with his name and one with hers, and a note saying they would be used if she left him, according to officials.

Police became involved when she got a restraining order against him in her own town, and Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller became aware of the fact that he had falsely entered the school on Woodacres Drive that houses students in kindergarten through second grade.

He wrote a letter to the young man. telling him to never set foot in the school again, or he would be arrested. Further, according to Board of Education member Richard Kress, later it was learned that the teacher had been persuaded to reconcile with this per-

Schaller gave the reason for her suspension as "showing very poor Judgment" in admitting the man into

Schaller further gave her a chance to prepare a letter of resignation, but she did not do so.

"However, although she cannot teach here how, she is under full pay for 60 days," said Kress, which is a stipulation of the teachers union con-

At the previous school board meeting, both board President Peter Goggi and Kress as well as Schaller asked people in attendance to keep the matter "private" until a decision had been made as nothing was confirmed at

"She is just 23 and this was her

first teaching job," said Kress, However, once Schaller had decided to terminate her contract, procedure had to be followed, and it just

became official at Tuesday's meeting. Several of the parents asked in the open session if Schaller had found a permanent replacement for her as yet.

Goggi said none had been found. Meanwhile, security is tight at Beechwood School - even more so now. No one can enter without being buzzed in by the receptionist.

District looks forward to finishing school renovations

Staff Writer

Upon voter approval of a \$6.8 million referendum in April 2001, the Mountainside Board of Education appeared confident that the renovations in both Deerfield School and Reschwood-School, along with the subsequent opening of the latter. would be a lengthy, but rewarding-Drocess

After Beechwood School's opening a mere three weeks ago, more than a year after it was originally scheduled to open, the process of completing the referencian project not finished just yet.

Renovations at Deerfield began around 18 months ago, and, according to school board member John Perrin, quite a lot was done.

Between the rehabilitations of bathrooms and classrooms in the

the completion of two new science classrooms, among several other

Upcoming renovations includerelocating the computer lab to the space that is adjacent to the Media Center. The proximity between the two essential rooms, which work hand-in-hand, "makes perfect sense." according to Perrin.

"It gives the students the ability to noting the link between the rooms. ience of gathering information...

In the old computer lab, a vocal and instrumental classroom will be established. Adjacent to this will be a life-skills classroom, synonymous

with home economics. "By opening Beechwood," said

school, much of the work is done.

Still, the school is looking forward to 'By opening Beechwood, it gave ample ment to do the work last June, and has worked on Beechwood School, as room' for the grade levels. 'Even in the hallways, you can see less congestion.'

> Schaller, "it gave ample room" for line is off primarily because of probthe grade levels. "Even in the hallways, you can see less congestion."

Beechwood is now home to students in kindergarten through second rede Deerfield Flementary School now houses students in grades three

Many classes will be converted into special education and guidance offices, as well.

Other work includes a restructuring of seventh and eighth grade classrooms, which will be adjusted based costs needed by the school. on the population of each level.

Gerard Schaller Perrin noted that the original time-

lems concerning the original contracwere supposed to be completed by the beginning of the 2002-03 school

The costs necessary for the renoare in the school's budget. and between the referendum and state funding, the district is moving forward in improving the school.

According to Perrin, the state is covering around 38 percent of the The new contractor, the Paul Otto

Building Company, made an agreehas worked on Beechwood School, as "He's done a terrific job at Beech-

wood, and we hope he'll do the same at Deerfield," said Perrin. "Prior to moving over to Beech-

wood. Decrifeld was terribly crowd ed," said Perrin, noting that the cafetor. Both Beechwood and Deerfield terla and classrooms, in particular, were lacking space to fit all the students comfortably. With the completion of Deerfield,

senaller boasted the ideatoral shronge bond between the grade levels, both in terms of learning and proximity.

'It serves a purpose in the specific area of team concept," he said, giving the example that if a math and language arts class were across the hall from each other, it's easier to send messages between teachers.

Meeting set to unveil field plans

Staff Writer

After receiving a call from PMK Group confirming that they will be ready to meet as soon as possible, the Township Committee is ready to hold an open public meeting Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. regarding the plans that have been developed for Meise Piela :-

That Tuesday night, instead of holding its regularly scheduled meeting at Town Hall, the committee will meet in Jonathan Dayton High School's auditorium in hopes of Harelik attracting a crowd that would be too large to accommodate in the Municipal Building

According to Mayor Clara Harelik, the open forum is being presented in order to bear the opinions of the local

Then we can carry those views to the county," said Harelik, "We're moving the meeting to the auditorium out and we could accommodate a full-

level and the Township Committee is ready to listen to everybody. In addition, they are ready to take any added, noting that the county agreed.

advisement the public can give, she

"We want the public's input," added Committeeman Sy Mullman. "We had a committee and everybody was represented. Now, we want to hear from the public."

Muliman added that at a meeting on Jan. 20 with Union County gove ment officials, everything worked out as hoped.

"The meeting with the county was very productive and positive," said

She said the county will be looking for Green Acres funding to help pay for the project, and that in order to meet certain deadlines regarding the funding, she wants to move on a quick

said Mullman, of the Green Acres application for funding.

Then the project goes to bid, in the hopes that residents would come which is another three months. Then, the Department of Environmental Pro tection comes in," he said.

Mallman said that it will be combeen put into these drawings, she con- pleted by 2005, but it's too early to tell if it will be done by the fall or spring. "The track is our first priority," he

Currently, Springfield rents the track in Millburn and also has to pay for busing their students there.

At the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting Feb. 19, the Township Committee will be present to show their plans for Meisel

necessity of this meeting. Harelik wants to proceed with a public meeting for the Springfield residents within the township as soon as possible. Currently, preliminary ___ pans ... include two baseball fields, a playground, a six-lane track, a soccer field with a football field inside of it. bleachers, a fieldhouse and the possibility of a walking track that would

surround the entire park. TAIK CHORD IS AN finalize drawings that they will jointly present to the public at the upcoming meeting on Feb. 10.

Harelik noted that the Township ommittee really pushed for this meeting and the progress of the field's

We do want there to be commenbary on the plant," she said. "You never know what somebody is going so/come up with."

Getting into character



Getting into character are, from left, Joe Mara, Bella Vax and Abby Nadel. The Jonathan Dayton High School students are rehearsing a scene from 'In A Nutshell,' a play that was

staged in the school auditorium on Wednesday.

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All units respond to house fire

wick Circle residence on Jan. 19 at

· At 8:25 a.m. Jan. 20, firefighters

All units of the Springfield Fire Department responded to a house fire on Smithfield Drive at 11.55 p.m.

11:07 p.m. for a medical service call. According to Fire Chief William . On Jan. 19 at 5:50 p.m., fire-Gras, the department received an fighters responded to a Meisel automatic alarm alert that was fol-Avenue residence for a water condilowed by a phone call from a resident • At 1:17 a.m. Jan. 20, the Fire

The department transmitted a genDepartment responded to a Highpoint eral alarm, which is a total recall for Road residence for an odor in the pringfield's Fire 1 Separtment, and Union, Millburn, and Kenilworth were all notified of the emergency. Gras said that the weather played

to put out the fire

and smoke damage throughout.

ter residents.

After five-and-a-half hours spent

in the seven degree weather, the fire

was finally completely put out, leav-

ing the house in no condition to shel-

"It was one of the best team efforts

"ve ever seen," Gras said. "Every-

body pitched in under the worst of

. At 8:57 p.m. Jan. 18, firefighters.

• Firefighters responded to a War

responded to a Garden Oval residence for a medical service call. factor in the harsh conditions faced . Jan. 20 at 1:10 p.m., the department responded to Morris Avenue for The Roads Department helped a motor vehicle accident with injuries. replace the Fire Department's frozen - At 8:38 a.m. Jan. 21, firefighters hoselines, and the First Aid Squad

responded to a Forest Drive apartment was also present with two ambucomplex for a medical service call. lances to help rehabilitate members • The Fire Department responded of the squad who were working to put to a Troy Drive apartment complex the lobby. out the blaze. The Police Department, which Gras called crucial to the for a medical service call Jan. 21 at scene, was also present at the emer- 2:56 p.m.

· At 7:56 p.m. Jun. 21, firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue resi-According to Gras, there was a heavy fire condition" on the second • At 10:48 a.m. Jan. 22, firefighters floor of the house, and heavy heat

dence for an activated carbon monox-• At 1:05 p.m. Jan. 22, the depart-

notor vehicle accident. · At 9:41 a.m. Friday, firefighters responded to a Linda Lane residence warming up the ear.

Or an activated fire alarm.

• At 7:58 a.m. Monday, firefighters for an activated fire alarm.

· At 9:54 p.m. Friday, firefighters responded to South Springfield responded to Route 78 East for a Avenue near the Westfield line for a

FIRE BLOTTER ' tractor-trailer rollover with entrap-

> . At 9:49 a.m. Saturday, the Fire Department responded to Route 24 East for a car fire. Mountainside

At 6.51 p.m. Sunday, firefighters responded to a police dispatch call concerning a three-car motor vehicle Road and Summit Lane.

Firefighters used speedy dry material to soak up and contain the fuel and coolant spill and remained on the

cial building on Route 22 West.

dust generated by the remodeling contractor activated the smoke detector in

office building on Route 22 West Jan. 15 at 11:47 a.m.

dence on Nottingham Way.

excessive carbon monoxide readings keep the garage door open when-

responded to an activated fire alarm at Avenue, School children playing ball in the school cafeteria had accidental-

the Deerfield School on Central • At 7:01 a.m. Saturday, firefight- ly broken a fire alarm pull box.

at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m. • The Springfield Board of Health meet in the Annex Building, 20

Feb. 12 . The Mountainside Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m.

Feb. 14 • Three groups join together for a Valentines Night dinner and concert to benefit the hungry at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist

Church, 40 Church Mall. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. The pop duo Open Book will perform. 1695 before Feb. 9. Tickets for the concert only can be purchased at the

. The Springfield Recreation Department presents "Cafe at Night." a showcase for local bands from Jonathan Dayton High School to perform at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 with a valid Dayton High student I.D.

For information, call 973-912-2227. . An artist's reception for "Combining Spirit, Culture and ings and paintings will take place in the Donald B. Palmer Museum of

accident at the intersection of Summit

scene until two of the vehicles were

* At 2:23 p.m. Jan. 12, firefighters esponded to an activated Central Station fire alarm located in a commer-

An investigation determined that

· Firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm at a commercial

Department responded to an activated esponded to a Wentz Avenue resi- carbon monoxide detector at a resi-It was determined that there were

ment responded to Route 78 East for a in the garage from the car warming up. The homeowner was advised to

motor vehicle accident with injuries. bus fire.

Car accident yields DWI charge

Jan. 24 at 5:26 p.m., Mountainside Police, responding to an accident on New Providence Road, observed a driver, later identified as Levley Reneifo, screaming and crying in the

driver's seat of a red Volvo. After repeated efforts to help the driver, who continually changed states of hysteria and grabbed an officer's -driving-while-intoxicated,- resistingarrest and careless driving.

The woman was taken to Mortistown Memorial Hospital, where a blood sample was taken for evidence. • Jan. 16 at 4:30 p.m., an officer responding to a motor vehicle accident on Route 22 West was presented with

The driver admitted to buying the-

POLICE BLOTTER

card from someone in Newark, and was subsequently issued a summons for prosecution, police said.

· On Friday at 2:26 p.m., 49-yearold Ronald Flowers was arrested on Route 22 East for a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside that totalled more than \$1,100.

GMC fruck and a 2003 USC Trailer from a Morris Avenue business Jan. 16

oad at 12:24 p.m. Jan. 14.

damaged driver's door lock on a 2002 BMW parked on Park Place.

Springfield An unknown suspect stole a 1985

• A 2002 Cadillac Escalade was stolen while parked on Lawrence

Y Day Camps 2004

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An attempted burglary that was company sign is \$5,000.

· A laptop computer was stolen from the computer lab of Jonathan Dayton High School sometime between 10:58 a.m. and 12:28 p.m.

· A wallet containing three Master Card credit cards, two Visa credit card. NJ Transit tickets and \$15 was stolen from a Meisel Avenue office on

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the manager of the Mountain Avenue Dunkin' Donuts reported that the company sign was cracked sometime over the past weekend. The estimated value of the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

· Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 300 Central Ave., Mountainside, sponsors a wine and cheese party featuring a professional wine tasting in the auditorium. Dress is business casual. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$20 for senior citizens.

For information or tickets, call 908-232-1162. . Boy Scouts of the patriot District of the Patriots' Path Council conduct their 47th annual Klondike Derby sled race and scout-skill contest at the picnic area above Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reser-

ation in Mountainside. Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday. • Registration for summer camp opens at the Springfield YMCA. 100 S. Springfield Ave. from 1 to 3 p.m. Camps run for nine weeks,

from June 21 to Aug. 27. For information, call 973-467-0838 or go to: www.summitareaymca.org/springfield. Monday • The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 300 Central Ave., conducts a Rosary/Novena at 7 p.m., followed by a prayer

service at 7:30 p.m. and a presentation on "Our Blessed Mother in Korea" at 8 p.m. For information, call 908-232-1162. . The Springfield Board of Education meets in the media center at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The spring 2 session begins at the Springfield YMCA, 100 S. Springfield Ave., through June 20. Registration is ongoing for preschool and youth sports and dance classes. A variety of classes are offered for ages 18 months to 8 years. For information, call 973-467-

. The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m. Upcoming

. The Foothill Club of Mountainside will host its luncheon at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield. For information, call 908-232-3626.

Feb. 9 . The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., across from the Municipal Building for a

workshop session at 7:30 p.m. • The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave. at 8 p.m.

. The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. for a regular meeting at 8 p.m.

• The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session

N. Trivett Ave. across from the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

door for \$12 for adults, \$6 for ages 13-18.

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Pool fees increase

Staff Writer

Perhaps the only way to make it a snack bar and picnic grove. through winter is to think of summer. Labor Day, the pool is open, on aver-With that in mind, the Mountainage, from noon until 7:30 p.m. during side Community Pool has raised its membership fee rates by 2 percent, something that's been common prac-

the week, however, and special tice for the last few years. events are sometimes held, including "It does not appear to affect resident membership," said Recreation four youth parties and family-float Director Sue Winans, "The number of nights, which allow floatation devices non-members has decreased in the ... in the pool one time each week. last two years, but I'm not sure if that's because of fees, weather or something else."

There are currently 3,200 members of the pool, including senior cit-needed to run the pool. izens, singles and 725 family mem-

bership are increased from \$215 to \$220. For singles, the fees are going . for seniors are increasing from \$68 to --noting-that-membership-and-lesson. dollars from going toward the cost of Non-resident family membership will increase from \$399 to \$410. the pool.

from \$199 to \$205, and non-resident seniors will go up from \$159 to \$165. Most of the non-residents who use the pool come from Scotch Plains and Westfield.

While about 245 families use the pool located on Mountain Avenue, a draw more non-residents to the pool. Mountainside ordinance prevents the number of outside memberships from exceeding 265.

olympic main pool, a diving tank, and a zero-depth palm children's pool

According to Winans, the increase in membership fees is primarily infla-

coconuts hanging from it, along with

Opening on June 5 and closing on

Times do vary based on the day of

tion driven, as the price of chlorine may go up, along with other items Winans expects the fees to be increased next year, as well, but does-

n't see such a slight increase affecting membership within the borough. "The pool is a utility, so the costs up from \$108 to \$110, and the fees are derived from revenues," she said, fees, for example, help prevent tax

> place for people of all ages," said Winans, "I think that's what makes it such a pleasant place." At the Mountainside work session.

Councilman Keith Turner said the department would like to continue to "We did want to increase the pool fees slightly," said Turner, "We're

very competitive." Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

starting to reach the point of being

Time to break out the ice skates With the tennis courts out of action throughout the colder es tall and the rink is resurfaced few more skating days than a lake months of the year, Mountainside's periodically throughout the season, or pond would A supervisor also builds a fire

College students Matthew DeAnna, left and Philip Statile keep warm by the fire as they

wait for skaters to come and use the makeshift ice rink behind Borough Hall in Moun-

tainside. They both work for the Recreation Department as supervisors of the rink.

Half of courts three and four "It's a nice, outdoor winter day and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to have been combined to make a recactivity that families can enjoy at 6:30 p.m. tangular-shaped skating rink. no cost," said Mountainside Recreencompassed by a frame and an

become a local skating rink for on the weekends to make for a Statile both work for the Recreation anyone interested in gliding around warmer atmosphere and keep track. Department as supervisors of the of safety issues regarding the skat-rink, which is open every Friday from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Satur-

> For information, call 908-232atifin Director Susan Winans, not- 0015.

Matthew DeAnna and Philip

er through the temple office at 973-

Event -benefits

tines Night will be there: soft lighting. live music, food, atmosphere and friends, but something unseen will underscore the event. Proceeds from this evening will put food on the tables of the homeless and working poor in

Three groups are joining together to make this evening a reality - Cioffi's Catering of Springfield, Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, and Coffee with Conscience Concert Series of Springfield. Representatives of CUMAC-

ECHO, the primary beneficiary of the event, will briefly share how their nonprofit, ecumenical agency based in Paterson, helped more than 27,700 people in 2003 -- an increase of 6,000 people from 2002. An invitation will be extended to join church members at CUMAC ECHO on March 6.

Each Coffee with Conscience Con cert held at the Springfield church benefits a ministry with a record of helping people or earing for the earth. Dinner tickets must be obtained by calling the church office at 923-379-1695 before Feb. 9. The combined cost for the dinner and the concert is \$25 per person with a \$5 discount for those 62 years and older.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. "Concert only" tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 for adults and \$6. for ages 13-18.

Elizabeth, Maplewood, Millburn,

Springfield, Union, Westfield, and

The temple serves as a social, edu-

cational, and religious focal center

the Oranges.

Jewish Book Group engages in spirited conversations, dialogue

The Jewish Book Disgussion number of books by notable authors. Group is an added unique dimension to Temple Sha'arey Shalom's adult education program.

Now in its third year, the group flourishes because participants are actively engaged in spirited conversations of genres dealing with Jewish issues and themes.

information, critical reviews and crystallographer. analyses, and insightful articles by

selections for future meetings.

Attendees also suggest literary

This past year, the group read a discovery of DNA.

The crowning touch

only recently acknowledged her and professor of English at Kean Uni-

"The Amazing Adventures of Pearl is a mystery set in Boston dur-Kavalier and Clay" by Michael ing the turbulent Civil War era. It features an unlikely quartet of Chabon is an epic saga about a young sleuths who solve a series of serial Jewish immigrant who finds fame and fortune in the 1930s golden age murders. The January selection is "The of the comic book industry. "Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Chosen" by Chaim Potok, which

graph of the "double helix" in the Participants are encouraged to

Lady of DNA" by Brenda Maddox Guide questions, biographical traces the biography of the eminent Her male colleagues - who were part of the research team --- have

monumental contribution, her photo-

explores the intricate relationship between sons and fathers in their struggles to maintain a Jewish heritage in the modern world,

versity, is the facilitator of the group.

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The group meets the third Tuesday of alternate months, at 7:30 p.m. in Information can also be obtained Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 So. Springfield Ave., Springfield, They from the temple Web site: www.shaarev.org. public is invited. Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform Jew-- The March selection is Philip

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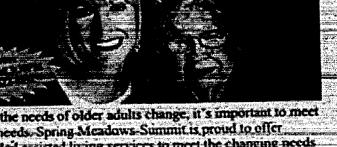
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EDITORIALS

Run for it

If you care about the education that the children of Springfield and Mountainside are receiving in the public schools, or if you care about how much it's costing, there's an upcoming job vacancy that should interest you. It's on the Board of Education, and it's going to be filled April 20.

The next three years will be significant for both districts. The board in office on July 1 will set the tone for the publie's relationship with the new superintendent of schools. With Chief School Administrator Gerard Schaller leaving the Mountainside district in June and a new superintendent still being sought for Springfield, new school board members will have the benefit of working together, both as new-

In Springfield, new board members will witness and help monitor the much-needed and long overdue repairs, renovations and expansions that continue to take place in the various schools as part of the \$18-million construction project. be able to enjoy the benefits of the newly reopened Beechwood School, while seeing to the completion of the Deerfield School renovations.

Board members are continually faced with the challenge of making difficult decisions at budget time for the next three years as the districts once again are forced to manage ever-spiraling expenses into a budget that voters are likely to approve.

These tasks are challenging, particularly for people who volunteer their time and effort for little thanks and recognition from the general public. Still, many board members see a priceless reward in striving to provide the best education possible for students.

Since education affects so many facets of a community, school issues should be of concern to everybody who lives in either town. For that reason, we're hoping enough people will run for the school board that there will be another contested election in both towns this year.

So who should run for the school board?

The students need you.

You should consider running if you are a parent, with children anywhere from preschool to high school; or if you have professional experience in education, as a teacher, as an administrator or simply doing clerical work. You should consider running if you're just out of college, if you have a master's degree, if you have a doctorate or if you have a high school diploma or GED. You don't need to have children to be concerned for the future of our young students. with ambitious goals, if you are comfortable with your career where it is, or if you're happily retired. In short, if you've got new ideas and you care about education, you. should give it a shot.

A helping hand

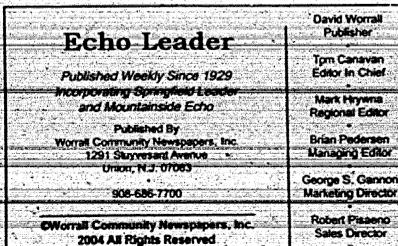
Now is the time for Springfield's elected representativesin the Legislature to step forward and help in a way that will spell relief to everyone living here. With the Board of Edu-Our postal service is extremely poor cation and Township Committee seeking help, the Legislature should come forward with the money needed to bail Springfield out of the mess created by the breakup of the Union County Regional High School District.

The essential thrust of the lawsuit driving the anticipated \$10 million repayment to Garwood and Mountainside is that when the district dissolved, its assets weren't distributed fairly. Springfield, Clark, Kenilworth and Berkeley Heights each received a high school, and the liquid assets distributed to Garwood and Mountainside weren't enough to make everything equitable.

In December, Administrative Law Judge Robert Giorbursed approximately \$10 million by the other municipalities that were part of this regional district. Should this ruling stand, the four towns would be ordered to pay Mountainside and Garwood in 10 installments in five years, starting in April That's not a lot of time for Springfield to plan for these payments, particularly with budget season approach-

But what is equitable in this situation? Mountainside and Garwood definitely deserve the money to make everything equitable, but why should the four high schools shoulder the entire burden of paying for it? Springfield in particular is saddled with an enormous \$18-million expansion and renovation project that is still in the process of being completed. As vital as this project is, taxpayers will be paying for it during the next 20 years. If the payment plan to Garwood and Mountainside remains unchanged, Springfield will be making payments to the two towns until October 2008. This is

... The Legislature needs to act quickly, and assure everyone concerned that the money will be made available without placing an undue burden on the people of Springfield. That's about as equitable as it can get.



"John D'Achino

IT'S NOT TOO COLD. FOR THEM - It may be freezing outside but it's the kind of temperature only snowmen could love, like this trio in front of a house on Greenhill Road in Springfield. seems to be no relief in sight, but as January comes to a close, if brings with it the promise of a quick February.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What better place for democracy?

This letter is its response to Theresa DeSantis' letter of Jan. 9, inquiring as to the appropriateness of the Union County for Howard Dean group meeting in the to teachers and other school administrators. However, will that person be given

In fact, the library is a perfectly appropriate place for organizations of many types to meet. Library policy states, "The room shall be open to all groups of a civic, charitable, or cultural nature.

Organizations seeking to use the meeting room at the Springfield Free Publie Library pay a fee for the use of the room and must agree that any publicity published does not name the library as a sponsor. Further, all such meetings must be open to the public, including those who may not agree with the point of view of the program sponsor.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Free Public Library are proud that the library can provide inexpensive space for organizations of all types to meet and to provide open forums for discussions of all points of view. What better place for our residents to be educated, enlightened and to participate in our great democracy than in the "people's university," the public library.

Gil Cohen, president Springfield Public Library Board of Trustees

Cross intersection with caution

On Dec. 24, I was struck by a vehicle while crossing the intersection at Mountain Avenue, Oakland Avenue and Henshaw Avenue. Thankfully -- I must have angels watching over me - I walked away from the accident, although I'm still in a lot pain. I would publicly like to thank Officer Quirk, the firefighters/first responders for your kindness, compassion, professionalism and humor. All of you guys really comforted me.

To the Good Samaritan you didn't have to stop in the pouring rain and literally take over for me. Thanks for calling the police and staying with me until you knew I was okay. You are truly my angel on earth: I just ask anyone reading this to please cross that intersection with extreme

Robert Fasczewski's letter from the Echo Leader Dec. 18 spoke for me too. The accompanying certification and compliance documents fail to convince times not at all if a carrier calls in sick.

tean tell when the carrier has been to my house by the trail of rubber bands. thrown on my porch, steps, driveway and street in front of my home. Someday Service and the postmaster will have to answer to this blatant stupidity. When asked about this, every carrier says "it wasn't me" so be forewarned. When you go to the post office they are usually understaffed, so lines are the

Can you believe that two weeks before Christmas all Christmas stamps were

ow they got there - cut backs in service and personnel did the trick Did you know that there is only one pickup daily Monday to Friday at 5 p.m.

day after 1 p.m. your letter won't start processing until Monday after 5 p.m. If you run a business from home, your mail is arriving later than you think - you operating agreement. are not being served promptly or properly. The Springfield postmaster is not responsible for the cutbacks in service but he is responsible for the quality of service he is providing Springfield. Right now

Vincent De Gactano

Institute a lower starting salary

At the Dec. I regular public meeting of the Springfield Board of Education, I asked whether or not a new contract could be written to save the taxpayers some money when hiring the prospective new Springfield superintendent of

Since the school population numbers only about 2,020 as of June, would it be possible to institute a lower starting salary? At the time he Jeft, Superintendent Walter Mahler was making \$143,500 plus perks or extras.

To the best of my knowledge, all that Walter Mahler had to do, in order to leave the school district, was to give a 90-day notice. There were no other requirements or penalties: He resigned on July 23 and left on Oct. 23. I believe that the Springfield school board is still looking for a replacement since that

Walter Mahler had a five-year contract. Yet, after guiding a monumer building arrangement, he left after serving merely 23 months, not even two years. He did this all legally according to the ferms of his contract. I suggested

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that there should have been some penalties, perhaps a clause stating a minimum time of service to remain on the job or that person would have to buy his or her way out of the contract.

The new man or woman will be given the usual health benefits as are given any other perks such as a car to drive on school business as well as back and forth to his or her home? Just what will this car cost this person, or will the taxpayers cover the costs of insurance, repairs, collisions, maintenance, oil changes, tires, etc.? Will that person receive merit raises or just a regular scale of increase whether he or she is doing a good or poor job? Will the person receive annuities in lieu of monetary increases? Or just what-will the perks be given?

The previous superintendent had almost complete control of the details of the \$23-million new school construction and reconstruction project. The new person in this job will probably have a difficult time watching and doing some supervision of the work, or hire an aide?

In the meantime, Springfield taxpayers will be paying hundreds of dollars more on their individual tax bills for the next 20 years for a large project which was opposed by many of them at the Jan. 28 referendum election, having only 81 votes in favor of it.

Another referendum should be called to scale down this overblown and costv project for which Mahler and the Springfield Board of Education refused to call a townwide forum for the comments and suggestions of the general public when it was first presented at their executive meetings,

Hazel Hardgrove

Freeholders' actions show deceit

In his recent rejection of the municipalities' attempt to contest the reactivation of the Staten Island and Rahway Valley railroads, Judge Edward Beglin rightly cites Union County's statutory privilege to rescind earlier resolutions. Reasonably, this gives a governing body the flexibility to adjust past decision. which have proven inept or which have been unadoptable to changed circum-

What the judge did not address is the use of this privilege to deceive the pub-This provokes an examination of the ethical practices of the Union County recholders in their relations with the M&E Railway and with the municipalities

Consider this series of events: 1. May 31, 2001 - By Resolution 574-01, the freeholders awarded a contract for "extraordinary, unspecifiable services" to M&E "to provide the servicees of a Class III railroad operator...without competitive bidding."

but just scratched the surface of the extremely poor postal service in Springfield. that the services to be rendered are either "extraordinary" or "unspecifiable." Not only do I get mail belonging to my neighbors, they get mine. We rarely Nor are they "subjective," "esoteric," "daunting," "specialized" or "qualitative" get mail deliveries on Hawthorne Avenue before 5 p.m. or even 6 p.m. and some- as claimed. Indeed, they are specified in detail in the subsequent operating agreement and are within the competence of any established railroad company. Nav 9 2002. The freeholders signed an operating agreement with M&F Railway Inc. "to provide railroad service" and to "serve as the general contrac-

> 3. Aug. 22, 2002 - By Resolution 902-02, the freeholders pledged that the county "shall not approve the usage of the rail line right-of-way unless and until the affected municipalities each pass a governing body resolution consenting to

This was a radical change in the substance of the operating agreement. The Postal Service nationally declared a \$3 billion surplus. It's easy to see freeholders, it injected a third party into the contractual relationship by giving - the municipalities the power to yeto the project.

Since neither R 574-01 nor R 357-02 contained such a provision, they were on Saturday at 1 p.m. - no pickup on Sunday? If you mail a letter on a Satur- both superceded by R 902-02, thereby eliminating the approval of the operating agreement. By "statutory privilege," the freeholders had unwittingly voided the

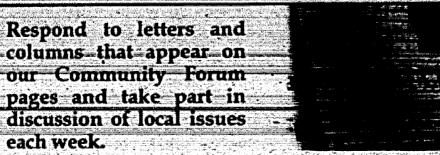
After legally committing themselves to yield to the municipalities' wishes, reaffirmed in many public statements, and in the face of the municipalities declared opposition, they meanwhile permitted work on Phase I to proceed and. with this resolution, authorized completion of Phases II. III and IV.

In this, their second, exercise of "statutory privilege", the Freeholders reinstated the operating agreement and wiped out their legal commitment to the

In this flurry of contradictions, the freeholders acted to confuse the issue and actual construction along the lines would make the issue moot - and then scurried for legal cover for their obfuscations.

It can only be concluded that the freeholders manipulated legal devices to de their true intentions. However, the record they left behind exposes their every move and leaves them morally naked. Whether they were knowingly venal or myopically obtuse to the meaning of their actions, they have defined them-selves as unfit for the positions of responsibility they occupy. Either they lied or they were stupid, or both. Let that be their legacy.

By subverting the intent of a benevolent statutory provision into a license to lie, the freeholders have made a mockery of Judge Beglin's ruling. Hopefully, this issue will be addressed on appeal.



'Lunch & More' is on tap The Women's Resource Center

offers Wise Wonderful Women programs in February. For information about these or other programs, call the Center at 908-273-7253 or visit their Web site at www.womesource.org.

The Wise Wonderful Women of the Women's Resource Center and The Connection for Women & Families in Summit will be sponsoring a "Lunch and More" event featuring Bryan Burrough, co-author of "Barbarians at the Gate," Feb. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

As a catered buffet lunch is included, advance registration would be appreciated. The charge is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The program will be held in Barnwell Hall in Christ Church at the corner of Springfield Avenue and New England Avenue in Summit.

The WWW is also sponsoring "Reel' Women Go To The Mavies' noon, WWW Lunch and More

Bryan Hurrough is a critically acclaimed author and considered one of the nation's leading business journalists. A nine-year veteran of "The Wall Street Journal" and currently a contributing editor at "Vanity Fair." Burrough has earned a reputation for mfusing his writing with a sense of mystery, humor and humanity.

Taking his reporting to a new level, Summit resident Burrough has tackled subjects from the cutthroat world of Wall Street to outer space. His latest book, "Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave and Birth of the FBI," will be published in the summer

For the WWW Monthly Book Group, Phyllis Lieberman leads a discussion of a different book on the second Monday of each month.

The Feb. 9 selection, "Unless," by Carol Shields the Pulitzer-Prize winning Canadian novelist, is a feminist story about a writer whose oldest daughter drops out of college and takes up silent begging on a sidewalk.

The book should be read prior to the discussion. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Women's Resource Center and the fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

The WWW "Reel' Women Go To The Movies" is a lively group for women who enjoy watching and discussing films. The Feb. 23 selection is "Shirley

Valentine," and is free of charge, but donations are accepted. The group meets in Christ Church

and the discussion begins around 2:30

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Local woman honored by MSU

ored by the Montclair State University Board of Trustees recently for her seven years of service from 1996-2003 as an active and committed board member.

A "Resolution of Appreciation" issued by the board noted that Lai has served on five committees -Academic Program Planning. Appeals, Facilities, Investment and Personnel - including three years as Chairwoman of the Personnel

Lily K. Lui of Summit was hon- Committee and one year as chair- tinction. She earned her Ph.D. and woman of the Appeals Committee. M.A. degrees in economics from Lai was presented with a Mont- the University of Wisconsin-Madiclair State mirror from Board son. Lai was the national president of Chairman George J. Hiltzik and MSU President Susan A. Cole.

> She was elected an MIT Sloan Fellow by AT&T in 1982 and grad- advisory board member of Oxford uated in 1983 with the highest dis- Partners from 1989 to 1993.

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the Organization of Chinese Amer-Lai is president of First American Women from 1984 to 1991, can Development Corpor-ation, a chairwoman of International Affairs of the National Association of Asian-American Professional Women from 1988 to 1992 and an

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port Services a program of the Women's Resources Center, is co- lyn flassell. sponsoring an eight-week series addressing the issues facing those Feb. 10, 17, 24 from 11 a.m. to noon, wenve: Resolve of NJ and the Unitari- Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave. an Church of Summit.

The programs, conducted at the this session's accomplishments. Uniturian Church, 4 Waldron Ave. Summit, begin Wednesday and end art. Class size is limited to 15 Call March 24 from, 7 30 to 9 p m 908-273-4820 to reserve a spot.

The fee is \$5 per session per family or \$20 for the entire series, only if prepaid. To register or for information about this program, call 908-273-

The first session on Wednesday will be "Addressing Your Fertility When Lacing Cancer and will be pre-"Poems from the Heart," in celebraexecutive director of Fertile Hope, a national non-profit organization providing reproductive information, sup- and favorite poems will be read. Tea U.S. to study at the Yale Divinity port and hope to cancer patients

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There will be a Special Hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting to be held on Thursday February 19, 2004 COMMENCING AT 6 PM IN THE FREEHOLD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, ELIZABETH, NJ for the purpose of discussion and comment on the County's "GREEN ACRES LOAN APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEISEL AVENUE PARK AND BALLFIELDS". The general public is invited to attend and participate. Written comments will be accepted and should be forward to the Chair of the Freeholder Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, standing

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Jersey. The deadline for the submission of written

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comments is Monday February 16, 2004.

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SENIOR NEWS

Summit seniors offer painting workshop,

Speaker explores Summit seniors can express their China's past and creativity in "Painting Exploring the Mind's Eye," a workshop lead by David Vikner, a noted educator, Summit Senior Housing resident Eve-

will give members of the Summit Area Old Guard a view of China's past and Classes meet Tuesday, as well as future through a series of slides taken between 1913 to 1949. The presentation on Tuesday at 10.

a.m. at the New Providence Municipal There will be a reception, open to Center represents three generations of the public Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. to view his family's involvement in the life and history of China. Open your mind to the wonder of

Vikner was born in China. He is the son and grandson of Lutheran missionaries who have served in China. He is fluent in both Cantonese and materials charge of \$5 payable on the Mandarin languages.

He is currently president and chief executive officer of the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York City. Vikner began his education at East Orange magnet high school and went on to graduate from

Vikner spent three years teaching in Hong Kong and then returned to School where he graduated in 1973.

He received his doctorate from Columbia in 1987. Vikner currently resides in Ho-Ho-Kus with his, wife and two children.

Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard = Tuesday mornings. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips plays, concerts and other

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SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER Unusual plants are on view town, visited Reeves-Reed Arboretum" last April. He was impressed with the way the Arboretum fulfilled its mission. So when he began looking for a new bome for his collection of African...

succulents, he thought of the horticulturists at the Arboretum. He donated to the Arboretum 20 pachy caul and caudiciform succalents stemming from sub-Saharan Africa and Madagascar. Like all succulents, these plants are expert at catching water when it's available and storing it

> for dry seasons. The pachycaul succulents have extraordinarily thick stems, reducing the surface area available for evacuation. The stem of the caudiciform succulents buries itself underground, to shelter against evaporation. "It's an underground reservoir that helps the Africa or Madagascar," said Dr. Ham-

"We're grateful to Dr. Hammer for donating to us such a large collection of unusual plants," said Karen Moore, the Arboretum's greenhouse manager. She invites the public to see the plants for themselves in the Louise Muncle Rochm Greenhouse at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave. in Sum-

The greenhouse is open to the publie weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is often used for educational field trips and workshops at the Arboretum. For information, call 908-273-8787.

When Harvey Hammer, M.D., began looking for a new home for his collection of African succulents, he thought of the horticulturists at Reeves-Reed Arboretum and provided a donation of the unusual plants.

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griesum - peels in orange-red strips. urban conservancy dedicated to envi-Some plants flower in the winter, ronmental and horticultural education "Of course, plants are interesting at including Christmas roses, witch for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the pro-Viburnums, witch hazels, long

hazels and winter jasmine. close range as well as at a distance." said Horticulturist Marta McDowell. stalk hollies and winterberry hollies Being a horticulturist, she recomare underplanted with early-blooming

Winter garden offers wonders

mended the close-un view. daffodil and fritillaria. "But if Aunt Tillie can't get out, she may still enjoy the Winter Interest Garden, which is planted around the heather, which bloom all winter. Arboretum's parking lot," said

Trees and shrubs can have unusual shapes and bark, even when they have hookeriana, a sweetly-scented box- 8787.

want to get out of a warm car! Sight-

won't get out may want to see the new

The garden, funded by a grapt from

the New Jersey Committee for the

Garden Club of America, displays

plants with various shapes and shrubs

Winter-Interest Garden at Reeves-

Reed Arboretum

with unusual bark.

Elsewhere at the 12.5 acre arboretum, walkers may find heath and

For example, the Winter Interest seers with passengers who can't or garden has Harry Lauder's Walking Stick - Corylus avellana 'Contorta' with branches twisted like

est Garden may be found at The Garden Shop, which is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Garden Shop is closed for the holidays It also contains Korean dogwood

Comus Kousa - with mottled Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located a bark. The Paperbark maple - Acer 165 Hobart Ave. in Summit, is a subfessional care and preservation of a

> The grounds of the arboretum are open daily from dawn to dusk.

thanks to the generous support of In February, near the arboretum's, donations, fund-raisers and member Garden Shop they find sarcococca ships. For information, call 908-273-

Maple sugaring spreads warmth

ruary, but the weather is just right are scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. When nights are crisp and days

sends sap up to its limbs. Sugar- 8:15 a.m. for an additional fee. lovers can siphon off some of the san to make maple syrup or maple candy. Children's and family pro- nature hands-on, in after-school grams at the Arboretum teach how to family fun workshops that are make and enjoy these natural treats.

Feb. 28, families can learn how to family fun workshops teach how to identify a sugar maple tree and tap it make maple candy. for its sap. Indoors, they can watch the sap boil down into a syrup, and children will visit the sugar maple

younger than age 2 are free. ____ 13. A pancake breakfast will begin at

Reeves-Reed Arboretum also encourages children to learn about designed to be amusing. Eebruary

Children aged 3 to 5 and their for Reeves-Reed Arboretum's sugar. The fee for the maple sugaring program is \$5 per person, children workshops on either Feb. 9 or Feb.

> attend candy making workshops 5 without their caregivers on Feb. 20. scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The fee per child is \$20. There is a discount for Arboretum members For family fun workshops, maple

sugaring and the pancake breakfasts. Call 908-273-8787 ext 15

In addition to making candy, the pre-registration is required

Workshops offer outdoor art education Reeves-Reed Arboretum is cele- send a letter to Adult Education Direc-

brating its 30th year as the only tor, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 County Soil Conservation District will arboretum in Union County. Since 1974, it has provided horticultural and explaining where they teach art and environmental education for children and adults.

The arboretum is known for its school field trips. The education staff also teaches teachers about how to fee. Call 908-273-8787 ext. 16 for bring a respect for the outdoors to

and 7, three art teachers will be able toattend a 12-hour Botanical Illustration workshop free of charge. A grant from the Target Corporation Family of Giving Programs makes this scholarship possible. Teachers interested in being considered for the scholarship, should

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shop is also open to the public for a

Arts-Reaching Thousands -- from the

Another offering for teachers at the book. 'Arboretum is a WILD School Site Workshop on March 9.

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outdoor school site as a hands-on, Participants in the workshop will

receive qualification to apply for the WHIP grant - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, mapping and site management skills needed to plan and have elected six Summit residents intain a school yard habitat, inter- to serve on the Board of Trustees elected as officers of the arbore- to the arboretum," said Daehnke HEART Grant - History, Education, disciplinary lessons that help teach New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Union County Board of Chosen Free-Standards, six-professional development credits and a planning guide

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Arboretum elects residents as trustees Anne Berman, Sandy Bristol,

tain the value of Reeves-Reed Ellen Bonovan, Ashley Moos, Arboretum as an educational and Sally Solmssen and Kevin Willsey horticultural resource in Summit," said David S. Daehnke, executive trustees. director of Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 125 Hobart Ave.

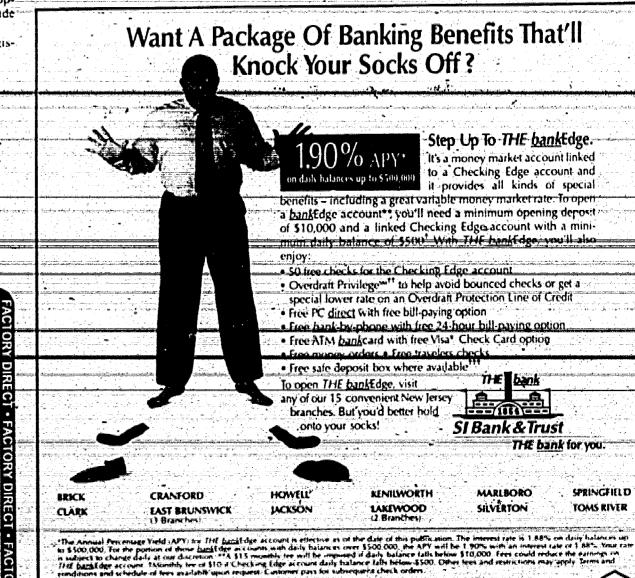
The members of the arboretum

Hill and Richard Metzger of New Providence were also elected.

president, Jerry Dempsey, and John will serve the arboretum as Shanahan were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. "Reeves-Reed Arboretum's staff

Four Summit residents were and energy the trustees contribute

Melissa Pflieger was elected vice



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Gospel singer performs Feb. 22

ly acclaimed gospel inspirational. Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa and honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. recording artist and Grammy nominee, will perform a concert Feb. 22 at Fountain Baptist Church of Sum-

Fountain Baptist Church, located at Academy, Inc. 116 Glenside Ave in Sümmit There is no admission charge for the ben-County, headquartered in Plainfield.

Phipps is a world-renowned bass-baritone, motivational speaker and education activist. Phipps has sung for every U.S. President since Jimmy Carter at several National Prayer Breakfast events and other distinguished celebrations. He was chosen by Oprah Winfrey to offer musical interpretations for her weeklong coverage of the "9-11" tragedy. Winfrey also asked him to write a special prayer she delivered

Phipps has performed for Mother Teresa of Calcutta, President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, the Billy Graham Crusades, the Natican, the National Easter Seal felethon, and the Rosa Parks Birthday CelebraNorth and South America.

Phipps was nominated for Grammy Awards in 1988 and 1989, and is test Church uses its witness to transthe author of "The Power of A Dream "He is the founder, presi- brokenhearted, and to expand the The concert will begin 5 p.m. at | dent and CEO of the U.S. Dream | sense of community with the Gospel

message of hope and change. The church membership, currentraised in Montreal, Canada. He sly more than 2,000 has a commitefit concert, although there will be a attended Kingsway College, a ment to evangelism and outreach, need to serve approximately 20 hours collection of free will donations. Christian academy, Oakwood Col., Local outreach programs include during the spring process which All proceeds will benefit Interfaith lege where heareceived an under- ministry to prisons, sursing homes, Council for the Homeless of Union graduate degree in Theology; earned transitional housing residents, and a Masters of Divinity degree from HIV/AIDS patients.

Concord Singers meet

community chorus based in Summit ties and ethnicities. and now in its 26th year, has begun rehearsals för its spring season.

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degree from Waynesburg College.

Formed in 1989, Fountain Bap-

In March, the Concord Singers will ing auditions. It strives to achieve a perform Mendelssohn's "Midsummer high level of musicianship through the Night's Dream" with the Summit dedication and commitment of its Symphony. In May, they will present For information, call Deborah Boy-

Volunteers sought for zations asking for nominations for fund distribution

The United Way of Summit. New Providence and Berkeley Heights is 07974 by Feb. 15. For information, form lives, minister to the poor and currently recruiting volunteers to call 908-771-0717.

financial or community service background Committee members will mit includes analyzing budgets and programs, and attending agency presentations The majority of the meetings are area. scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings in May.

For information, call 908-771 United Way begins search for Citizen of

The United Way of Summit. New Providence and Berkeley Heights has begun its annual search for the Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Volunteer Service and Edward H. Kaus Youth

The chairwoman of the Search Committee, Joanne Douds, has sent letters to more than 100 community, civic, educational and service organiat least 50 percent ownership in the

sent to the United Way office at 1282 Springfield Ave., New Providence, NJ 2: 973-386-5427.

Military support group forms in Sum-

NEWS CLIPS

A support group for relatives and friends of military service members when requesting the application via on, or awaiting duty, in a combat zone. US Mail, a self-addressed stamped is being formed in the greater Summit

An organizational meeting will be held on Feb. 10, at the American Red Cross, 695 Springfield Ave., Summit, at 7 p.m. Questions can be directed to Pat Obst at 908-277-4371.

Summit BPW offers career awards Summit Business and Professional Women has announced that its state motes women's-full participation in

be available for women ages 25 and for women. older who are seeking to advance their

The award may be used for educa- www.summitbpw.org.

Applications and instructions may be received by calling Holly Newman

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The application may also be obtained electronically in PDF format by sending an e-mail request to: scholarship@summitbpw.org. All applications must be submitted by Tuesday. Applicants should keep in mind that envelope must be included in order to receive the scholarship application

and instructions Summit BPW is a non-profit organization and part of the National Federation of Business and Women's Clubs, the oldest organization in the United States dedicated to ensuring workplace and professional opportuni ty equality for women. Established in 1919, BPW pro-

organization will be offering career the work force by supporting pay development awards for the equity and economic self-sufficiency Awards of up to \$500 a person will political and economic opportunities For information about Summit

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Prom Night clothing collection begins

female high school student? said Sheraine Arbitsman, director of Thousands of disadvantaged girls community relations.

away, 17-year-old Karen Rozenboim, for their special night but cannot afford to purchase a dress. president of the Catherine's Closet Got a dress? Give Sandy Kessler a Club at Jonathan Dayton High School call. For the third year, Kessler's non- in Springfield, is hard to work profit organization. Catherine's Closet redesigning a number of donated Inc., is collecting new and gently-used gowns.

long to look and feel like princesses.

who can't afford them. The gowns must be clean, on a hanger and in the latest styles. Shoes, bags and accessories in good condition are also accepted. Collection dates will be Sunday

prom gowns, shoes and bags for girls

through Feb. 15. Drop off locations include Westfield High School, Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Ave. in Springfield and Jonathan Dayton High School on Another group of young ladies Mountain Avenue, Donations can also from Montgomery High School in be picked up by calling Jayne. Newark are altering other leftover Salomon at 908-518-1997 or Vicki dresses

The prom-night paraphernalia will be given away April 3 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark where legions of volunteers will turn the hotel's ballroom into a giant walk-in closet for the day. The packed racks will feature designer dresses from Vera Wang. Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren, Jessica McClintock and others...

As in the past, there are no questions asked - every high school senfor who comes to the Robert Treat Hotel will get a dress - but this year there's an emphasis on community

"After two years of handing out Kessler, who also owns a financial service business in Newark, "I don't mind free dresses because I believe every- girl should be a princess on Johnson prom night. But I will eventually insist that the young ladies who receive them give something in return - ideand build self confidence."

ize donated dresses, publicize and

In December, clubs in Westfield and Springfield joined together and noney for Kessler's organization.

Kessler named her gown giveaway

project for Catherine in the hope that

Volleyball tournament set

The annual Volley Ball Tournament for Project Graduation will be conducted in the main gym of Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield from 7 to

9:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Dayton High faculty, administrators and staff will compete with the students from the class of 2004. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. All proceeds

For information, call Gloria Rego at 973-376-4485.

EDUCATION

Pre-schoolers-sought for new program Disabled pre-schoolers ages 3-5

who are in need of special education

and related services are being sought by the Springfield school district. Pre-school children with disabili-In preparation for the April giveties demonstrate delays in cognition, speech, language, vision, hearing, motor or social/emotional development. Springfield offers a program for pre-school disabled children called

Readiness Opportunities for Unique boim will attend New York's Fashion Tots. Anyone who knows a preschooler "Being involved with Catherine's who may be eligible for this program. should call the Springfield school dis-Closet allows me to practice what I love doing while helping fellow stutrict's Department of Special Services dents," Rozenboim says. The Dayton at 973-376-0948 to request an evalua-. Club will also be replacing zippers on tion of the student.

SPROUT - Springfield School

Executive skills workshop offered

Children's Specialized Hospital presents "Executive Skills in Children Interventions" at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 12. evolving into places where young girls

The program will be held at Chilsupport and care for each other," dren's Mountainside facility, 150 New Kessler says, adding-that learning how Providence Road. The workshop is the real world works is also part of the designed for speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, teach-Kessler, the mother of Iwo grown ers, special educators, school psycholchildren, says Catherine's Closet is her ogists and child psychologists.

way of giving back to the community. Executive skills refer to the cognil've made a living working in tive processes required to plan and Newark for the past 30 years. Catherorganize activities, including task iniine's Closet is my community servtiation and follow through, working memory, sustained attention, perform-Since its inception in 2002, Catherance monitoring, inhibition of impulses, self-regulation, and goal directed

ine's Closet has outfitted more than 2,500 inner-city students with prom dresses. The organization is dedicated gowns, it's bothering me," said to the memory of Catherine Johnson, daughter of Paul and Rence Johnson, both employees of Newark Public Schools and twin sister of Courtney

A designer and seamstress, Rozen-

Institute of Technology in the fall.

many brand new donated gowns.

under the tutelage of the club's advi-

sor, a home economics teacher.

Catherine was valedictorian of her class at Clifford Scott High School in ter for Learning and Attention Disor-East Orange and the caption of the ally, getting involved with one of the volleyball team. Just days before the Catherine's Closet Community Ser- automobile accident took her life on Resources Inc. at 800-487-6530. vice Clubs. Kids are capable of so Jan. 31, 2002. Catherine was accepted much and volunteering provides to the pre-med program at Montclair opportunites to hone valuable skills. State University. Her dream was to practice medicine

Catherine was also active in her church and community. In a college the clubs raise money, procure gowns application essay she wrote: "People through solicitations, sort and organ-will know my name - not for fame, fortune or vanity. They will know me

because I have helped someone." held a Dressy Dress Sale to raise her memory will inspire gown recipi-

side announces its registration for... 2004-05 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be

registration opens

Kindergarten

held by appointment Feb. 9, 10 and 11. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m. Parents are requested to call Lynne Ciasulli to make an appointment for

The program will be presented by

Peg Dawson and Richard Guare. Daw-

son is a former school psychologist

now on staff with the Center for

Guare is a neuropsychologist and

For information, call Education

Learning and Attention Disorders.

by kindergarten teachers, a speechtherapist and an occupational therapist Barbara Kemorski, the Mountainside school district's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

Parents should call Beechwood School at 908-301-9104, ext. 100, to make an appointment and to receive. forms that should be completed and

> Children being registered should be 5 years old by Oct. 1.

Where imagination takes flight



Recently, Mountainside's Den 14, Pack 11 visited the Raptor Trust in Millington, NJ, a privately funded bird rehabilitation center. Den 14 was very excited to visit the open aviaries and saw hawks, eagles and owls. The boys also participated in an informative program at the Education Center.

STUDENT UPDATE ughout the United States at the they actually keep this city and ou

Junior National Young Leaders Con- country running," said Mike Lasday,

Honors for Goldblat at Lafayette College

ference from Saturday to Feb. 5, in executive director of the Congression-Sophomore Jessica Cheryl Gold-Washington, D.C. blat of Springfield was among the 843 Lafayette College students named to Leadership," the Conference introthe 2003 fall semester dean's list.

Each of the students have achieved at least a 3,45 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Nicola joins DC leadership conference currently serves as director of the Cen-

Tara Nicola of Springfield will join

nial Williamsburg, from which our country took shape. "By participating in the Junior

op their own leadership skills.

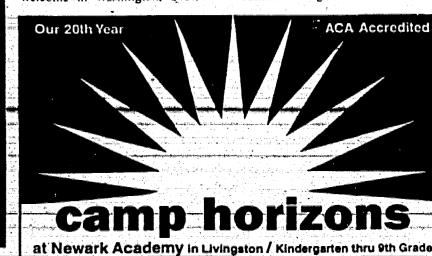
organization that sponsors JrNYLC Themed "The Legacy of American "One of the goals of JrNYLC is to encourage students to build their own duces young people to the rich tradileadership skills through active tion of leadership throughout Ameriinvolvement within their communican history, while helping them devel-

al. Youth Leadership Council, the

In addition to examining notable Nicola will participate in educa-U.S. leaders and historic figures. tional activities and presentations led Nicola will study the impact of leader by individuals in high-level positions ship throughout critical periods o as well as young people who exercise American history including the Civa leadership-skills within their commu-War and Reconstruction, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civi

national landmarks, including Colo-Upon completion of JrNYLC, students will take home a greater sense of understanding of the role of individu-National Young Leaders Conference, als in American democracy, as well as students like Tara Nicola will learn the responsibilities of being a leader.

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Foothill Club enjoys 'Victorian Times' talk

The Foothill Club luncheon will be held Feb. 5, noon, at B.G. Fields Restaurant on Mountain Avenue in Westfield "Victorian Times" will be presented by Laune MacDonnell

The Foothill Club is a service. Church at 300 Central Ave. in Mounorganization and has been serving the community of Mountainside for more than 40 years.

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an of many past derbies, will serve as derby governor, and about 100 adult leaders and volunteers from various seout troops will assist in conducting

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If bitten by any animal, consult Somerset's top international selecyour physician immediately and call the Local Health Department at 908 In addition to the wine tasting. 789-4070, to report the incident. attendees will enjoy an evening of music, cheese sampling, appetizers,

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'Cafe at Nite' features local high school bands

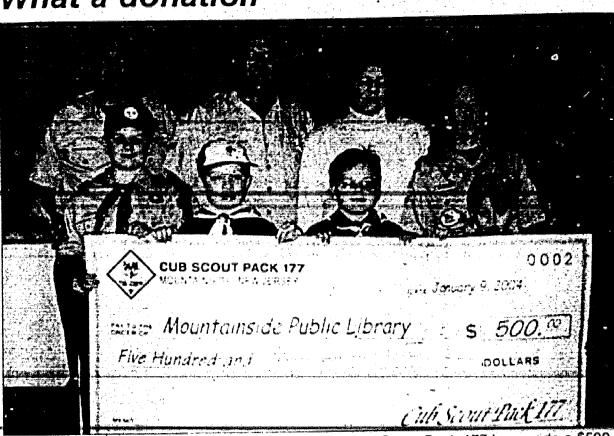
The Springfield Recreation Department will host "Cafe at Nite" Feb. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. featuring local are invited. Tickets are available at bands from Dayfon High School. Students are invited to come to the first "Cafe at Nite" of the year at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S.

> Admission is \$3 with a valid Dayton student ID, which must be present-This cafe is for all Dayton High

> School students. All Springfield residents who attend high school are also Co-sponsoring the event are the

meet Feb. 11 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pressand the Springfield Municipal Alliance

What a donation



donation to the Mountainside Public Library. The library is allocating this money to begin their collection of children's DVDs. From left are: Assistant Cubmaster Mike Bennett, Cubmaster Brian Kinney, Library Director Miriam Bein and Committee Chairperson Jo Vargo. The front row has the four scouts who sold more than \$1,000 each and includes, from left: Webelos David Jennings, Bear Alex Choma, Bear Peter Messler and Tiger



Mountainside Rotary recently inducted Anne Homich, assistant vice-president brain manager of Valley National Bank in Mountainside. Welcoming her into the club are Judith

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boys' basketball team, sparked by the play of standout Dwayne Reid (No. 21). entered Tuesday night's scheduled home game against Dover with an 8-3 record and twogame winning streak. Reid paced Summit with 24 points in last Frisippany Hills. The Hilltoppers, who bested Hanover Park 65-41 at home on Jan. 20, are scheduled to host Morris Hills tonight at 7:

UP FOR TWO - The

Summit High School

County's top athletes to be recognized for their efforts Will gather in Mountainside Feb.8

The Union County Baseball Association will honor a Roselle Park's Group I state championship game. Riccitel-

Among the young award-winners will be high school lar third baseman, making only one error in 26 games. She graduates Matthew Poskay of Johnson, Jessica Ballweg of earned Second Team All State honors. Union Catholic, David Drechsel of Cranford and present Roselle Park High School seniors Erin O'Callahan, Becky former Yankees and Mets veteran Elliott Maddox, who was Riccitelli and Amanda Strahan.

The students will be honored for their achievements in sports at the 68th Annual Hot Stove League Dinner begin- from the Union County Baseball Association in 1974 and

The dinner is sponsored by the Union County Baseball

guished himself in football and lacrosse at Johnson and is for Rahway High School and later played in the Boston Red Mike Mason netted 17 points each for the Bulldogs, while record and had won six straight and seven of eight. The

Ballweg played soccer and basketball on championship, with the Detroit Tigers who coached teams in New Provi victory over Johnson by a 66-55 score last Thursday. teams at Union Catholic and continues her successful soc- dence and Summit and now is a top high school basketball son entered with a 6-4 record.

Drechsel was Union County Players of the Year with the ball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years and the newer Fall-

Banyasz Brothers Memorial Award for Most Valuable Tickets to the 68th Annual Union County Baseball First Team All State in 2003, batting 325 as catcher for and may be obtained by calling 908-527-4910.

The special guest speaker at the awards dinner will be

ley Jakubowski, who compiled a 23-1 record while at winners of three of its last four. Poskay will receive the Chris Zusi Memorial Award for Union and later became a pitching coach for the Texas Dayton's first win of the season was a 57-49 home tri- ence home game against Hillside with a 9-2 record and Outstanding Male Athlete in Union County, Poskay distin- Rangers; George Lewis, who batted over 400 as a catcher umph over Union Catholic on Jan. 20. Michael Tiss and five-game winning streak. Hillside entered with a 9-3 now a nationally-ranked lacrosse midfielder in his sopho- Sox chain; Bob Murawski, a former catcher for the Thomas Mike Luciano scored nine, Bryan Stitt eight, Joe Furna- Comets last won six in a row Jefferson High School team in Elizabeth who played in the guera four and Raul Furnaguera two. Jesse Weatherston 1996-97 season. New York Giants baseball organization and Bill Simo, an also contributed in the sictory. Award for Outstanding Female Athelte in Union County. All-State catcher for Thomas Jefferson and a minor leaguer. Dayton made it two in a row with an impressive home with a 17-point effort against Oak Knoll. Zavocki is a

bases. He's now catching for the Lafayette College team in Since 1937, the annual Hot Stove League Dinner has seen the primary fundraising effort for the Union County Roselle Park on Monday, the Bulldogs' first road victory ki five O'Callahan, Riccitelli and Strahan will share the Baseball Association's summer and fall programs.

Scholastic Softball Player. O'Callahan was chosen to the Association Hot Stove League Dunner are available for \$35

St. James 6th grade team began week with 9-3 mark Boys' basketball was 5-1 in county CYO play

ball team was defeated for the first time this year, falling to 21. Leading the team offensively during the four-game St. Mary & Elizabeth Academy of Linden 40-23 last week. stretch were Anthony Fischetti with 25 points, Kevin Kirk began the week 5-1 in Union County CYO play and had a Also playing well were Philip Patten, Addison Hicks, High School girls mark of 9-3 overall.

Anthony Don, So-Russell Buggayong, Patrick Wade, Herling Royal's this year.

The 3rd and 4th grade girls' team won two of three games last week. First was a 14-4 win over St. Agnes of Clark, Jennifer Kuczynski led all scorers with 10 points, while Emily MacDonnell and Jenna Russo each added a start, the Springfield Minutemen 7th grade basketball team

Trailing Berkeley Heights 7-2 on Saturday in a UCBL game, St. James came back to post a 20-7 triumph. Kuczynski scored 14 and MacDonnell, Russo and Anna Lies two

points and Allison Weber one, while Casey Shockey provided outstanding leadership at point guard. Cara Bibbo, Katelyn Condon, Jessica Condon, Melanie Rossamando and Deirdre McElroy also played well.

The 5th grade team did well to beat Berkeley Heights . Diament poured in eight points in a 55-34 setback

The Springfield St. James CYO 6th grade boys' basket- The team bounced back to best Cranford 34-10 on Jan. Dayton girls' sweep Oak Knoll

Osias, Alex Melleno, Chris Maslo and Nicky Pulice. Springfield began the week with a record of 8-4. Minutemen down New Providence: After a squeaky managed to post a 41-40 win over New Providence.

Michael Diament, who led all scorers with a 19-point performance, made a layup with less than a minute left to give Springfield the lead.

Tenacious defense by Jordan Sack, Jake Krupp an Challen Roedman, in conjunction with Jose Ker rebounding efforts, sealed the victory.

noints, added key foul shots in the final minutes. Springfield was deleated by Mendham 40-35, despite a St. James is scheduled to play again tomorrow night at 7 . Model scored eight points each. Elliot Karp had two points

On Jan. 17, St. James was defeated by St. Helens of while Ross Goldfarb, Karp and Sack chipped in with four Vestfield 28-21, while on Jan. 18, it was bested in over-each. Sammy Dushkin scored two points and played well

Summit Seals make splash in competition at Rutgers Barletta claims gold; Sali sets 4 team marks

Meet held at Rutgers University Jan. 3-4. Competing with teams from 35 New Jersey swim clubs, best showing in the 100 backstroke, clocking 1:11.60.

the Summit Seals met with success as many swimmers posted top 10 finishes and personal-best times. In several cases, swimmers surpassed their seed times, jumping as many as 30 places. Most of the 104 events had

in excess of 75 competitors. ~ Priscilla Barletta claimed a gold medal in the butterfly, Dylan Sali set four new team records and Troy Mullane broke a Seals distance freestyle record.

yard individual medley with a time of 2:19.29. In the 100 backstroke preaststroke, Tato placed sixth, touching the wall in Alex Morrison placed fifth and ninth in the 50 and 100

in the 200 breaststroke, followed by Christine Burke in 1:24.80. Competing in freestyle events, Matt Fargione the 100 backstroke.

a 23.27. Ebert took 15th place in the 200 IM and 16th in the 100 breaststroke, with best times of 2:12.96 and 1:08.10. Ebert also placed 19th in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.14, followed closely by Jack McKenna in 1:00,64.

13-14 events: Troy Mullane set a new Seals team record eling event in 18:15.60 and placing fourth. In a show of sibling rivalry, Mullane broke a record set by his older brother, Ryan, in 2002. Mullane, excelling in distance events, placed eighth in the 100 freestyle and 17th in the 500 freestyle with times of 11:31.55 and 5:42.21. Justin Louie placed 15th in the 200 backstroke and 18th

in the 100 backstroke, with times of 2:20.48 and 1:05.85. In the 200 and 500 freestyle, Louie placed 13th and 21st, 1:19.35. Andrew Kam had his best showing in the 200 mates. backstroke, posting a time of 2:45.94. Priscilla Barletta brought home the only gold medal for

the Summit Seals, winning the girls' 13-14 100-yard butterfly event with a time of 1:04.29. Barletta took seventh place in the 200 IM and eighth place in the 200 butterfly. posting ties of 2:24.60 and 2:34.12.

Charlotte Dillon excelled in breaststroke events, placing fifth in the 100 and eighth in the 200 with times of 1:13.53 with a time of 39.06.

tingent of athletes to the Winterfest Invitational 2004 Swim and 2:28.47. Christine Reilly posted a personal-best time of 2:51.10 in the 200 breaststroke Brittney Brando had her

11-12 events: Amanda Grywalski placed fourth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:18.37 and was eighth in the 50 breaststroke in 36.12. Grywalski placed 13th and 18th in the 100 and 200 freestyle, posting times of 1:02.33 and 2:17.38. She also placed 16th in the 100 butterfly. clocking 32.15.

Danielle Addonizio placed 16th in the 100 IM, touching the wall in 1:12.85 and also clocked a 1:13.97 in the 100 15-19 events: Margaret Tato placed fourth in the 200- backstroke. Julie Huang posted a time of 36.61 in the 50

1:12.59. Emma Chapman placed sixth in both the 200 IM butterfly, posting best times of 30.95 and 1:10.95. Morrison and the 100 butterfly, clocking times of 2:20.61 and also placed 10th and 14th in the 200 and 100 lM with times of 2:37.55 and 1:13.06. Stephen Leh placed 12th and 19th

17th place with a time of 2:45.74. Pflug also placed 16th placed 13th and 14th in the 100 and 500 freestyle, with and 19th in th. 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle with times of times of 1:03.51 and 6:21.22. Fargione placed 17th in both 57.85 and 26.80. Catherine Andrasko clocked a 1:11.55 in the 50 and 200 freestyle, clocking 28.66 and 2:19.97 Michael Strand had his best showing in the 100 backstroke. Paul Ebert placed eighth in the 50 freestyle, sprinting to posting a time of 1:17.75. In the 50 freestyle, Greg Fennell sprinted to a 29 55.

10-and-under events: Dylan Sali, 8, had an amazing meet, setting four new team records in longer distance events that are rarely tackled by an 8-year-old. Sali placed fourth in the 200-yard IM, setting a new Seals record of in the boys' 13-14 1,650-yard-freestyle, completing the gru- 2:48.79. Sali set his second team record, placing sixth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:09.28. Placing eighth in the 100 backstroke, Sali set a third team record of 1:18.63. Finishing 10th with a time of 43.17. Sali set his fourth team record in the 50 breaststroke.

Salt did not break existing Seal's records, because, in fact, none existed for 8-and-under boys' in the 200 IM, the 100 freestyle, the 100 backstroke and the 50 breaststroke. "Dylan is having guite a season and this is directly due elocking best times of 2:07.30 and 5:43.87. Connor Morri- to his talent, attitude and great work ethic," Seals head son swam the 100 breaststroke, touching the wall in coach Hank Buntin said. "He is quite a model for his team-

> Sali is now the proud-owner of nine individual 8-and under boys' Summit Seals records.

Laurence Huang had his best showing in the 50 breaststroke, touching the wall in 44.78. Victor Hui posted a timeof 1:29.62 in the 100 IM. Brothers Kyle and Kevin Fries competed in the 50 freestyle, clocking times of 38.19 and 38.30. Nancy Yang had her best showing in the 50 freestyle

20 by a 40-36 score in Summit. The Bulldogs won the

Sara Steinman and Lisa Listowski added six points

The Brearley High School wrestling team, consisting of

students who attend Brearley and Dayton, began the week

The Bears are captained by seniors Jon Rego (160) and

with a 6-7 record and three-match winning streak.

the start of the week. Both attend Dayton.

Michelle Tomasino five, Margaret Mysliwiec four, Lyndsey

the First Team All State. Strahan was Roselle Park's regu- with a time of 1:07.57. Competing in the 200 freestyle and Seals, log on to: www.summityseals.org

Dayton and GL boys' hoops an outstanding player at Union High School in the mid1960s. Maddox received the Chris Zusi Memorial Award from the Union County Baseball Association in 1974 and was writted into the Union County Baseball Association in 1974 and

In addition to the scholastic award winners, the Hot basketball teams began the week on quite a roll. Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board Stove League Baseball Dinner will also honor four new Dayton entered Tuesday night's scheduled home game fourth quarter by an 11-4 margin to pull out the come-fromof Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department members of the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame: Stan- against a 10-0 Brearley team with a 3-10 record and was behind victory.

Scoring was pretty spread out for the Bulldogs again as Drechsel will receive the Edward Cooper Memorial Admission to the awards dinner is \$35 per person, with Tiss poured in 15, Stitt 14, Mason 13, Weatherston eight, R. Brahm two and Amanda DiCocco contributed.

> Dayton's third win of the season was a 51-43 triumph at points. Steinman scored seven, Mysliwiec six and Listo Luciano paced Dayton with a 13-point effort, while Stitt added 12, Mason nine and Tiss eight.

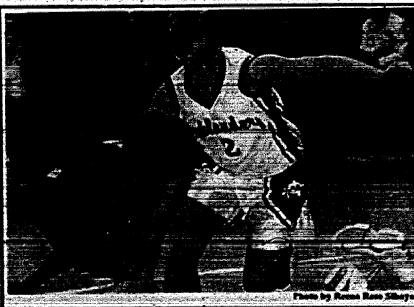
GL began the week with an 8-3 record and four-game winning streak. The Highlanders defeated Union Catholic Brearley wrestlers on a roll-53-34 last Friday and then won at home over New Providence 49-46 last Saturday. Senior guard Mike Amalfe and teammates Brian Beal

and Jayson Holowell each netted nine points in the win over Union Catholic. Connor-Donohue added eight points. Joe Rodrigues (152), who both sported winning records at Tim Ringwood five and Jonathan Moss four. Amalfe had the hot hand against New Providence, filling the hole for 23 points. Moss netted 11, Beal eight and

How sweep it is! After coming so close to beating Oak Knoll in recen

Brearley defeated Governor Livingston 63-15 in Berkeley Heights on Jan. 17. North Plainfield 50-25 at home on Jan. 21 and Johnson 58-15-at home last Saturday. Other grappiers include freshman Danny Como freshman Jem Vigilante (112), junior Mike Lawson (119). freshman Joe Mraz (125), junior Dan Kahoonei (130), sen-

Bound Brook last Friday.



The Gov. Livingston High School girls basketball team, sparked by the play of Danielle McCann (No. 2). noon's scheduled home game against Rahway with a 2-8 record and was seeking to snap a <u> four-came slide Here.</u> McCann, who scored three points, dribbles defender in last week's 42-40 home setback. . .

Lourdes Parish will sponsor a wine and cheese party featuring a profes-Gaulke, actress and story teller. New members and guests are always wel-The event will be held in the audicome. For reservations, call torium of Our Lady of Lourdes Genevieve at 908-232-3626.

Somerset Wine Importers of New York will be the expert who will lead guests in a professional tasting of fine 47th annual Klondike wines from around the world. Derby sled race set Three flights of tastings will At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Boy Scouts include "Light, Crisp and Dry Whites" - Chateau of Sancierre

of the Patriot District of the Patriots' Path Council will host their 47th Klondike Derby sled race and scoutskill contest at the picnic area above Surprise Lake in the Watchurfg Reser-Bruce Mellen of Westfield, a veterdon Chardonnay; and "Alternative

On derby day, the reservation will be transformed into the Klondike

- Sebut patrols: using compass directions to map out their routes, will pull Eskimo-style sleds between the towns. where they will be graded on their performance of different scout-skill problems, such as first aid, lashings and knots, measuring, and fire-building Each team's test scores and elapsed times are relayed to a central score-

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Comings & goings

State Sen. Nicholas Scutari rom Linder got the call he had been waiting for early last week Senate President Richard Codey I im know he had been assign seats on the Senate Education an State Government committees. C yes, he also was granted a seat a he had requested on the prestigiou Judiciary Committee.

For Scutari, the youngest mem ber of the Senate, the judiciary slot s a coup. Followers of state po tics saw the battle last wee between Sens. Nia Gill of Esse and Jeffrey Adler of Camden lead the committee.

Left By Frank Capece

The committee votes off every judge and virtually every other major state appointment a well as grappling with many of the constitutional issues facing th

Add to this the State Govern ment Committee which will be th hot bed for ethics reform, and the education committee which will hear the plans for consolidation by Gov. James McGreevey, and Scutari could be a busy fellow for the next four years.

Also at the Statehouse last week was former Gov. and Senate President Donald DiFrancesco Scotch Plains. Dressed in the same crew sweater that has become the age of presidential candidates sion of the New Jersey Nets nev owner Bruce Ratner to move the team to Brooklyn. DiFrancesco! view was that if the funding plan he had supported for a Newark arena had been adopted, the team would have stayed in the state, The problem with that plan o

Airlines Arena is that the state faces this year a \$5 billion shortfall state must balance a \$24 billion budget. Even those in favor o fuzzy math, to use an old political term, see the problem with state subsidies for sports team.

On Saturday morning, Cranfor action. Like a lot of parents and time coaching a recreation basketball team at Hillside Avenue School.

oing so well that day for the kid got a game to finish here." about a lesson in life, about what

As the president of the New J sey Sports and Exposition Author ty George Zoffinger said, "A segment of the population may co sider it important to have sports franchises but an entire other group

and social services." It turns out that now the Devils are seeking a state-subsidized facility in Newark by 2007. Still, it's clear the financial connection between sports team and the tax payers is changing.

Also changing are the rules those who visit taverns in our state. With a lot less fanfare than expected, the governor signed a law last week that lowers the blood alcohol limit for drivers who drink from 0.10 to 0.08. The law was signed on the last

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day to keep the state eligible for federal highway funds. The impact for those convicted for the first time in the range of 0.08 to 0.10 is a fine up to \$400 and a three-mouth loss of license. Get caught over 0.10, the fine can go to \$500 and loss of license to seven months The people who follow this say for every hour a 180-pound man should stop at four drinks in one ing for anybody coming or going.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney

County narrows sites for new youth jail

Staff Writer

With the number of detainees housed at the George W. Herlich Juvenile Detention Center capped at 34, the Union County administration has been authorized to spend no more than-\$1.5 million to house additional detainees in various the entire \$1.5 million is not expected to be said Sharon Lauchaire, a Juvenile Justice Comused this year as the county has settled on a site mission spokeswoman. to construct a new juvenile detention center. although the location has not yet been dis-

closed. Director Frank Guzzo, who would not even commission-approved suicide safe measures. divulge which of the county's 21 municipalities the new facility will be constructed.

Last December, the county had narrowed its new building is certainly still a couple of years search to three locations. A month prior to that, down the road," said Lauchaire, "We have to County Manager George Devanney said a loca- ensure that the current building is as adequate as million at last week's regular meeting. tion should be announced by mid-December as we can make it until the new building is open." the county examined three undisclosed sites: Before that, the county said a site would beannounced by Mid-November.

the deal," said Guzzo:

detention facility to replace the current facility said Guzzo.

Commission, Howard Beyer, and state Child Advocate Kevin Ryan toured Union County's center. other councies. However, county officials said invenite detention center eather this month,

> actually out looking at some of the sites." the state's mandated can Lauchaire said.

Beyer and Ryan were reviewing the vements that have been made at the center. trons," said Department of Human Services including better lighting and implementation of

"There are still some improvements that have to be made to the existing building because a this year." Although the Juvenile Justice Commission

facility by a certain date, it is the hope of the toward the completion of a new building as

Along with mandating the construction of a - to a detention center. Executive director of the Juvenile Justice new facility, the commission also capried the number of detainees that could be housed at the

The average daily population at Union County's detention center, located on the seventh floor of the parking garage next to the county

"Mr. Guzzo wasn't there because he was courthouse, had been approximately 50, prior to Last year, freeholders allocated \$1.1 million for the purpose of housing additional juvenile

detainees at facilities outside Union County

"We didn't use the full amount of money last year," said Guzzo. "We do not anticipate using the \$1.5 million

holder approved a resolution allocating the \$1.5 The number of detainees housed outside Union County last year averaged about 30 a day.

has not mandated that the county build a new. This year the county is averaging 16 a day. Guzzo said the winter months are historical-"We are very close to being able to finalize commission that the county will move_along by low when it comes to the humber of juvernle detainees housed in detention centers.

Hello governor

spring, the state's Juvenile Justice Commission. "We hope to get everything in place as soon working with the family court system, which has mandated that the county build a new juvenile as we can and break ground as soon as we can, - made suggestions to judges for alternative ways to discipline Juveniles rather than sending them

"That's helped," she said. "I think that's helped a lot."

The idea for a new county juvenile detention center dates back about 10 years.

When Republicans controlled the freeholder board, they supported a new facility in Elizabeth, where the Prosecutor's Office now stands. that would have included a parking garage and cogeneration plant to supply energy for the county complex The nearly \$50-million project ultimately was nixed by Democrats

in 1998, a committee studied potential for a new juvenile center and the county in 1999 purchased for \$2 million a site beneath the Goethals Bridge in Elizabeth from Olympia

Trailways. The plan was to build a 72-bed facility but a year later freeholders decided to sell the property to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey after the county experienced a decline in

the youth fail population. A new facility is estimated to cost anywhere from \$15 million to \$20 million - not including the expense of any land acquisition ... based upon a cost of \$200,000 per bed.

Law enforcement agencies team up to share information

Staff Writer

Yesterday, prosecutors and chiefs of police from counties around the state gathered at the John II. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains to discuss a possible link-up deploying their personnel to prebetween all departments' databases in order to share information on suspects.

"Hopefully, all the counties will do the same thing and gic and tactical assessments." we can hook up with all of them. That way we'll have a statewide intelligence database also hooked into the State Police department," said Union County Prosecutor's Chief of Detectives Robert Buccino. "The most important thing you can do in law enforcement is share information. Buccino said some of the counties have good systems to

collect information on but do not have analysts reviewing that information. "We'll be introducing them to a system where the analysis is probably the most important part of the entire sys-

The Union County Prosecutor's Office is the only law enforcement unit in the state that employs its own full-time Intelligence Unit, consisting of three criminal analysts and three law enforcement officers who spend every day sorting crime information, sifting through computer intelligence data and solving serious felony cases."

The Intelligence Unit uses sophisticated, computerized. tracking systems to compare patterns, limelines and methods used by criminals.

"Just as the corporate world uses modern systems to on the cutting edge of our efforts," said 1 mon County year ago. Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

One burglary brought to the unit by the Rahway Police. Department led members of the Intelligence Unit to uncovside. Scotch Plains and Berkeley Heights.

defense, to use up-to-the-minute intelligence," said

more proactive. Not only in vent crime but to make real strate-— Theodore Romankow

to make real strategic and tactical assessments."

Officers who will use the system are trained on a

The system was paid for using grant funding and forfei-

So far, the Intelligence Unit have developed a system other commercial and law enforcement databases."

for training next month. All arrests in Union County that are of a violent nature go into a database, as well as information on gang member.

the same kind of quick, precise and accurate data to keep us cocaine as a benefit of the system, which was installed a

"We can strategically attack and assess the crime: the

The county's system is linked with the state. Each day

information sharing and crime data program, the unit ties will form the network. Approximately four counties

making a link-up optimal "A little piece of information may some day become very important," said Buccing.

'It allows administrators to be

Romankow, "It allows administrators to be more proactive, Not only in deploying their personnel to prevent crime but

secured Web browser, database system that allows each user to read, write, edit and contribute known data to the entire computer network.

that has more than 5,300 entries, with connections to 14 Last year, almost 200 officers from New Jersey were trained on the CrimeNtel system and another 80 are slated

"All that information is analyzed," said Buccine

criminality," said Buccino.

Business cool to idea of mandated leave

Angelo Bonanno of Hillside is congratulated by Joseph Agresti, third vice president of Unico National, upon

being sworn in as Unico's district governor for District

10. The district represents chapters in Clark, Elizabeth, Hillside, the Plainfields, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Union

Regional Editor

A proposal by Gov. James McGreevey_requiring_employers_to___ offer 16 hours a year of paid leave is getting a cool reception from business

In his state of the state address earannounced his Kids Time initiative, posal. which would require employers to offer 16 hours - equal to two working days - of paid leave for employ- family," Stoller said. "The vast major-

of one work day. carry over unused time from one year to the next or cash in unused time cern comes from." when they leave their jobs.

the radar screen right now." Coyle Union, questioned the costs and mansaid of the proposed measure. Most dates placed on businesses by the

said, might be on very small business-something like this.

es and retailers.

Time, with state government mandating the amount of leave offered by

Jeff Stoller, vice president f human resources for NJBIA, said feedback from its membership, which numbers 21,000 employers, has been lier this month, the governor negative despite the preliminary prodifficulties of balancing work and

ees to address their children's emer- ity are trying to accommodate gency medical or education needs. employees as much as they can," by Part-time employees would be eligible offering paid sick days, holidays, perfor eight hours of leave, the equivalent sonal and vacation days, none of McGreevey's proposal seem

and employees would not be able to be taking it to a degree that no other

Only 10 states currently offer If enacted, Kids Time would be the unpaid leave for employees to attend first law of its kind in the United parent-teacher conferences. Stoller

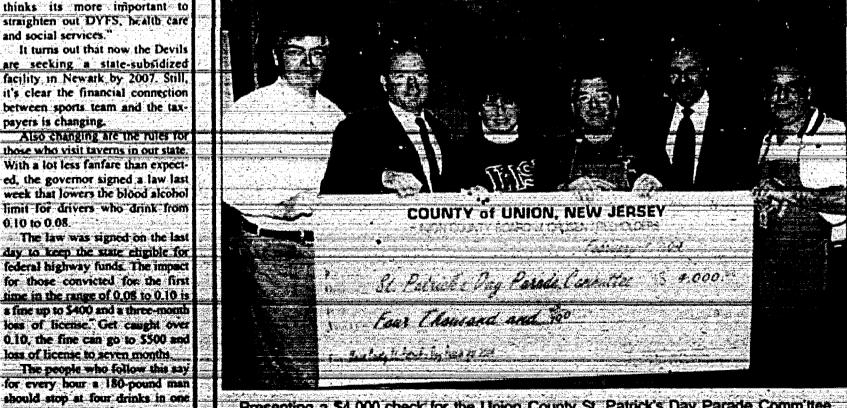
The Union County Chamber of Stoller said there has been concern Commerce has not taken an official from human resource managers that if

position on the proposal, President any plan requires any employee with ames Coyle said, although the subject children to get additional time off, is on the agenda for the next meeting other employees, without children, "It's not really one of the topics on State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr., R

The most potential effect. Coyle sure this is the right time to add or

"Our businesses have been very

The New Jersey Business and progressive with working with their



Supporting St. Patrick's Day parade

resenting a \$4,000 check for the Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee are, from left, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, Elizabeth Police Sgl. Matthew Glackin, Free-holder Deborah Scanlon, Parade President Jim Feehan, Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada and Parade Adjutant Gene Sully. The money was raised during Saturday's celebrity bartender event at the Knights of Columbus in Union. The annual Union County St. Patrick's Day parade will be March 13 at 1 p.m. in Union.

COUNTY NEWS

Internet class for parents The Union County Prosecutor's Office will host a third special class for parents and school administrators wanting to learn more about the Internet and how criminals use the internet on Saturday at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1776 Rantan Road,

.Scotch Plains.

The special sessions, held in a computer training laboratory, include a free luncheon and hands-on instru tion concerning Internet safety, tips for families and how to report offenses that occur with the use of the comput-

"Of course, we are hoping that citizens will take advantage of this very popular free training and take the time to find out what most of their children already know about what really happens concerning computer messages. chat rooms and the improper transmitting of data information," said Union County Prosecutor Theodore

To register for the course, which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call a a seat was yesterday.

Grand marshal Mass

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will sponsor a grand marshal investiture Mass at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Madison Hill Road, Clark, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m., honoring Grand Marshal Matthew P. Glackin.

A reception will immediately follow in the auditorium with music by the "Round the House" band. A donation for the reception of \$25 is requested. Ticket supplies are limited.

Counselors association selling '04 books

The Union County School Counselors Association is selling Entertainment '04 Books to fund "We Care" aide coordinator, at 908-351-9050 or awards granted to chosen high school. "Jim Walsh at 908-276-3152. students in Union County.

Students who have made significant contributions in their communi- Steve at 908-354-3040, Ext. 369. ties and in helping others in need are chosen by guidance counselors Community blood drives throughout the county to receive these monetary awards in recognition of their good deeds.

counts for fine dining, casual dining, ----- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Roscile special attractions, hotels, airlines. Park High School, 185 W. Webster inovies, dry cleaning, and car washes Ave., Roselle Park: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. covering the horthern, central, and St., Rahway. southern sections of New Jersey at

Free tax-assistance

RSVP and AARP both offer free way tax assistance to senior citizens and tions throughout Union County.

To request an appointment, taxpay-, field ers must call the site in their local

Budget

income tax file. Last year, volunteers. Social Security number and bring a dresses will be sorted and brought to aided more than 2,600 citizens with

Free tax assistance will be offered from early February until April 15 at the following locations: · Berkeley Heights Free Public

Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., 908-464-Clark Munreipal Building, 430

Westfield Ave., 732-388-3600. • Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., 908-709-7283.

 Elizabeth Free Public Library, 11 S. Broad St., no appointments necessary. Tax help on Thursdays from Feb. 5 to April 15, 9 a.m., to noon. · Kenilworth Free Public Library. 548 Boulevard, 908-276-7451.

· Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, 908-233-New Providence Senior Center.

4th Street, 908-665-0046 - Plainfield 'Senior' Center, 305 E

Front St., 908-753-3506. and Park avenues, Plainfield, 908-+ Senior Citizen Annex, 1036

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Community Center, 558 W. Broad St., Westfield, 908-232-4759. · St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600

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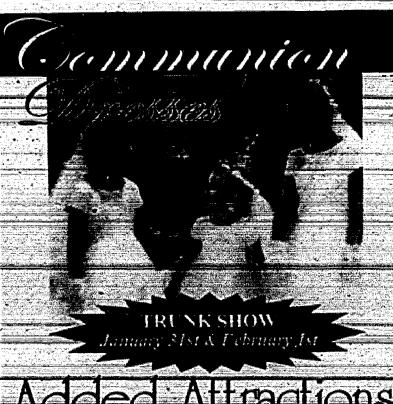
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·Catherine's Closet seeks donations of gowns

annual prom gown collection in preparation of the third annual giveaway on April 3. Named to honor the memory of Catherine Johnson, a Clifford Scott High School senior killed in January 2002, the project distributes promdresses to help senior girls defray the high cost of attending their proms. In for discounted prescription drugs the past two years, more than 2,500 under a program announced by the dresses, many by top designers like Union County Board of Chosen Free-Armam, Vera Wang, Ralph Lauren holders

This year, the organization is again prescription's classification as either a asking for the public's assistance in brand name drug or its generic equivstyle prom gowns in all sizes, preferably by famous designers. Shoes.

bags, jewelry are also needed. The local dress collection will be from Sunday until Feb. 15: Anyone call to Addhealth's toll-free number. who has a dress to donate can drop it 1-800-733-8546. at either Westfield High School, 550 Dorian Road, or at Burgdorff Realtors, 600 North Ave., Westfield.

Dresses should be clean, on hangers and should be no more than two tations to qualify for the county's proyears old. Tax donation letters will be gram. However, residents who are curavailable. If you would like your dress rently enrolled in state-funded prepicked up, send an e-mail to; catheri- scription coverage programs may nesclosetorg@hotmail.com or call already have maximum discounts on 908-654-1320 br 908-3 [7-9553.

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ments. Donors, should know their cated adult and student volunteers, the For more information, call the away will be held. Any senior girls Catherine's Closet to obtain a ticket

> If you do not have, a dress to donate, tax deductible monetary contributions are welcome at Catherine's allowed at the Ash Brook and ak Signs announcing the suitability of Closet Inc., PO Box AR, Paterson, Ridge golf courses and at the any natural area for skating will be 07509 or visit the organization's Web Watchung Reservation, conditions posted. The public is urged to observe site at www.catherinescloset.org.

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Galloning Hill Golf Course is not vailable for winter sports activities. Given the terrain of the course, there are many areas that are considered too hazardous for this use. Additionally,

The Union County Board of Cho-with \$4.7 million of renovations to the en Freeholders invites the public to course complete, protecting the turt visit the Union County park system and the investment made in this area is where the Cathérine's Closet give- for the purpose of enjoying seasonal a priority. Snowboarding and sledding are also protibited at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses.

Along with skating at the county's permitted in several locations, weath- ice rink at Warinanco Park, many er, snow and ice conditions permitting. lighted and non-lighted options for ice Cross-country skiing will be skating in natural areas are available. permitting, but there is no location in any restrictions, which are based upon the park system suitable for downhill the lake's ice thickness, and other safe-

tee hockey is permitted at designatheavily wooded, sits in proximity to ed skating areas at the discretion of the roadways and bodies of water and has Union County Police, based upon the other park amenities that can be haz- ratio of ice hockey skaters and nonardous to sledders and snowboarders. hockey skaters; proportionate to the Suggested sledding areas include Bri- Isize of the skating area. It is the counant Park in Summit; the Springfield ty's intention to provide adequate ice Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in a area for the enjoyment and safety of

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Actress has dream come true in play

Fans of daytime television have known her work for nearly three decades, having watched her play a vixen, a villainess, and even a witch.

However, whether playing ultradevious Dorian Lord on "One Life To. Live" or the drab Marjorie Taub in "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" at Paper Mill Playhouse, Daytime Emmy Award-winner Robin Strasser approaches her work in the same way: find the humanity of the character, and let the drama or comedy - or both take care of themselves. "I don't know any other way to

work," she said last week. A graduate inisced about her "initial training as an actress where you were in this wonderful place where they were teaching the method and Stanislavsky."

However, humanity and humor often go hand in hand, and the comedy of "Allergist's Wife" appealed to - Strasser, who has her share of angst on daytime television. "I am such a closet clown!" she

said with a genuine laugh. "Anytime you will let me step out and be foolish or excessive or bigger than life, I'm going to just grab a hold of it." Fan's of her work on daytime know

that the centuries-old witch Hecuba on "Passions" and even the Macchiavellian Dorian share a common thread of humor. Strasser recalled a time early in her on-again off-again tenure as Dorian when her comic instincts were allowed to run a little wild, with successful results.

"They have always allowed me to add humor and a sense of style," she To Live." "There was a scene they wrote my career, and I thought, What fun

where Dorian was being held in a that would be, too, because I just. Strasser has nothing but praise for the and one of the guards was played by was the director. I said. 'David, everyone speaks a little Spanish. Can't I atimept to speak Spanish, and even

comedy of "Allergist's Wife" is to the when considered for the New Yorkactress, there are other elements that area productions, or fully committed give her something to sink her teeth to "One Life To Live" when asked to

The play is funny and fast and take the show on the road. clad depressive to a vibrant, assertive—said, adding that the demands of Don-

"This woman undergoes a great like Mariorie. Wolpe, "We have a marriage that is started the day "One Life To Live" worth fighting for, we have a relation-shut down for two weeks and, as fate ship with the mother and the daughter would have it. Strasser had requested that needs attention paid to it, and Manorie changes."

For as much as Strasser is relishing the comedy-catharsis combo she gets to tackle eight times a week in Millburn, it was actually the script's other emale lead that she originally envi-

aid "I went back to see it at various "The rest of the gift was filled in by Entertainment - Friday noon. times, I think up to seven times, and Frank Valentini, she said of the "One Sports - Monday poon. thought, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful to 'Life' executive producer, who accom- Letters to the Editor'- Monday 9 a.m.

sioned herself playing. "I saw the play on Broadway," she boss.

tle help, and it came in the form of her Church, club and social . Thursday

Robin Strasser channels her comic side in approachingroles such as Mariorie Taub in 'The Tale of the Allergist's Wife, the Charles Busch comedy on stage at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn through Feb. 8. play the role of Marjorie?, but wow, modated Strasser's schedule to enable her to take the role.

that she'd be fighting her own repua- I felt like I was coming to this wontions as a soap villainess, in trying to derful, enormous banquet." Strasser relates working on the role secure the protagonist role. - "every minute" for four weeks," say-"And I thought, 'Lee,' " she said of said of the powers that be at "One Life the play's glamorous antagonist. "I've ing she "went into seclusion: me, the played this kind of woman for most of script and someone to help me run it." With the show up and running:

Strasser's relationship with the ining Smits. And the scene was that 1 play continued, with her carrying a Playhouse! What a fun place," she eled for a year and a half. She recalled House restaurant, the brook aloneside were long silences. And I came in and living in France for a period of time the theater, the neighborhood, and the I had this idea, and David Pressman while she studied at the Sorbonne, and atmosphere in general. on her bedside table were her books of - Finding herself back on stage after

> copy of "Allergist's Wife." Despite reading for both Marjorie tric butterflies: the evening of Jan. 21 and Lee several times - even for when several "One Life" friends were earn a living and couldn't find out how ommended her for several productions "Opening night didn't hold a can- the business world. I was hired by the mark card, not a play." - the timing was never right for her die to last night," she said the morning. Trade Association for the skr industry to step into either lady's shoes. She was either in other parts of the country

of course I wouldn't get a shot at that.".

Aware that the entertainment industry

often pigeon-holes actors, she knew

an left little time or stamina for a role.

would have it. Strasser had requestedtwo weeks' vacation following the tion that doing theater is good for the hiatus, giving her a four-week stretch; daytime actors. Ar last, Strasser and Marjorie

would meet face to face. She recalls saying to herself, "The Editorial deadlines universe is giving you such a zift." However, the universe needed a lit. Following are deadlines for news

French verbs. ... and her ubiquitous so long might have been daunting, but Strasser reports only one case of gas-

were Valentini, ABC executive Harriet Abraham, and castmates Kassie DePaiva. Tuc Watkins, and Hilary Smith, who play Blair, David and Nora, respectively. Also there to cheer Strasser on were former castmates

James DePaiva and Brynn Thaver. who played Max Holden and Jenn with her "One Life" cronies out front.

return to New Jersey to help my moththat exists with the current administraer take care of him. My own father had died when I was 5 years old. After my stepfather died. I had decided that I "It's awesome for me." couldn't wait any longer with my writing ambitions. I wrôte a screenplay and showed it to Marcia Nasatir, who



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Writer takes winding route to success Playwright Jeff Baron, a former Lindenite, who has had an incredible international success with his first

Linden until her death: The play, which had a three-weekend run recently at the Westfield Community Players, had had a year-long run at the Union Square Theater in New York several years ago. It starred Eli Wallach and was nominated as Best Play by the Drama League, "Visiting Mr. Green" was performed in 21 countries in 15 languages in more than 200 productions. It also was a Best New Play nominee for the Moliere lword in France, and Baron was the first American and first artist to receive the Kultur-Preis Europa Award 2001. He even was invited in 1999 to speak at the United Nations and to resent a reading of "Visiting Mr.

play, "Visiting Mr. Green," basically

attributes its source to his 90-year-old

It took Baron years to get to this screenplays, an opera, television scripts, poetry, fiction and nonfiction long before his first play about a soung man and an old man who come to terms with life... ."I've been writing ever since I was"

a child," Baron said during a chat the other morning. "I wrote a play that we did in my elementary school, Deerfield, about Thomas Edison. I played the part of Edison, It was an assembly program, and I've given up acting ever since." He laughed, "It didn't have a very long run - only one perform-Baron admitted that he had a happy

been able to do theater," she said, "and childhood in Linden. "I loved my town. It was great, I lived in the Sunsnyside neighborhood. It was a different time in life. Kids played in the worried. I went through the entire school system, elementary and high school. You know," Baron' said respectfully, "I love the diversity of Linden. My family moved away in the late 1970s. My grandmother lived

> azine and was yearbook editor. Then I went to Northwestern University and got my degree in film production. At college, I wrote and directed film and theater. But after college, I needed to

-cation: I found business administra- was forced to visit the old man, comtion even more interesting. I put pelled. It still didn't grab my interest. mine, who was going to Harvard Busi- saw her frequently. Her husband had eventually that I would get back to. writing. But I went to work for Coca grocery shopping.

"It was at that time that my stepfa- was named Yetta. I knew my grand- ing. And I've been lucky enough to mother so well, her language, her have one." ther got sick, and I left my job to



Playwright-author Jeff Baron

had just produced The Big Show," movie. She wanted to make a movie of my screenplay, and so I became part of the entertainment business. I spent the next 10 years in Hollywood, writing movies and TV shows."

different screenplays, but not even one made it to the movies. Disney and other prominent producers were interested, but they never were made. That's when I wrote the play, 'Visiting to a volunteer agency in New York that assigned him to visit an elderly know, to keep him company. My friend convinced me that it would make an interesting movie or play. But

countries, and amazingty, it's the same exactly the same. Each language has man who didn't have a family. You, jan in Rome I have approval on all the translations. My new play, Mr and Mrs. G. may have a New York prothey were happy to love each other. He begin in Paris, France. It may even be Noah Wyle."

independence, her stubbornness, he

Baron wrote his first draft. "The

fact that Mr. Green is always Jewish in

all the translations of the play - they

are just character details. The play is

really all about the human qualities

and the differences between the gener-

ations. The family dynamics are the

same everywhere, it played in many

Jewish religious beliefs."

opera, "Song of Martina," in Carnegie "After she passed away in 1990." There wasn't enough time for

the play and how Mr. Green's wife your own. One that has a lot of mean-

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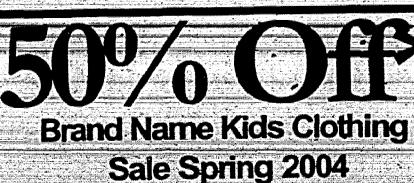
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Don't fight the inevitable. Relax and

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Let creativity and artistic talent shine If your birthday is this week, your

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Lighten up

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Programs Advisory Board. flunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations," Holmes added, "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of Union County residents with this exciting program." For information, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908. 558-2550; Relay users call 800-852-7899; or send e-mail to kleary @ucnj.org.



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Exhibit at Guild examines artists' self images

"The Face in the Mirror," an exhib- Eugene Delacroix, Vincent Van Gogh, it of artists' self-portraits, will be on and Paul Cezanne all created images from Feb. 15 to March 12.

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being beaten on a rock by a demon in times. his "Last Judgment" in the Sistine The 11 artists featured in "The Chapel. He also used his features on Face in the Mirror" at the Arts Guild the figure of Nicodemus in an unfin- of Rahway are a continuity of this traished Pieta grouping he worked on dition. Each has produced numerous brant Van Rijn completed no fewer eves are the windows of the soul. For

than 50 self-portraits, showing himself each of these artists, their look into old man. Edgar Degas, Claude Monet Artists in the exhibit are Francesca disciplines.

view at the Arts Guild of Rahway of themselves. In contemporary times, English painters Francis Bacon, Lucien Freud, and David Hockney Feb. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is have all produced self-portraits during their notable careers. Some self-portraits by these great painting during the Renaissance, arrists have become well known mas-

artists have been painting and drawing ter works. Yet many were, as often as the human figure. It has not been not produced as a kind of journal of unusual since then for artists, especial- the self; an inquiry into the internal ly as students, to paint or draw their life, the psyche or character of the own images. Many mature artists have artists who were taking a cold, someproduced remarkable or memorable times hard or harsh look at themselves self-portraits, as well. Michelangelo and their lives during key areas of portraved himself as a flayed skin their career and often difficult life-

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Azzara, Lawrence Cappielllo, Sarah Davis, Tim Gaydos, Gary Godbee, - Nicholas Imaplli, Owen Kanzler, Neal-Korn, Leonard Merlo, Nicholas Rosal and H. Lisa Solon. These self-portraits include oil and acrylic paintings, traditional and non-traditional photographic prints, mixed media, constructions. and encaustic paintings.

Regular gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Appointments are also available for school visits and large groups. The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 fiving St. in downtown Rahway. For information, call-732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit multidisciplinary center for the left a powerful study of his features in self-portrait reflects the attitude of other musical performances, and a a red chalk drawing completed when self-inquiry into their lives, times, and series of art classes and workshops for he was quite old. Dutch painter Remacareers. The old adage says that the all ages and all levels of experience.

of Rahway to provide quality art proin many striking costumes, as a home- their own eyes and the outer mask typ- grams for the residents of northern and ly young man of 18 to a triumphant iffies their reflection on the image that central New Jersey and to promote the elder artist, even an image of himself they project to the outer world as a works of New Jersey-based visual

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Being homebound has its perks

tion in the life of the fanatic. The Mex-trauma ican film, "Midaq Alley," brought to "Laurel Canyon" is a Los Angeles life the Nobel Prize-winning book of movie with a very different performance from Frances McDormand than the same name, but transported the story from Egypt to Guadalajara we are used to, and "Leyity" is a seritiful stage of dynamism, makes a stun- work by Billy Bob Thornton, Holly ning appearance in this Mexican Hunter, Morgan Freeman and espemovie. These two movies made us sit chally Kysten Dunst, who has to be Pointing. up in the comfort of our home and take one of the most undervalued actresses The somewhat lesser "Smoke Sig- er's "The Life of David Gale" dissa- a regular contributor to this news-

- "The Last September" is an Irish film that takes place in the early 1900s, based on a book by Elizabeth

Bowen, taken from her own life Rob Reiner gets an excellent performance from Kate Hudson in the date flick. "Alex and Emma," and Samuel Lebe han steals the show from Audrey "He Loves Me. He Loves Me Not"

All in all, a pretty good group o films. Not one totally disappointing and each of them had a certain suspense which drove the narrative along with the really excellent performances noted. Oh, yes, during the same period we saw two films with renowned Selma Hayek, in a younger and beau- our tome, but has particularly tine "Best for the year, and "Mona Lisa Smile" with Julia Roberts, which surely was among the year's most disap-

working out of Hollywood. Alan Park- Jon Plaut is a former publisher and

County offers funding through grants programs

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Cultural Affairs, in the Department of State envites history organizations, community arts groups,

So we decided to take an extended

The purpose of the grant programs is to provide funding opportunities to county history organizations and com-

munity arts groups interested in developing and presenting the county's rich history and multicultural arts assets through public pesentations," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah P. Scanlon. The Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the

Department of Economic Development administers the county's three grant programs - History. Arts, and the HEART grant programs. 'We are pressed to offer both Special Project and Gen-

eral Operating support grants," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, "History organizations, community arts groups and other nonprofits are eligible to apply for funding."

The History Grant Program provides grants to nonprof-

from the New Jersey Historical Commission, Division of

The Arts Grant Program awards grants to organizations schools, libraries and other nonprofit organizations that that demonstrate a high degree of professionalism in sponwish to present history-related and cultural arts programs soring or producing arts activities and is made possible by to apply for funding through one of Union County's grant the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on

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phy. She has since studied at the New shop for the Arts in Westfield: the

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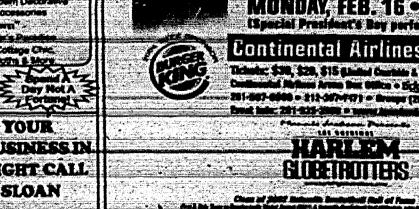
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ING GROUP meets the first Wednes-

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Road, Clark For information, call 732-

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field For information, call 973-376-

GROUP, a monthly reading group fea-

turing staff members' favorite books.

month at 7:30 p m at Barnes and

Noble in Springfield. Barnes and

Noble is located at 240 Route 22

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SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Read-

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CLASSES

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CON-

artists through June at two locations

May 15: Sonia/Disappear Fear.

ropener Chris Glenn, We

For information, call 732-574-1818.

information: call 973-376-8544....

ART SHOWS

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT EXHIBIT will be on display at the Rah-WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of way Recreation Center, East Milton the month at 7 30 p.m. at Barnes and Avenue in Rahway, through today. For Noble in Springfield Barnes and information, call the Union County Noble is located at 240 Route 22 Division of Cultural and Heritage West, Springfield For information, call Affairs at 908-558-2550, Relay Ser-

exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Friday

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Friin Clark Barnes and Noble is located days - 9 30 a m to 5 30 p m Satur- at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark, For infordays, 9:30 am to 4 pm, and Sunmation, call 732-574-1818 days, noon to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries **EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS'** CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, is located at 703 Watchung Ave

PORTFOLIO, the works of photographer Barbara Wirkus, will be on exhibit through Friday at the Pearl Street Gallery in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Her-

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a m to 4:30 p m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located at 633 Pearl.... St. Elizabeth For information, call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to cul-

turalinfc@uchi.org CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPI-TAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Jerry Winick and members of the New Jersey Photography Forum throughout the month of January CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

AN EDGE IN SPACE/A SPACE IN TIME will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway through Feb. 6

Gallery hours are Wednesdays. **MYSTERY READING GROUP** meets Fridays and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Thursdays 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 pm The 7.30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Arts Guild of Rahway is located at Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1670 trying St. Rahway For informa-1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For infortion, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to mation, call 732-574-1818. artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK www.rahwayartsguild.org.

FROM THE ROCKIES TO THE Marie Burns, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit through March

West, Springfield, For information, call Exhibit hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the focated at 165 Hobart Ave. Summit third Monday of the month at Barnes For information, call 908-273-8787 or and Noble in Springfield, Barnes and visit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org

works by photographer Sheilia Lenga of Union, will be on exhibit at the Les-Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library from Saturday through March 10 An opening reception will take place take place from 2 to 4 p.m.:

and Saturdays; 9 a m; to 5 p m; Union Public Library is located at 1980 Mor-

self-protraits, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Feb 15 tion will take place Feb. 15 from 1 to 4

Thursdays 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. The 1679 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-7511, send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net, or visit

PAINTINGS BY DARIO SCHOLIS WIT offred at duCret School for Art, Plainbe on exhibit from Friday through field. Day and evening courses are March 15 at the Pearl Street Gallery in offered on a full- or part-time basis. the offices of the Union County Divi Classes meet once a week for three sion of Cultural and Heritage Affairs." hours. The spring semester ends May . Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl availability, call the school at 908-757-Street Gallery is located at 633 Pearl 7171. fax 908-757-2626 or visit St. Elizabeth For information, call

turalinfo@ucnj.org PAINTINGS BY MATT JOHNSON WILL be on exhibit in The Commons at

908-558-2550, NJ Relay users dial

711; or send inquiries via e-mail to cul-

through March 22. The Cranford campus of UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cran-

Feb. 14: Songwriters in the Round, hosted by acoustic due Open Book. hours, call 908-709-7155. Feb. 21: DaVinci's Notebook

Books

AUTHOR CAROLINE LEAVITT WILL

Nestfield on Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 o.m. to sign copies of her new book.
'Girls in Trouble.' The Town Book.
Store is located at 255 E. Broad St. hosted by Ritt Henn, Springfield. Westfield, For information, call 908-233-3535 or visit the Web site at

July 12 Schoolers to the Royal hosted by Jessica Owen, Springfield June 19, Zoa Lewis, Westfield appear at the Town Book Store of Vestfield on Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of his new book.

"Got a Revolution! — The Turbulent the First United Methodist Church, 1... Flight of Jefferson Airplane." The Town Book Store is located at 255 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, call 908-233-3535 or wall the Web site at

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in

Feb 14 The Best of acoustic performers. Feb 22 Tom Rush March 13 Michael Smith March 26 The Bobs

April 10 Bluegrass Festival, featuring the Travis Wetzel Trio, String Fever, and Steppin' In It Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Moun-

tain Ave. Berkeley Heights: For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. VOCALIST PETER CINCOTTI WILL appear in concert Feb. 5 at 7 and 9:30

n m in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark as part of the Cabaret at the

of the month at 7.30 p.m. at Barnes WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHES-TRA will appear in concert Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, East Broad Street and Mountain Avenue. For information, second Tuesday of the month at 7 30 including ticket prices, call 908-232-

p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield For THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC WILL appear in concert, under conductor Daniele Gatti, on Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the seco Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, Tickets Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m.

> NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org/ VIOLINIST HILARY HAHN and pianist Natalie Zhu will appear in concert Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$11 to

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark, For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www njpac.org.

DANCE

STARS OF THE ROYAL DANISH BALLET will be presented today at 7.30 p.m. in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in -

kets are \$13 to \$59 NJPAC is located at 1 Center St. Newark, For information, call 888-466 5722 or visit www.nipac.org. "NAUNI CHEN DANCE COMPANY WIII" present "The Year of the Monkey" on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$10 for chil-NJPAC is located at 1 Center St., Newark, For information, call 888-466-5722 or visit www.njpac.org

Performing Arts Center in Newark.

COMPANY will appear in 'Rwanda: Fagaala" on Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey CENTER in Newark will present "The wood, presents a series of jazz, blues Performing Arts Center in Newark.

month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and 5722 or visit www.nipac.org

located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark sor evenings of international dance of Dvorak's death, scheduled a festival of Dvorak's death, scheduled a festival for Women and Families, 79 Maple of Dyorak's music. the last Wednesday of the month at Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Admis- Symphony No. 9 in E-minor, Op. 95,

1180 Raritan Road, Clark For infor- call 973-467-8278. Y-SQUARES, a local square dance. That symphony pulses with the dove's chilling lament achingly drawn

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by ours. month at Barnes and Noble in Clark Invitant of this country, He heard more prising for, at first glance, the strong always popular Scherzo, with its rapid.

Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 than the busy beat of the people rush jawed. Barto looked very theatrical, repetitions, sounded almost like a

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will meet ERT. SERIES in Westlield and distant echoes of our past of nature remarks, white silken, full-sleeved movements returned in force. There at soringfield will present a series of every other Monday at Barnes and sounds and of American folk music remarks, white silken, full-sleeved movements returned in force. There at Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 sounds and of American tolk music romanne, white stiken, full steeved movements returned in force, I nere at West. For information, call 973-376, and put it all into one of the most. Hamlet shirt he wore over his tuxedo once.— Three Blind Mice. Goin

Round hosted by Bob Majone. sponsor's secess of free lim classics at applicable has continued through this mem that there is never a need to "gold. Prudemial Hall on its feet the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 century until it has become a true the hily." belt Public Library Strated at 11 S. May 8: Songwriters in the Round, cas 908-354-6080.

HOBBIES

concerts are presented at Emanuel days from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, include refreshments. For information. TMRCinc@act.com or visit the Web tree on which a wood dove perches people. In fact, it was Dyorak's belief music. call 908-232-8723 or visit the Web site site at www.brrci.com and mournfully coos. The sounds of that America's "struggle and

VOCALIST NNENNA FREELON will appear in concert Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Tickets are \$36.

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St ewark For information, call 888-40 5722 or visit www nipac org.

KIDS

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information, call.973-

West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a:m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble. 1180 Rantan Road, Clark, For information_call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and thirda Mondays of the month at the Willow. Srove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant, wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-.9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com. INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will am for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Chruch. 170 Elm St., Westfield, Donation is \$2 For information, call 908-889-5265 or

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p m. at the Yankee Buf Union, Admission is \$7. For informa-

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Gar-

NSJO honors Dvorak appropriately

and karaoke.

732-381-6544.

Clark Barnes and Noble is located at workshops are \$5. For information, last Sunday at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at sounds of American spirituals and out.

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. Out the Czech signature tone and ica, of its folk songs and native times. symphonic masterpiece, and so it is behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. by Karel Jaromir Erben, it is a misog. are the product of the soil. They are composer in tern. More than 100 years. ynist tale of a cruel woman who poi- American and composers must turn to ago, Dvorak came for a visit here and cast 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, sons her husband and is driven mad by them. ... Only in this way can a mass- wrote this symphony that defined and Man. Springhed Tickets are \$12 and send inquiries, via e-mail to guit. Her heaband is buried under a cran express the true scatament of the jeft his mark on America and on all

ican people their true strength. He captured that strength in his "New World" Symphony, as did the New Jersey ymphony Orchestra in its fitting performance. The first movement - the

resounding run of chords deftly, clean-

flutes, oboes and harp capture the ly performed, introducing the main Skrowaczewski is an energetic leader. Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan native melodies so familiar that listen- The second selection was Dvorak's filled with enthusiasm as he conducted Road, Clark, Fee for each lesson is ers felt we were composing it along. Concerto in G minor for Piano, Op. two-handed, giving the appearance of SPRING SEMESTER-COURSES are \$4. For information, call 908-298- with the master. The symphony was 13. The piano guest soloist, American having wings and being on the point 1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492. inspired by African-American spiritu- Tzimon Barto - unlike other pianists of flight. But it was the second moveals and the Native-American love of who tend to play the rewritten version ment, the Largo, that was especially the open land, lifting Anton Dvorak's of this concerto by Vilem Kurz with its movingly performed with its melodic famed symphony to a level of magnif- more conventional swooping exagger- English horn solo of the spiritual cence equaled only by this land of alions that can be performed with sim-"Goin' Home" that was taken up by ilar swooping "birds in flight" arm the rest of the orchestra in moving professional life coach Jami Novak. Anton Dvorak came to America gestures - chose the original, elaborations it was nostalgia achingly meets the fourth Thursday of each from 1892 to 1895, and sensed the unfooled-with Dvorak. That was sur- heightened into a lost dream. The

ing through the streets of New York. not only because of being a remark- rondo. But it was the fourth, or final, where he lived. Rather, he heard the able look-alike for Arnold movement that earned cheers as the distant echoes of our past - of native. Schwarzenesser, but for the dramatic, musical themes from the preceding melodic symphonies ever composed, pants, Instead, his performance style. Home," and the tom-tom Indian made completely Dyorak with over- was contained and equal to the pure. Sounds - all signifying the meltingtones of his Slavic homeland. In 1893, unvarnished, unfettered excellence of pot power of America. A United States his "New World" Symphony pre- Dvorak's tones. The result was a plain of sound — that is Dvorak's "New miered at Carnegie Music Hall in New and powerful performance as if Barto World" Symphony. It ended in a March 13: Songwriters in the ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will York to a rousing reception. That was echoing Shakespeare's admonish rounds that had the nacked

March 20. We're About Nine, with a.m. The Main Branch is of the Ekza- favorite not only here in America. The high point of not only the clusion to the Dvorak Testival. The was a first it and exercise but of the entire Deoral feeth goods a should be subject that not "The Wood Dove" was the first World" Symphony that recalled the the great country Dvorak memorialselection played by the New Jersey words of Dvorak to his students when ized for us all. Brave to the New Jermhone Orchestra, led by the teaching it America. He wiged them sey Symphony Orchestra and all who famed Polish conductor, Stanislaw not to look to Europe for inspiration planned this Centenary Celebration.

Skrowaczewski, who easily brought but rather to seek the sounds of Amer. Dvorak saluted America with this

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

Newark Museum unveils programming to mark Black History

2 to 3 p.m.

Their remarkable life stories offer a take home. During the month of Feb-

"All Write!"

· Lecture/performance

wood Dick"

men lived.

Museum

Activities

Ancient Ethiopian Amharic symbols . D tour of "My Ethiopia: Recent Paint-

ment with lines and shapes in a dren will discover how one artist

process that he describes as choreog- explores Ethiopia's ancient language

"I, Nat Love: The Story of Dead-

Rochel Gamer Coleman slips on

player Thomas "Cool Papa" Bell.

climpse into the times in which these

Feb. 21, 1 to 4 p.m.

· Super Saturday at the Newark

Children's Gallery Tours and Art

Words leap off the canvas in this 3-

ings of Wosene Worke Kosrof." Chil-

- Family performance: "Looking

Back, Moving Forward: The Spirit of

vey's 1916-25 sojourn to the United

States. Presented by Claudron Pro-

ductions. The program is offered from

Saturdays, Feb. 7 to 28, 1 and 2:30

ruary, participants will journey to the

East African country of Ethiopia,

using the ancient written language of

Amharic as a guide. Children will dis-

cover how the written word explodes

Artist's workshop

advanced art students in local high

with master artist Wosene Worke

Kosrof, whose paintings are currently

"Meeting With the Master

Tuesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

story of life and culture.

college students

Drop-In Arts Workshops

Month, the Newark Museum has ington and Abraham Lincoln, Partici- Tury: Written and performed by veter- program is free for students with a ture, and the Modern Experience, and founder of Jazz at Lincoln Center. announced its lineup of cultural propants will learn how these men and an actor Rob Bobb-Semple, this press valid LD gramming to be offered throughout other famous world leaders have been entation reenacts highlights from Garimmortalized in painting and sculp-

Titled "Breaking Barriers, Bridgture, as well as on money. ing Cultures," the programming features a wide array of offerings All programs are free with sug-

Family programs

Sound: The Power of Self-Expres-

"Cross-Currents of Sight and

Internationally acclaimed guest

artist Wosene Worke Kosrof demon-

strates how the improvisational Madi-

ty in jazz music is central to his work

to jazz greats, such as Duke Ellington

This drop-in workshop recounts

"Good Day Mr President

are at the core of his art, and experi-

their own work of art while listening 11 and 2 p.m.

gested museum admission unless otherwise noted. Visitors can confirm event locations at the South Wing the personae of two legendary pio- p.m. Information Desk or by calling 973 neers; the famous black cowboy, Nat

Workshop

and John Coltrane

Vacation Day

Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Rising Sun and Alligator Saturday Fal Cal For information, call 908-232-5666 burn will present "The Tale of the Aller- or visit www.xxroads.com gist's Wife" by Charles Busch through EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in

> musical artists. Eat to the Beat is located on East Cherry Street, Rahway. For information, call 732-381-0505. THE INTERNET LOUNGE in Fanwood will present an Open Mic/Karaoke Night on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The Internet Lounge is located at 256 South Ave

and comedy concerts, as well as foot-

Every Sunday, Live comedy, funk

Every Tuesday Jazz Jam, all pints

Every Wednesday, Hi-Fi Wednes-

Every Thursday Rolling Rock beer.

Friday. Dead v Hendrix - New

Rahway will feature appearances by

ball-themed nights.

Happy Hour all night

Today: TBA

and poetry

are \$2

Feb. 8 in Prudential Hall. Shows are at days with G.L.O. with DJs and musi-

7:30 p.m. Tuesday to Feb. 5, 8 p.m. cians; Corona, Cuervo, Margaritas, \$2

Full Monty from Tuesday through

1:30 p.m., Feb. 7 at 2 p.m., and Feb. 8

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St.,

day to Feb. 5, \$14 to \$64 Feb. 6 to 8.

Newark, For information, call 888-466-

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Mill-

Feb. 8. Shows are Wednesdays to

Saturdays at 8 p m., Sundays at 7:30

p.m.; matinees are Thursdays and

Sundays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at

Special performances are the Con-

versation Series, Thursdays at 7

p.m.in.the mezzanine, through Feb, 5;

audio-described performances, with

sensory-seminar-90-minutes-prior: to.

curtain, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m., Feb. 7 at 2:30

p.m. and Feb 8 at 7:30 p.m.; and a

sign-interpreted performance Feb. 8 at

Drive in Millburn, For information, call

973-376-4343 or visit the Web site at

PROGRESS THEATER will present

*Peaches" by Cristal Truscott on Feb

14 at 8 p.m. in The Chase Room at the

New Jersey Performing Arts Center in

NJPAC is located at 1 Center St

Newark, For information, call 888-466-

CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB will

present "Smokey Joe's Cafe" from

Feb. 6 to 21 Shows are Fridays and

Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18.

with a discount available for senior cit-

izens. The CDC Playhouse is located

at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, For infor-

ELIZABETH PLAYHOUSE in Eliza-

beth will present 'The Great God'

Brown* by Eugene O'Neill from Feb. 6

to March 7 Shows are Fridays' and

admission. \$6 for students and senior

citizens. The Elizabeth Playhouse is

located at 1100 E. Jersey St., Eliza-

beth. For information, call 908-355-

0077 or visit the Web site at www.Eliz-

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will

Saturdays Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m.

Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and

\$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are

. The Back Perch is located at 1505

www.papermill.org

Newark, Tickets are \$15.

5722 or visit www nipac org.

mation, call 908-276-7611

abethPlayhouse com

Paper Mill is located on Brookside

2:30 p.m. Ticket are \$30 to \$67.

5722 or visit www.njpac.org.

Feb: 6 and 7, with matinees Feb. 5 at all night

at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$54 Tues- \$2 all night

www.TheInternetLounge.com. MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL

Fanwood. For Information, call-908-

490-1234 or visit the Web site at

games and \$2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511 SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second

Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Uni. tarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-928-0127

or send e-mail to info@secondsatur-TAVERN IN THE PARK in Roselle Park will present Teddy Halek in "An Evening of Frank Sinatra" Saturdays at 9 p.m. Tavern in the Park is located at 147 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle

Saturdays at 7.30 p.m., Sundays at 2 Park. For information, call 908-241 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general 7400. VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured

Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 present Open Mic Night every Thursfor all Sunday concerts. day night, a disc jockey every Friday night, and solo artists and bands on THE WAITING ROOM -1431 Irving St., Rahway, at the corner of Lewis Street, presents Open Mike Night Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot spe-

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PUB. 704 Washington Ave., Linden, will Duo Band every Saturday night. In addition, Thursday is Ladles Night. For

f half-day programs and CIT Program Stagestruck Kids Performing Arts During the school year, Sztancsik is a Camp in Cranford, owner of the Cindy second-grade teacher at Brookside Smith Dance Studio and founder of School in Cranford Sztanesik is also a the Cranford Repertory Theater - is dance instructor at the Cindy Smith he director of Stars of Tomorrow Per- Dance Studio where she has been a forming Arts Camp. She has directed dance student for more than 20 years, and owned her own dance studio for studying tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, lyrined on Broadway at the Paper formed with the Cranford Repertor Mill Playhouse, on cruise ships all. Theater, as well as assisted with the

instructors. The vocal department condegrees in teaching and college students majoring in instrumental vocal of college graduates with degrees in high school students who have an

Some of the colleges and universities Adventure, and have toured with "Oliver!," "Anything Goes," "The" lege, Mason Gross at Rutgers, Mont"Will Rogers Follies," "Smokey Joe's Wizard of Oz," "Fiddler on the Roof." clair State University of the Cafe" and "Hair "and have directled to the Roof." tege, Rider University, College of New Jersey, Syracuse University, extensive background in chorcogra- Stagestruck Kids half-day program Kean University, Monmouth Univer-

New for 2004 is the half-day afternoon program which runs from 12:45 tions or would like to register your

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· Film lecture "The Maroons Film Project" Feb. 11, 7 to 9 pm.

born independent filmmaker Recention: 5 to 6:45 p.m.: RSVP by calling 973-596-6550

Love, and Negro League baseball participants to learn something new investigates the existence of free terriwhile creating something colorful to tories during slavery, run and controlled by Teople who had escaped slavery. Gerima's other films include "Bush Mama," "Ashes and Embers," and "Sankofa." This screening is cosponsored by the Newark Black Film Festival, celebrating its 30th anniverinto powerful visual images that tell a sarv.

> . The 24th annual Marion Thompson Wrigth Lecture · Master class for high school and "Brown v. Board of Education

Topeka, Kansas: A Retrospective" Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Keynote speaker: Roger Wilkins. History and American Culture at George Mason University schools and area colleges to meet.

For further information, call

Lectures, films and performances

Movement Spirit of Jamaica Speaker: Haile Gerima, Ethjopian

interpretations of classic Bob Marley songs from a jazz perspective. Fraditional Jamaican music will also be This work-in-progress by noted

> Written and performed by Allan becomes a black cowboy and Buffalo 6613 soldier. His crossing the river represents both a physical and symbolic passage from bondage to freedom

Lecture performance

Feb. 22, 3 to 4 30 p.m.

"Monty Alexander and Yard

Pranist Monty Alexander presents

'Hlues for fomorrow" March 21, 3 4:30 p.m. Speaker: Stanley Crouch

critic and television commentator. Stanley Crouch speaks on today's culture and Americans' sense of identity Location: The Paul Robeson Campus Center, Rutgers University.

not-for-profit organization dedicated 1477 education.

Gallery tours Wednesdays to Sundays, 1 to 3 30

Tour the treasures of the Newarks Museum with an expert docent, featuring the current contemporary African art exhibition, "My Ethiopia: Recent Paintings by Wosene Worke gallery times and tours, stop by the South Wing Information Desk, or visit the museum's Web site at www.NewarkMuseum.org. Reserved Harris, this musical tells the story of a tours are available for groups of 10 or runaway slave named Blue, who more by appointment only. For fees escapes Louisiana in the 1850s and and other information, call 973-596-

About the Newark Museum The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington St. in Newark, is open Wednesdays to Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Suggested museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and senior citizens. Members are admitted free, For general information, call 73-596-6550 or visit the Web site at

. www.NewarkMuseum.org. . . . The Newark Museum receives operating Redefinition," Crouch is the recipient state of New Jersey, the New Jersey of both the Jean Stein Award from the State Council on the Arts Department American Academy of Arts and Let- of State, and corporate, foundation

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be weekly workshops and special years and in Linden for three years.

more than 40 years. Past students have cal; hip-hop, and modern. She has per-Cafe" and "Hair," and have danced in "West Side Story," and "Grease," national TV commercials. She has an Sztancsik was the former director of phy in community theater such as and CIT Program for three years prior has choreographed at Orange Avenue

Cranford Repertory Theater, Cranford to working with Stars of Tomorrow. Dramatic Club, and high schools She has a B.S. in elementary educaincluding Jonathan Dayton High tion and a B.S. in psychology. In May School, Pingry High School, and 2004, Sztancsik will receive her mas- to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday from name on our 2004 mailing list, contact Verona High School, She has taught at tet's in professional development in June 28 to July 23. Half-day morning the camp via e-mail at StarsOfTomor-Westfield Summer Workshop and also education. and Hillside Avenue schools in Cranin Union. Smith realizes the need for DON'T REPLACE YOUR OLD BATHTUB ... REGLAZE IT!

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campers will experience all aspects of Kids Performing Arts Camp for six theater including auditioning tech- years, has a BA in elementary educamakeup, and much more. There will it taught fifth grade in Elizabeth for five Kristen Sztancsik is director of the

World, PNC Arts Center, Great "Joseph," "Once Upon a Mattress,"

Camp, formerly known as Stagestruck camp where professionalism is taught two-week session program. A gradu- improv. games, and crafts. This pro-Kids, is celebrating its 10th summer in and team players are necessary to the ate of Kean University with a B.A. in gram is also open to participants who creative process. Children working physical education health, Rivera is would like to register on a weekly the recipient of the Physical Education basis Major of the Year Award. She is cura.m. to noon, Monday to Friday from rently teaching at Union High School and has previously taught at McManus ' June 28 to July 29. Students entering' Middle School in Linden. Rivera has kindergarten through second grade

been teaching ballet, tap, jazz, and will experience fun through dance. competition classes at the Cindy musical theater, creative dramatics, Smith Dance Studio for more than 10 and special performing arts worktremendously, and the programs we preschool combo, and competition years. She was an assistant to the cho-shops. The half-day morning camper Theater's productions of "Joseph" and Stars of Tomorrow is an exciting well as performing at the Garden State "Godspell," Prior to working at Stars a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday Summer Theater Program offering Art Center, Great Adventure-township and Tomorrow, Rivera was a counselor of from June 24 to July 29. A special cast intensive theater art with an emphasis events, News 12 TV, and half-time at at Stagestruck Kids Performing Arts party is scheduled for July 30. Stu-

experience in a swarm and supportive choreographing for the studio's annual choreographing musical theater, rou- fall will be taught classes in dance; environment. This is a camp where recital, Stryker choreographed such tines, and teaching special elective improvisation, voice, and backstage skills. In addition, the curriculum convariety of talent and experience which logue classes, and a special electives they bring to camp each summer. The choose classes in dance, voice, acting, graduates who are currently employed musical theater, and much more. as professional choreographers and The Counselors-in-Training Proerem is from N:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.,

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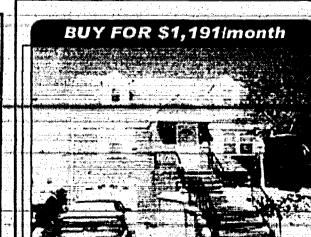
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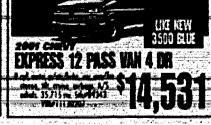




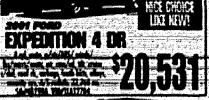


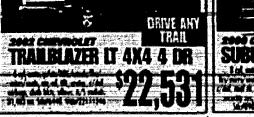


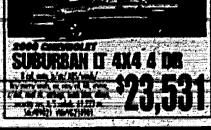












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