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| hat；everyone is very upset about this．＂ <br> The three－yest average annual salary |  | ion，would be aleng to be the．．apukesman at enext meeting |
| se in Union County was | cial aspects，they hecome more complex | There are no strke plans．＂Maraft said， |
| 4.21 percent as of last fall． | and＂We have heen pleased with the proges | been offered a contraci whith |
| Only Plaintield received in | d the way in which tha，been dene so far | actually consuder an insult，＂We are losing |
| as 5 percent in recent years．Summit＇s teach | The average ofter in Imen County is | members to other districs because of this： 1 |
| Shave a contract for 2002－03 through | cẹnt | know for a fact several teachers who have left |
| 05 that includee increases or |  | － |
| 4.64 percent．respectuvely． | negotiations are conturing．She noted that the | the first time in three years． |
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Calling it quits for good By Rick Kilitich
Siaff Writer Crossing guard Stantey Valeski is
guting his fool down，although it will no longer te while walking acros Mountain Avenue or anywhire
between Springtield crosswalks． The resident of Union has serve Spyngfield for 17 years，helpeng to
make sure that students all around loun made it safely across various
streets both tefore and afler school After retiring from working with painting company in Newark for 27 n＇t take it． stay home，＂he said＂I needed to go Born in Newark，Valeski eventual ly moved to Irvington and then settled
in Union．where he is now Atter serv． in Union．Where he is now Atter serv．
ing in the Navy for four years．where
he taught sonar usage and focused mostly on coastline work off the costs teturned home and started working for
a local painting company that turned a a loca panting comp
tobby ine a living．
hobby int a living．
Valeski，who also put in one year of service with the Ammy，worked five days each week during the school year
from $7: 30$ to 9 a．m．every moming as
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＂After 17 years helping Springfield＇s children traverse township streets，Stanley Valeski
＂hung up his crossing guäd vest for good this week．
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## finshes up before sumber vacition，appreciates but deesn＇t consider her Valeski hasn＇t made any specific plans－win hobby，some walking and maybe

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yereas of the township．＂li＇s are
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aleski was posted

The state teachers＇un
tates the sehool districts．Maratti sara．incre ane the tume：issues that ante common thenefit dons droing to hatare common nego According to the Neu Jersey Schoo n．typically eren 55 and Lart the whoul year without a new contract Negotiations seldom pick up until the new ang things down Most contracts are settled hy
ind the fall．Other districts whuse contracts are se $=$

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By Rick Klittic
Former principal of Spanglietds Florence M Giaudineer Midale
School Dennis McCarthy was remem－ bered Monday when the school the building，was named＂MeCarthy Park．＂
Hoard of Education members，par ents，teachers．students and family members gathered for the ceremony ing his former secretary，Ellie Susan－ o．Terri Craddock－Ponse，a represen－ Judy Zimmerman，assistant superin－ endent of schools，who spot ＂He uas a wonderful guy＂s．ai Hary for his entire time al the school
He was a good principal and aluay gave 100 percent．
Not mater whe he wis atheay available to the staft and district．It uas very much a
Susanno added．
$\qquad$ chool，＂said Principal Barry Bachen－
heimer，adding that the best way to sum up MeCarthy＇s attitude was with the phrase＂kids first．＂
Dachenhelmer also satd thar－the ormer head of the middle school even Itended Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of ＂And he loved treland，＂added th MeCathy when he was the social tuders supervisor：＂Anyway he could omehow fil ould．
Mer he relio dred tess－han－s yed aner he relired from has role as princ－ chool and leaving after the 2001－02 The court ench will a plaque that is visible from the inside McCarthy＇s brother，Jack，sald that just as all humans have some desire to be remembered，whether it be with signature or graffit，his brother would be pleased to see that the courtyard

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## 唯 <br> ‘Everyday math＇to combat falling test scores

Responding to worsening math scores，Moun－
ainside school officials are revising the mathe－ matics curricutum
Curriculum Coordinator Angela Cosimano
gave a presentation at the June 8 Board or Edu－： gave a presentation at the June 8 Board of Edu－
catiom meeting on the math curriculum．which showed overall that math skills were getting worse for students in the district．
＂We haveb ben at is curiculumidhere arc di seachers on the com． mittee from both
wood．＂she said．
Cosimano said there has been a very strong gush for Amencan studenis to compele in the

Senior mady
Kurzner selected for prestigious NJPAC production By Ruck Klitich school stirts studying for college in the summer，but 18 －year－old Jill Kurzner＇s transition to majoring in theater at Muhlenberg College－has
atreedy been spurred on＇ty the cceptance into the New Jersey Per－ forming Arts Center summer musi Kurzner．who participated every drama and musical that she could during her four years at
Jonathan Dayton High School，was one of about 35 performers chosen to put on 17 performances at the New
Jerney Performing Arts Center and the Algonquin Arts thester from mid－ July to carly August
aid Kurner－ 1 was in Les Mis，－ That＇s what I wanted to do．I loved it＂ The summet performance is under Artists＇Cooperative Thearre，which cclaimed；non－profit yoult criticlly． companies noo－profit youn theatre ens were relected through a competi－ tive andition provess that is open April each yer af NPAC

| While Kurzner has been acting since she started takjing classes at the Paper Mill Playhouse in third grade and singing for as tong as she can remember，beginning lessons in sev－ enth grade，she miay have never been as committed to any performance as Sheiscurenty to this ent When rehearsals began weeks |
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| ago，Kurzner put in average amounts of time with the rest of the crew in preparing for the play Now，her schedute demands more of a commit－ ment than most full－tima jobs．From Monday to Friday，she rehearses from 3 to $11 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．and then 12 hours each |
| Saturday． <br> ＂I＇m extremely proud of her．＂ |
| Springficld Bourd of Education mem－ ber：Her hard work and determina－ tion ha puid of ${ }^{-}$ |
| fortunate to have the talents that go lode wib performite．its grear to see that she has spent the time it takes |
| upon her abilities． |
| Kurzner enjoys visual arts，althoogh the wouldn＇t necesserily choose that at a ceretr pach． <br> Surpringly，the college－bound |


#### Abstract

worse，nut better．There is a big decrease in advanced proficiency seores．As a consequence．


 we have been looking al other prugrams．＂shsiaid Cosimano described one of the programs as mith－Springfield，Westfield，Berkeley Heights mil Springlield，Westireld，Berkeley Heig
and New Providence，among other districts． She said she wanted to start this program in <br> \section*{sum} <br> \section*{sum}
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## suceessfult in other butsadts the program is very

 Ben parent do poflicpale We have to fe form fom，their mistakes is well＂ She displayed the current Terra Nova sore results：they shuned that grades three and four did well on these test，and that was the only goodDews．＂In II are．1s out of 15 ，they showed

Scherel board member Patricia knodel won cred if students would sull learn batice ＂Of course．＂Cosiman segin leaming logical applications of math m veryday living as they go into the upper grades． This way，they will be ready for pre－algebra and Igebra while still in elementary school．
In math topies，suct as meisurement ana omputation，our studenis improved in five out omputation，our students improved
will do eveñ better．＂said Cosimano
The new math curriculum will go into effect
sepiember 2005 ． 1 has been budgeted for Sepiember 200s．It has been budgeted for
already and is comparable to other programs as

## Library upgrades set

## Eick Klittic



Saff Writer As part of a $\$ 349.150$ project that will improve the Springfield Public Library
in numerous ways，the Township Committee accepted a bid of $\$ 321.700$ by AB Designs in Summit to begin the renovations
Among ine added features will be the transformation of the lobby：s gaiden．
as the atrium will be covered with a roof and sky light and become an audiovi as the atrium will be covered with a roof and sky light and become an audiovi
sual room for compact discs．videos and digital video discs．A corridor will also sual room for compact discs．videos and digital video diss．A corn
be created from the lobby to the museum space for easier aceess．
A Union County Combunity，Development granL of S 21200 will go toward
the modification of two restrooms，allowing the exclusive use of one unises atfoom tor handi ally accessible．
creating additional space with a reconfiguration of the walls and windous．The glass－enclosed room will be home to teen magatines，books，seating amrange ments that may be more appealing to young adults and possibly a computet． In the back comer of the tibraryis adult department，two glass enclosod study fibrary director，these room will conte in handy for several purposes． fibrary director，these rooms will come in handy for severry purpores．
＂ESL futors can use these rooms．＂the zid，writing groups can have a quiet make use of the vea，too．
＂Betwen the compukers and people．the librayy iss＇t always quief．＂she said
ading that the two roons will heve a sliding door between them that can be emoved to form one lirger room
Five emergency eitt will also be widened，forming doorvays that wre about 5 inches wid fabric partitions and the removal of a letst one wall will create quieter and more organized workspace for the library＇s employees．Cabinets will also be built in the mecting roons to nore the musum collection．
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