

## Towns oppose legal rights bill

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Legislation that would allow citizens to file lawsuits for civil rights violations in New Jersey could be accompanied by more negative effects than positive ones, and municipalities are being called upon to halt the progress of the initiative before it is passed by the state Senate.

As currently drafted, it is feared that the bill would go far beyond its intent to address violations or rights protected under the New Jersey Constitution. More specifically, the bill includes a provision for an award of counsel fees to a prevailing plaintiff for any claim that arises from an alleged violation of "any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the constitution or laws of this state."

What the New Jersey State League of Municipalities is currently worrying about is that the bill's passage would encourage litigation arising under many statutory provisions.

In an advisory fax sent to New Jersey mayors, the league explains that the wording of the legislation could allow an award of counsel fees for any case brought against a governmental entity arising under any statutory provision if the plaintiff can allege denial of due process.

This could, potentially, include such an allegation in an appeal from

organizations such as the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment. If the plaintiff prevailed on that side of the argument, he or she could then seek to recover counsel fees.

At Springfield's last Township Committee meeting, Committeeman Steven Goldstein spoke up about the bill's downfalls.

Goldstein said the measure, which has already passed the Assembly and is ready for final Senate action, could promote frivolous lawsuits. As a lawyer, Goldstein emphasized the amount of time and money that could be wasted or unjustly exchanged due to such legislation.

There is no corresponding right to obtain counsel fees if the governmental entity were to prevail, according to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Governmental entities can claim counsel fees under the frivolous lawsuit statute, but only if they can show that there was no basis in law or fact for the suit. This, in the opinion of many, is a heavy burden.

A plaintiff, however, need only prevail in the litigation to receive counsel fees. This, therefore, is the root of the problem.

The legislation also carries no statute of limitations or language to make it prospective in application, meaning that it could apply to claims

already filed and in litigation.

Goldstein also commented on the possible demand for public records, as filed under the Open Public Records Act.

The strict legislation would call for such immediate and prompt production of printed records that plaintiffs could easily take advantage of any slight delay or miscommunication within a municipality, and would be costly to taxpayers for seemingly insignificant reasons.

According to the league, the consequences for municipalities and their overburdened taxpayers could be horrendous.

In Mountainside, the Borough Council opposes the bill for the same reasons that the league and Springfield's government are against it.

"The problem is, it's going to cost residents a lot of money," said Borough Council President Werner Schon. "It's another cost to the community."

"You have to be careful of frivolous lawsuits," Schon continued. "That's the essence of it."

Springfield Mayor Clara Harelik, an attorney, also found the bill to be unfair, saying that the township would like to prevent unnecessary litigation whenever possible.

"In the end, frivolous lawsuits cost the taxpayers more money," she said.

## Paradise by the pool



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

These young patrons have fun enjoying a little tropical paradise at the Mountainside Community Pool on a lazy summer day. Located behind the ballfield at Borough Hall, the pool recently opened for the season, providing residents and guests with a cool respite from the summer heat.

## Report shows most teachers meet federal NCLB standards

By Brian Pedersen  
Managing Editor

A high percentage of teachers in both the Mountainside and Springfield school districts meet the No Child Left Behind Act definition of a "highly qualified" teacher, according to the state Department of Education.

The 2004 results of a statewide survey required by the NCLB Act to determine the number of teachers in the state's classrooms who meet the definition of highly qualified teachers was recently released by the state, to show, among other things, the percentage of teachers who are highly qualified in every core subject they teach.

In Springfield, the percentage of teachers who meet the NCLB definition of a highly qualified teacher for every subject taught was at 100 percent for every school except Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

For each school in the district, the figures are broken into four groups, including the number of teachers of core academic subjects in the school, the percentage of teachers who

meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher for at least one subject taught, percentage of those who meet the definition for every subject taught, and percentage of core academic subject classes in the school taught by highly qualified teachers.

At Gaudineer, there are 50 teachers of core academic subjects in the school. Ninety-four percent of teachers met the definition for at least one subject taught, 82 percent met the definition for every subject taught, and 92 percent of all core subject classes in the school are taught by highly qualified teachers.

"It's important for parents to understand that the NCLB definition of a 'highly qualified teacher' is based solely on the attainment of specific credentials to demonstrate content expertise that will soon be required of all teachers by the federal government," said Commissioner of Education William Librera in a press release. "It has little to do with the quality of a teacher's performance in the classroom."

Over at Jonathan Dayton High School,

Principal Charles Serson explained that one of the areas the high school prided itself in was hiring teachers who were not only certified, but certified in the subjects they teach.

As an example, Serson said a teacher who has been hired at the high school and is certified as a biologist would therefore, teach biology. The same would go for chemistry or calculus, and many other subjects.

"It's putting in place someone who is knowledgeable in the subject so that students get the maximum benefit, the ultimate quality of education," said Serson.

This is also an initiative that, he says, helps provide the high school with good scores for the HSPA and SAT exams.

"I'm very proud of our staff," said Serson. "It all adds to our quality of education."

With 39 teachers of core academic subjects in the high school and teachers meeting 100 percent in the other three categories, there was no need for teachers to go and take extra courses or exams to become highly qualified teachers, said Serson.

At Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, where Mountainside sends its students, Principal John Farinella said the data for highly qualified teachers reflect the district's lofty goals.

"The district seeks to hire faculty that not only meet the standards of NCLB but those who exceed them," said Farinella. "I think having highly qualified teachers in the classroom is an important statute, formalizing what has been really a practice in schools, to find the best faculty members in the classroom."

Overall, Farinella said that teachers have been receptive to meeting the recently adopted criteria for becoming highly qualified teachers.

"I think teachers recognize standards of performance that are supportive of good teachers," said Farinella, adding that "highly qualified" is just one set of criteria for hiring a teacher, and that there are many others as well.

"The law sets forth a minimum of criteria but I feel teachers at GL have exceeded that criteria and those are ones I seek to hire," said Farinella.

At GL, there are 70 teachers of core academic subjects in the school. A total of 91.4 percent of teachers meet the definition of a highly qualified teacher for at least one subject taught and 88.6 percent meet the definition for every subject taught and 95.6 percent of all core academic subject classes in the school are taught by highly qualified teachers.

At Beechwood School in Mountainside, the figures show 100 percent in three of the percentage categories, with 14 teachers of core academic subjects in the school.

Deerfield School fared slightly lower, with 80.6 percent of teachers meeting the definition for at least one subject taught, 80.6 percent of teachers meeting the definition for every subject taught and 85.7 percent of all core academic subject classes in the school taught by highly qualified teachers.

The data from each school district were collected between April and May and released in late June. Complete highly qualified teacher data can be found online at [www.state.nj.us/njded/data/hq/](http://www.state.nj.us/njded/data/hq/)

## Business revival discussed

By Rick Klittich  
Staff Writer

Springfield Township Committee members discussed the possibility of redeveloping parts of the Morris Avenue business district during a recent work session meeting.

One of the main issues is whether or not the area needs to be rehabilitated or redeveloped. The difference in wording separates an area that needs to be "fixed up," or rehabilitated, from that which needs to basically undergo major construction.

In Livingston, for example, plans are currently being drawn up for complete redevelopment of a downtown. In Livingston's case, the downtown is actually being created, not just renovated.

According to Committeeman Harold Poltrock, a recent state statute was set in place to give municipalities broad powers to rehabilitate or redevelop. In the case of rehabilitation, the property owner's assistance is vital.

Redevelopment implies that if the property owner is unwilling to cooperate, the township can take the property. Once the township has designated an area for redevelopment, it can seek a developer that will absorb the expenses of the work.

"What does this mean for Springfield?" asked Poltrock. "It's way too soon to tell."

However, Poltrock did say that it is his opinion, as well as others who he has spoken with about the subject, that Springfield lies within the parameters necessary to begin a "redevelopment" project.

Poltrock noted that it could be one side of the street, both, or just the rear of the buildings that can use con-



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

This area of Springfield on Morris Avenue is one part of the township that has been the site of some debate by township officials over how to boost business, with talk of potential redevelopment.

struction, but that it really comes down to the developer's vision.

"I don't anticipate that we can become a Millburn or Westfield," said Poltrock.

Still, the location of Springfield's possibly redeveloped business district may be considered the greatest obstacle in achieving a true centralized shopping center.

"In my opinion," said Mayor Clara Harelik, "the downtown area is not conducive for shopping off of Morris Avenue and would be better served by professional office buildings or condominiums for housing."

Harelik said that while there are certainly established buildings in place, there are also many empty storefronts. She felt that those businesses which are successful should

stay put, but the area itself still needs work.

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"The key here is for those individuals who own the property to communicate with us," said Harelik. "It must be a combined effort here," she said, adding that she wouldn't be against meeting with the landlords and property owners of downtown businesses.

## District test results reveal improvements

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Standardized test scores for Springfield students of all ages were recently released to the district, showing improvements across the board in comparison to totals from last year.

The scores, which came from the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge, Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment and High School Proficiency Assessment, proved to be a mark of success throughout the district, on all levels.

Teachers, staff and faculty alike were commended during a Board of Education meeting where the scores were presented.

In the NJ-ASK language arts section, which is given to fourth-graders, a total of 92.5 percent of students were either proficient or advanced proficient. Last year, a total of 86.7 percent of students were in that combined category. The rise of 5.8 percent accounts for all students, including those in special education. A total of 8.9 percent scored in the advanced proficiency category.

For general education students, which does not include special education students, scores are up close to 2 percent from last year.

The GEPA language arts category saw a rise of 3.1 percent from last year for all students in the proficient and advanced proficient category. While the general education students climbed 2.7 percent from last year, 94 percent were in the proficient level of achievement.

In the High School Proficiency Assessment, the language arts section saw only a 0.4 percent increase from last year in general education students who were either proficient or advanced proficient. This particular language arts testing, however, saw the highest percentages in both categories of all students and general edu-

cation students scoring in the advanced proficiency level, at 15.8 and 18.6, respectively.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino repeatedly praised not only the students of the district, but the teachers, as well.

"There were no negative categories," said Davino, "and that's critical."

Davino included the math scores in that statement, which, like the language arts scores, saw improvements. The significance in this lies in the fact that scores had previously been down, and parents and staff around the township had been not only asking why, but how to bring them up.

"We were really looking at the math scores," said board member Patricia Venezia, adding that the other scores are always good.

On the fourth-grade level, all students combined to raise the advanced proficient and proficient categories a combined 6.8 percent.

In fact, 38.7 percent of general education students scored advanced proficient, the highest percentage found on that proficiency level.

In the middle school, all students helped bring a rise of 6.2 percent in math scores on the proficient and advanced proficient levels.

Eleventh-graders taking the HSPA also improved upon last year's math scores, as a rise of 3.8 percent from all students and 3.7 percent from general education students on the proficient and advanced proficient levels brought reassurance to the board.

"We're moving in a positive direction," said Venezia, noting that the text of math education has changed, along with how it is being taught.

The testing reports are one of three installments released by the state. Other reports will specify scores of special education students, among other categories.

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**Tuesday**

- The Mountaineer Planning Board will meet in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East at 8 p.m.
- Learn how to preserve your photos and stories for generations to come by enrolling in a scrapbooking class in the Borough Hall Community Room in Mountaineer from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 per person or \$14 for non-residents.

**Saturday**

- The Mountaineer Fire Department invites the residents of Mountaineer and the surrounding communities to commemorate the delivery of the borough's first ladder truck with a traditional Fire Department Wagon with food, drink and games for children. Music will be provided by EMS DJs. The Wagon will take place on the grounds of Deerfield School at 250 Central Ave., Mountaineer from noon until 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 908-233-1047.
- This summer's Springfield Farmer's Market will open at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot from noon to 6 p.m. every Monday this summer. Stands will feature fresh produce, fresh cut flowers and baked goods, among other treats. For information, call Town Hall at 973-912-2201.

**Tuesday**

- The Mountaineer Board of Education will meet in the media center of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m.
- The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at 8 p.m.
- The Senior Fitness Room at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East in Mountaineer is air-conditioned and offers opportunities for senior to stay fit while staying cool this summer. A free Senior Fitness Room orientation tour is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. For information, call 908-232-0015.
- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its Youth Services summer film festival Adult Movie Days at 10:30 a.m.
- With this film, Harry Potter learns on his 11th birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, a prestigious English boarding school for wizards. There, he discovers the truth about his parents' mysterious deaths. The film is 150 minutes and rated PG.
- The series will continue on Tuesdays throughout the summer with the exception of Aug. 2.
- Popcorn will be served. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Wednesday**

- The 2004 Union County Summer Arts Festival comes back to Echo Lake Park in Mountaineer with free concerts Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The concerts are held near the Mill Lane section of the park. For rain site information on days of inclement weather, call 908-352-8410 from 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.
- The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Young Adult Movie Days at 2 p.m.
- Archaeologist and university professor Indiana Jones must retrieve the mythic Lost Ark of the Covenant before it gets into the hands of Adolf Hitler, who plans on using its power to conquer his global conquest. The film is 1 hour and 45 minutes and rated PG.
- The series will continue on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Popcorn will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Thursday**

- The Great Books Discussion Group will meet July 15 to discuss Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," at 10 a.m. at Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.
- The Great Books compilation may be purchased for \$20 at the Circulation Desk. The discussion group welcomes new members. Participants are invited to come to any or all of the discussions. For information, call 973-376-4930.

**Friday**

- The Mountaineer Public Library will conduct their Board of Trustees meeting in the library meeting room at 7:30 a.m.
- The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the media center of Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

**Ongoing**

- The summer reading program at Mountaineer Public Library, Constitution Plaza, is under way for children in grades kindergarten and up with the summer-long theme "Discover New Trails... Read!"
- Each child in kindergarten through second grade completes a reading log and lists the books he or she is reading throughout July and August. Each child in grades three and up completes a reading log calculating how many minutes he or she has read.
- Prizes are awarded each time a participant records his or her information, with the rule that each participant may only record information once a day. Various prizes are awarded as each participant progresses throughout a July and August. The summer reading program concludes Aug. 12 at 11:30 a.m. with a summer reading party for all participants.
- Registration for this year's summer reading program, "Discover New Trails," has begun at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Children through grade five will receive a variety of freebies as they sign up on a first-come first-serve basis while supplies last. The summer reading program ends on Aug. 27. All ages through kindergarten age get a stamp for every five books they read and a prize.
- Children entering fifth and sixth grades can participate in weeklong half- or full-day camp at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountaineer.
- "Backwoods Lore" teaches student survival skills, shelter building, fire starting and more.
- "Hooray for Herpetiles" takes an in-depth look at the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.
- "Catch of the Day" explores the history of fishing and includes a van trip to Pequest Hatchery.
- Call 908-789-3670 for camp fees, dates and times.
- The Mountaineer Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons. Classes for both adults and children will meet at the Echobrook courts in Mountaineer Monday through Friday mornings. Limited space is available. Classes are for beginners, little beginners, advanced beginners and intermediates. The fee is \$48/session. Adult classes are \$59/session.
- Session II runs Monday - July 23, Session III: July 26 - Aug. 6.
- Registrations are currently being accepted at the Mountaineer Recreation Office, at 908-232-9915.
- On Tuesday evenings throughout July, the Mountaineer Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza will offer Bedtime Stories at 7 p.m. for children ages 2-5. For information, call 908-233-0115.
- At the Mountaineer Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza, Story-time and Crafts, featuring the summer theme, "Discover New Trails... Read!" will continue every Thursday from 2 to 2:45 p.m. through Aug. 5 for children in grades 1-4.

## Borough firefighters respond to chemical spill, contact HAZMAT

**Mountaineer**

At 9:42 a.m. July 1, Mountaineer firefighters responded to a report of a chemical spill on Mountain Avenue and Sheffield Street.

At the scene, fire officers contacted the Union County Hazardous Materials team.

Two teams arrived and determined the chemical spill was a low level hazard. It took nearly six hours for a Union County environmental contractor to clean the spill.

At 5:29 p.m. June 28, firefighters responded to an activated carbon monoxide detector in a Summit Road residence. At the scene, firefighters found high CO readings in the basement and on the first floor.

Exhaust fumes were determined to be coming from a gasoline-powered pressure washer. A large electric fan was used to exhaust the carbon monoxide from the residence.

On June 29 at 10:18 a.m., firefighters responded to an activated Central Station fire alarm at an elder care facility located on Route 22 West.

An on-scene investigation determined that a malfunctioning smoke detector in one of the roof top air handling units activated the fire alarm.

On Saturday at 7:06 p.m., firefighters responded to a report of an activated fire alarm.

At 10:53 a.m. June 30, firefighters responded to the scene of a house fire in Summit on a request from County Mutual Aid.

On June 30 at 6:52 p.m., firefighters responded to a Meisel Avenue residence for a water condition.

At 12:25 p.m. July 1, firefighters responded to a Linden Avenue residence for a medical service call.

On Friday at 8:50 a.m., firefighters responded to a Battlehill Avenue residence for an electrical problem.

On Friday at 10:59 p.m., firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

At 4:41 p.m. Friday, firefighters responded to a Mountain Avenue apartment complex for a medical service call.

On Friday at 6:21 p.m., firefighters responded to a Route 22 East business for a car that crashed into the building.

On Saturday at 5:38 p.m., firefighters responded to a Cambridge Terrace residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector.

At 10:27 p.m. Saturday, firefighters responded to Route 78 East for a motor vehicle accident with extrication.

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## Longtime volunteer retires

**By Rick Klittich Staff Writer**

After close to 35 years of service to Springfield's Free Public Library, Rose Searles has decided that it is once again time to retire.

Searles, who began working part-time for the library in 1968 when it was located in the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, became head of circulation in 1988 and was instrumental in developing and maintaining the Children's Department.

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## Festivities add to July 4th fun

**By Rick Klittich Staff Writer**

While the end of Springfield's Fourth of July Fireworks Display went off with a bang, it may have been the hours leading up to it that were enjoyed most by residents, young and old, throughout the township.

"It went very well," said Mayor Clara Harelik, who spoke during the festivities. "We had perfect weather and the fireworks were great."

Harelik added that the children at the event were able to enjoy all the activities organized, and adults enjoyed the live band.

Located at Thelma L. Sandmeier School, the event featured carnival games, rides, a petting zoo, pony rides and a trackless train.

The "family picnic" theme went over well, as residents were eager to lay out blankets and enjoy eating food provided by Outback Steakhouse. As families relaxed and were able to be proud of their town, perhaps the most satisfied patrons were those who helped organize the event.

The "Take Pride in Springfield" Committee, which consists of less than 10 members of the community, had been planning the festivities for months.

"It was the best weather in a long time," said Scott Seidel, member of "Take Pride in Springfield" and co-chairman of the committee that helped organize the July 4 event. "It went very smoothly and we had a great crowd."

According to Seidel, about \$10,860 was raised at the gate alone. This portion of the money raised does not include meetings, sponsors or other contributions.

Seidel added that between paying Outback for its services, along with costs of rides, soda and portable light towers, among other items, about \$10,000 was spent on the event in order to attract the community and profit. Seidel said that the committee works well because its members are people of many hats.

"That's how things get done," Seidel said. "Without these people, the events wouldn't happen."

Seidel noted that during the year, street festivals and other organized activities simply would not occur if not for the efforts of the "Take Pride in Springfield" members.

"I think the significance of the committee is in its title," said Harelik. "We try to do things so that people would be proud of this town."

"The Fourth of July isn't just about fireworks," said Harelik. "It's all about family."

Harelik said that the success of the event can be seen when out-of-towners comment the volunteers for putting together something so anticipated and pleasing for the entire family.

The committee, which is several years old and was spurred by Committeeman Sy Mullan, organizes "All-in-all," said Seidel, "I want to give a lot of thanks to everyone who helped out. Without volunteers, it couldn't go through."

Next year, Springfield will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield at the same time as Independence Day. For the first time in the township, fireworks will go off in late June, corresponding with what Seidel hopes will be a partial reenactment of the battle. As with other events, the "Take Pride in Springfield" committee has already begun organizing the combination of events that will celebrate not only America, but Springfield, as well.



The trackless train loads passengers at the Fourth of July 'Take Pride in Springfield' event at Thelma L. Sandmeier School. Pony rides, carnival games, and a petting zoo were just some of the highlights leading to the evening fireworks.

## New titles available this week

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has the following new titles available this week. For information on specific materials, call 973-376-4930.

**Fiction**

- "Down Here" by Andrew H. Vachss; "Eleven Minutes" by Paulo Coelho; "Secret Smile" by Nicci French; "The Seige of Salt Cove" by Anthony Weller; "The Tyrant's Novel" by Thomas Kennedy;
- "Little Scarlet," "Ten Big Ones" by Janet Evanovich.
- "Conceptions & Misconceptions" by Arthur L. Wisot; "A Field Guide to Type 2 Diabetes"; "Grace and Power by Sally Bedell Smith; "Hostel's USA by Paul Karr; "Hypo-

**Biographies**

- "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow; "Big Russ and Me" by Tim Russert; "My Life" by Bill Clinton.
- "Audubon's Audubon CDs
- "A Good Year" (Abridged) by Peter Mayle; "The Talking" (Unabridged) by Dean Koontz.

**Biographies**

- "The Jersey Shore Uncovered" by Peter Genovese; "Mastering Your Diabetes" by Janette Kirkham; "The Mold in Dr. Florey's Coat" by Eric Lax; "Multiple Sclerosis" by Nancy J. Holland; "Roses" by Hazel White; "Roses For Dummies" by Lance Walheim; "Underage & Overweight" by Franice M. Berg; "What Makes My Blood Glucose Go Up and Down?" by Janette Brand Miller;

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## STUDENT UPDATE

### Dubno makes honors at Skidmore College

Andrew Dubno of the Class of 2005 at Skidmore College, earned honors for the fall semester. He is the son of Barbara Dubno in Mountaineer.

Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.67 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.3 to 3.6.

**Slater earns dean's list at Syracuse**

Adam Slater of Springfield was among the students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

Slater is a senior majoring in political science.

### Nicastro graduates Kean University

Joyce Marie Cefalo Nicastro, of Mountaineer, is a May 2004 graduate of Kean University.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree majoring in early childhood education and psychology, with honors.

Nicastro was employed by Community Presbyterian Nursery School in Mountaineer. She is currently seeking full time employment.

**Attention churches and social clubs**

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Send information to: Lifestyle Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.



Joyce Nicastro, a senior majoring in political science, is shown during her graduation ceremony at Kean University.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### Start ticketing

Gas or electric-powered scooters have been growing in popularity during the past few years, particularly among children as an efficient way to traverse streets, even if it is illegal to ride these machines on public streets. Along Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue in Springfield and parts of Mountainside, children and some adults have been stopped by police for riding these scooters. The riders have been issued warnings, but no tickets.

The truth is, ticketing is the only solution that will stop this from happening. It is also the responsibility of parents to make sure their children do not ride these machines on public streets, and if children are caught, parents should be held accountable. If someone is caught doing an illegal activity, then an appropriate measure should be taken. Issuing a warning hardly carries any weight and doesn't solve the problem.

The problem with these scooters is that they are not only a noisy nuisance, they are also extremely dangerous, particularly to teens who don't have a driver's license. Parents owe it to themselves to ensure that their children don't get harmed or place other drivers at risk.

Granted, there's hardly any private space in Springfield or Mountainside where these scooters can be legally and safely operated. The law doesn't allow for public spaces such as bike trails in Mountainside to be used for riding these scooters, so that leaves few options. That leaves little choice but for police to start ticketing as they would ticket a driver for speeding or some other moving violation.

### Your comrades

It's almost time to pay the third quarter property tax bill. No worries, just whip out the old credit card, put the bill on plastic, and forget about it for a few years. Better yet, run to the bank and get a mortgage. Either way, your bill is paid and you don't have to give it a second thought for the moment — that is, until the bill comes due for your borrowed money, with interest.

Imagine this was the way you managed your household. Imagine no more, this is the way your state representatives run things. It's bad enough that Gov. James McGreevey's 2005 budget is larger than the one he recommended earlier in the year, but he's borrowing \$2 billion to pay for it. That's in addition to increased fees; just another form of taxation.

State spending has increased 16 percent, but again, it's the state that wants to tell local and municipal governments what to do, proposing caps on their budgets.

Republicans have taken the budget battle to the courts on the basis that it's not a balanced budget, as constitutionally mandated, because of the borrowing scheme. Democrats contend that former GOP Gov. Christine Whitman borrowed \$2.7 billion as part of her pension scheme in 1997. This is undeniable. It's also undeniable that state taxpayers will be paying that for years to come as well. The Republicans are appealing a court's decision in favor of the Democrats. Regardless of which party is in power in Trenton, it seems accounting shenanigans to keep the party in power trump any inkling of sound, public policy.

The budget also includes the so-called "millionaire's tax," which hikes the income tax on those earning more than half-a-million dollars a year — that's right, it's a half-millionaire's tax really. But that money isn't going to fund government. It's going directly to the other 97 percent of taxpayers in New Jersey who don't earn as much.

The governor and his comrades proclaim this to be some sort of property tax relief. There's another, more accurate word, for this: theft. Besides, any increase in the rebates — which candidate McGreevey called a gimmick in 1997 but finds it works well for him as governor in 2004 — will be eaten up in local school and municipal tax hikes because of lack of state aid.

The same year McGreevey ran for governor the first time, property taxes seemed to be a driving issue for constituents. There's been little movement in Trenton on it, and now both parties are talking about a constitutional-convention to address property taxes — in 2006, after the next gubernatorial election, and nearly a decade after McGreevey first ran.

The only movement New Jersey's residents have seen, though, is in their property tax bills.

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**DOG DAY AFTER-NOON** — Marlee reaches out her paw to Frank Nemick of Mountainside at the dog walk at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Marlee is a regular at the park and is owned by Frank's parents. The park offers pets and people the perfect backdrop to enjoy a sunny summer day.

## Hypocrisy undermines efforts of law enforcement

A growing drug problem throughout New Jersey is reflected by the alarming increase in the amount of intravenous drug users contracting diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C. As a result, public health authorities and law enforcement agencies are searching for methods of reducing cases of these diseases and intravenous drug use in general.

Some private advocates, including billionaire hedge-fund operator George Soros, have advocated a government-sponsored distribution of clean needles to intravenous drug users in an attempt to curb this problem. This idea, however, poses some serious issues that shed doubt about the actual benefits of this proposed program.

As needle exchange programs offer no direct deterrent to intravenous drug use, cities that have adopted the program have actually seen an increase in drug-related activity. Since drug-use diminishes good judgment and socially acceptable behavior, many cities, including Baltimore, which have adopted the program, found increasing rates of crime. As common sense would dictate, this increase in crime can diminish local property values.

Additionally, cities like Vancouver and Montreal have actually experienced dramatic increases in HIV cases

### Point Of View

By Theodore Romankow

after instituting needle exchange programs. In fact, a 1995 National Research Council Institutes of Medicine survey reported that 39 percent of intravenous drug addicts in Vancouver continued to share needles after a needle exchange program was implemented.

Vancouver, which distributes over 2 million clean needles annually, saw AIDS cases among drug addicts rise from 2 percent to 27 percent after the program began. Not only does this place a burden on the infected individuals, but it places a burden on the state, which often has to pay for medical care of these individuals. This medical cost can be astronomical as the average lifetime cost of treating one HIV-infected person is \$195,185.

Since needle exchange programs are not available for federal block grants, all funding would have to be done directly by the state; thus imposing an additional burden on taxpayers.

Unfortunately, needle exchange programs address the addict's need for drugs, not the need for treatment. "Addicts need an opportunity for 'no needles' rather than 'clean needles,'" says Jeanette McDougal of Florida, a recovering addict and opponent of needle exchange programs. The programs seem hypocritical in that the government gives drug users the utensils for committing illegal acts. Additionally, needle exchange programs violate New Jersey state law, which requires a prescription to possess hypodermic needles or syringes.

This hypocrisy undermines the efforts of law enforcement agencies that are trying to crack down on the drugs and drug-related criminal activity.

Needle exchange programs send a negative message to children that intravenous drug use is acceptable since the government provides the needles. However, children become affected in much more serious ways as well. Since needle exchange programs allow intravenous drug users to continue their addiction, they create a great amount of dangerous physical waste as infected, sometimes bloody, needles are often left on the streets and playgrounds where children play.

Theodore Romankow is the prospector of Union County.

year-old stabbed five children with a discarded syringe he found on a playground in Glade View, Florida. Some may remember the discarded needles on our shores back.

Not only will these needles seriously injure children, but the state, along with individual municipalities, may face liability if these injuries occur on public property. Once again, the burden of this program will eventually fall on the taxpayers.

Advocates of needle exchange have said that drug use will never go away and we must do whatever we can to prevent the diseases it spreads. However, they neglect to inform the public that, according to a recent study by the University of Pennsylvania, more intravenous drug users die of an overdose than do from a drug-related disease. Instead of unsuccessfully trying to stop drug-related-disease, perhaps more efforts should be made to halt drug abuse in general.

While needle exchange programs are well intentioned, they consistently lack the results that could be shown if funds were better spent on drug awareness and treatment programs.

Herb Waddell of Berkeley Heights and Gerry Lahn of Basking Ridge became new volunteers in SAGE's workshop. The two recently completed 20 hours of volunteer service in the

## Gathering kicks off benefit

Great Performances 2004 Gala Chairpersons Annie Cardelus Jones and Timothy M. Jones, of Summit, welcomed more than 50 members of the Gala Steering and Dinner Committees into their home May 21 for a Gala Friends Cocktail Party.

The Summit gathering was the second in a series of kick-off parties for Great Performances 2004, an event benefiting Overlook Hospital to be held Saturday, Sept. 18 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, 68 Elm St.

More than 1,000 guests are expected to attend the September Gala. In keeping with the theme — "Laughter...Nature's Best Medicine" — the evening will feature a performance by physician/comedian Matt Iseman, a special appearance by entertainer Joe Piscopo, a cocktail reception, seated dinner and dancing. Lifetime Achievement Awards will be given to four recipients whose contributions to Overlook have been noteworthy for community service, medical service,

volunteer service and corporate service. Dolores Hope, wife of the late Overlook Hospital foundation at 908-522-2840.

The Overlook Hospital Foundation raises funds that are used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and fund special programs to help Overlook remain on the forefront of medical care.

All gifts to the Overlook Hospital Foundation are tax deductible and remain at Overlook.

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These Great Performances 2004 Gala Steering Committee members, all of Summit, help kick off the September Overlook event at the Gala Friends Cocktail Party. From left are Marianna and Mark Hurrell, Marilyn and Bruce Chambeau, and Lambi Newsham.

## Waddell volunteers for SAGE workshop

SAGE, a major community resource for elderscare, was recently awarded grants from the ExxonMobil Foundation through its Volunteer Involvement program.

The program seeks to encourage ExxonMobil employees, retirees and other eligible participants to actively contribute their time and talent to non-profit organizations by providing contributions on their behalf.

For every 20 hours of volunteer time that an ExxonMobil employee or retiree donates to a charitable, non-profit organization, he or she may apply for a grant that can award the non-profit \$500.

The ExxonMobil retirees that participated in the Volunteer Involvement program donated their time to SAGE in a number of ways.

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Herb Waddell, a retired ExxonMobil employee, volunteers his time working in SAGE's workshop in Summit for ExxonMobil's Volunteer Involvement program.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TC should be prepared to give details

Many Springfield residents complain about rising taxes. However, why don't they investigate how their money is spent by attending a regular Township Committee meeting? Such meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. The room is handicapped accessible complete with an elevator to go to the second floor.

All of the ordinances are published in the *Echo Leader* in the fine print of the legal section. A very brief synopsis for each ordinance and resolution is usually available as one walks in the door of the meeting room. At the June 22 meeting, there were a few discussions among the members of the Township Committee as to the dates when the legal notices had appeared or would appear for specific ordinances.

Although they were approved without reading any of them at this meeting, nine sets of minutes were listed on the June 22 agenda sheet starting with Jan. 26 through June 8.

It is interesting to note that the total municipal budget from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 is \$20,791,652. Between one million and two million dollars were approved at this meeting with few explanations.

One example of such expenditures is the final hearing of one bond ordinance amounting to \$1,171,300 as briefly explained on the agenda sheet of the June 22 meeting.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

health, economic status of fear of road rage and that number grows as the population ages. If good rail service allows a family not to have to purchase a car, the annual savings are \$7,000.

America is almost out of domestic oil yet we consume 35 percent of all nations, mostly in our autos. Trains are many times more energy efficient and that is where our future transportation investment must be. We have gone too far creating a nation of "if you don't drive you don't count." And we kill 43,000 people every year in auto accidents. Your doctor's oath says "first do no harm" yet you want to increase road use. Where?

The NIMBY's who have pressured you for this all have hidden agendas. This was brought out when the president of Lakeland Bus was quoted in the Newark *Star-Ledger* some time back as wishing people lived near Kearny Junction, so Midtown Direct Rail service could have been awarded. Examples abound, but the two most glaring is Middlesex County trying to stop MOM with its 100 intrastate traffic generators because the Turnpike/Parkway are headquartered there along with Suburban Bus Lines.

All across North America no bus line offers the publicly acceptable transit rail does. The other is Carol Westervelt of Kenilworth who trespassed on the Rahway Valley and now is trying to con everyone into stopping that much-needed freight and passenger line. She should be in jail for her shenanigans. And Salerno Duane of Summit who are leasing the rail on a monthly basis till the trains will again have joined that battle.

Statewide there are over 30 rail rights of way in need of preserving for future rail use. That is where your course of action must tie for the future mobility of all the state's citizens when the final bill comes.

Frank Lehr of Summit, who is far more knowledgeable of rail, has been forced to the sidelines by Carol and company. He is where you should go for information. I offer my over half century of rail marketing expertise as well. William R. Wright  
Craifford

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The *Echo Leader* reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

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Union County Senior Legion baseball continues

Union County Senior American Legion baseball continues with games today in Berkeley Heights-Scotch Plains and Clark.

The following is the remainder of the regular-season schedule, beginning with today's games:

- July 8 Cranford at Berkeley Heights, 5:45
July 9 Rahway at Scotch Plains, 5:45
July 9 Summit at Clark, 5:45
July 9 All-Star Game
July 10 Clark at Cranford, 10:30
July 10 Oratory at Kenilworth, 10:30
July 10 Scotch Plains at Rahway, 10:30
July 10 Denville at Roselle, 2 p.m.
July 11 Watchung Hills at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 11 Berkeley Heights at Summit, 10:30
July 12 Berkeley Heights at Springfield, 5:45
July 12 Scotch Plains at Kenilworth, 5:45
July 12 Westfield at Roselle, 5:45
July 13 Rahway at Westfield, 5:45
July 13 Roselle at Oratory, 5:45
July 13 Kenilworth at Linden, 8 p.m.
July 14 Oratory at Springfield, 5:45
July 14 Summit at Roselle, 5:45
July 14 Watchung Hills at Cranford, 5:45
July 14 Berkeley Heights at Westfield, 5:45
July 15 Linden at Westfield, 5:45
July 15 Watchung Hills at Summit, 5:45
July 15 Rahway at Clark, 5:45
July 15 Oratory Prep at Union, 8 p.m.
July 16 Union at Roselle, 5:45
July 16 Cranford at Rahway, 5:45

Minor League champs



The Cincinnati Reds captured the Springfield Girls' Softball League's Minor League championship. From left, are Brielle Inannuzzelli, Kim Rego, Kelli Murray, Jacqueline Gallant and Dana Gallant. Second row, from left, are Jessica Lopes, Ajiza Stone, Kendall Bohannon, Rachel Murray, Remy Schneider, Alison Gutkin and Jackie Loeshelle. Coaches, from left, are Barry Gallant and Charlie Bohannon.

H.S. grid season kicks off Sept. 10 Summit, GL open home 9/11

By JR Parachini Sports Editor

There are several Union vs. Middlesex non-conference clashes, teams in different sections and plenty of hope.

Welcome to Union County football for 2004.

The high school football season commences around the state for most schools on Friday, Sept. 10, which is Week Zero.

As many as 13 of the 16 football playing schools in Union County open that weekend. Roselle, Rahway and New Providence open the following weekend and will play eight straight weekends to the state playoff cutoff date.

Of the other 13 schools, 11 will have one week off during the first nine weekends of the season. Governor Livingston will play the first eight weekends and have the playoff cutoff date weekend of Nov. 5-6 off. Summit will play the first nine weekends, with a game on the playoff cutoff date weekend that won't count towards the playoffs.

Union vs. Middlesex county matchups include: Old Bridge at Westfield, Johnson at Spotswood, Roselle Park at Metuchen, Brearley at Iselin Kennedy, Highland Park at Roselle Park, Roselle Park at Middlesex, Hillside at Spotswood, New Brunswick at Roselle and New Prov. at Highland Park.

Cranford and Governor Livingston moved from North 2, Group 2 to Central Jersey, Group 2, while Westfield moved back up to North 2, Group 4.

NOTES: Elizabeth opens with three consecutive home games after not playing a home game until late in the season last year after having home dates, against Kearny and then Newark East Side resulting in forfeit victories.

Rahway has five home dates, all in a row in the month of October on five consecutive Saturdays afternoons.

Brearley is playing a Sussex County opponent in Wallkill Valley, while Rahway is playing a Bergen County foe in Dwight Englewood.

Johnson has non-conference games scheduled against a Passaic County opponent in DePaul and a Morris County foe in Pequannock.

Summit is the only county school that is not scheduled to play on Thanksgiving.

The state playoffs commence the weekend of Nov. 12-14, with consolation games also scheduled for that weekend. The playoffs will continue the weekend of Nov. 19-21, with the semifinals. The finals are the weekend of Dec. 3-5.

Here's the schedules of the 16 Union County football playing schools:

Junior Legion All-Star Game set for Tuesday

The following is the remainder of the Union County Junior American Legion regular-season baseball schedule, beginning with today's games.

The All-Star Game is scheduled for Tuesday at 5:45 p.m. at Linden's Memorial Field.

- July 8 Linden at Summit, 5:45
July 8 Berkeley H. at Watchung H., 5:45
July 8 Cranford at Vikings, 5:45
July 9 Union at New Providence, 5:45
July 9 Scotch Plains at Springfield, 5:45
July 9 Clark at Roselle, 5:45
July 10 Berkeley H. at Scotch Plains, 10:30
July 10 Watchung Hills at New Prov., 10:30
July 10 Westfield at Union, 8 p.m.
July 11 Summit at Westfield, 10:30
July 11 Cranford at Berkeley Heights, 10:30
July 11 Roselle at Springfield, 10:30
July 11 Clark at Watchung Hills, 10:30
July 11 Vikings at Roselle Park, 10:30
July 13 All-Star Game at Linden, 5:45
July 14 County Tournament at higher seed, 5
July 15 County Tournament rain date
July 16 County Tournament rain date
July 17 County Tournament at Linden
July 18 County Tournament at Linden
July 19 County Final at Linden

Governor's Bowl is Saturday at West Point

The 7th annual Governor's Bowl All-Star Football Game is set to kick off Saturday at 1 p.m. at West Point's Michie Stadium.

New Jersey leads New York 5-1 in the series and lost last year by a 16-14 score at Rutgers.

This is the second game of the series that will be played at West Point. The first one resulted in a 48-7 New Jersey win in 2000, which is the most lopsided score in the series.

New York's only win was a 26-8 triumph at Rutgers in 2001.

Union County athletes on the New Jersey roster include wide receiver Keith Taylor of Elizabeth (6-4, 180), standout placekicker Bryan Gianecchini (5-11, 180) of Cranford and Plainfield defensive end Dan Davis (6-2, 250).

Snapple Bowl is Thursday at East Brunswick

The 11th annual Snapple Bowl All-Star Football Game, featuring Union County vs. Middlesex County, is set to be played Thursday at 7 p.m. at East Brunswick High School.

The game is being played there for a second straight year for the first time. The series is tied at 5-5, with the road team winning most of the games.

Union County won last year's game by a score of 13-0 at East Brunswick.

Springfield swimmers solid in effort vs. Mountainside

Many first-place finishes were accomplished

The Springfield Pool swimming team began its North Jersey Summer Swim League season with a meet against Mountainside in late June.

Although Springfield was edged by Mountainside by a score of 221-214, the squad turned in several outstanding performances, including many first-place finishes.

Springfield was scheduled to compete at North Caldwell on June 29 and host Madison last Thursday.

Here's a look at how Springfield swimmers performed against Mountainside:

In the individual medley, Jake Kozlenko was second in the boys' 12-and-under, while Caesar Santana was first in the 13-and-over. Carolyn Maul was second in the girls' 13-and-over and Anni Demberger third.

In the freestyle, Jason Hoehn was first in the boys' 8-and-under, while Chris Boyle was third. Jane Ricciardi was first in the girls', with Allison Dorneo third.

JonJon Gonzalez was first in the boys' 9-10, while Shannon Boyle was third in the girls'.

Jake Kozlenko was first in the boys' 11-12, while Diane Kapengut was first in the girls' and Jackie Gonzalez third.

Andrew Kocer was third in the boys' 13-14, with Kim Baldwin first and Jennifer Seal third in the girls'.

Louis Puopolo was first in the boys' 15-18 and Steven Stockl second. Annie Demberger was first in the girls', Joanna Galante second and Lindsey Politi third.

In the backstroke, Declan Kelly was first in the boys' 8-and-under and Tavis Boyle third. Jane Ricciardi was first in the girls'.

Matthew Leibowitz was second in the boys' 9-10, while Brooke Lantier was third in the girls'.

Kevin Ricciardi was third in the boys' 11-12, with Clare Demberger first and Arielle Fishkin second in the girls'.

Kalli Turcott was second and Jennifer Seal third in the girls' 13-14.

Louis Puopolo was first and Nick Paolino second in the boys' 15-18, while Carolyn Maul was first and Catherine Andrasco second in the girls'.

More information about the NJJGC or to register for membership and individual tournaments may be obtained by visiting the website: www.njjgc.com.

Those interested may also write Chuck DiLeo of the NJJGC at: P.O. Box 617, Englishtown, N.J. 07726 or call 732-683-9042.

Diamondbacks baseball team does well to reach finals

The Diamondbacks, coached by Bob Butler and Jeff Neubauer, did well to finish second in the Springfield Junior Baseball League's 5th and 6th grade division playoffs.

The Diamondbacks were edged by the A's by scores of 18-17 and 12-11 to fall two games to none in a best-of-three championship series.

While the A's finished second in the regular season standings with a 10-3-1 mark, it was the Diamondbacks who finished first with an even more impressive 13-1-1 mark.

The Diamondbacks bested the Marlins in two games to reach the finals against the A's.

Trailing 16-5 in Game One of the championship series, the Diamondbacks rallied ferociously to take a 17-16 advantage before falling in the sixth inning.

In Game Two, they also fell behind early by a 10-3 score, before rallying to tie the game.

Matt Neubauer threw three well-pitched innings and Chris Butler blasted a 225-foot home run over the fence in center field.

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Roselle Park Panthers Sept. 11 at Metuchen, 1 p.m. Sept. 17 Bound Brook, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at Manville, 7 p.m. Oct. 1 New Providence, 7:30 Oct. 8 Highland Park, 7:30 Oct. 16 Newark Central, 7:30 Oct. 29 Brearley, 7:30 Nov. 5 at Middlesex, 7 Nov. 25 Roselle, 10:30 a.m.

Brearley Bears Sept. 11 at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m. Sept. 17 at Johnson, 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at New Providence, 2 p.m. Oct. 1 Wallkill Valley, 7 Oct. 8 Bound Brook, 7 Oct. 15 at Manville, 7 Oct. 29 at Roselle Park, 7: 30 p.m. Nov. 5 Newark Central, 7 Nov. 25 at Hillside, 10:30 a.m.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Reading program kicks off in Mountainside

The summer reading program at Mountainside Public Library, Constitution Plaza, is under way for children in grades kindergarten and up with the summer-long theme "Discover New Trails...Read!"

Film explores couple's soul-searching mission

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its Luncheon Video Series, "Box Office Hits," at noon Tuesday.

The series will continue on Thursdays throughout the summer with "Nowhere in Africa" on July 22, "Real Women Have Curves" on July 29, "Time of Favor" on Aug. 5, "Take Care of My Cat" on Aug. 12 and "Lady and the Duke" on Aug. 19.

Potter film casts its spell Tuesday

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its Youth Services summer film festival Adult Movie Days at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Bedtime Stories

On Tuesday evenings throughout July, the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza will offer Bedtime Stories at 7 p.m. for children ages 2-5.

Storytime and Crafts

At the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza, Storytime and Crafts, featuring the summer theme, "Discover New Trails...Read!" will continue every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Summer reading sails into Springfield

Registration for this year's summer reading program, "Discover New Trails," has begun at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Children through grade five will receive a variety of freebies as they sign up on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

Unlikely partners meet in award winner

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its summer international film festival July 15 with "Man on the Train" at noon and 7 p.m.

Archaeologist embarks on epic adventure

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Young Adult Movie Days at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The series will continue on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Popcorn will be served. For information, call 973-376-4930.

An outstanding young citizen



Stephanie Imbornone of Union, center, was picked out of six winners for the Good Citizen Award for Community Involvement by Springfield Columbiette Ladies Auxiliary 5580.

Out-of-state trips set

The Mountainside Recreation Department offers out-of-state trips, including a seven-day New England cruise and a trip to Sugar Creek, Ohio.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2003 AUDIT REPORT OF BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:2-7

Table with columns: ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 2003, DECEMBER 31, 2002. Rows include Cash and Investments, Taxes Assessed, Accounts Receivable, etc.

Table with columns: LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003, DECEMBER 31, 2002. Rows include Bonds and Notes Payable, Improvement Authorizations, etc.

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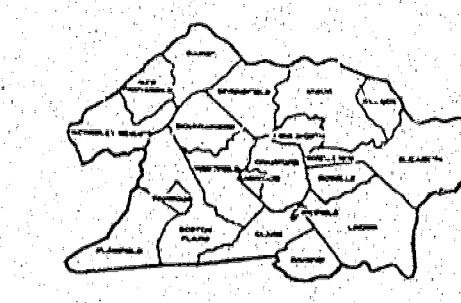
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WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004 - SECTION B

Clearing the air

With all the threats to our security, I never thought my cousin Joseph in Fairfield, Ohio, and his Midwest neighbors would be such a danger.

Left Out

We have six years to lower the levels which cause increased levels of heart failure and asthma. People who know say much of the problem, about a third, comes not from our own making.

Study suggests \$16M in arts center improvements

County committed to first phase, \$6 million in renovations

A feasibility study outlines \$16 million in renovations to the 75-year-old Union County Arts Center in Rahway, although county officials only have committed so far to the first phase, about \$6 million.



Although a study suggests approximately \$16 million in various improvements to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway, county officials have only committed to the first phase, about \$6 million, once it is acquired.

R&B by the brook



Valerie Adams performs with the Dimension Band at the annual Rhythm & Blues by the Brook music festival at Cedar Brook Park last month.

Haulers take aim at new rates

Local trash haulers, outraged by the Union County Utilities Authority's proposed hike in bulky waste pick-up rates, peppered county and state officials as to why Union County's rates will be among the highest in the state.

Highlands bill has environmentalists upset

The Fast Track bill does not change the zoning and... planning guidelines of the land, just provides developers with a quicker answer, McKee said. "It just speeds up the process."

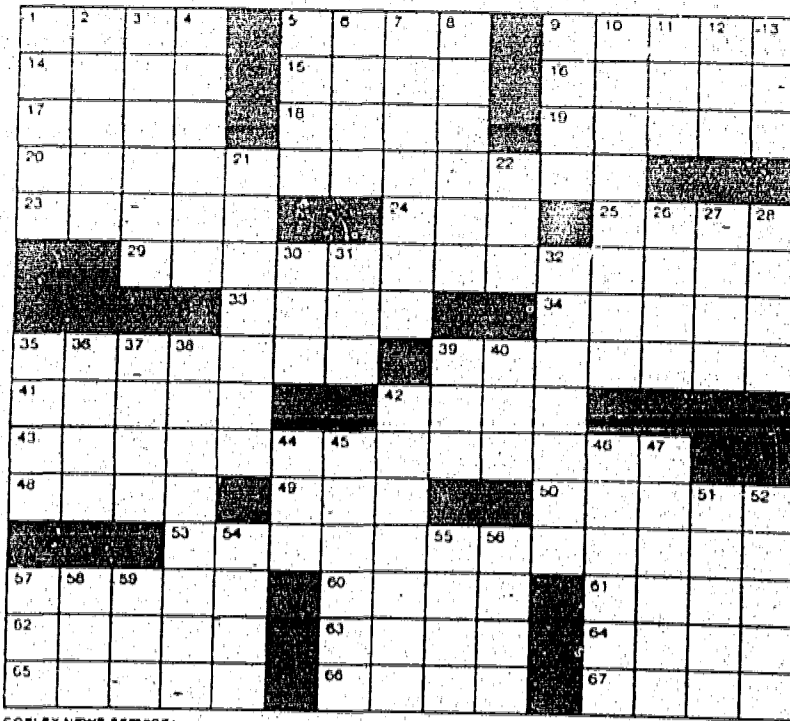
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# What's Going On?

### FLEA MARKET

**SUNDAY**  
**JULY 11th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW  
**PLACE:** Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (OFF JORALEMON ST)  
**TIME:** 9AM-5PM  
**DETAILS:** New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage/sale section. For information call 973-975-3535  
**ORGANIZATION:** Sponsor by: BHS Journalism

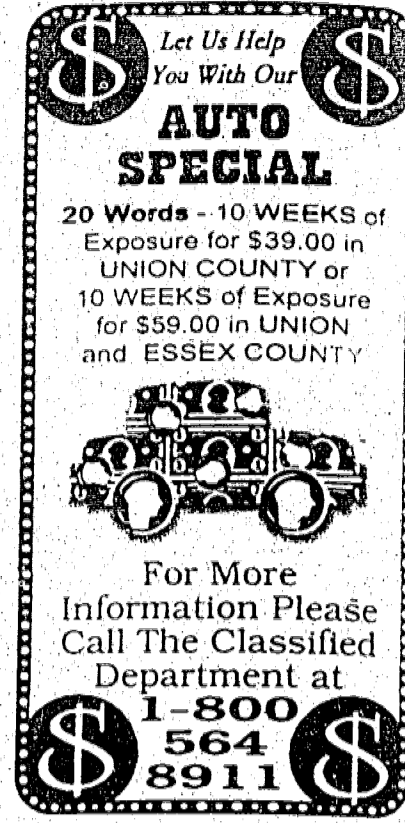
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**JULY 18th, 2004**  
**EVENT:** FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW  
**PLACE:** Beautiful Yanticum Park, Park Drive, Nutley between Centre and Chestnut Streets  
**TIME:** 9AM-5PM  
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### RUMMAGE SALE

**THURSDAYS & TUESDAYS**  
**JULY 1st thru 22nd, 2004**  
**EVENT:** TUESDAY GIGANTIC TURNOVER SALE  
**PLACE:** Morrow Memorial Church, 600 Ridgewood Rd. at Baker St. Morristown  
**TIME:** Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm  
**Tuesdays 7:00am - 12:00pm**  
**PRICE:** Free admission. Bargains in clothing, furniture, collectibles, sporting goods, housewares, etc.  
**ALL proceeds benefit charitable causes including inner city projects.**  
**ORGANIZATION:** United Methodist Women. For information call 973-763-7676.

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### HOROSCOPES

**July 12-18**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): This is a great time to explore your roots and make a connection with lost relatives or family members. Research your past and clarify your future.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Creative ideas flow like water. Welcome stimulus or get your inspiration from a variety of people and places.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): Monetary concerns rise to the surface and you require your immediate attention. Review of your budget and address issues of overspending.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22): Just be yourself and do not revel in the opinions or judgments of others. Strive to be happy and to live up to your own standards.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Follow your instincts and you will find yourself in the right place at the right time. Pay attention to a hunch that could lead to great success.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend or associate is in position to provide you with insightful or valuable information. Consider the facts that directly affect your family.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Refuse to settle for a humdrum or boring existence. Live up your surroundings, relationships or personal endeavors with a creative flair.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Travel is on the agenda for you and you require your immediate attention. Review of your budget and address issues of overspending.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Believe in your ability to create resources. Communicate your needs clearly and cleverly to magically attract that elusive pot of gold.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is time to be honest and express what you are feeling. Avoid playing with a loved one's emotions. Take part in a heart-to-heart conversation.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good news from, or about a co-worker or colleague is exciting and wonderful. Show your support and share in the joy of celebration.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): What begins as a light social exchange, could turn into a serious meeting of the minds. Defend your thoughts and ideas with vigor.  
**If your birthday is this week**, express your creative spirit and let the strength of visualization carry you through goal fulfillment during the coming year. A pioneering opportunity or venture is promised. Be prepared to strike out on your own and blaze new trails. Your financial or investment aspects are looking good. With careful planning, expect to prosper beyond your wildest dreams.  
**Also born this week:** Harrison Ford, Kristi Yamaguchi, Jesse Ventura, Donald Sutherland, and Barbara Stanwyck.

### REUNIONS

The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months:

- Summit High School, Class of 1974, R.U. Party, July 24.
- Union High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, July 24.
- Batlin-Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, July 24.
- Scotts Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31.
- Westfield High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, May 21, 2005.
- Scotts Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, 2005.
- Scotts Plains High School Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005.
- Union Hill High School, Class of 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005.
- Union High School, Class of 1976, 30-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006.
- Union High School, Class of 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006.
- Westfield High School, Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.
- For information on any of the above reunions, write to Reunions, Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, 07726; or call 732-617-1000.
- Union High School Class of 1939 will conduct its 65-year reunion Aug. 15. For information, call Frieda Patel at 908-686-9323.
- Union High School Class of 1949 will conduct its 55-year reunion with a luncheon at the Galloping Hill Inn on Sept. 5, followed by a five-day reunion cruise leaving from New York City. For information, call Bill Shortridge at 609-409-2590.

### ARTS CLIPS

#### Paper Mill expands fall theater classes

The Theater School at Paper Mill has expanded its course offerings for the 2004-05 season and now features classes in two convenient locations: Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, and the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills less than five minutes from the theater.

Classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 13. All dates are subject to change. The 16-week sessions run for eight weeks in the fall and eight weeks in January/February. Tuition covers both semesters. The 24-week classes have an extended spring schedule.

All Theater School classes taught by professional theater artists and small class size guarantees individual attention for each student.

Classes offered:  
 Jr. Players, ages 4 to 12: Jr. Musical Theater, Story Book Theater, Creative Drama, Dance Workshop, All-Star Touring Company.

Teens, ages 13 to 17: Musical Theater, Teen Production, Acting for the Camera, Broadway Dance Styles, Children's Theater on Tour.

Adults: Breakfast at Paper Mill, Voice Over, The Musical Theater Audition, Life Stories, special workshops for senior citizens, and much more.

The deadline to return the registration form is Aug 28 at 6 p.m. All registration forms must be received by that time to be entered into the lottery for class openings. No exceptions will be permitted. Registration forms can be obtained by calling the Paper Mill Education Department at 973-379-3636, ext. 2338. Each registration form must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable deposit per student, per class. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and check made payable to Paper Mill Playhouse are accepted.

Theater School at Paper Mill uses a lottery system for some classes, such as Creative Drama, to accommodate the many people who apply. Applicants not chosen for placement will be held on a waiting list and notified if spots become available. For information, call Theater School Director Mickey McNany Danjan at 973-379-3636, ext. 2626, send faxes to 973-467-3778, or send e-mail to theatreschool@papermill.org.

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 Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be sent to 973-763-2557; phone inquiries may be directed to 973-763-0700. Submissions may be sent via e-mail to wcn\_arts@yahoo.com.

#### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social events — Friday at noon.  
 Entertainment — Friday at noon.  
 Sports news and game results — Monday at noon.  
 Letter to the Editor — Monday 9 a.m.  
 General news and information — Monday 5 p.m.

#### UCC seeks new plays

There are still a few openings for the monthly playwright's workshop at The Theater Project, Union County College's professional theater company.

The workshop meets once a month, in addition to a monthly script-in-hand public performance/discussion of one of the plays in development. Organizers are particularly interested in writers who can contribute to the process of the other participating playwrights. Playwrights interested in developing their work through readings and critiques by actors, directors and other

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From July 13 through Aug. 1, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will present the second Main Stage production of its 2004 season: Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners, "Hay Fever," directed by Gabriel Barre.

A small coterie of guests arrive for a lovely weekend in the country at the bustling Bliss house — only to find themselves enmeshed in a maelstrom of stinging humor and outrageous behavior as the self-absorbed and hilariously dysfunctional Bliss family members thrust the hapless visitors into the midst of their histrionics.

Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at the company's Main Stage in Madison. For tickets, call 973-408-5600 or visit the Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

There will be a sign-interpreted performance of "Hay Fever" for hearing-impaired patrons on July 18 at 2 p.m. Advance reservations are recommended. This performance is made possible by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey in cooperation with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

In the artists' own words  
 Symposium Series performances include the additional text of a post-play discussion with the cast and artistic staff, following the 7:30 p.m. performance on July 20 and the 2 p.m. performance on July 24. Regular ticket prices apply.

"Know the Show"  
 On Thursday, July 22, the Shakespeare Theatre presents a new program called "Know the Show." From 7 to 7:30 p.m., Shakespeare Theatre artists will present an insightful pre-performance talk, which will provide fascinating information and an expert's perspective on "Hay Fever" and the company's production of it. General admission is \$5 for the general public, \$4 for subscribers. Tickets to the 8 p.m. performance may be purchased separately.

The cast  
 Portraying retired actress Judith Bliss, matriarch of the melodramatic Bliss family, is Jill Gascoine. A veteran actress and founding member of the Living Theatre in Lancaster, her English stage credits include "Pal Joey" at Bristol Old Vic and "2nd Street" in the West End. Gascoine immigrated to the United States in 1993, where her many theater credits include "The Cherry Orchard," "Richard III," "The Seagull," "Hamlet," and the title role in "Madwoman of Chailloil." She spent eight years in her own television series, "The Gentle Touch."

As David Bliss, Judith's novelist husband, is Edmond Genest. Among his Broadway credits are "The Elephant Man" with Billy Crudup, "A Few Good Men," "The Real Thing," "Whose Life Is It Anyway?," "Dirty Linen and Newfoundland Land," and "Onward Victoria." He has performed in numerous off-Broadway productions.

"We received positive feedback when we introduced this program last summer," said Club President Ray Russell.  
 "This year we wanted to start it earlier in the season and expand the program so that all kids under 13 could benefit. With gasoline and other prices rising, this is a great incentive to visit an enjoyable, affordable attraction for the whole family that's close to home."

The Model Railroad Club Inc. was founded in 1949 in the basement of the late Paul Mallery, who was a pioneer in the hobby of model railroading. The club occupies a building on Union County parkland designed, built and maintained entirely by the members, under a unique arrangement

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# The Cook's Nook

## With 'semi-homemade' dishes, hurried cooks are halfway home

By Salmi Rose Bergmann  
Copley News Service

Recently released cookbooks reveal a trend toward what one author dubbed "semi-homemade" cooking.

Instead of starting every recipe entirely from scratch, these authors use boxed, bottled, canned and frozen foods, then tweak them to give them a homemade taste.

The "semi-homemade" recipes in this new batch of books range from the sily (Kraft macaroni and cheese rolled inside deli ham slices, cut into wheels and served as an appetizer) to the sublime (Anne Byrn's Tomato and Fennel Stew with shrimp). Byrn became the queen of "doctoring" convenience food with the publication of her bestselling "The Cake Mix Doctor." While on the promotional tour, she got the idea for her latest book, "The Dinner Doctor" (Workman Publishing, \$14.95).

"I'd ask people, 'What's your real quick dinner?'" Byrn said. "Everybody had one — something they kept up their sleeve for those busy days. Some were based on a scratch recipe, and they streamlined it."

The recent batch of cookbooks is just catching up to what has been going on in home kitchens for years.

"I think people have been doing this all along," Byrn said. "There's such an array of convenience products today, not just Hamburger Helper. Things like a bag of already washed spinach or good pasta sauce."

Some products you take for granted — mustard, salsa, mayonnaise — also are convenience items, an alternative to homemade. In "The Convenience Cook" (Robert Rose Inc., \$19.95), author Judith Finlayson says, "I consistently use a wide range of convenience foods as handy tools. I always have a few jars of good pasta sauce in the pantry and a wide selection of condiments on the refrigerator door, not to mention a package or two of smoked salmon and shellfish; dehydrated shrimp in the freezer."

Finlayson's Pappardelle di Sole Florentine, fish fillets rolled around a filling of fresh baby spinach, covered with Alfredo sauce from a jar and baked, is on the table in about 30 minutes. Pork tenderloin can be the hurried cook's best friend, but if you're bored with the typical herb-crusted or mustard-slathered recipes, try Finlayson's Just Peachy Pork. She creates a peach and pepper relish by simmer-



canned low-sodium chicken broth.

In the freezer, keep boneless chicken breasts and a big bag of uncooked shrimp, already peeled and deveined. And the key to success when it comes to quick and painless dinner preparation?

"Having a plan, and stay on top of it," Byrn advises. "And enjoy leftovers!"

- Pappardelle di Sole Florentine**  
Yields 4 servings  
Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 15 minutes
- 1 pound sole fillets, thawed if frozen and cut in half lengthwise if necessary
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon paprika
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
  - 1 cup chopped baby spinach
  - 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
  - 1 cup prepared Alfredo sauce
  - Sprinkle sole fillets evenly with lemon juice, paprika, salt and black pepper, to taste. Sprinkle chopped baby spinach and green onion evenly
- Just Peachy Pork**  
Yields 4 servings  
Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 30 minutes
- 1 (14-ounce) can sliced peaches, drained, with 1/4 cup syrup reserved
  - 1 cup diced green bell pepper or 1/2 cups frozen mixed bell pepper strips
  - 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
  - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
  - 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
  - In saucepan over medium heat, combine peaches and reserved syrup with bell pepper, barbecue sauce and

mustard. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low and simmer for 3 minutes. Place pork slices in single layer in baking dish. Pour sauce over meat. Bake in 350 F oven until just a hint of pink remains, about 30 minutes.

This recipe is reprinted from "The Convenience Cook."

**Asian Chicken Salad**  
Yields 4 to 6 servings  
To preparation and cooking time: 15 minutes

- 1 (3-ounce package) Oriental-flavor ramen noodle soup mix
- 1/2 cup presliced almonds
- 3/4 cup bottled red wine vinaigrette
- 1 (16-ounce) package coleslaw mix or broccoli slaw mix
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 scallions, both white and green parts, chopped (1/4 cup)
- Break up ramen noodles with your hands and place with almonds on baking sheet. Bake at 350 F until they turn light brown, about 6 to 7 minutes.
- Pour vinaigrette into measuring cup and stir in packet of seasoning from ramen noodles. Place slaw mix, chicken, cilantro and scallions in large bowl.

Just before serving, pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Scatter toasted almonds and noodles on top and serve.

This recipe is reprinted from "The Dinner Doctor."

**Chicken With Apricot and Rosemary Glaze**  
Yields 4 servings or more  
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 3/4 cup apricot jam
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 1 roasterie chicken, quartered
- 2 (15-ounce) cans white cannellini beans
- Freshly milled pepper
- Preheat oven to 350 F. In bowl of food processor, combine jam, sugar and rosemary and puree until smooth. Transfer glaze to microwavable bowl and microwave on high for 1 minute.
- In large, ovenproof Dutch oven, arrange chicken on top of beans, and spoon or brush chicken with glaze. Season with pepper. Place pot in oven to reheat for 15 minutes.
- Garnish chicken with fresh rosemary sprigs if desired and serve hot at room temperature.

This recipe is reprinted from "Half-Scratch Magic."

**Cream of Spinach and Potato Soup With Sage**  
Yields 4 servings  
Cooking time: 15 minutes

- 2 (11-ounce) packages creamed spinach (the authors suggest Boston Market brand)
- 1 (32-ounce) box potato or potato-leek soup
- 1/4 cup fresh sage or 1 tablespoon dried
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon
- Freshly milled pepper
- In stockpot or Dutch oven, stir together all ingredients and heat on medium for 5 to 7 minutes, until soup begins to boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes to combine flavors.

This recipe is reprinted from "Half-Scratch Magic."

**Tomato and Fennel Stew**

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## County college suspends 'Time' for current exhibit in The Commons

Through July 15, the exhibition "Timeframe" by artist Kate Dodd, will be on display in The Commons on Union County College's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave.

Due to extensive renovations being made to the Mackay Library, the next several shows will move from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus.

This "Time Frame" is a multi-part piece specifically designed for the UCC Commons. It will be suspended from the existing spaceframe there. It will be made up of linear elements similar to spaceframe components. These forms appear to extend and flow downward in a cascade that culminates in a flock of synchronized clock mechanisms.

*"Sitting in The Commons provides a way to pass time, watching the population shift over the course of the day and into the night; the cycle begins again the next day."*

— Kate Dodd, artist

The clock mechanisms themselves will not be noticeable but spaceframe-like hands will draw attention to them as they rotate and align with each other on both the minute and hour. The components eling to each other as they proceed downward, regularly ticking away, despite the illusion of drama that the upper part of the form suggests, and movement is arrested, time continues, and time measures how long the moment is frozen. Thus, part of the installment moves, part of it stays still, the "event" and the aftermath cohabiting.

Dodd designs site-specific installations and enjoys the chance to work in different geographic regions. She particularly enjoys incorporating her responses into the local landscape, architecture, and cultural. Her current work focuses on the aesthetic and emotional impact of interior and exterior spaces, and the degree to which they comfort, stimulate, or oppress their occupants.

When developing an exhibit for a site, Dodd explains that she approaches it by examining its formal, functional, psychological, and social properties and boundaries, particularly taking note of what is undeveloped or missing in the site

and what characterizes it. She wants to establish a stronger sense of place in the site by introducing warmth, intimacy, humor, visual pleasure, and physical comfort, while simultaneously incorporating and exaggerating the pertinent qualities of the site. Her mission is to "...create a heightened sensory experience for the viewer/occupant while reexamining the institutional and conventional aspects of the built environment."

According to Dodd, the UCC Commons is an area where classes, students, and employees cycle throughout the day with their paths crisscrossing.

In describing this work, she states, "Sitting in The Commons provides a way to pass time, watching the population shift over the course of the day and into the night; the cycle begins again the next day. The architecture, the institutionalized modernist rhythm of exposed utility, with everything neat but visible, is a vast still interior providing anonymity and a place to wait. A clock on the wall, ticking, rotating, in unison with clocks everywhere, but here alone in the huge space of this waiting place... The methodical dance of hours and minutes continuing regularly, no matter what events actually take place, relentless yet reassuring. If there's a physical presence that suggests a frozen moment, via arrested movement, then there's the illusion that time itself can be held onto, stopped until we're ready to move on."

Dodd received her B.F.A. from Pratt Institute in 1983 and her M.F.A. from Columbia University in 1990. She is a resident and teaches in New Jersey. Her background is in environmental design. She has exhibited her artwork nationally in museums, such as the Morris Museum, Morristown, and the Fuller Museum, Boston.

She has also exhibited in galleries and colleges nationwide, such as Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, Eastern Tennessee State University, Mount Ida College, Caldwell College, Raritan Valley Community College, Columbia University, and County College of Morris.

In 2003, she was in two group exhibitions, "Vistas: Interventions in a Mediated Landscape," at Mount Ida College, in Newton, Mass., and "Bristol-Myers Squibb Sculpture Project" at the Bristol-Myers Squibb campus in Hopewell.

In addition, she has received various commissions, grants, and awards throughout the years including the 2002 Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Visual Arts Initiative, 2000-2005 New Jersey State Council on the Arts Arts-in-Education Fellow, and in 1997 Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper.

The exhibit will debut Friday with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in The Commons on the campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call 908-709-7155.

## Editorial deadlines

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## Shakespeare Theatre goes to camp with its summer programs

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is currently accepting applications for its Junior and Senior Corps, a summer theater program designed for students ages 11 through 17.

Now in its 12th year, the program enables young people to experience, firsthand, the excitement of the professional theater world while gaining valuable performance skills. During each intensive two- or three-week training session, students take classes, rehearse scenes, create an original short theater production, and participate in behind-the-scenes activities at the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey.

**The Junior Corps**

Do you have a youngster who is a natural performer? Is your child creative and full of exciting ideas but could use some help in developing self-expression skills? The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Junior Corps might be just the opportunity to liberate and holster those abilities and talents. The Junior Corps, for ages 11 through 14, offers two sessions during the summer: July 12 to 24 and July 26 to Aug. 7.

Each two-week Junior Corps session, which runs Monday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., includes classes in voice and speech for the stage, movement for the actor, Shakespeare's verse, improvisation, and scene study. Students can participate in one or more sessions during the summer, subject to availability. The session culminates in a short, original production, adapted from a piece of literature for young people, which is performed before an audience of family members, the community and members of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's summer company.

While developing the basic skills of a theater artist, Junior Corps members also learn valuable lessons in self-esteem, ensemble work and collaboration, creative thinking, and problem solving.

No audition is required for admission into the Junior Corps, but space is limited, so students are encouraged to register early.

**The Senior Corps**

The Senior Corps is designed for older students, ages 15 through 17, who have shown an aptitude for performance or a strong interest in classic theater.

Admission is by audition only. This select program runs from June 21 to July 10 and Aug. 9 to 28. The Senior Corps meets Monday through Friday, from 1 to 6 p.m. and builds upon the foundation of the Junior Corps curriculum, focusing on the rehearsal process and performance.

During the first week of this rigorous program, students take classes in voice and speech, movement for the actor, improvisation, Shakespearean verse, and classical scene study. The remaining two weeks are spent studying and rehearsing a short performance piece, which will be performed for family, friends and Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey company members.

**The Junior Corps and Senior Corps Experience**

Special seminars provide all members of the Junior Corps and the Senior Corps with the unique opportunity to work with the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's professional company of artists. In past years, age-appropriate seminars have included Stage Combat, Behind-the-Scenes: A Tour of the Theater and Technical Shops, Physical Comedy, Clowning, Audition Techniques, The Cold Reading, Marketing, Theater Administration, and Artists and Performers, which features discussions with professional actors. In addition, a seminar on Choosing an Undergraduate Theater Program provides Senior Corps members with helpful information about selecting a college, conservatory or training program that best suits their individual theatrical talents and interests.

Members of the Junior Corps and Senior Corps also have the rare opportunity to observe Main Stage rehearsals, participate in discussions with the other members of the summer company and assist in the technical and administrative departments. All members are required to serve as ushers during Main Stage performances, providing an opportunity for them to learn basic theater etiquette and to see shows for free.

Directing the program this season is Jake Berger, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's associate director of education. Berger has directed Gogol's "Marriage" and Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" for the Shakespeare Theatre's Next Stage Ensemble touring company, as well as Moliere's "The Would-Be Gentleman" at County College of Morris and Act II of "The Complex Works of Wilm Shkspir (Abridged)" for First Night Morris. He received his bachelor of science

degree from Emerson College and his master of fine arts degree in theater education from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has taught at the San Diego Junior Theatre, Stageview, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Webster Conservatory.

Berger will be assisted by Mary Floyd, who is in her first season with the Shakespeare Theatre. As an actor, Floyd has performed with Theatre South Carolina, Humane Coal Theatres-Raleigh Ensemble Players, and William Jones Productions. Additionally, she has taught voice, acting and movement at the Summer Drama Conservatory at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. She holds a B.F.A. in acting and directing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is currently enrolled in the M.F.A. actor training program at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. This summer, she can be seen in the ensemble of "A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings" on The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Outdoor Stage.

**Registration information**

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, located at 36 Madison Ave. at Lancaster Road, on the campus of Drew University in Madison, is easy to reach by car or train. Tuition for the Junior Corps is \$450 per session, \$425 for returning students or children of subscribers to the theater's 2004 season. Tuition for the Senior Corps is \$525, or \$500 for returning students or children of 2004 Season subscribers. To register, or for more information, call Berger at 973-408-3806 or send e-mail to [jberger@shakespearenj.org](mailto:jberger@shakespearenj.org).

**About The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey**

The acclaimed Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is one of the leading Shakespeare theatres in the nation. Serving 100,000 adults and children annually, it is the state's only professional theater company dedicated to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics. Through its distinguished productions and education programs, the company strives to illuminate the universal and lasting relevance of the classics for contemporary audiences.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's programs are made possible, in part, by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Black Film Festival is currently under way in Trenton and Newark

Celebrating its 30th anniversary season, the Fleet Newark Black Film Festival provides a public forum for hundreds of emerging writers, directors, producers, performers and film buffs who enjoy African-American and African Diaspora cinema.

Free of charge, the Fleet Newark Black Film Festival, administered by the Newark Museum, reflects and celebrates the full impact of the Black experience in America.

The festival opens at the Newark Museum on June 30, with screenings every Wednesday through Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. For the first time in its history, the festival will travel to Trenton where it will have screenings at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey State Museum from July 1 through Aug. 5. Each program will last for approximately two and a half to three hours, including the film screening, followed by a brief question-and-answer session with special guests and commentators.

The 2004 festival is the fourth consecutive year in which Fleet, a Bank of America Corporation Company, is the official sponsor. The Fleet Newark Black Film Festival is an important celebration of the creative contribution that black filmmakers, writers and actors are making to the collective cultural experience. "Through its sponsorship for the fourth year in a row, Fleet is proud to enable the greater Newark community to join in this celebration which provides a unique opportunity for all," said Abby O'Neill, vice president, senior community relations manager of Fleet New Jersey.

In addition to sponsoring this year's festival, Fleet will donate seven \$50 U.S. Savings bonds at the festival's Youth Screenings. Recipients of the bonds will be determined by raffle, and winners will be announced at the end of each evening's program.

The Fleet Newark Black Film Festival is the longest-running black film festival in the United States, building a dedicated following since its founding in 1974. Over the past 29 seasons, the festival has presented 571 films to an audience of more than 120,443 adults and children. The festival attracts audiences from throughout the Newark metropolitan area from New York City to as far south as Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

- Monday, 10:30 a.m., Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St., Newark
- Wednesday, 7 p.m., The Newark Museum
- July 15, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum
- Film: "Symbol of the Unconquered" (1920); director, Oscar Micheaux; running time, 84 minutes; U.S.A.; Long Narrative, Silent, black and white
- Guest speaker: Pearl Bowser, author of "Writing Himself Into History: Oscar Micheaux, His Silent Films, and His Audiences."
- July 21, 7 p.m., Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., Newark
- July 22, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum
- Film: "Cry, the Beloved Country" (1995); director, Darrell James Roodt; running time: 106 minutes; South Africa/U.S.A.; Long Narrative, Drama
- Guest speakers: James Earl Jones; Clement A. Price in Newark, and the Hon. David Dickinson in Trenton.
- July 28, 7 p.m., The Newark Museum
- July 29, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum
- Film: "Pillar of Salt" (2002); director, Hafiz Farid; running time: 72 minutes; U.S.A.; Documentary
- Guest speakers: Hafiz Farid and Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant, columnist for Essence magazine.
- Youth cinema film schedule and descriptions
- Today, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum
- Film: "1 Love Animals," 50 minutes; "Freddy's Big Win," 31 minutes; "A Dawg's Life," 3 minutes; "Wings," 7 minutes

The Newark Black Film Festival will also show 15 films specifically selected for ages 5 and older, beginning July 7 in Newark and July 8 in Trenton.

**Ticket information**

All screenings are free to the public. Seating for all screenings is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the theater is filled to capacity, additional seating will not be provided. Group seating is limited to two groups of 25 for each screening. To reserve group seating, call 973-596-6550 in Newark or 609-292-6464 in Trenton. Group seating will be held only until 6:45 p.m. in Newark and 7:15 p.m. in Trenton.

For more information on the Newark Black Film Festival or to request a free brochure, contact the Newark Museum at 973-596-6550 or the New Jersey State Museum at 609-292-6464, or visit the Web sites at [www.NewarkMuseum.org](http://www.NewarkMuseum.org) or [www.newjerseystatemuseum.org](http://www.newjerseystatemuseum.org).

Adult cinema film schedule and descriptions

- Today, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum
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**About The State Museum**

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**About The Newark Museum**

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# Stepping Out

## ART SHOWS

**MOVING BY ART**, the walk... by Brian Winter, Joan Goldsmith, and Nancy... will be on exhibit at the Women's Resource Center in Summit, 57 New England Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-2255.

**MEMBERS' SHOW AND SALE** will be presented at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit through Sunday.

**NUOVA** is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-8121 or visit www.nuova.org.

**THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION** will be on exhibit through July 16 at the Westfield Memorial Library.

**Westfield Memorial Library** is located at 550 E. Broad St., Westfield. For information, including hours, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

**REEVES-REED ARBORETUM** in Summit will exhibit the gardens of Suzanne Castorlin in the Wisner House through July 27.

**Exhibit hours** are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787 or visit the Web site at www.Reeves-ReedArboretum.org.

**RACHEL FAILLACE: SUBURBAN** will be on exhibit at the Pearl Street Gallery through July 30.

**Gallery hours** are Mondays to Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Pearl Street Gallery is located in the offices of the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabethtown. For information, call 908-558-2550. For e-mail, contact culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS** meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**MYSTERY READING GROUP** meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK GROUP**, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**JEWISH BOOK LOVERS** meets the third Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield. The selection for July 20 is "The Ten Commandments" by Brad Miller. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**BOOKS WE LIKE**, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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**WOMEN'S READING GROUP** meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**WRITERS WORKSHOP** meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**KNIT KNACK KNITTING GROUP** meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

**THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP** meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**CLASSICS BOOK CLUB** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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Today: Blues and classic soul with Michael Hill and His Blues Ensemble; and the E City Band; with DJ Mike.

July 15: Rock with the Magic Hat Rock Band; with DJ Fuzi Raouf.

July 29: Caribbean/Island music with C Blast Entertainment; and Verdict.

Aug. 5: Music from the '50s and '60s with the Willie Lynch Irish-American Show Band; with DJ Wn Ballou.

Aug. 12: Plena, Salsa, Merengue and more with Tri Crystal and La Creacion; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

Sept. 2: Back-to-school with Salsa and more with Bonanno; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

Concerts are Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Midtown Train Station, West Grand Street, Elizabethtown.

**SANCTUARY CONCERTS** in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming weeks.

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-4946 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

**THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT SERIES**, sponsored by the County of Union, will take place in Echo Lake Park on Aug. 25.

Wednesday: De Sol.

July 21: Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra.

July 28: Verdict.

Aug. 4: Sensational Soul Cruisers.

**Y-SQUARES**, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Henly School, Raritan Road, Clark. Fee for each lesson is \$4. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

**CONCERTS**

**"HOT SUMMER NIGHTS" SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK** will be sponsored in Summit on Tuesday nights beginning next week.

Tuesday: The George Nowell Big Band, swing.

July 20: The Packer Spinik Group, soft rock.

July 27: Mack Sullivan and the OK Ramblers, country-western.

The rain date, if needed for any concert, is Aug. 3.

Concerts will be presented on the Village Green on Broad Street, and are free to the public, free parking is available in nearby lots and on the streets. Audience members are asked to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs.

**FILM**

**FAMILY FLIX** will be sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders from next week to Aug. 17 at various parks in the county.

July 20: "Suari Little," Wanranco Park.

July 27: "Casablanca," Echo Lake Park.

July 30: "The Wizard of Oz," Echo Lake Park.

Films begin at 9 p.m. Admission is \$7.

For information, call 908-688-8816.

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**HOBBIES**

**THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC.** meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Saturdays from 10 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8908, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRClub@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrco.com.

**KIDS**

**CRAFT TIME** for children ages 5 to 10 years

**Alliance offers discounts to pro theaters**

New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional theaters, has launched a discount ticketing Web site dedicated solely to New Jersey's performing arts.

With the nation's first Web site of its kind, bargain-hunting arts patrons can now go online for an overview of performances across the state and to purchase "hot tickets," deeply discounted tickets for same-day performances.

Hot tickets are available 24 hours in advance of a performance and can only be purchased at www.njArtsTix.org.

Plays, dance performances, symphonies and classical concerts, jazz and pop performances, family events and more will be sold through the site.

In addition to the professional theaters, many of the state's presenting organizations and dance companies have joined with NJTAA's membership to give customers access to as many types of performing events as possible.

Once a purchase is made, the customer will receive a confirmation by e-mail. This confirmation can then be printed out and the purchaser can take it to the theater box office to pick up their tickets. A 10-percent service charge will be added to the cost of the discounted ticket to help support the site.

"New Jersey is one of the richest performing arts states in the country, offering world-class theater, dance, music and legendary performers. The launch of njArtsTix.org is a win-win partnership between arts patrons and arts organizations. It provides a one-stop shopping address for discounted tickets and a great vehicle for theaters to attract new audiences while selling any remaining seats on performance days," says Barbara Andrews, director of marketing at Princeton's M.S. Arter Theater.

"This is an important new initiative that will help the arts to continue to flourish in our great state," Andrews continued. Thanks to leadership from The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and Verizon, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and many other funders, NJTAA was able to develop the site which promises to break down economic barriers to the performing arts.

After interviewing several candidates, NJTA hired Plumb Design of New York City, an award-winning Web design firm, to develop the project.

"njArtsTix.org is a great example of having technology work for us, instead of vice-versa. Everybody wins with this new service -- the patrons, the individual theaters and other presenting organizations, the Theater Alliance, and New Jersey itself as a place to live," said David Grant, executive director of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Customers can log on to www.njArtsTix.org and begin browsing for hot tickets as well as obtaining information about future performances across the Garden State.

Customers can call 973-540-0515 with questions about the Web site, or send inquiries via e-mail to NJTAA at info@njtheatrealliance.org.

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The survey indicated 69 percent of home buyers purchased their home using a real estate agent, while 83 percent of home sellers used an agent to market their homes.

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Forty-four percent of those who worked with a real estate agent when purchasing a home were referred by a friend, neighbor or relative. Survey respondents cited reputation as the No. 1 factor in selecting an agent. Those skills most sought after include knowledge of the neighborhood, industry knowledge, communication skills and negotiating skills. Sixty-five percent of home buyers and 64 percent of home sellers would definitely use their agent again or recommend them to someone else.

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RONALD DUARTE, ENA DUARTE, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any successors in right, title and interest;

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR** before JUDGE, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQs., plaintiff herein, at 200 Westfield Avenue, Suite 301, Mountainview, New Jersey 07093, on July 8, 2004 at 10:00 AM. An Answer to the Complaint in this foreclosure action because the mortgage being foreclosed herein and which is being foreclosed by the plaintiff, is the subject of a lawsuit filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, Case No. 04-01-0056-04, within thirty-five (35) days after the date of this summons. If you fail to appear and answer, judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to the Foreclosure Complaint. 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## Lincoln Aviator spreads its very pricey wings and joins the SUV market

By Jerry Garrett  
Copley News Service

The whole time spent test-driving the Lincoln Aviator, my co-driver and I kept asking each other, "Do you feel like you're in a nearly \$50,000 vehicle?"

That was a difficult question to answer, because, with the exception of the BMW X5, the \$50,000 mid-size luxury SUV market is largely uncharted territory.

But prices throughout the industry are quickly advancing, along all fronts, to that once-unthinkable level. The X5, even at \$40,000, Toyota's R-Runner now. That's supposed to be a standard mid-size SUV. So who's to say that a luxury mid-size SUV like the Aviator should or should not feel like, or cost?

In fairness, the Aviators we tested on a recent drive through Virginia's Allegheny Mountains had prices ranging from a base MSRP to not quite \$50,000. They had a base price beginning about \$40,000 and going up to \$48,000, including all-wheel drive and a couple of extras.

This seems like heady territory, considering Aviator's comparatively humble heritage, a Ford Explorer costing half as much.

Lincoln took the Explorer and turned it into an Aviator, in much the same way Lincoln had taken a Ford Expedition four years ago and turned it into a Navigator.

The formula certainly worked, in the instance of the Navigator, which has become one of the greatest sales successes in Lincoln history.

Lincoln is hoping Aviator is a success along the same lines.

What Lincoln seems to have learned from the Blackwood debacle is not to stray very far from the tried-and-true. Explorer nearly outsells all its competitors combined, even after rather bad press in recent years. It's a package of styling, utility and value that consumers find very compelling.

Designer Gerry McGovern has done such a complete job of capturing Navigator DNA and distilling it down to the Aviator's size, there's enough of an optical illusion in seeing the Aviator that, unless the two vehicles are side by side, you think you are looking at a Navigator.

The signature waterfall grille, front clip, side profile, headlights and taillights are all pure Navigator in their every detail.

But while putting the Navigator's styling into the shrink machine, Lincoln expanded the Explorer's basic engineering capabilities.

"The Aviator takes everything positive about Explorer, and builds upon it and refines it," says J.D. Shanahan, Aviator's engineering manager.

The foundation of the Aviator is the strength of its steering, ride, handling and braking.

Going down the road, holding on to the richly appointed steering wheel, a driver feels solidly in control of the Aviator. The steering "was designed to have a friction-free, on-center, yet 'creamy' feel to it," Shanahan says. And it does, mostly.

In back-to-back comparison drives with the Acura MDX, Mercedes M-Class and BMW X5, it took noticeably more steering input to keep those vehicles headed straight down the same road than it did the Aviator. That's due to use of a sophisticated Servotronic II rack-and-pinion steering assembly, with speed-sensitive power assist.

"Steering is the window into the soul of a vehicle," notes Shanahan, who brought his passion for performance handling from his previous work on the Lincoln LS and Ford Mustang platforms. "No attribute communicates more about a vehicle's quality or personality as quickly or completely."

In addition to the extra attention paid to the Aviator's steering characteristics, engineers invested a lot of research into ways of beefing up Explorer's basic, fully boxed steel frame, with the hole-in-frame independent rear suspension setup.

Key suspension attachment points were stiffened by up to 200 percent, to minimize twisting and bending under extreme driving conditions. The front suspension shock towers were reinforced, a cross member was added under the transmission housing for increased rigidity, and 50 percent thicker bushings were employed on

the front stabilizer bars, and rear control arms.

Brakes also feature slightly larger pistons and calipers. Up-market Tokico monotube shocks are another major point of distinction over the Explorer, which has comparatively wimpy generic twin-tube dampers.

Aviator also rides on 17-inch aluminum wheels with Michelin Pilot radials. The result is a plush feel behind the wheel and a strong sense of connection to the lush, critically acclaimed Navigator-clone interior.

The Aviator features the same 1960 Continental-inspired dashboard layout, with real wood, leather and satin nickel finishes. The interior colors tend toward the light and bright, a direction all Ford vehicles are headed in the next three to five years. Lincolns are enjoying these design cues first.

The cabin is reverently quiet under almost all driving conditions. It's perfect for enjoying the THX sound system, or DVD-based rear seat entertainment system.

Under the hood, the Aviator employs an aluminum block 4.6-liter V8, with new four-valve aluminum heads and an aluminum intake manifold with variable-length runners. The result is a 302-horsepower peak output at 5,750 rpm and 300 foot-pounds of torque at 3,250 rpm.

This is a decided power advantage over the X5 and M-Class, each at about 285 horsepower, and the new Lexus GX 470, at just 235 horsepower. In fact, the Aviator compares quite favorably with the 5.7-liter powered Navigator, which also turns out about 300 horsepower, but has to push around a much heavier vehicle. Look for the Navigator to enjoy a horsepower boost soon.

The one feature about the Aviator we did not like was the shift points of its five-speed automatic transmission, which is adapted from the LS. Up and down the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Aviator shifted and downshifted nervously and repeatedly, never seeming happy for very long with the gear it selected.

The comparative vehicles Lincoln had on hand for us seemed to make up on transmission performance what they lacked in steering, handling, ride and control.

Otherwise, the Aviator seemed a refined and well-thought-out addition to Lincoln's lineup, although it remains to be seen whether its sales targets will be met at the expense of competitors, or other Ford products, such as the tenuously surviving Mercury Mountaineer, another Explorer derivative, that will be sold in the same showrooms.

2003 Lincoln Aviator  
Body style: Four-door mid-size,

seven-passenger luxury SUV. Drive systems: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, optional all-wheel drive. Engine size and type: Aluminum, DOHC 32-valve 4.6-liter V-8. Horsepower: 302 at 5,750 rpm. Torque: 300 foot-pounds at 3,250 rpm. Transmission: Five-speed automatic. Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, n.a. EPA fuel economy estimates: 13 mpg city, 18 highway. Fuel capacity: 22.5 gallons; premium unleaded recommended. Cargo volume: 77 cubic feet. Front head/leg/shoulder room: 39.9/42.4/58.3 inches. Middle head/leg/shoulder room: 38.4/36.8/57.6 inches. Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 38.9/34.8/47.3 inches. Length: 193.3 inches. Wheelbase: 113.7 inches. Curb weight: 4,807 pounds, AWD, 4,957. Standard equipment: Climate control, power adjustable brake and accelerator pedals, six-way power adjustable front seats, stereo with six-CD changer, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, 17-inch aluminum wheels, fold-flat third row seat. Safety equipment: ABS, dual front and side air bags, Safety Canopy air bag first and second row, lap and shoulder belts, pretensioners and load limiters in front, theft deterrent system, fuel shutoff. Brakes: Four-wheel, three- or four-channel ABS with EBD. Steering: Power-assisted, speed-sensitive rack and pinion. Suspension: Rear: Independent short and long arm type with coil springs and stabilizer bar, monotube shocks; rear: independent short and long arm type with toe link and coil springs, monotube shocks, stabilizer bar. Tires and wheels: Michelin Pilot P245/65R 17-inch on aluminum wheels. Rear-wheel drive, Luxury trim: \$39,995. All-wheel drive, Luxury trim: \$42,915. Rear-wheel drive, Premium trim: \$42,945. All-wheel drive, Premium trim: \$45,865. Note: Prices include \$740 destination charge. Premium-trim models come with 17-inch, seven-spoke machined aluminum wheels, high-intensity discharge headlights, heated and cooled seats and an in-dash six-CD changer. Options on all models, including power moon roof, \$1,515; rear-seat DVD entertainment system, \$1,295; class III towing package, 7,300-pounds, \$295.



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