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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 law suit 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 Sibayar 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 Floence M. Gaudineer Middle School.

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."

meet the definition of a highly qualified 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

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.

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 tranght 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 col

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

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?" 2sked 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-.

Over at Jonathan Dayton High School,

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.

"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.

lected 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/hqt/

District test results reveal improvements

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

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 of 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.

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 downt, wn area is not conducive for shopping of 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.

'The key here is for those individuals who own the property to communicate with us."

— Clara Harelik

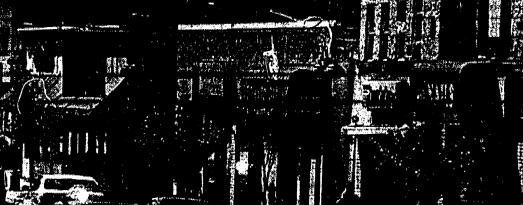
"The key here is for those individuals who own the property to communicate with us," said Harelik, "It must be a combined effort here," she said, adding that she wouldn't be against meeting with the landlords and property owners of downtown businesses.

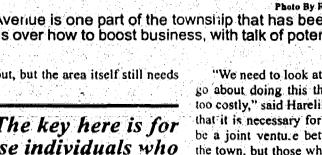
"We need to look at the avenues to go about doing this that may not be too costly," said Harelik, emphasizing that it is necessary for the process to be a joint ventue between not only the town, but those who make money off of their businesses and property. Previously, township officials have come up with some potential ways to boost business, including offering residents a business directory that could list every business in Springfield by category and working with the local

Chamber of Commerce to develop some type of information piece where businesses can include a coupon or incentive to visit them.

The two biggest problems in generating more business in the commercial area also include the lack of parking and an anchor store, as Harelik called the township more of a "drivethrough business district."







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• The Mountainside 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 Mountainside from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 per person or \$14/non-residents.

Saturday

. The Mountainside Fire Department invites the residents of Mountainside and the surrounding communities to commemorate the delivery of the borough's first ladder truck with a traditional Fire Department Wetdown with food, drink and games for children. Music will be provided by EMS DJs. The Wetdown will take place on the grounds of Deerfield School at 250 Central Ave, Mountainside 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 Mountainside 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

Mountainside 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 Eche Lake Park in Mountainside 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 after 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 guarantee 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. Upcoming

July 15

• 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.

July 19

• The Mountainside Public Library will conduct their Board of Trustees meeting in the library meeting room at 7:30 p.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 Mountainside 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 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 or 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, Mountainside,

"Backwoods Lore" teaches student survival skills, shelter building, fire tarting and more. "Hooray for Herptiles" takes an in-depth look at the fascinating world of

eptiles and amphibians. "Catch of the Day" explores the history of fishing and includes a van trip

o Pequest Hatchery. Call 908-789-3670 for camp fees, dates and times.

• The Mountainside Recreation Department will offer tennis lessons. Classes for both adults and children will meet at the Echobrook courts in Mountainside 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 Mountainside Recretion Office, at 908-232-9915. · 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. For information, call 908-233-0115. • At the Mountainside 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.

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Borough firefighters respond to chemical spill, contact HAZMAT

Mountainside At 9:42 a.m. July 1, Mountainside

firefighters responded to a report of a chemical spill on Mountain Avenue fighters responded to a report of an and Sheffield Street. At the scene, fire officers contact-

ed 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., fire- detector. fighters responded to an activated Central Station fire alarm at an elder care facility located on Route 22 avenues for a spill in the road. West

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22 West. an unlocked window and opened the . front dob • At 8:48 a.m. Sunday, firefighters

responded to a report of a cat in a tree n Echo Lake park.

striped kitten up the tree and firefighters used a ladder to rescue the animal. Springfield

At 8:49 a.m. June 30, firefighters responded to Route 78 East for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

• On June 27 at 8:09 p.m., firefighters responded to a South Spring- service call field Avenue condominium complex

• At 8:20 a.m. June 28, firefighters building. responded to Mountain and Hillside

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STUDENT UPDATE Dubno makes honors at Skidmore College

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Andrew Dubno of the Class of

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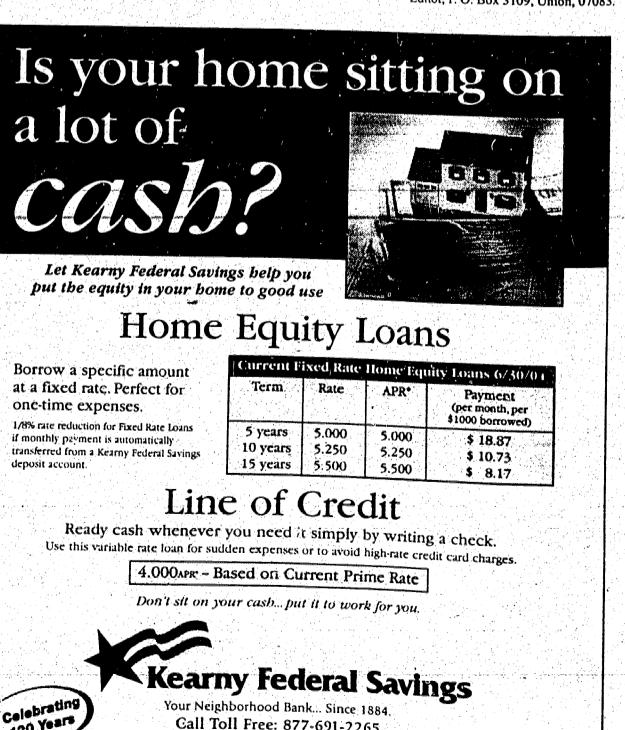
Joyce Marie Cefolo Nicastro, of Mountainside, is a May 2004 graduate of Kean University. She graduated with a bachelor's

degree majoring in early childhood education and psychology, with hon-

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

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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.

Scarles, who began working parttime 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

"There's nothing I didn't like about the library," said Searles, whose last day will come at the end of the month. "I wouldn't have stayed this long if there was."

Searles' career began when she volunteered at a school library while her children were young. After retiring from Springfield's Free Public Library in 1986 and moving to South Jersey, where she worked in a library for a couple of years, Searles eventually decided to come back to the township that she would serve for another 16

"She's just a wonderful person," said Library Director Susan Permahos, who has worked closely with Searles for 11 years, "She's a great organizer," said Permahos, adding that much of the staff refers to her as "mother" because she takes care of everybody.

Searles was known for adding a "Martha Stewart" touch to everything from organizing new collections to finding a home for new furniture or plants. She also helped in the planning of volunteer recognition parties from time to time.

"The library has given me a lot, services," said Searles of the changes change." she has seen during her time spent at. the facility. "I feel blessed I had a chance to do that."

Searles said that what she'll miss the most are the people she worked with and helped, along with the friendships she developed.

"It's been a wonderful experience," she said. "I love working with people. and in this job, I got to work with all different types of people."

Searles said that young or old, she was able to interact with plenty of

Rose Searles people on a day-to-day basis, and that ometimes, the conversations she had veren't solely about books. "I think I've given a lot to people

of invself." she said. Searles, who currently lives in Scotch Plains, plans to move back down to South Jersey to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Not surprisingly, she plans on volunteering at a local library that she has already contacted down there, as well as a hospital. Besides the volunteer work Searles is anxious to do some gardening and flower arranging, too.

'There's nothing l didn't like about the library.

--- Rose Searles

While Permahos is currently interviewing three internal candidates to fill Searles' position, she said that it will be tough to duplicate the library

"We have to replace her," Permaintroduced me to new technology and hos said, "but many things will

> Permahos said that the library will actually be cutting half of a position by rearranging jobs within the building, and that she'll probably have somebody chosen to fill Searles' shoes by next week.

"I'll miss all the friendships I've made here," said Searles, of the best part about being in Springfield's Free Public Library for so many years. "I liked keeping things in order,

enjoy that sort of thing. But, it's the people I'll miss the most."

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 rovided 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 mailings, sponsors or other contribu-

Seidel added that between paying Outback for its services, along with costs of rides, soda and portable



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.

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 peo- time as Independence Day. For the first time in the ple 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 light towers, among other items, about \$10,000 was seen when out-of-towners commend the volunteers begun organizing the combination of events that will spent on the event in order to attract the community for putting together something so anticipated and

continues through November. Each patron going to the Spanish Tavern on Route 22 East in Mountainside will be asked his/her opinion on the outcome of the November Presidential election and will be given a chance to receive one of the 50 lobster dinner certificates drawn among respondents every week.

The weekly results of the poll will

passionate facets of people's lives, the ish Tavern from all eligible entries fascination for politics and the received that week.

Set. July 10: Italian American Heritage Night, presented by Ragu and featuring Joe Piscopo Sun, July 11: Team Photos*, presented by Sir Speedy Mon. July 12: #12 Supercuts Busch Series Racecar Night Fri. July 18: Hispanic Heritage Night & T-Shirt Giveaway*, presented by Sports Shake Max WWW.REWARKSEARS.COM Sat. July 17: Garden State Fireworks Extravaganza FOR THE FIRST 2,000 FANS, GIVEAWAY SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



restaurant. The initiative began on June 1 and

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pleasing for the entire family.

tributes profits from the July 4 event to local organizations. "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

The committee, which is several years old and

was spurred by Committeeman Sy Mullman, con-

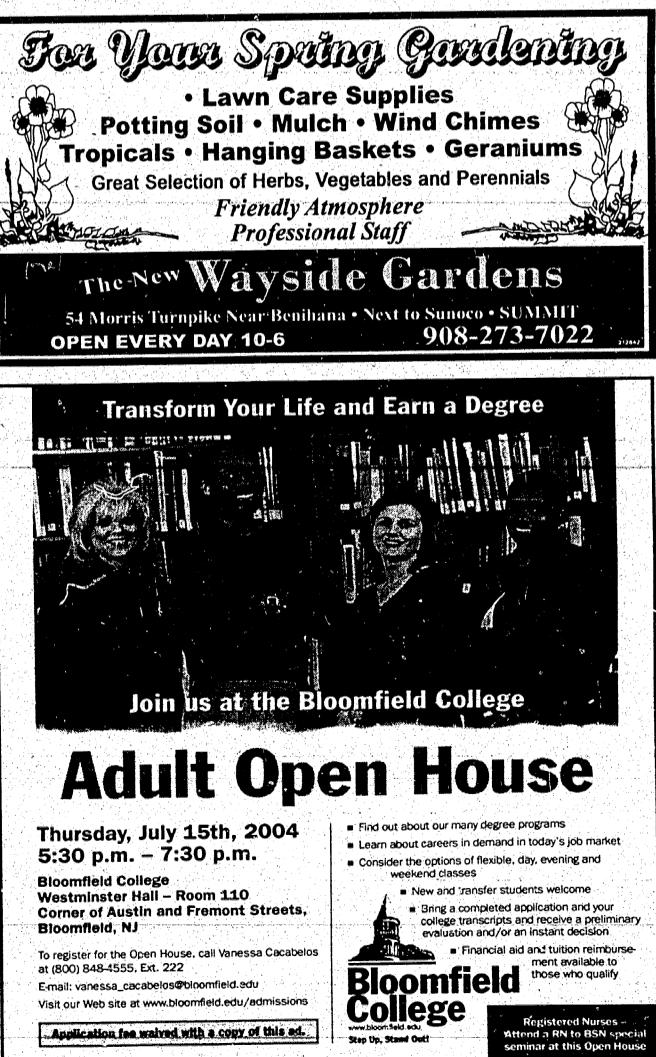
township, fireworks will go off in late June, corresponding with what Seidel hopes will be a partial reenactment of the battle. As with other events, the "Take Pride in Springfield" committee has already celebrate not only America, but Springfield, as well.



be publicly displayed outside the lobster promotion, people can visit the Tavern, to be redeemed prior to the restaurant. The winners of the 50 "This," said General Manager weekly lobster certificates will be cho-Manuel Garcia, "brings together two sen in a random drawing by the Span-

assigned expiration date. For details and reservations, call 908-232-2171.

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SAGE, a major community resource for eldercare, has been working with the National Executive Service Corps this year to finalize plans and begin construction on its new state-of-the-art facility scheduled to open in early 2005.

The NESC provides consultants to the nonprofit sector to assist in business planning and management. SAGE enlisted the help of the NESC to guide its New Building Task Force in designing and constructing its new headquarters.

The NESC has provided SAGE with the expertise of Herbert Berman, a licensed professional engineer and specialist in building construction and design. As vice president of design and construction for Bloomingdale's. Berman was involved in every phase of facilities management.

As a private consultant since retiring, he has represented clients on many construction projects including one in Newark for the New Jersey. Historical Society.

Berman has carried his years of experience to SAGE's project, where manner, he acts as a consultant for SAGE's

Summer services begin

Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield

Ave. in Springfield continue through

Friday, Aug. 27. During this period,

Friday night Sabbath services will

start at 8 p.m. and will be lead by lay.

Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will lead

Conducting services on Friday will

the the summer service on Friday, July

be Fred and Marge Saide of North

Plainfield; July 16, Karen Levine of

Springfield; July 23, Larry, Janet

Maslow and family of Springfield;

field; Aug. 13, Jonathan, Linda

Kraushar and family, residents of

Maplewood; Aug. 20, Bill and Sandy

Weiss of Summit; and Aug. 27, Shab-

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Sha'arey Shalom has to offer.

Aug. 6, Marc and Pam Bain of Spring-

Summer services at Temple

at Sha'arey Shalom

members of the congregation.



Herbert Berman of the National Executive Service Corps reviews SAGE's new building plans with SAGE Executive Director Jacqueline Vogelmann, center, and Fred Roessle, SAGE board trustee, right.

New Building Task Force. Berman wealth of professionalism and expert- thankful that the NESC assigned Herb reviews building plans, makes recom- ise to our new building project," said to our project." mendations on how to achieve cost Jacqueline Vogelmann, president of SAGE's new headquarters will be savings and manage the budget, mon- SAGE. "He has been a huge help in. located at 290 Broad St. and the itors subcontractors' bids and keeps guiding our New Building Task Force agency will house all of its programs the project flowing in an efficient through the phases of planning and and administrative offices out of one

life cycle events. Sabbath services are

held Friday evening and Saturday

morning during the non-summer

The Temple co-presidents are

The public is invited to all Friday

and Saturday Sabbath services. Infor-

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Temple Sha'arey Shalom summer age 4 through grade six to Vacation

services are held in a casual atmos- Bible Camp from Aug. 23-26. The

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Edward Fink and Hank Pottenberg.

stein and Cantor Amy Daniels.

"Herb Berman has brought a ence when we have questions and are ices and programs, call 908-273-5550.

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RELIGION

Summit churches host Bible Adventure

Now is the time to register for months. The spiritual leaders of the congregation are Rabbi Joshua Gold-Camp Creation Vacation Bible School, hosted by Calvary Episcopal and St.

John's Lutheran churches in Summit, This Bible adventure is being offered from July 26-30, running each day from 9 a.m. to noon at St. John's Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Enroll by calling 908-918-2506.

Set in a camp environment, this program will engage children by creativity and love, coupled with a ries and snacks. pack full of hands-on activities. Children through the ages of 3

invited. The cost is \$25 per student or children. \$60 for a family of three or more.

Religious school accepting registration

The Summit Jewish Community camp is co-sponsored by the Spring-Center Religious School, 67 Kent field Emanuel United Methodist and Place Blvd., is welcoming new students to join in the enthusiasm and - Camp will begin at 9:30 a.m. in excitement of a Jewish experience.

and learn and see first hand what music led by jazz musician "Dan the first-year students entering grades K-2 Ave., in Mountainside begins their Man." He is known professionally as may enroll their children in school The congregation has a growing Dan Crisci, and he plays at venues in without joining the synagogue during very popular nursery school program. mornings at the Emanuel Church. Community Center, a conservative 11:30 a.m. Throughout the year, there is an ongo- Themed crafts, recreation and synagogue, has been a fixture in the ing adult education program and a Bible drama will keep participants community for more than 75 years. very active social action program. busy until camp ends at 12:30 p.m. For fall registration materials and 6 at 9 a.m.

Additionally, in the recently renovated For information and registration information, contact Stacey David at Sacrament of Reconciliation will facilities, the social hall provides the brochures, call 973-376-1695 or 973- rels@summitjcc.org or call 908-273- be offered Saturday at 1 p.m. or by 8130

Holy Cross offers summer Bible camp

The Holy Cross Vacation Bible Camp will be conducted Aug. 9-13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon each day. This year's program is SonGames 2004.

At SonGames, children ages 3 through grade six will discover how to live as members of God's team as they follow the daily themes of Join In! Team Up! Get Strong! Keep On! and Celebratet

Daily camp will consist of lively focusing on Bible stories about God's songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible sto-

The cost is \$30 for the first child in a family, \$25 for the second, \$20 for years to those entering fifth grade are the third and no charge for additional

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Scholarships are available to those unable to afford camp. Holy Cross Church is located at

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Our Lady conducts summer services

The Roman Catholic Church of Current non-member families of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central

summer schedule of services. Saturday, services run 8 a.m. and 5 religious and Hebrew school and a the tri-state area as well as Sunday the first year. The Summit Jewish p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.;

> Weekday Mass will be offered through Sept. 3 at 7:30 a.m.; and Sept.

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TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Religious school classes meet on Saturday together for good for those who love God and are LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; Group and Youth Group. A wide range of also offers nursery care; after worship devotion. Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings programs include Adult Education, Social refreshments and fellowship, and many lively office@ollmountain 9:00 AM. Family and children services are Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. programs for everyone. Come worship with us conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third- For more information, call the Temple office, and find out how you too can have a "good THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. There are formal classes for both High School and pre-Religious School aged children. The synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379contact our office during office hours.

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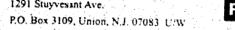
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The weather ran cool on the day of the festival and few adults consented to be doused in the dunk tank. One of the brave was the chairwoman of the Sesquicentennial Committee, Janet Miller Haines of Summit.

Calvary marks Pentecost

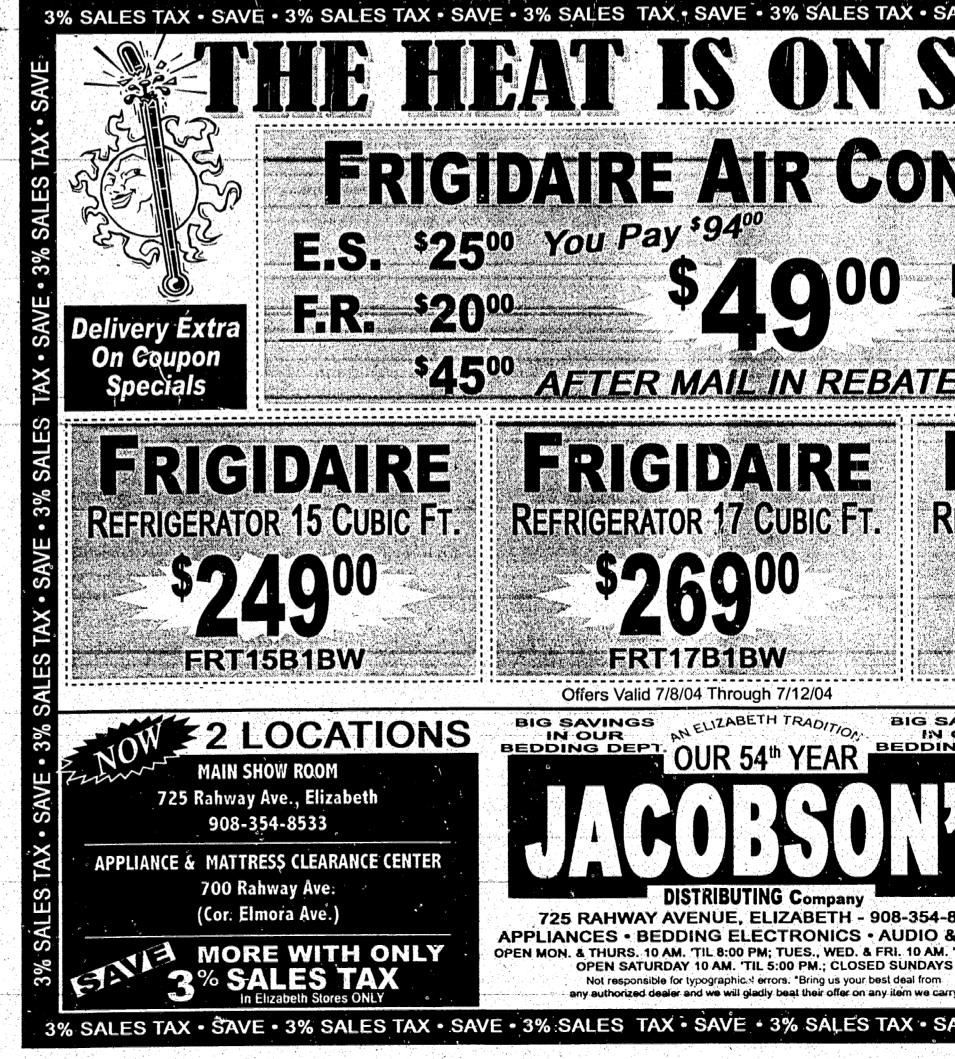
Every year, Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit celebrates the festival of Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian church.

This year was a special occasion the 150th anniversary of the founding of Calvary Church, the first church of any denomination in Summit. Instead of its regular Pentecost picnic, the church organized a pig roast. There were games and activities for children, including a bounce house and a dunk tank

The day was chilly, so one of the few adults who consented to be doused was the chairwoman of the Sesquicentennial Committee, Janet Miller Haines of Summit. Before the barbecue, members of the church pro--ceeded to the sites of two former church buildings, both on Springfield Avenue. They were led in the procession by Summit residents Kim Castro, David Mell and Lizzie Peck.



Before the barbecue, members of Calvary Episcopal Church proceed to the sites of two former church buildings, for the festival of Pentecost. They were led in the procession by Summit residents Kim Castro, David Mell and Lizzie Peck



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Artist presents Polish

reverse painting exhibit

Summit artist Agnieszka Solawa will present an exhibit-of Polish reverse painting on glass at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit this summer. These unusual works will hang inside the Arboretum's headquarters from Aug. 4 to Sept. 7.

Solawa began drawing and painting at an early age. Her first commission was at age 10, for five icons for the "Missionary Church" in Cracow, Poland. These icons, like the paintings in the exhibit, are executed in oil on glass, in the style of paintings by Polish peasants in Zakopane. Poland, in the Tatra Mountains

A portion of the proceeds of Solawa's paintings will benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum, For information about Solawa's works, visit www.solawa.com, For information about Reeves-Reed Arboretum, visit www.Reeves-ReedArboretum org.

This year, the arboretum celebrates 30 years of horticultural and environmental education for children and adults, and the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a historic country estate.

History of arboretum recounted in book Children learn more than they real- the daffodil hollow, my mother was

thought was worth anybody seeing. Instead of saying, 'Keep Out,' it always said 'You're Welcome to Walk ' and people used to.

"If I was there, I was supposed to, is this, and what is this?' I learned that collections even faster. the flowering tree was Malus floribunwould never ask me anything else."

in the upcoming history of the arboretum, "The Clearing on the Hill." When estate, her mother remained.Summit author Arthur T. Vanderbilt II recalls visiting as a boy.

"My parents and grandparents would give us tours of her gardens.

wandered along the garden path above other name would smell as sweet."

ize in gardens. Some children delight proudly telling Mrs. Reeves how interin learning the names of garden plants. ested 1 was in plants. Mrs. Reeves Susan Reeves Deland, who grew up as looked at me rather skeptically, sudthe daughter of the owner of Reeves- denly pointed to some flowers and Reed Arboretum, when it was a pri- asked me their name. 'Virginia bluevate estate in Summit, recalled that, bells,' I correctly answered. She was "Mother always put a sign out by the absolutely stunned! And from then on front gate when she had anything she showered us with cuttings, bulbs and flowers?

Today, Vanderbilt would have no trouble identifying the bluebells or the Malus floribunda, either. Most of the plants in the arboretum's formal garand I did, show them through the gar- dens are labeled, enabling garden den, and they would always ask so lovers, even children, to study the many questions, and I was little and plants at their leisure. And a new comdidn't care much anyway, and they puterized map will enable the horticulwould say, 'Oh, isn't this lovely, what turists to answer questions about the

In 1974, Reeves-Reed Arboretum, da. So when they'd say, 'Oh, isn't that 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, became a tree beautiful? I wonder what that tree non-profit public conservancy, which is?' little Susie would spout out, 'Oh, is now celebrating 30 years of providthat's a Malus floribunda,' and they ing horticultural and environmental education for children and adults. The Deland's words are immortalized gardens are again open to the public, daily from dawn to dusk.

"It is not necessary to learn the Deland had moved away from the names of plants to enjoy their beauty,' said the arboretum's Director of Horticulture, Carolyn Lydon.

"Serious gardeners appreciate the opportunity to learn the names of sucwere friends of Mrs. Reeves, who cessful plants, in order to consider using them in their own gardens. I remember one spring day in par- Many people visit to bask in the beauticular. I must have been in the second ty of our gardens without concerning or third grade at the time, and as we themselves whether a rose by any

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Start ticketing Gas or electric-powered scooters have been growing

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 counter 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

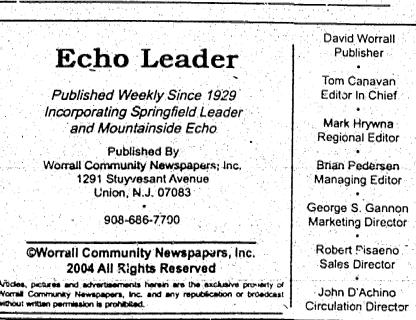
The governor and his comrades proclaim this to be some sort of property tax relief. There's another, more accurate word, for this: theft. Besides, any increase in the rebates ---which candidate McGreevey called a gimmick in 1997 but finds it works well for him as governor in 2004 --- will be eaten up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

"There is a grand difference between journalism and coverage, and getting access does not mean you're getting the story. It just means you're getting one more arm or leg of the story."

> -Ashleigh Banfield MSNBC Correspondent 2003





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 By Theodore Romankow cases of these diseases and intravenous drug use in general. Some private advocates, including

billionaire hedge-fund operator George Sores, 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 View

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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 imple-

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 \$195,188.

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 year-old stabbed five children with a programs address the addict's need for discarded syringe he found on a playdrugs, 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 aw, which requires a prescription to. possess hypodermic needles or

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

Needle exchange programs send a negative message to children that intravenous drug use is acceptable since the government provides the halt drug abuse in general. needles. However, children become affected in much more serious ways as are well intentioned, they consistently well. Since needle exchange programs lack the results that could be shown if allow intravenous drug users to con- funds' were better spent on drug tinue their addiction, they create a awareness and treatment programs. great amount of dangerous physical waste as infected, sometimes bloody, needles are often left on the streets and playgrounds where children play.

On Feb. 11, 2001, for instance, a 6-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR TC should be prepared to give details To the Editor:

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.

When I asked what these capital improvements and acquisitions, etc. were, I was given an explanation sheet which really had very few additional details. Approval was given to a capital ordinance for "reconstruction of Municipal Pool for \$30,000." Instead of an oral recital of a listing of "reconstruction

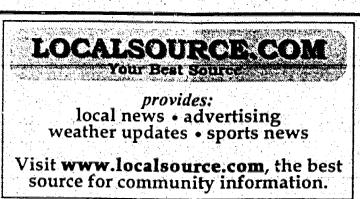
items," I was given a few very generalized comments. Reports were approved from the tax collector, police reorganization and municipal development plan, but I do not believe that they were available for the public to read then or later.

I feel the members of our Township Committee spend many hours in Town Hall, and they are honestly expending their best efforts to keep municipal services and activities running smoothly. However, they should be prepared to give more details at a public meeting at least when a resident requests such data. By the way, I was not given an invitation to see complete data at a later date. Hazel Hardgrove

Springfield

Assemblyman Muñoz's rail bill 'naive' To the Editor: The following is an open letter to Assemblyman Dr. Eric Muñoz, R-

Union. Your freight rail bill is dangerously naive. Events worldwide dictate a rapid move away from energy, land and environment inefficient road toward rails for passenger and freight. No rail restoration will add a new rail line, but restore those we never should have lost. While NJ Transit riders pay 65 cents of their by 9 a.m. Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition. infrastructure dollar and rail freight shippers pay 99 cents, motorists pay but 12 cents and heavy truckers pay 9 cents. Most of the road use funds come from already too high real estate taxes. Plus one in four people do not drive due to age,



health, economic status of fear of road rage and that number grows as the popalation 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 NIMBYs 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 thwarted. 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 roll 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 lie for the future mobility of all the state's citizens when the final oil crunch 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.

Our policy on letters and columns The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the edi-

tor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages. This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of the both Springfield and Mountainside and County of Union.

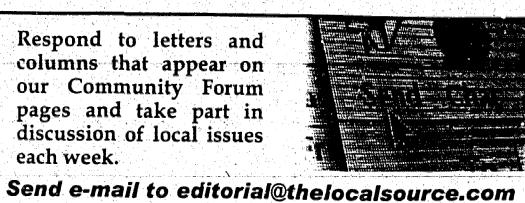
The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

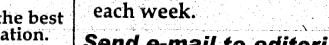
Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The Echo Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com. Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave.,

Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in response to content that appeared in the newspaper.

Advertising will not be accepted by e-mail.

Respond to letters and columns that appear on our Community Forum pages and take part in discussion of local issues





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

ground in Glade View, Florida. Some may remember the discarded needles on our shore years 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

While needle exchange programs

Theodore Romankow is the prosecutor of Union County.

> William R. Wright Cranford

Union, NJ 07083. For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received

SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

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

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 2004 will benefit Women's and Chilphysician/comedian Matt Iseman; a dren's Services at Overlook, which special appearance by entertainer Joe Piscopo, a cocktail reception, seated dinner and dancing. Lifetime Achieve- Unit, labor and delivery suites, pediment Awards will be given to four atrics, and women's services, which recipients whose contributions to include a breast center and oncology Overlook have been noteworthy for program. community service, medical service,

Great Performances 2004 Chairwoman Annie Cardelus Jones and Gala Dinner Committee member Johnna Froschauer are all smiles at the Gala Friends Cocktail

volunteer service and corporate serv- Great Performances 2004 "Laughice. Dolores Hope, wife of the late comedian Bob Hope, is serving as Overlook Hospital Foundation at 908honorary gala chairwoman.

Party.

Proceeds from Great Performances provide a broad spectrum of care from the Neonatal Intensive Care For tickets and information about

Waddell volunteers for SAGE workshop

resource for eldercare, was recently opportunity to receive the grants. The awarded grants from the ExxonMobil workshop has offered Summit com-Foundation through its Volunteer munities fine quality furniture repair Involvement program.

The program seeks to encourage ExxonMobil employees, retirees and workers who have gained skills other eligible participants to actively through years of experience in woodcontribute their time and talent to nonprofit organizations by providing con- hobby. tributions on their behalf.

For every 20 hours of volunteer retiree donates to a charitable, nonnon-profit \$500.

ticipated in the Volunteer Involvement even more rewarding." program donated their time to SAGE in a number of ways.

and Gerry Lahn of Basking Ridge provide SAGE with grant money to became new volunteers in SAGE's support their programs and services," workshop. The two recently complet- said Waddell. If you would like to voled 20 hours of volunteer service in the unteer for SAGE, call 908-273-5550.

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SAGE, a major community workshop, providing SAGE the since 1961.

It is staffed by volunteer woodworking and furniture repair as a

"I enjoy working with my hands." said Waddell, "Most recently, I comtime that an ExxonMobil employee or pleted a birdhouse for my grandson. Volunteering for SAGE's workshop is profit organization, he or she may a great way to contribute to a worthy apply for a grant that can award the cause and enjoy a favorite pastime. Volunteering through Exxon's Volun-The ExxonMobil retirees that par- teer Involvement program, makes it

"I am enjoying a hobby and the companionship of the other volunteers Herb Waddell of Berkeley Heights at the workshop, and I am able to help



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

SENIOR NEWS

Art workshop offered at senior center

Summit seniors can express their creativity in this non-intimidating, no experience necessary workshop, "Masters of Color," led by Summit Senior Housing resident Evelyn Hassell. Classes meet Tuesdays in July from 11 a.m. to noon in the air-conditioned arts and crafts room at Summit Class size is limited to 15, so call 908-273-482J to reserve your spot.

Classes are free but there is a materials fee of \$5 payable on the first day.

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SAGE capital campaign continues SAGE, a major community resource for eldercare services, closed its \$7 million "New Horizons Capital Campaign" this June.

Thanks to the support of foundations, corporations, individuals and businesses within the community. SAGE is looking forward to moving Senior Housing, 12 Chestnut Ave: its headquarters from a Victorian home to a new state-of-the-art facility on Broad Street in Summit early next year. To learn more about SAGE, call 908-273-5550.



ter...Nature's Best Medicine." call the 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.





hese 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.

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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 Rahway at Scotch Plains, 5:45 Summit at Clark, 5:45 July 9

All-Star Game

July 10 Clark at Cranford, 10:30 Oratory at Kenilworth, 10:30 Scotch Plains at Rahway, 10:30 Denville at Roselle, 2 p.m. Watchung Hills at Linden, 8 p.m. July 11

Berkeley Heights at Summit, 10:30 July 12 Berkeley Heights at Springfield, 5:45 Scotch Plains at Kenilworth, 5:45

Westfield at Roselle, 5:45 July 13 Rahway at Westfield, 5:45

Roselle at Oratory, 5:45 Kenilworth at Linden, 8 p.m. July 14

Oratory at Springfield, 5:45 Summit at Roselle, 5:45 Watchung Hills at Cranford, 5:45

Berkeley Heights at Westfield, 5:45 July 15 Linden at Westfield, 5:45 Watchung Hills at Summit, 5:45 Rahway at Clark, 5:45

Oratory Prep at Union, 8 p.m July 16 Union at Roselle, 5:45

Cranford at Rahway, 5:45

Junior Legion All-Star Game set for Tuesday

The following is the remainder of the Union County Junior American Legion regular-season baseball sched-

ule, 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 Berkeley H. at Watchung H., 5:45 Cranford at Vikings, 5:45

July 9 Union at New Providence, 5:45 Scotch Plains at Springfield, 5:45 Clark at Roselle; 5:45

July 10 Berkeley H. at Scotch Plains, 10:30 Watchung Hills at New Prov. 10-30 Westfield at Union, 8 p.m.

July 11 Summit at Westfield, 10:30 Cranford at Berkeley Heights, 10:30

Roselle at Springfield, 10:30 Clark at Watchung Hills, 10:30 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 sion. Michie Stadium.

New Jersey leads New York 5-1 in score at Ruigers

This is the second game of the series that will be played at West Point. The first one resulted in a 48-7 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 Giannecchini (5-11, 180) of Cranford and an 81. 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,



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championship. Kneeling, from left, are Brielle Inannuzzelli. Kim Rego, Kelli Murray, Jacqueline Gallant and Dana Gallant. Second row, from left, are Jessica Lopes, Aliza Stone, Kendall Bohannon, Rachel Murray, Remy Schneier, Alison Gutkin and Jackie Loeshelle. Coaches, from left, are Barry Gallant and Charlie Bohannon.

Springfield swimmers solid in effort vs. Mountainside

Many first-place finishes were accomplished The Springfield Pool swimming team began its North In the breaststroke. Connor McTernan was second and

Mountainside in late June Although Springfield was edged by Mountainside by a

score of 221-214, the squad turned in several outstanding ani third in the girls." 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 15-18 boys', while Carolyn Maul was first for the girls'. the 13-and-over. Carolyn Maul was second in the girls' 13and-over and Anni Demberger third.

In the freestyle, Jason Hoehn was first in the boys' 8and-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 Shan-

non 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, the 15-18 boys', while Anni Demberger was first, Joanna Andrew Kocur was third in the boys' 13-14, with Kim Galante second and Cat Andrasko third for the girls'. Baldwin first and Jennifer Seale 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, Declen Kelly was first in the boys' 8and-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 Seale third in the girls' 13-14.

Andrasko second in the girls'.

Jersey Summer Swim League season with a meet against Jason Hoehn third in the boys' 8-and-under, while Asha Kapengut was second in the girls'

Conor Kelly was third in the boys' 9-10 and Maya Mis-

Kevin Riccardi was first in the boys' 11-12 and Alex Sturm third. Dina Kapengut was first and Jackie Gonzalez third for the girls

Tom Gorgia was second in the boys' 13-14, while Julie Palermo was first and Kalli Turcott was third. -Louis Puopolo was first and Nick Paolino second for the

In the butterfly, Declan Kelly was first for the 8-andunder boys', while Asha Kapengut was third for the girls'

- JonJon Gonzalez was first for the 9-10 boys' and Brooke Lantier second for the girls'. Alex Sturm was first for the 11-12 boys', while Clare

Demberger was first and Ariella Fishkin third for the girls'. Kim Baldwin was third for the 13-14 girls'. Steven Stockl was first and Caesar Santana second for

In the medley relay, Springfield's 12-and-under team o

J. Kocur, C. Kelly, D. Perez and A. Sturm placed second. The girls' foursome of B. Lantier, D. Kapengut, C. Demberger and S. Boyle also finished second.

The 13-and-over team of K. Baldwin, J. Palermo, S Stockl and C. Sanfana did well to place first among its field. In the co-ed freestyle relay, Springfield's 12-and-under team of D. Kelly, A. Kapengut, J. Hochn and J. Ricciardi placed first, while C. McTernan, A. Dorneo, N. Paolino and A. Kocur were third.

In 13-and-over competition, J. Cottage, A. Stockl, N. Paolino and A. Kocur were second. In the freestyle relay, Springfield's 12-and-under boys'

Louis Puopolo was first and Nick Paolino second in the team of J. Kozlenko, K. Ricciardi, J. Gonzalez and M. Leiboys' 15-18, while Carolyn Maul was first and Catherine bowitz placed first. In the girls' competition, A. Fishkin, J. Gonzalez, K. Murray and M. Nisani finished third.

Stephen Suarez posts his Oct. 16 at Rahway, 1 Oct. 23 Johnson, 1 2nd golf title this summer Oct. 30 Roselle, 1 Nov. 25 at New Providence, 11 a.m. Shoots a 77 to best competition at Cranbury Summit Hilltoppers Sept. 11 Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.

Stephen Suarez of Springfield posted his second title of the young New Jersey Golf Competition tour by shooting a membership and individual tournaments may be obtained Oct. 2 Dover, 1:30 round of 77 over the rock-hard and very fast Cranbury Golf by visiting the website: www.njjgc.com. Course last Thursday to win the boys' 14-15 year-old divi-

Suarez, 15, will enter his junior year at Oratory Prep in Summit this fall. He carded a double-bogey on the first the series and won last year by a 16-14 hole, but played solidly afterwards to shade Thomas Hutton of Ridgewood by three shots.

Mountain Lakes' Chris Piumelli, who won the NJJGC's previous tour event in Annandale, grabbed third place on a match of cards over Logan Cecchine of Hillsborough and New Jersey win in 2000, which is the Jordan Carpenter of Staten Island, N.Y.

Hutton shot an 80 and Piumelli and Cecchine 82s. Suarez also won the season's opening event at Eagle

Oaks in Farmingdale. India's Rahul Bakshi was also a second-time winner, capturing the boys' 12-13 age group with a 75. Hamilton's Jake Murphy was runner-up, just five shots behind Bakshi, while Keith Markowitz of Morganville finished third with

Eric Timm, 17, was just one-over-par for the back nine as the soon-to-be Bordentown High senior posted a comefrom-behind victory in the boys' 16-17 year-old division with a round of 76. His score was three strokes better than Bridgewater's Andrew Silver and Craig Tully of Mountain Lakes

Silver claimed second place on a match of cards. Tully was the nunner-up in this division at the Annandale event.

Kevin Lee of Monroe Township turned the tables on Austin Zurlo of Bernardsville in the boys' 9-11 year-old group. Zurlo beat Lee by one stroke in the Annandale event, but Lee shot a 39 over nine holes to edge Zurlo by two strokes at Cranbury.

Playing the back nine. Lee picked up two strokes on the 360-yard, par-4 17th hole to increase his lead to three shots. Michael DeGennaro of Colts Neck was third with a 47.

The next NJJGC event was scheduled to be contested Tuesday at Latourette Golf Course on Staten Island. This was a 0-hole event for players ages 9-11.

More information about the NJJGC or to register for Sept. 24 at West Essex, 1:30

Those interested may also write Chuck DiLeo of the Oct. 16 Chatham, 1:30 NJJGC at: P.O. Box 617, Englishtown, N.J. 07726 or call Oct. 23 at Mendham, 1:30 732-683-9042.

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 play-

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 nampionship 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.

Soccer Club of Springfield fall registration is Wednesday

The Soccer Club of Springfield will be holding registration for all of its fall recreational and travel teams next

Registration will take place Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. the Springfield YMCA, second floor.



consecutive Saturday afternoons.

giving.

Union Farmers

Sept. 11 at Irvington, 1 p.m.

Sept. 17 at Shabazz, 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 East-Side, 3 p.m.

Oct. 29 Bridgewater-Raritan,

Oct. 8 at Elizabeth, 7

Oct. 16 at Plainfield, 1

Oct. 23 at Westfield, 1

Nov. 5 Scotch Plains, 7

Roselle Park Panthers

Nov. 25 Linden, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 11 at Metuchen, 1 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Manville, 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 New Providence, 7:30

Oct. 16 Newark Central, 7:30

Oct. 8 Highland Park, 7:30

Oct. 29 Brearley, 7:30

Nov. 5 at Middlesex, 7

Brearley Bears

Nov. 25 Roselle, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 17 Johnson, 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 Wallkill Valley, 7

Oct. 8 Bound Brook,

Oct. 15 at Manville, 7

Nov. 5 Newark Central, 7

Sept. 11 at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.

Oct. 29 at Roselle Park, 7: 30 p.m.

Governor Livingston Highlanders

Sept. 23 at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 at Hillside, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 11 Newark Central, 1 p.m.

Oct. 9 at North Plainfield, 2 p.m.

Sept. 17 at Weequahic, 7 p.m.

Oct. 8 at Parsippany Hills, 7

Oct. 30 Hanover Park, 1:30

Nov. 7 at Parsippany, 7

Elizabeth Minutemen

Sept. 10 Shabazz, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18 Irvington, 1 p.m.

Sept. 24 Plainfield, 7

Oct. 15 at East Side, 7

Oct. 30 at West Orange,

Nov. 6 at Westfield, 2 p.m.

Sept. 10 at Cranford, 7 p.m.

Sept. 25 Rahway, 1 p.m.

Oct. 9 Roselle, 2 p.m.

Oct. 16 at Johnson, 1

Oct. 2 at Gov. Livingston, 1

Oct. 22 at Delaware Valley,

Nov. 25 Brearley, 10:30 a.m

Oct. 30 North Plainfield, 1

Nov. 6 at Spotswood, 2

Sept. 11 Plainfield, 1 p.m.

Oct. 9 at Westfield, 2 p.m

Oct. 30 at Scotch Plains.

Nov. 6 East Side, 2 p.m.

Nov. 25 at Union, 10:30 a.m.

Linden Tigers

Sept. 18 Cranford, 1

Oct. 2 Elizabeth, 1

Oct. 16 at Shabazz, 1

Oct. 23 Irvington, 1

Nov. 25 at Scotch Plains, 10:30 a.r

Oct. 2 at Linden, 1

Hillside Comets

Oct. 8 Union, 7

Sept. 18 at Caldwell, 1 p.m.

Oct. 2 Hillside, 1

Sept. 26 at New Providence, 2 p.m.

Sept. 17 Bound Brook, 7:30 p.m.

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.

Sports Numbers Phone: 973-763-0700 Fax: 973-763-2557

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 Thanks-

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:

Rahway Indians

Sept. 18 at New Providence, 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Hillside, I

Oct. 2 Millburn, 1 Oct. 9 Dwight Englewood, 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 16 Gov. Livingston, 1

Oct. 23 Roselle, 1 Oct. 30 Newark Central,

Nov. 5 at North Plainfield, 7 p.m. Nov. 25 at Johnson, 10:30 a.m.

Roselle Rams

Sept. 18 North Plainfield, 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Newark Central, 1

Oct. 2 Johnson, 1

Oct. 9 at Hillside. Oct. 16 Kearny, 1

Oct. 23 at Rahway, 1

Oct. 30 at Gov. Livingston, 1 Nov. 6 New Brunswick, 2 p.m. Nev. 25 at R. Park, 10:30 a.m.

Cranford Cougars Sept. 10 Hillside, 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Linden, 1 p.m. Sept. 24 Shabazz, 3 p.m. Oct. 2 at Scotch Plains, 1 Oct. 15 Westfield, 7

Oct. 22 at East Side, 7 Oct. 29 Plainfield, 7 Nov. 6 at Irvington, 2 p.m.

Nov. 25 Kearny, 10:30 a.m.

Johnson Crusaders Sept. 11 at Spotswood, 1 p.m. Sept. 17 at Brearley, 7 p.m. Sept. 26 North Plainfield, 1 Oct. 2 at Roselle, 1 Oct. 9 DePaul, 1 Oct. 16 Hillside, 1 Oct. 23 at Gov. Livingston, 1

Nov. 6 Pequannock, 1 Nov. 25 Rahway, 10:30 a.m

New Providence Pioneers Sept. 18 Rahway, I p.m. Sept. 26 Brearley, 2 p.m. Oct. 1 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Newark Central, 7 Oct. 16 Bound Brook, 1 Oct. 23 Manville, 1 Oct. 30 at Butler, 1

Nov. 6 at Highland Park, 2 Nov. 25 Gov. Livingston, 11 a.m.

Scotch Plains Raiders Sept. 10 at East Side, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18 at Westfield, 1 p.m. Sept. 24 at Irvington, 3 p.m. Oct. 2 Cranford, 1 Oct. 8 at Shabazz, 7 Oct. 16 Passaic Valley, 2 p.m. Oct. 30 Linden, 1 Nov. 5 at Union, 7

Nov. 25 Elizabeth, 10:30 a.m. **Plainfield Cardinals**

Sept. 11 at Linden, 1 p.m. Sept. 18 Newark East Side, Sept. 24 at Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Oct. 2 Irvington, 1 Oct. 16 Union, 1 Oct. 23 Shabazz, 1 Oct. 29 at Cranford, 7 Nov. 5 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 7 Nov. 25 Westfield, 11 a.m.

Westfield Blue Devils Sept. 11 Old Bridge, 1 p.m. Sept. 18 Scotch Plains, 1 Oct. 1 at Shabazz, 7 p.m. Oct. 9 Linden, 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at Cranford, 7 Oct. 23 Union, 1 Oct. 30 at Irvington, 1

Nov. 6 Elizabeth, 2 p.m.

Nov. 25 at Plainfield, 11 a.m.

ECHO LEADER

ing lot.

973-912-2201.

Farmers' Market opens

This summer's Springfield

Farmer's Market will begin Monday

at Jonathan Dayten High School park-

Open from noon to 6 p.m. every

Monday this summer, stands will fea-

ture fresh produce, fresh cut flowers

The popular weekly sale of fresh

and baked goods, among other treats.

goods is a yearly summertime event

that attracts residents from Springfield

For information, call Town Hall at

and the surrounding communities.

Summer camps build

skills, nature knowledge

half- or full-day camp at Trailside

Nature & Science Center, 452 New

survival skills, shelter building, fire

"Backwoods Lore" teaches student

"Hooray for Herotiles" takes an in-

"Catch of the Day" explores the

Dig out the tennis racket and sign

up for a session of lessons. Classes for

both adults and children will meet at

the Echobrook courts in Mountainside

Monday through Friday mornings.

Classes are for beginners, little

beginners, advanced beginners and

ntermediates. The fee is \$48 /session

Session II runs Monday - July 23

Registrations are currently being

With the youth travel team, inter-

mediate and advanced players have an

opportunity to play matches against

other towns this summer. The team is

for players ages 10-16, and will prac-

tice and play home matches at the

Borough Hall courts. Call the Recre-

ation Office for details practice dates,

etc.For reserved time, weekly sign-up

sheets are posted at the Borough Hall

courts every Monday morning. Partic-

ipants may reserve 1 hour/day for sin-

2004 tennis badges are required for

The cost is \$15/adult, \$10 for teens

Children younger than age 13 are

free. Badges may be purchased at the

Recreation Office, at 908-232-0015.

senior citizens, and \$30 for non-

gles and 2 hours/day for doubles

all players.

residents.

accepted at the Mountainside Recre-

depth look at the fascinating world of

Providence Road, Mountainside

starting and more.

reptiles and amphibians.

Tennis, Anyone?

Limited space is available.

Adult classes are \$59/session.

Session III: July 26 - Aug. 6.

ation Office, at 908-232-9915.

Children entering fifth and sixth

EVENTS

trip to Pequest Hatchery. Call 908-789-3670 for camp fees, dates and times Trailside is a facility of the Union

County Department of Parks and Recreation

Nighttime munchies bring out local wildlife

Ripe mulberries are often an irresistible treat for many wildlife species. At Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, join a park naturalist from 7 to 8 p.m. Aug. 10 to search for red and white mulberries and see which mammals and birds are attracted to this

Children ages 6 and older are welcome when accompanied by an adult grades can participate in weeklong for this pre-registered program. Call 908-789-3670 ahead for space availability

Free Summer Arts Festival at Echo Lake

The 2004 Union County Summer Arts Festival comes back to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside with free concerts Wednesday evenings at 7:30 history of fishing and includes a van p.m.

RECREATION

Bring your blanket or lawn chair and picnic basket for an evening of music beneath the stars. The refreshment stand and restrooms are both open. The concerts are held near the Mill Lane section of the park.

On Wednesday, Mustang Sally performs; July 14 - De Sol; July 21 - The Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra; July 28 - Verdict; Aug. 4 - The Sensational Soul Cruisers; Aug. 11 - The Ed Palermo Big Llands with Rob Paparozzi; Aug. 18 – Jo Bonanno & the Godsons of Soul and Aug. 25 -The Party Dolls.

For rain site information on days of inclement weather, call the Parks & Recreation hotline at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

Courses show how to preserve your photos

Learn how to preserve your photos and stories for generations to come by enrolling in a scrapbooking class.

The one-night class will meet in the Borough Hall Community Room in Mountainside from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 per person or \$14/non-residents.

Classes will meet tonight, Aug. 12, and Sept. 14, same time and fees.

Dorney Park, gate price \$35.75, adult; \$16.00 jr./sr. Discount price \$26.00 adult; \$14.00 hr./sr.

Waterworld at Mountain Creck, gate price \$27.99, children \$17.99. Discount price, \$18.00 adult, children

Sesame Place, gate price \$42.07; Call the Recreation Office, at 908-

232-0015 for information.

for week of Aug. 30

flag football, lacrosse, and pillo polo are on the schedule as well as baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball and tennis.

Registration may be done only at www.USsportsInstitute.com

Exercise room helps seniors stay fit

The Senior Fitness Room at Borough Hall is air-conditioned and offers opportunities for senior to stay fit Senior Fitness Room orientation tours are scheduled for Tuesday and Aug. 17

Surviving are three brothers, Anthony, Romolo and Albert, and two sisters, Theresa Lukens and Gloria Bunnell

George Gomes

Ariz., formerly of Springfield, died June 22 in the Golden Autumn Care

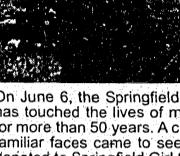
vation Committee is raising money through the installation of a commem-

clude two to three lines. For more information, call 908-232-2400. ext. 590. The next rededication is scheduled for October. The deadline is mid-August.





Fran Corcione and Andrews.

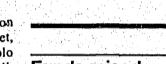


Rose Alberti

Rose Alberti, 87, of Mountainside died June 29 in the Glenside Care

Center, New Providence, Born in Irvington, Mrs. Alberti lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside 51 years ago.

George Gomes, 76, of Surprise,



Funds raised

benefit historic home The Mountainside Historic Preserof Mountainside.

orative walkway at the Hetfield House in order to update the written history

Sportwall, the tennis backboard at the Borough Hall courts, is a computer game designed to make participants Sportwall's on-board computer. electronics mastermind a system of

speed sensors, target lights, and electronic scoreboard. The wall, with its 15 to 240 second games and drills, gives instant feedback in the form of score, performance comparisons, and time clocks. Tennis players may sign out the key and remote controller for play --- a 2004 tennis badge and security deposit (car keys) are required. For information call the Recreation

Office at 908-232-0015.

Discounts for area attractions

Save money on tickets to several popular theme parks this summer. Purchase discount tickets at the Mountainside Recreation Office at substantial savings. Payment must be made by check or money order only, and should be payable to NJRPA. Attractions include: Hershey Park,

gate price \$37.95 ages 9-54; \$21.95 ages 3-8. Discount price \$28, ages 9-54; \$20 ages 3-8.

Great Adventure, gate price \$45.99, theme park; \$29.99 Waterpark-adult only. Discount price \$29.00 while staying cool this summer. Free theme park, \$26.00 Waterpark - adult only

not available. discount price \$33.

Multi-sport camp set

Experience more than 15 sports in one week. A multi-sport camp for children from ages 7 to 14 will be held in Mountainside from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3 at the Borough Hall field. The camp is

operated by the US Sports Institute. A variety of sports from badminton to volleyball will be played. Cricket,

has touched the lives of many Springfield residents and has been involved in scouting for more than 50 years. A celebration was conducted in her honor at her home and many familiar faces came to see her that day. Displaying the Girl Scout insignia, which was donated to Springfield Girl Scouts by Andrews, are from left, Scout leaders Donna Seale,

OBITUARIES

Home, Surprise. Born in New York City, Mr. Gomes lived in Springfield before moving to Surprise in 1986. He was an administrator for Youth Services in New York City for many years before retiring. Mr. Gomes served in the Army during World War

Surviving are his wife, Barbara: three daughters, Cynthia Coe and Lisa and Candice Gomes; three sons, George Jr., Gregory and Christian, and a grandchild.

Sylvia Summers Sylvia Summers, 90, of Spring-

NEWS CLIPS Senior van offers

transportation services The Mountainside senior van provides transportation on Tuesdays and Thursdays for borough seniors ages 60 and older for trips to doctors, dentists, shopping, hair-dresser, etc.

The van goes to Summit on Tues-Available for \$100, your brick will days between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., and ably by burning." To date, 315 flags Westfield on Thursday be ween 0 n m to 2 p.m.

To make a reservation, call 908-232-2400, ext. 5, Monday through Friday mornings.

field, formerly of Union, died June 30 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston

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Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Summers lived in Springfield, Mass., Providence, R.I., and Union before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. She was a ourchasing agent with A.P.W. in New York City for 10 years before retiring. Mrs. Sum ners was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Organization of Rehabilitation Through Training. Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Pollack; a son, James; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Troop collects, retires old flags

As an ongoing community service, Troop 177 of Mountainside has been collecting and retifing United States Flags. Following the US Code title 36, chapter 10, the retired flags were "destroyed in a dignified way, prefer-Troop 177. If you have any tattered or torn U.S. Flags, place them in the bin at the entrance to Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.

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 noon Tuesday summer-long theme "Discover New Trails-, Read!"

a reading log calculating how many is 102 minutes. minutes he or she has read.

Reizes 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 July and August. The summer reading program concludes Aug. 12 with an awards presentation for the participants at 11 a.m., followed by a summer reading party for all participants at 11:30 a.m., open to the public.

Show by David Smith, complete with comedy and juggling acts.

Bedtime Stories

On Tuesday evenings throughout July: the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza' will busy in July, including Westward Ho! offer Bedtime Stories at 7 p.m. for Storyteme and Craft Drop-ins and Colchildren ages 2-5. For information, call 908-233-

0115: Storvtime 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 2 to 2:45 p.m. through Aug. 5 for children in grades 1-4.

Every other week, there will be special guests, including cartooning with Ted Riddle today, a yo-yo workshop with Tim Redmond on July 22. and a program by Homeless Animal-Lifeline, who will give toys for shelter animals on Aug. 5.

Sing-ups are required. For information, call 908-233-0115.

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-serve basis while supplies last. The summer reading program ends Aug. 27.

All ages through kindergarten get a stamp for every five books they library to socialize with others of their read and a prize. Kids going into grades one and two get a stamp for every three books read and a prize. Kids going into grades three through five get a stamp for every two books 973-376 4930, ext, 232. they read and a prize.

Even young children can participate in the read-to-me summer reading program by having a parent read to them.-

Call the Youth Services Department at 973-376-4930 for informa-

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.

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

guarantee his global conquest. The film is 1 hour and 45 minutes and rated PG

The series will continue on Wednesday throughout the summer.

For information, call 973-376-

Film explores couple's soul-searching mission The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., begins its Lunchtime Video Series, "Dox Office Hits," at

AT THE LIBRARY

This is the story of two Americans, a washed-up TV star in town for a TV Each child in kindergarten through whiskey commercial shoot, and the second grade completes a reading log (very) young wife of a photographer, and lists the books he or she is reading who meet in Tokyo and end up spendthroughout July and August. Each ing a weekend hanging out together on child in grades three and up completes a 'soul-searching mission.' The film

> The series will continue Tuesdays, July 27, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24.

Funding for the video series has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Bring a brown lunch bag to the pro-

gram. Refreshments will be provided. The party features a One-Man Side For information, call 973-376-4930.

Activities keep young patrons cool

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has many cool summer activities to keep young children

Children ages 5-8 are welcome to attend an afternoon story time keeping with the theme of this year's summer reading program.

Stories will be about the journeys and adventures out West, and participants will make a craft to go with the story. This program will be held from 1:30 to 2 p.m Monday and July 19.

When children ages 5 and older don't have anything to do on a hot summer day, they can come cool off at the library while coloring with crayons or making a simple craft project. Craft Drop-Ins and Coloring will be held this Friday and July 23.

The library continues July children's programming for babies, toddlers and young children, as follows: The Mother Goose Group promotes the enjoyment of language through nursery rhymes simple stories, songs, and activities for toddlers ages 11/2 to 3 years old and their parent

or caregive Plan to stay and play afterward. The program will be held this Monday and July 26 from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. No advance registration.

Babies Laptime is designed for the library's youngest patrons, from birth to 18 months old and will be held Friday from 11 to 11:20 a.m. Babies and their caregivers are invited to the own age, and to sing, rhyme, listen and move, Registration is required.

For information or to register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call

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.

A retired literature professor and a career thief, both long past their prime, strike up a conversation on a train. Both approaching a rendezvous with destiny at the same hour on the same day; one is scheduled for a triple bypass, the other, a bank robbery. Each begins to form a fantasy - what would it be like to be the man across the seat? While experiencing aspects of each others' lives over the course of a few days, they form an unlikely but solid bond.

This character study won numerous awards at festivals in France, Italy, Florida, Seattle, and Los Angeles. Directed by Patrice Leconte, the

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.

Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing Refreshments will be served. For

information, call 973 376-4930.

Potter film casts its spell Tuesday

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

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. PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bid: will be received by the Borough Clerk o the Borough of Mountainside for: "PAVING IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS STREETS, CONTRACT 2004-4"

"PAVING IMPROVEMENTS ON HILLSIDE AVENUE, CONTRACT 2004-5" Plans and Specifications will be avail-able on July 8, 2004.

able on July 8, 2004. Bids will be opened and read in public: at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22. Mountainside, N.J. on July 19, 2004 at 11:00 A.M., prevailing time. Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Bor-ough Engineer. Proposal blanks, specifi-cations and instructions to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22; 1st Floor, Moun-tainside, N.J. Bidders will be furnished with a conv of

Building, 1355 Koule 22, 1st Floor, Moun-lainside, N.J. Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engi-neer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Borough of Mountainside said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable. Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Bor-ough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside not hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the enve-lope with the name and address of bidder and: "Bid Proposal for Paving Improve-ments on Various Streets, Confract 2004-5 5 Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00 and made payable to the Bor-ough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guar-

idders are required to comply with the juirements of P.L.1975 c.127 (NJAC 17:27). The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bid-der, whose proposal, in, the Borough's judgment, best serves its interest. Judgment, Best serves its interest. Judith E. Osty, Borough Clark U80048 ECL July 8, 2004 (\$24.00)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-lowing proposed ordinance was intro-duced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 15th day of June 2004 and that said ordi-nance will be taken up for further conside aration for final passage at the meeting of hance will be taken up for further consid-eration for final passage at the meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Moun-tainside, New Jersey on the 20th day of July 2004 at 8:00 PM, or as soon there-after as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. Judith E. Osty Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1073-2004 RDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V

OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ANIMAL REG-ULATIONS, TO INCREASE THE VIOLA-TIONS AND PENALTIES TO NOT LESS THAN \$100 NOR MORE THAN \$500 PER OFFENSE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union. State of New Jersey as follows: SECTION 1. Chapter V, Article 5-5, of the Borough Code, entitled Violations and Penalties, shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Any person who violates or falls or refus Any person who violates or falls or refus-es to comply with this chapter, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than One Hundred (\$100.) dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.) dollars for each and every offense, except that for the first offense or failure to secure a license, the penalty shall be not less than Fity (\$50.) dollars and not more than Five Hundred (\$500.) dollars. SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after final passage as provided by law. as provided by law. U79707 ECL July 8, 2004 (\$21.38)



An outstanding young citiz



Stephanie Imbornone of Union, center, was picked out of six zen Award for Community Involvement by Springfield Columbi The money will benefit the Stephen Pepi Fund, which was en who have Muscular Distrophy. From left are Fran Corcione members of Stephanie's family, and Fran Graziano, chairwon

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 Call 908-232-0015 for information

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an applica-on has been made to the Board of djustment of the Township of Springfield y Antonio Mozzarella Factory for a use ariance and site plan approval to permit be operation of a restaurant together with 5 side yard variance and variance variance and site plan approval to permit the operation of a restaurant together with 5'side yard variance and variance for access alse to rear lot parking area as required by Section 35-23.4(a)&(c) of the Springfield Land Use Ordinance, and any other variances that may be neces-sary as evidenced by the application and plans on file or as may be modified at the request of the Board of Adjustment. This application is made for premises located al.71 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, Loi 4, Block 301. This application is now Calendar, and a public hearing has been ordered for 8:00 p.m. on July 20, 2004 in the Municipal Building, 100 Moun-tain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, and when the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent or altorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting to this application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield localed in the Annex Building, 20 N. Triv-ett Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

MAX SHERMAN Attorney for Applicant Antonio Mozzarella Factory U79664 ECL July 8, 2004 (\$15.75) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of July, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2004-10 regarding the appeal or application of Efstäthios Kravariolis for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit rebuilding of front vestibule due to age and safety, and the addition of a tanding which violates the front yard setback on the premises located at 19 Marcy Avenue and designat-ed as Block 109, Lot-7 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Triv-ett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holdays). Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the-rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Efstathios Kravariotis Applicant U79660 ECL July 8, 2004 (\$11.63)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of July, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on application #2004-9 regarding the appeal or application of Howard & Donna Seale for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit to add on a family room and, a mud room on the premises located at 15 Rose Avenue and designat-ed as Block 1201, Lot 27 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on File in the Annex Building, 20 North Triv-ett Street and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Any inferested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Zoning Board of Adjustment. Donna L. Seale

U79662 ECL July 8, 2004 (\$10.50) NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of: JOSEPH RUDOSKI, Decessed

Pursuant to the order of James S. LaCorte, Surrogate of the County of Union, made, on the 2ND day of JULY. A.D. 2004, upon the application of the undersigned, as EXECUTOR of the estate of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscriber under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased with-in six months from the date of said order. n six months from the date of said order. DIANE RAMSBERGEF EXECUTOF

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By Frank Capece

Study suggests \$16M in arts center improvements County committed to first phase, \$6 million in renovations

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

old Union County Arts Center in development." Rahway, although county officials only have committee so far to the first phase, about \$6 million.

"We are just looking at the whole study as possibilities but nothing has been seriously considered vet." Freeholder Daniel Sullivan said. "There is known as phase one. no certain time frame on the additional phases of the project. There have arts center, yet," Sullivan said. "We been no new changes from the start of this analysis 'til now."

Sullivan indicated that the only certainty for the theatre is the installation of air conditioning.

Although officials have not sition and renovations of the arts center, one option remains the Open Space, Recreation and Historic hall, theatre cafe and bar, administra-Preservation Trust Fund.

The fund, a dedicated county tax approved by voters in 2000.

The freeholder board commissioned a \$45,000 feasibility study, conducted by NBBJ, an architectural and planning firm in New York. which analyzed the future of the arts center, assessed its immediate needs and long-term objectives. The study down as follows: "enriching the are not yet approved they may be in outiines various goals, entitled building," \$6 million: "enriching the the future and "that will be the way to enriching the building, enriching the community," \$7 million, and "enrichcommunity, and enriching the region. ing the region." \$3 million.

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by number but by size because as we will not go beyond Somillion for A feasibility study outlines \$16 Sullivan stated, "this is not just a the first phase," Sullivan said. "As million in renovations to the 75-year-refurbishing project but a cultural for the second phase and third phase,

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Devanney said the feasibility study is looked upon as a guide to the upgrading of the theatre and that the only followed are the "immediate goals,"

when renovation will start."

In about 20 pages, the feasibility study presents numerous improvements to the building on Irving Street determined how to pay for the acqui- as well as expanding the theatre to include the building next door. The expansion would house a reception tion offices and multipurpose rooms.

Widening the stage depth, conthat collects nearly \$7 million annu- structing new dressing rooms. ally from property taxes, was installing a central air conditioning system, and expanding lobby space were suggested as the "immediate goals" of the project. The study concludes that without the "immediate goals" the theatre cannot be "fully operational."

The cost for each phase breaks

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The phases are distinguished not "Of course, nothing is certain but \$3 million and \$7 million are the high

Union County Manager George and low ends of the funding range." Part of the enriching the community phase includes removing the existing building at 1591 Irving St. suggestions that are guaranteed to be and acquiring a house on Coach Street; which will serve as a temporary place of operation for the art "We have not done anything to the center's offices during construction: creating a winter garden lobby that <u>n</u> are waiting for the fall season to -will serve as the connection point begin and end in May and that is between the theatre and the new building: constructing a translucent 1.1 walkway bridge that will wrap around all four sides of the building, allowing access to any of the four points of the theatre. Photo By Barbara Kokkalls

Another idea introduced by the study for the future of the arts center is the construction of a "black box theatre" for use by local schools and universities as well studio space for

The center's analysis suggests that if the goals are met that the center will fulfill the county's mission of being a school activities etc.," he said. "regenerative force for a vibrant downtown cultural and arts district." Sullivan agreed with the study's

conclusion and maintained that although all of the phases suggested go for helping our community to grow and prosper."

understand - why didn't they re-bid." Ed Cornell, a solid By Anna Kreyman waste consultant for a group of small, local haulers, said. Staff Writer Cornell suggested that an economic impact study on the Local trash haulers, outraged by the Union County Utilindustry and how the new rates will affect it and small ities Authority's proposed hike in bulky waste pick-up rates, peppered county and state officials as to why Union haulers. "Little guys are struggling to get along." Summit Superintendent of Public Works Paul Cascais,

County's rates will be among the highest in the state. The new contract was to go into effect July 1 after just one bid was received in December. The UCUA Board of asked for an explanation for the rate increase since Morris Commissioners awarded the contract in February.

UCUA Executive Director Joseph Spatola said there were three changes made after officials met with the lone bidder, Waste Management Inc.: the contract was lengthened from 18 to 36 months: the rate for bulky waste pickup was reduced from a proposed \$84.48 per ton to \$78 for. the first year, and \$80 and \$82 in second and third years, respectively; and the UCUA is responsible for any additional tax by Pennsylvania.

Waste Management Inc. was the only firm to submit a than Union County. Many of the small haulers voiced that Union County is bid, although Williams said several companies attended a paying the highest rates for bulky waste in the state. pre-bid conference.

"What they are doing is arbitrary," ANS Disposal Fabio The UCUA in June applied to the state to increase its Araneo said of the UCUA. "I can't understand how the peak rate from \$85.63 per ton to \$107.12 per ton after July DEP approved that? If all the towns paid the same then the 1, Spatola said in a statement he read during the June 30 rate would be cheaper." public hearing.

"We are going to die as soon as we tell customers that Spatola said the increase is due to many costs "out of the control" of the authority, such as Waste Management's the rate will be so much higher than it already is," Anthony Galluzzo of Galluzzo Brothers in Garwood'said. increase from \$51 to \$78 per ton for disposal, along with an The DEP has 60 days to act on what was mentioned at additional \$5 per ton tax by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, where the bulky waste will be transported to landthe public hearing but according to Infantino "not a word was changed and I am sure nothing will because nobody fills. The increase in the peak rate is need to keep the UCUA cares.'

financially, self-liquidating and maintain satisfactory service," Spatola said.

The \$107 per-ton rate includes \$16.74 dedicated solely to paying off the multimillion debt of building the incinerator, nearly \$10 for administrative costs of the UCUA, and \$5 for Pennsylvania's environmental tax.

The \$85-per ton rate "no longer will be justifiable, rea-Cornell added that the small haulers are in the process of sonable because wouldn't be sufficient" for the UCUA, the looking for an attorney to take this matter to court. Regional Editor Mark Hrywna contributed to this director said. "We asked a lot but nothing was answered and I don't report.

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

A legislative bill known as "Smart Growth" has environmentalists protesting that it's a ploy for developers to get a green light on building and put a stop sign on preserving and protecting areas earmarked under the Highlands bill.

By contrast, officials maintain that the Smart Growth bill, synonymous to the Fast Track bill; gives no such power to developers, but instead provides expeditious review for property queried opments. by builders.

Additionally, Assemblyman John McKeon, D-Essex, mentioned another bill he has proposed to the governor called, unofficially, Smart Growth Two. "This third bill would allow growth where

appropriate," he said. "If passed, it will specifically exempt the preservation part from the Fast Track bill and/or Smart Growth bill. This third bill will pass; I have support from the governor." McKeon also said that the state attorney general believes the Highlands bill should take precedence over the Fast Track bill.

According to McKeon, the Fast Track bill "does not change the law" but allows developers to attain a yes or no answer within 45 days, DEP permits already in hand.

instead of waiting 60 days or more to find out if they can use the desired property.

The Highlands bill consists of two types of land: preservation and planning. The preservation part is land that contains drinking water used by 300 municipalities within the state and for that reason is designated by the government as Track bill. land that cannot be polluted.

ning as land that can be used for various devel-Gov. James McGreevey needs to give the

final signature of approval on all bills but the time frame is unknown. "The day after the Highlands bill was passed,

another bill was passed, the Fast Track bill," New Jersey Conservation Highlands Project Manager Wilma Frey said, "The Fast Track bill expedites development in 30 percent of the state. It is just a rapid granting of permits. We are urging the governor to veto the Fast Track bill because it sets the environment back 30 years."

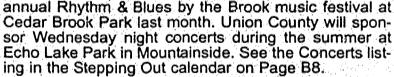
She added that this bill "undercuts any municipality order" because "developers can get most Department of Environmental Protection permits in advance" and then go to the township with

On the other hand, officials designate plan- an expeditious review," McKeon said. "Twenty million dollars is the overall cost. You have a right to ask for it but you have to pay for it because the construction official may be busy but you have a right to say, for example, 'Here is a \$1,000 and go hire people to conduct this process

quicker."

the municipality can do that, but the applicant has to pay for it. "It does not at all change environmental law, just has the state give an answer within a reason- goes further with this investment." able time," he added.

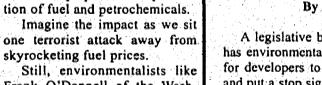
ronmental damage."



Valerie Adams performs with the Dimension Band at the

suit to postpone the new stan-The group hits home with the argument that any effort to reduce emission requirement

Highlands bill has environmentalists upset



Frank O'Donnell of the Washington Clean Air Trust argue the smog we breathe starts when the nitrogen oxide sits in the sunlight and mixes with the organic compounds emitted from auto exhaust.

The word is that our state about to develop new rules to further control emissions on diesel engines at the same time the federal EPA continues to allow the smoke stacks of the Midwest to send us their smoot. It's like neatly cleaning your

house, and having your relatives come in and mess it up. It's time to clear the air.

A resident of Cranford Frank Capece is an attorney.





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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.

to aspiring actors for rehearsal and

The study indicates that renting or leasing space would generate revenue theatre has a "potential to serve as a for operation and the creation of multi-use centers "have a successful - history of providing access to cultural, artistic and political activities to all facets of a community." Richard Stender, vice president of

the Friends of the Union County Arts ating.

"We can rent out some of the space Center, which currently operates the facility, declined to discuss or answer any questions regarding the center.

The study also indicates that the physical and programmatic beacon for the downtown business district." The theatre employs a small staff

including a manger, a couple of fulltime employees and a number of volunteers that keep the arts center oper-



chairman of the county's Solid Waste Advisory Council, County also has a contract with Waste Management but only pays \$67 per ton. He asked that the Department of Environmental Protec-

tion review the contract and not approve it hastily. Cascais said towns' representatives to the SWAC had a consensus that the huge increases in the first and second years of the contract are unacceptable and demands justification. He claims Morris County had five bidders for its contract, the main reason why its rates are so much lower

"My guys...raised a lot of smart questions but nobody cares about the little guys, it's the conglomerates that are the hot stuff because they have got the money," Cornell said. "But, you wait once the conglomerates take over the customers then the prices will really get high and these prices will seem like a piece of cake."



ing and/a planning guidelines of the land, just Schjevada said. provides developers with a quicker answer." McKeon said. "It just speeds up the process." McKeon added that the developer must pay the township to apply for a permit under the Fast

McKeon indicated that the applicant does not have a right to hire the township employee, only

---- "Due to this bill, the municipality will be in a difficult position for enforcing the Highlands

"New Jersey has a finite amount of water," would pollute the drinking water."

"The Fast Track bill does not change the zon- President of the New Jersey Sierra Club Dennis "Developing the highlands is a problem

because such things as bulldozing trees and putting pavement causes drinking water to get polluted. It is more expensive to clean polluted water then not to pollute the water in the first "Applicants have to put money in the pool for place. Oil, pesticides and antifreeze added together is a toxic brew and when it goes into the reservoir it has to be purified out."

Schievada added that people having pur chased the land that is designated for preservation can sell the land back to the state, in some

cases for a higher price then it was purchased for, "'t is a pretty good deal because the land with preserved value or next to parks are worth more than land surrounded with urbanization." he said. "Many bought this land for pennies. You can own the title to the land but you sell the right to develop it. It is a tax benefit and your money

Schjevada also stated that a person owning a home on such land may sell the development rights to the state but is still allowed by law to bill," Frey said. "This may create a lot of envi- build things like a pool, a shed and enlarge the house etc., "as long as it isn't something that

Summer camp programs at Trailside

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, offers summer camp programs that present a unique opportunity for children to learn about nature and the out-of-doors through hands-on experiences. Camp sessions remain open for children entering fifth or sixth grade.

• Backwoods Lore, July 26-30, 1 to 4 p.m., invites children to learn hasie outdoor survival skills. Children will work together to create an emergency shelter using branches, leaves and their gas service, 1-800-242-5830. other natural materials found in the own.

amphibians that live in the Watchung for Union and Middlesex counties." Reservation, Participants will investipopulations.

niques. Campersewill learn to identify 242-5830 the next time they call a variety of New Jersey fish species, play the "Fish I.D." game, and make its separate toll-free line for reporting their own lures. Children will partici- gas leaks and other emergencies. That pate in casting activities and try their remains 1-800-492-4009. hand at fishing in Lake Surprise. The trout streams, the Pequest River.

full-day camp and will include a one- tem. hour supervised lunch and Trailside camp T-shirt.

The fee for each half-day camp is \$140 for non-county residents.

dents. An additional fee of \$20 is Maryland. required for Catch of the Day to cover a van trip to the Peaguest Hatchery.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation

New phone number

for Elizabethtown Gas Elizabethtown Gas customers whose homes or businesses are in Union or Middlesex counties will now have a new phone number to call for Customer Care issues like billing. meter readings or questions relating to

"In a sense, the number is not truly woods. Campers will learn to identify new, since our customers in five other and collect plants that are safe to eat; counties have been calling it for more discover the fundamentals of fire than 20 years," Elizabethtown Gas building; and make a campfire of their President Victor Fortkiewicz said in a prepared statement. "However, we are ment; · Hooray for Herntiles, July 26-30, consolidating the two Customer Care 9 a.m. to noon; or Aug. 9-13, 1 to 4 numbers we currently have into one. p.m., focuses on different reptiles and and eliminating the separate number.

Customers who call the old number gate the lifestyles of these fascinating through the end of June will still be animals; learn proper catch and able to get connected. Beginning in release techniques of wild snakes, July, customers calling the old number frogs, toads and salamanders; and hike will hear a recording telling them to to remote areas of the reservation to dial the new number. Elizabethtown collect information on local herotile Gas is communicating the number change to customers through a bill • Catch of the Day, Aug. 16-20, 9 insert, a message on the bill itself and a.m. to noon, investigates the history a recording on its Customer Care line of fishing and different fishing tech- reminding customers to dial 1-800-

Elizabethtown Gas is not changing

The Customer Care number is for week's activities will culminate with a questions about billing, meter reading van trip to the Pequest Hatchery in and other issues relating to a cus-Oxford to see how trout are raised, tomer's gas service. The Customer Campers will have the opportunity to Care line is staffed Monday through fish in one of New Jersey's premier Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but much information is available 24 hours a Senior outreach Half-day camps running in the day through "Speak Easy" - the same week may be combined for a line's voice-activated response sys-

Elizabethtown Gas is a division of NUI Utilities, Inc., and serves more two locations during July. than 260,000 customers in Union. \$112 for Union County residents and Middlesex, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris and Mercer counties. NUI help with applications for a variety of For a full-day combination camp. Utilities' divisions include Elizabeth- important government assistance prothe fee is \$260 for Union County resi- town Gas in New Jersey, City Gas grams. dents and \$325 for non-county resi- Company of Florida and Elkton Gas in

> NUI Utilities is a subsidiary of NUI all locations. Corporation, a Bedminster-based ates natural gas utilities and business- July:

for space availability at 908-789- es involved in natural gas storage and pipeline activities:

Mothers & More Mothers & More is a national, non-

profit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workplace over the course of their active parenting years. The group isn't just for full-time, stav-at-home moms, but champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to society, paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home:

The Mothers & More chapter in Union County Chapter currently has more than 60 members. Approximately 40 percent of these members engage in some type of paid employ-

"-"Mothers and More offers invaluable support and friendship that can fit County pools open into every woman's schedule," said the chapter's co-leader, Linda Miklencic of Cranford

The chapter's activities include a book club and a craft club. Members through Labor Day, Sept. 6, also have the opportunity to attend - The John Russell Wheeler Pool in volunteer in a variety of areas including chapter coordination, membership. online services, publications, media relations, marketing and advocacy.

on the first and third Wednesday of will begin July 19. Each lesson meets each month at the Westfield YMCA, for 30 minutes. Monday through 220 Clark St., Westfield, which are open to the public.

For more information about becoming a part of Mothers & More, call K.C. Bree at 908-789-8626 or office. Linda Miklencic at 908-497-0283.

The Union County Division on Aging in the Department of Human

The Outreach Services Program offers senior citizens information and

Bilingual staff members will be available to assist the senior citizens at

The Outreach Services Program Camps fill quickly, so call ahead diversified energy company that oper- will visit the following locations in

+ Elizabeth, Wednesday, 1 to 2 County residents are \$3 for youths age p.m., Supremo Supermarket, 25 S. Broad St.

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tield Plaza, 249 E. Front St.

Union County representatives will be available to help residents complete the necessary applications for a number of programs, including gas and electric support, pharmaceutical assistance, and home energy assistance. There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income eligibility. and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program.

For more information on the Outreach Services Program and other programs offered by the Union County Division on Aging, call the division's toll-free number: 1-888-280-8226.

ming pools will soon open for the

The Walter E. Ulrich Pool in Rahmeetings on topics of interest to mothe way River Park, off St. Georges ers, mom and tot outings, playgroups, Avenue in Rahway, will be open

mational conferences, to participate in Wheeler Park, at Stiles Street and nation email support networks, and to Routes 1&9 South in Linden, will be open through Aug. 27.

Group swimming lessons for all ages, including adults, are available at Ulrich Pool. The first session will Mothers & More holds meetings begin on Monday; the second session Thursday for 3 weeks.

> The cost is \$60 per session. Preregistration is required, and applications can be obtained at either pool

Special open swimming sessions for senior citizens and for people with disabilities are also held, free of charge, at Ulrich Pool, on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and at Wheeler Pool on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

sessions are as follows: Walter E. Ulrich Pool: Monday and Wednesday, 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 11

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Volunteers sought

Make a difference in your community by donating your time for important work. The courts are actively recruiting volunteers for various programs involving juvenile offenders, children and families in crisis, and courthouse operations. Opportunities are available countywide.

Comprehensive training provided, Bilingual applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

For more information, contact Eric the Court Administrator, 2 Broad St., 15th Floor, Elizabeth, 07207; call 908-Union County's two public swim- 965-2688 or e-mail to eric.chait@judiciary.state.nj.us.

YWCA seeks volunteers

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call Lynn at holders. 908-355-1500, ext. 18.

Election dates brochure A pamphlet outlining all of the

mportant 2004 election dates, candidate petition filing deadlines, absentee ballot deadlines, and campaignand Westfield, and municipal clerk offices throughout the county. The pamphlet also includes a detachable absentee ballot application.

This pamphlet lists the key election dates and other information essential for voters and prospective candidates for elective office. With the absentee ballot application, registered voters scription coverage programs may vices Program for Senior Citizens to - Pool hours for public swimming _ who are unable to make it to the polls already have maximum discounts on on any Election Day can apply to their prescriptions. receive absentee election ballots at their homes

reached at 908-527-4360

Blood drives scheduled The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood

• Today, 3 to 7 p.m., Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark.

The Union County Communities Against Tobacco Coalition Would Like To Thank The Following Caring Merchants:

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The Communities Against Tobacco (CAT) Coalition recently participated in the community-wide Caring Merchants Project. CAT members surveyed a selected number of tobacco merchants in the county in order to make sure they abided by the law. Congratulations to all of the stores who received certificates.

If you would like to get involved with the Communities Against Tobacco Coalition, please contact the Union County CAT Coordinator at: Phone: (732) 381-4100 or E-mail: uccat@preventionlinks.org



Union County **Communities Against Tobacco Coalition**

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Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mary's of the Assumption Charten 155 Washington St., Elizabeth . Monday, 4 to 8 p.m., Muhlenton Avenue and Randolph Road, Place field

Donors must be at least 17 years old. There is no upper age limit donors. Donors should know the Social Security number and bring signed or picture form of identifi-

For more information, or to sign for a blood drive, call 1-800-657 5663, ext. 140.

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Discount prescription drug program available

Union County residents are eligible for discounted prescription drugs under a program announced by the Union County Board of Chosen Free

Discounts can range from 20 percent to 50 percent depending on the prescription's classification as either a brand name drug or its generic equiv. aleni

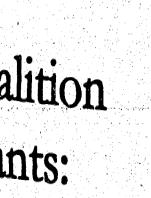
AddHealth Inc., a Clinton-based company specializing in healthcare finance report deadlines is now avail- saving programs will administer the able at public libraries, the Union plan. To sign up, all it will take is one County Clerk's offices in Elizabeth call to Addhealth's toll-free number. 1-800-733-8546.

Residents will have the ability to fill their prescriptions at neighborhood pharmacies, or a national chain store.

There are no income or asset limitations to qualify for the county's program. However, residents who are currently enrolled in state-funded pre-

The enrollment form must be returned with documentation that The County Clerk's office can be includes a clear, legible copy of the applicants driver's license or a utility bill reflecting a Union County residence, and, if handicapped and under age 55, documentation reflecting disabled status;

> Coverage should begin seven to 10 business days after the application is received and approved.



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This time, with two solved murder mysteries behind her -- "Vengeance Beyond Reason" and "Vengeance, Tastes Sweet" - Wally, a housewife tive, is now working as an assistant for to a patient and understanding Nate, an ambitious prosecutor. The prosecuand nursery school teacher, finds herself personally and desperately. involved in Ascher's third and latest

book, "Vengeance Cuts Loose." This time the murder takes place in a fancy beauty salon called Resplendence Salon & Spa, in the very next room, the Consultation Room, actually, where Wally is waiting for her Now, his boss wants him to work day mother-in-law, Tillie, who is being and night to solve this one, with no made beautiful. Normally, Tillie, who lives in a senior citizen residence, will drive herself to the salon, but she has broken her leg and has persuaded her daughter-in-law to take her to the site of the murder.

It's Garth Barkley, the major stylist and womanizer, who has a nasty word last two books, but now she has a new, for all of his customers, who gets stabbed to death. And it just happens that Wally did hear two thumps against the wall shortly before they found him. Now, who would want to Sammy, kill Garth?

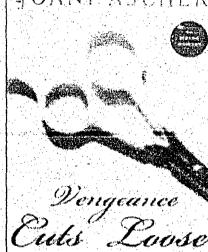
Well, just about anyone. So, everyone, who has ever had any dealings with him — ex-wives, girlfriends, coworkers, customers — is suspect.

Now, there is a very restricted time certain date. Levine, a former detec- some suspicious characters in the hard to come by.

By Bea Smith Staff Writer tor has taken him off the case and put him on the murder case that has taken place in Elliot's - and Wally's hometown, Grosvenor, which is in Essex County and sounds a lot like Maplewood, Elliot had solved the last two murders with the ample assistance of his future mother-in-law. Wally,

regard to the wedding date. Some of the familiar characters from Ascher's first and second books emerge like old friends. They include Domingue Scott, who resembles a model, but works as a police detective." She served as Elliot's partner in the rather inefficient partner, Ryan; both ly written. What's so great about are working on the Garth case, along Ascher's murdered people in all three Remy. Gilliam Suss and Howes him- heard more clearly. with Wally. And there's Wally's best of her books is that they are all mean self executed the steps competently, friend, Louise, and the family dog, and viscious and in need of a killing.

The new characters, many of them loaded with suspicion, are Logan, the Loose" joins her other two books on owner of the beauty spa; Crystal, the the shelf. This writer is already setting bag. Babasola Arowosaye and receptionist, who disliked Garth aside room for one more mystery Danielle Shepard were really terrific intensely; the other beauticians; and novel. Certainly, Ascher can write Garth's former wives, Rita Barkley, another one for Avalon Books that will Blip," in which skat was substituted limit for the murder to be solved, Sally Barkley and Tess Barkley, all of confuse and mystify her faithful readbecause Wally's daughter, Debbie, whom had plenty of reason to get rid ers. She's a genuine mystery writer, less, the audience got the meaning will be marrying Elliot Levine on a of this terrible guy. There also are and the truly real mystery writers are from the singers' intonation and body



house in which Tillie lives, who have inhabited the spa; others in the life of the murdered man. Norman Fisch. Katinka Rider, and Ted Donner.

When everything seems to have come to a standstill, and time is running out for a wedding to take place, Wally suddenly comes upon an idea, does her proper research, and ultimately, discovers her murderer.

As with Ascher's other books, it would take a sleuth's sleuth to solve this murder mystery. It's an impressive piece of work, simply and interesting-And so, they are killed.

Joani Ascher's "Vengeance Cuts

When a theater troupe decides to produce a play made up of song and dance only, they best be sure to cast performers who are very strong in these areas.

Unfortunately, Theatre Under the Stars' first production of the 12th sea-

keep the audience mellow. The dance routines, choreographed by Donald Earle Howes, who also directed the production, were energetically executsome nifty footwork to "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)." the Savoy." Swanson's lithe body and elegant line other dancers, Jacki Fogel, Jelani

The singers were a more of a mixed in a tune I'd never heard before, "Bli for understandable words; neverthe-English. Lynette Sheard had a rough

Black Maria Film Festival brings Oscar hopefuls to New Jersey

The Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center in West Orange will welcome home to the township the Black Maria Film and Video Festival today at 8 p.m. The event caps the whirlwind international and statewide tour of New Jersey's only Academy Award qualifying festival.

Named after the world's first motion picture studio built by Thomas Edison in West Orange, the Black Maria Film and Video Festival is one of a small handful of international festivals which qualifies short films for Academy Award nomination. The festival boasts a 23-year history of exhibiting firsh, creative and exciting new works by "inventive" contemporary filmmakers from across the nation and around the globe.

This year the festival received the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Citation for Excellence and will present nearly 80 programs throughout the nation. Each presentation offers stylish and distinctive, often playful, yet timely work which breaks ground and celebrates the art of the motion picture. Any topic or style, narrative, documentary, animation and mixed-genre films are all found in this festival directed by West Orange resident John Columbus, who founded the festival in 1981 with the support of the Edison National Historic Site. The festival is funded by the Charles Edison Fund, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts, and New Jersey City University.

The program will include whimsical, visually stunning and musically inspired work. An Academy Award Animated Short Subject nominee, "Nibbles," will also be shown. The tour de force selection of the program is the stunning collage motion picture titled "Fast Film" from Austrian filmmaker Virgil Widrich featuring a Lauren Bacall-Humphrey Bogard kiss that unleashes a cascade of Golden Era Hollywood clips in an wildly frenetic homage to Tinsel England

OSPAC Executive Director Kate Baker notes that the evening will start with some live music, followed by the Black Maria program after dark. The film pro- from the sea to a pristine island paradise reminiscent of a Henri Rousseau paintgram will be introduced in person by the festival director, John Columbus. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

of a group.

The Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center is a nonprofit organization with Germany Jeroen Offerman takes on Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," but does it a dual mission: to present performances of the highest artistic quality for free or backwards yet forwards in this youthful and energetic parody. It is both a brilat a minimal cost to the public, and to have a strong commitment to arts educaliant postmodern satire and a hilarious performance piece. For more information, visit the Web site at www.ospac.org or call 973-669-• "The Spirit of Gravity" - 6-minute 35mm film also on video by Victor

Bellomo and David Pace, Palo Alto, Calif. 7385. **OSPAC Black Maria program** This outlandish musical animation features a wacky singing philosopher ----Nietzsche - clad in long johns as he flies across a fantasy toy land in a firma-• "Nibbles" - 5-minute video by Chris Hinton, Montreal, Canada: Academy ment of bubbles and twinkling stars somewhere in the Astral Plane.

Award nominee This riotous work of animation art depicts a gluttonous fishing trip careening

across the Canadian landscape guzzling fast food of every description en route. Burgers, fries, doughnuts, pizza, tacos, and even a drive-thru sushi bar won't tame the family's wildly insatiable appetite. • "Fast Film" - 14-minute 35 mm film also on video by Virgil Widrich,

Vienna, Austria Cambridge, Mass. In the space of a Bogard-Bacall kiss cinema history is exquisitely portrayed in a frenetic collage of tidbits from at least 100 Hollywood Golden Era films. • "Double Fiesta" - 6-minute video by Annie Bonney, New York, N.Y. "Famous Irish Americans" — 8-minute video by Roger Beebe, Gainesville This is a runaway train where film noir, westerns, chase films, musicals and

comedies collide in a whirlwind homage to Tinsel Town. Fla • "Henley Royal Regatta" - 3-minute video by Harvey Wang, New York • "Summertime" - 6-minute 16 mm film also video by Nico Clark, Bristol,

NJPAC, WYACT find that 'Anything Goes' with annual collaboration

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Summer of 1930s musical theater Musical Program will presents a Westfield Young Artists Cooperative Theatre production of Cole Porter's quintes- Porter. NJPAC/WYACT is using the 1962 revised version sential 1930s musical comedy, "Anything Goes."

This singing, tap-dancing production, featuring more than 50 talented young performers, musicians, and theater tures scenic design by J. Wiese, costume design by Debra technicians from throughout New Jersey and New York, Reed, lighting and design by Brenda Dolan and sound will premiere July 16 at 7 p.m. in NJPAC's Victoria The- design by Mike Sinclair, with musical direction by Ilene ater. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$14 for children younger Greenbaum, and choreography by Sherry Alban. "Anything 5722 or at the NJPAC box office at 1 Center St. in down- director, Cynthia Meryl. town Newark.

Geraldine R. Dodge. Foundation.

Differing greatly from last summer's serious musical drama, "West Side Story," for which WYACT was award- Evelyn Oakley, Christina Vivenzio from Manhattan as Mrs. ed the prestigious "International Award of Excellence" by Harcourt, and Keyon Richardson from Rahway as Elisha J. Music Theatre International, "Anything Goes" is an exu- Whitney. berant, energetic tap-dancing romp. This light-hearted tale unfolds on a luxurious cruise ship, packed with lovable characters, slapstick comedy, extravagant tap numbers, and Cole Porter's timeless sho tunes, including "Friendship," "I Jennifer Kujawski, Jill Kurzner, Travis Love, Christine ously. Get a Kick Out of You," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "You're Marquet, Christina Masklee, Samuel McDonald, Kaya the Top," "All Through the Night," "De-Lovely," and, of course, "Anything Goes."

The original "Anything Goes" premiered on Broadway on Nov. 21, 1934, starring the legendary Ethel Merman as the glamorous evangelist, Reno Sweeney. Other characters include the pensive gangster Moonface Martin, the lovestruck Billy Crocker, and the debutante Hope Harcourt. This production of "Anything Goes" looks to recapture the performing there from July 30 through Aug. 8. effervescent atmosphere of the cruise ship, the wildly enter-

"Anything Goes" features music and lyrics by Cole

"Anything Goes" will be performed at NJPAC for nine Goes" includes Lindsay Rose Sinclair from Westfield as pany as Billy Crocker, Tara Haight from West Milford as Hope Harcourt, Jon Christian Hoche from Kenvil as Sir

> The rest of the ensemble includes Stephanie Allen. Adam Biner, Brittany Blackwell, Nicole Dolgin, Jacob Esformes, Elaine Gutierrez, Jaclyn Ingoglia, Joey Izzo, Nakamura, Lauren Palmeria, Jennifer Peddicone, Kyndell Pierce, Brittany Servidio, Meggie Siegrist, Kaitlin Soltys, Esley Tate, Joey Tierno, Edward Tolve, Noel Torress, and Caitling White.

Following its engagement at NJPAC's Victoria Theater

quality theater-arts education possible, all at no cost to the manager provides for a unique experience," she said. "I get participants. These aspiring actors and musicians are pro- to see how WYACT truly works and how they work with vided with the unique opportunity to embrace active roles NJPAC." of the script, with a book by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, in a professional theater environment, regardless of their The orchestra, which consists of 21 musicians, is also Howard Lindsay, and Russel Crouse. This production fea- economic background. Performers and technical students anticipating the excitement of rehearsals and performance. from across the region jump at the chance to participate in Matt Chapin of Mercer County, new to WYACT, acknowl-NJPAC and WYACT's professional-level theatrical produc- edges: "I think that NJPAC and WYACT give such a great tions, which sell out every year to enthusiastic audiences. opportunity for kids to just get out there and play their Many of the cast members have taken part in previous instruments and really become something." Amanda Ledthan 14, and may be purchased by telephone at 888-466 Goes" is directed by WYACT's co-founder and artistic NJPAC/WYCAT productions. Those actors and musicians din of Middlesex County adds, "I'm so excited to be speak of their experience with great respect and adoration: involved with 'Anything Goes.' Playing music is some-The principal cast for this production of "Anything Union County resident Kyndell Pierce, a second-time par- thing I want to do for my life and is a great experience."

ticipant, says that "overall, working with NJPAC and performances only, running through July 25. This produc- Reno Sweeney, Ariel Frankel from North Brunswick as WYACT has been such an enlightening experience. I can't laughs and memorable songs, "This is the first fun, silly tion is made possible in part by the Turrell Fund and the gangster Moonface Martin, David Murgittroyd from Whip- wait to do 'Anything Goes.' I know it will be as good as the show that NJPAC and WYACT have done and it should be other shows!"

"NJIAC and WYACT really prepare us for the profesedly, "NJPAC is the Broadway of New Jersey!" sional arena," says Joey Tierno of Middlesex County. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located in the "Everyone is here for the same reason, and to be around heart of an emerging downtown Newark, is the sixth largest that same energy is truly inspiring." Those returning from performing arts center in the United States. having been in previous productions know NJPAC and Home of the Grammy Award-winning New Jersey Sym-WYACT'S summer musicals contribute to their lives, not only as artists, but as professionals that take theater seriphony Orchestra, NJPAC has been widely cited as a cata-

you great exposure to the theater," says Keyon Richardson, a Union County resident and second-time participant. me

Lauren Palmeri of Bergen County says that "NJPAC and from July 16 to 25, this production of "Anything Goes" will WYACT offer a great opportunity to meet new people and Arts. NJPAC is a wheelchair-accessible facility and provides tour to the historic Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manasquan, make friends." Those working on the musical also gain assistive services such as TTY ticket purchase, designated skills and insight about communication and business. The NJPAC/WYACT collaboration enables talented Emma Shankland, assistant stage manager, is grateful to be seating, Sennheiser infrared listening devices, and seat youth from New Jersey and beyond to receive the highest with "Anything Goes." "My position as assistant stage cushions



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Dance outshines vocals in 'Swing' he chanteuses and short and swingy On the Boards By Ruth Ross Theater Correspondent son, "Swing," is more successful in start with "Two and Four" and "Hit the latter category than in the former. Me With a Hot Note and Watch Me rendition Comprised of tunes from the Big Bounce." but she hit her stride later in Leslie Potashner's set - some Band-era, "Swing" has enough catchy the evening with "Skylark," "I'm

melodies and toe-tapping rhythms to Gonna Love You Tonight" which she sang as a duet with Jelani Remy, and "Cry Me a River." The one disappointment was

Danielle Shepard. While she did a fabed by an agile group of dancers, most ulous job with the skat, her singing notably Jeff Foote and Gwen Swan- was screetchy and often off-key. It Arts Center at Crystal Lake in West son. Foote bounced with "a solid four" was painful to listen to her voice go Orange, a lovely venue for an evening and got things off to a great start with flat singing "I'll Be Seeing You," "Blues in the Night" and "Stompin' at

Daille Kettrell's musical direction were used to great advantage in rou- was very good, but the decision to put to pass a couple of hours. Best of all, tines that showcased her talent, such the orchestra at the rear of the stage it's free, and attendance supports a as "Harlem Nocturne," which she per- meant that other than the drums and local treasure. formed with the bass player Brian electronic piano, it was difficult to Connell: "GI Jive:" and the melan- make out the other instruments. It choly wartime hit made popular by Jo would have been better to sit the Under the Stars, will run through Stafford, "I'll Be Seeing You." The orchestra in front of the stage, down at July 17 at the Oskar Schindler Peraudience level, so the horns could be forming Arts Center in West

The costumes, designed by Erik but Swanson owned the stage whenev- Kaplan and Beth Passamano, were Out calendar on Page B5. Bring a er she appeared, either alone or as part appropriately glittery and slinky for chair, a picnic and a blanket.

for the female dancers. One false note: why did the three males wear raincoats and carry attaché cases while singing the wartime hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"? The incongruous cases seemed more like props to carry around than adding something to the

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graduated vertical tubes behind the raised orchestra platform --- was simple enough to decorate the stage without detracting from the words, music and dance.

Theatre Under the Stars performs in the Oskar Schindler Performing of summer entertainment. Even though their production of "Swing" was uneven, the lovely melodies and fancy footwork make it a pleasant way

"Swing," presented by Theater Orange. For information, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping

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'Summertime" is an lush animation synchronized to George Gershwin's haunting lullaby from "Porgy and Bess." The viewer is enjoys a soaring journey

ing. • "The Stairway to St. Paul's" --- 8-minute video by Jeroen Offerman, Berlin,

• "Tender Bodies" — 8-minute 35 mm film also on video by James Duesing Pittsburgh, Pa. • "Flashbacks From My Past: Starry Night" - 4-minute video by Irra Ver

gitsky, New York, N.Y. • "Bacon" — 1-minute video by Hugo Marmugi, Downingtown, Pa. • "Dental Farmer" - 15-minute video by Ellen Brodsky and Dunya Alwan,

> "Anything Goes" is sure to provide a summer night of great!" says Jacklyn Ingoglia of Essex County, speaking for everyone involved with the show. Ingoglia continues excit-

lyst in the revitalization of New Jersey's largest city, attract-"The musicals really broaden your horizons and give ing more than 3.3 million visitors, including more than 600,00 children, in its first six years of operation.

Programming has been made possible in part by funds "NJPAC and WYACT truly opened the doors to acting for from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the



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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 Alexander Hamilton, Ron Goldberger in January/February. Tuition covers of the New Jersey Historical Society is both semesters. The 24-week classes available to present to a special prohave an extended spring schedule.

by professional theater artists and mail class size guarantees 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**

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The deadline to return the registration form is May 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. Appli-

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cants not chosen for placement will be writers should submit scripts, selftion, call Theater School Director Mickey McNany Damian at 973-379-467-3778, or send e-mail to the- Ave., Cranford, 07016. atreschool@papermill.org.

ARTS CLIPS

Talk on famous duel is now being offered

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the duel between Aaron Barr and gram to community groups on the his-

The one-hour presentation will also be directed to 973-763-0700. include historic photographs and artifacts from the Historical Society's extensive collection of New Jersey materials

The legendary duel, which occurred July 11, 1804, took place in Weehawken and has sparked endless debate about the character and political aspiration of both Burr, U.S. Vice President and New York gubernatorial candidate, and Hamilton, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

If your group is interested in scheduling a presentation on this historic event in New Jersey and United States history, call Lily Hodge at 973-596-8500, ext. 234.

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 compa-

The workshop meets once a month, n 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

held on a waiting list and notified if addressed stamped envelopes with a spots become available. For informa- cover letter, including a brief summary of writing background to: Mark Spina, The Theater Project, Union 3636, ext. 2626, send faxes to 973- County College, 1033 Springfield

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Worrall Community Newspapers 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be sent to All Theater School classes taught tory and impact of this infamous duel. 973-763-2557; phone inquiries may Submissions may be sent via email to wen_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 General news and information ---

Monday 5 p.m.

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REUNIONS

Union High School Class of 1984 20-year reunion, Nov. 27.

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1994, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27. Scotch Plains High School Class of 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005. 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. Scotch Plains High School Class of

1985, 20-year reunion, June 11, 2005. Scotch Plains High School Class of 1975, 30 year reunion, 2005.

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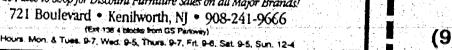
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1964, 40-year reunion, July 31. Union High School Class of 1974, 30-year reunion, Aug. 28.

School, Springfield, Class of 1969, 35-year reunion, Oct. 8.

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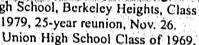
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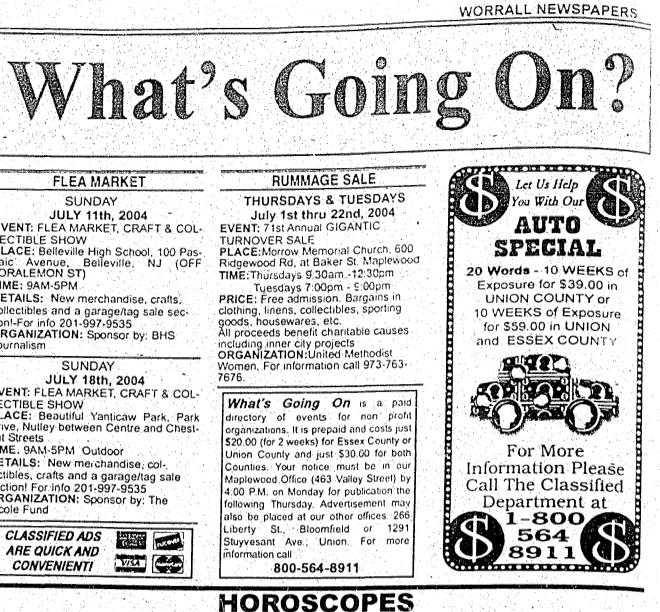


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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good or associate is in position to provide news from or about a co-worker or you with insightful or valuable infor- colleague is exciting and wonderful Show your support and share in the 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 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, wyck.

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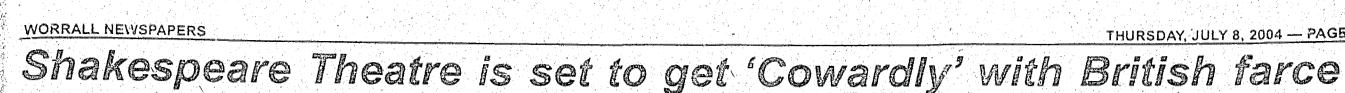
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above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, 07726; or call 732-617-1000. Union High School Class of 1939

will conduct its 65-year reunion Aug. 15. For information, call Frieda Paetel 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 on Sept. 6 by a fiveday reunion cruise leaving from New York City. For information, call Bill Shortlidge at 609-409-2590.

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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

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 hearingmpaired patrons on July 18 at 2 p.m. Advance reservations are recommended. This performance is made possible by the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey n cooperation with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. In the artists' own words

Symposium Series performances include the additional treat 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 "42nd 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 Chaillol." 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 New-Found Land," and "Onward Victoria." He has performed in numerous off-

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From July 13 through Aug. 1, the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will Breadway productions and more than 300 regional productions throughout the a sold-out Opening Night at 7 p.m. on July 17; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., present the second Main Stage production of its 2004 season: Noël Coward's nation, including five seasons at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. This is Gen- beginning July 18; and Sundays, July 18 and 25, at 7 p.m. A special weekday matinee is offered on July 28 at 2 p.m. Regular tickets range from \$34 to \$48. est's ninth season with the Shakespeare Theatre, where he most recently with substantial discounts for groups of 10 or more. appeared as Don John in "Much Ado About Nothing" and the magician Alcandre in "The Illusion." Four-show "Mini-Pak" subscriptions range from \$102 to \$172, offering a dis-

Judith and David's two children, Sorel and Simon Bliss, are portrayed by Katherine Leonard and Michael Kary, respectively: Leonard joins the company. fresh from a successful run in the Tony Award-winning hit musical "Hairspray, Performances are Tuesdays through Sundays at the company's Main Stage in while Kary kicks up his heels in Madison after a run in the energetic off-Broadway musical "Fame on 42nd Street."

Rounding out the cast are Sean Dougherty as Sandy Tyrell, Cindy Katz as Myra Arundel, Caitlin Miller as Jackie Corvton, Randall Newsome as Richard Greatham, and Alison Weller as Clara, the Bliss family maid. About the director.

mation, or to purchase tickets, call the box office at 973-408-5600 or visit the "Hay Fever" is directed by award-winning actor and director Gabriel Barre. who returns to Madison following his critically acclaimed 2002 production of Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ org. "Pericles." His off-Broadway credits include the Manhattan Theatre Club's pro-About the Shakespeare Theatre "duction of "The Wild Party" by Andrew Lippa, which was nominated for 13 of New Jersey Drama Desk Awards and five Outer Critics Circle Awards, both including Best The acclaimed Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is one of the leading Shakespeare theaters in the nation. Serving 100,000 adults and children annual-Director: "Summer of '42:" "Stars in Your Eyes:" "Honky-Tonk Highway:" and "John & Jen." He also directed the recent national tour of Rodgers and Hamly, it is the state's only professional theater company dedicated to Shakespeare's canon and other world classics. Through its distinguished productions and edumerstein's "Cinderella," starring Eartha Kitt, which played for three years. Among his numerous regional theater directorial credits are the Goodspeed cation programs, the company strives to illuminate the universal and lasting rel-Opera House in Connecticut and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Currentevance of the classics for contemporary audiences. ly, he is directing the new Frank Wildhorn musical, "Camille Claudel." and the The 2004 Main Stage season, titled "Awake and Dream!," opened in Madinew Kander and Ebb musical. "The Skin of Our Teeth." As an actor, he has been son with William Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's Lost," followed by Noël nominated for a Tony Award and appears often in film and television. He recent-Coward's "Hay Fever" from July 13 to Aug. 1, Shakespeare's "Richard II from ly completed work on the new independent feature film "The Amazing Floydi-Aug. 10 to 29, John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" from Sept. 7 to Oct. 3, Shakespeare's "Macbeth" from Oct. 19 to Nov. 19, and the new musical "Illyrni," in which he played the lead role. ia" from Nov. 30 to Dec. 26, adapted by Peter Mills and Cara Reichel from The artistic staff Creating the environs for the Bliss family's exploits are set designer James Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." On the Outdoor Stage, located in the Convent Wolk, lighting designer Michael Giannitti, costume designer Karen Ledger. Station section of Morristown, the company presents "A Very Old Man With sound designer Richard M. Dionne and dialect coach Steven Gabis. Enormous Wings" through July 11, adapted by Nilo Cruz from the short story Tickets and general information by Gabriel García Márquez.

Preview performances of "Hay Fever" are at 7:30 p.m. on July 13 and at 8 p.m. on July 14 and 15, offering the thrill of seeing a work-in-process before the part, by funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of show officially opens. Preview tickets are \$26 to \$30.

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., excluding corporations, foundations and individuals.

Union's Model Railroad Club offers enticing discounts for the summer months

The Model Railroad Club Inc., an activity of the Union County Park when we introduced this program last home.' System, announced the return of its, Family Summer Savings Program.

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count of 15 percent off the regular ticket price as well as subscribers-only benefits including ticket exchange privileges, preferred seating and more.

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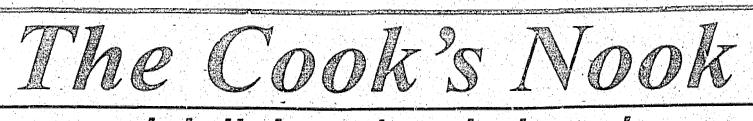
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With 'semi-homemade' dishes, hurried cooks are halfway home

By Saimi Rote 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 authorsuse boxed, bottled, canned and frozen foods, then tweak them to give them a homemade taste.

the silly (Kraft niacaroni and cheese 4 cups of meat from the whole chickrolled inside deli ham slices, cut into en for about the same price." 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 tor." 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 fat. Very few of my recipes call for 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 shelled, deveined shrimp in the freezer."

Finlayson's Paupiettes of Sole Florentine, fish fillets rolled around a filling of fresh baby spinach, covered ried cook's best friend, but if you're four foods should always be on hand. bored with the typical herb-crusted or mustard-slathered recipes, try Fin- ism exists. But I'd say in the pantry, layson's Just Peachy Pork. She creates beans. That's a mainstay. Canned tuna.

ing canned peaches and frozen mixed bell pepper strips in barbecue sauce and Dijon mustard. Pork tenderloin slices are covered with the sauce and baked in the oven for 30 minutes.

In "The Dinner Doctor," Byrn offers at least'a dozen recipes that start with a store-bought rotisserie chicken. "The deli roast chicken is a much better value than buying the cooked The "semi-homemade" recipes in chicken strips. The Tyson's package is this new batch of books range from -what, 6 ounces for \$4? But you can get

Byrn says her Asian Chicken Salad, which starts with a rotisserie chicken, is perfect for potlucks.

"It's fresh and fun, and a great recipe for spring," she said. The shredher bestselling "The Cake Mix Doc- ded chicken is mixed with a bag of coleslaw, dressed with a vinaigrette boosted with the packet of seasonings that came with the ramen soup, then topped with toasted almonds and ramen noodles

In "Half-Scratch Magic" (Clarkson Potter, \$17.95); authors Katherine West Defoyd and Linda West Eckhardt offer recipes that start with a whole roasted chicken, including Chicken With Apricot and Rosemary Glaze on white beans. Cut a rotisserie chicken into guarters and nestle them on top of canned white beans, then spoon on a luscious glaze made from apricot jam, brown sugar and fresh rosemary. Also from "Half-Scratch Magic" comes a simple recipe for Cream of Spinach and Potato Soup With Sage made from a box of readyto-eat potato-leek soup and frozen creamed spinach, punched up with fresh sage and lemon.

Byrn says she runs into concerns about the high sodium in convenience foods

"They can be higher in salt, and in added salt. We can fight that by doing things like rinsing canned vegetables. And there are choices now, healthier versions of almost everything - lowsodium, low-fat versions."

Even if you don't want to convert to "half-scratch" or "doctored" foods on a regular basis, it only makes sense with Alfredo sauce from a jar and to have a few such recipes for those baked, is on the table in about 30 min- emergency evenings when you need a utes. Pork tenderloin can be the hur- meal in a hurry. We asked Byrn what "We're all different, and regional-



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 prepara-

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

Paupiettes of Sole Florentine Yields 4 servings

Cooking time: 15 minutes

I pound sole fillets, thawed i frozen and cut in half lengthwise if necessary

2 tablespoons lemon juice

l teaspoon paprika

Freshly ground black pepper,

- 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 a peach and pepper relish by simmer- Canned seasoned tomatoes. And baby spinach and green onion evenly with bell pepper, barbecue sauce and

over each fillet. Starting at narrow end, roll up, jellyroll-style and secure with toothpick.

Place fish, seam-side down, in lightly greased shallow baking dish (6-cup size works). Cover with Alfre-

do sauce. Bake at 425 F until fish

flakes easily with fork, about 15 min-Remove toothpicks and serve immediately. This recipe is reprinted from "The

Convenience Cook.

1 (14-ounce) can sliced peaches, drained, with 1/4 cup syrup reserved 1 cup diced green bell pepper or. 12 cups frozen mixed bell pepper

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

I pound pork tenderloin, cut into

In saucepan over medium heat,

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 him 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-fla-

or ramen noodle soup mix 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."

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 soun. 1/4 cup fresh sage or 1 tablespoon dried

Juice and zest of 1 lemon

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 andsimmer for 10 minutes to combine fla-

This recipe is reprinted from

Tomato and Fennel Stew

until we're ready to move on."

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

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

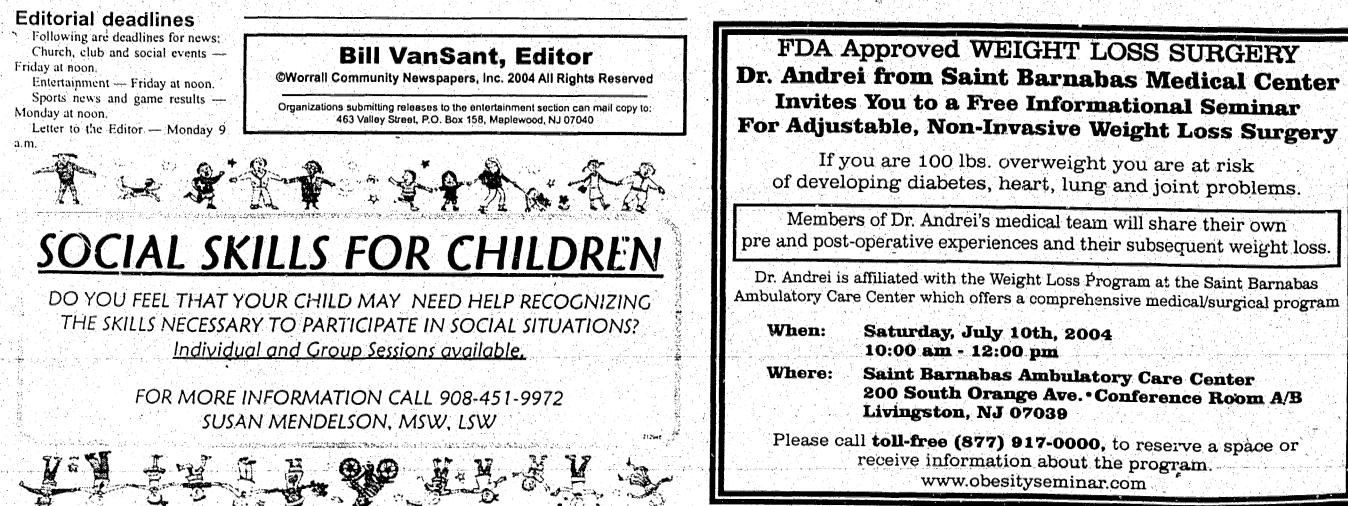
Due to extensive renovations being made to the MacKay Library, the next several shows will move from the gallery space to various venues on the Cranford campus

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.

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 cling 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 in tinuing regularly, no matter what events actually take place, relentless yet reas-



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 background is in environmental design. She has exhibited her artwork nationalcycle begins again the next day.'

- Kate Dodd, artist

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.

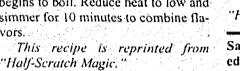
In describing this work, she states, "Sitting in The Commons provides a way to pass time, watching the population shift over the course of the day and intothe night; the cycle begins again the next day. The architecture, the institutionalized modernist rhythm of exposed utility, with everything neat but visible, is a Cranford. vast still interior providing anonymity and a place to wait. A clock on the wall, space of this waiting place... The methodical dance of hours and minutes con-

um, 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 Medi-

ated 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.,

Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on ticking, rotating, in unison with clocks everywhere, but here alone in the huge Saturdays. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays. For more information, call 908-709-7155

Freshly milled pepper



Just Peachy Pork Yields 4 servings Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 30 minutes

¹/₂ cup barbecue sauce

1/2-inch-thick slices

combine peaches and reserved syrup

utes. Preparation time: 15 minutes -

1/2 teaspoon salt

Yields 4 main course servings Preparation time: 10 minutes Cooking time: 7 minutes

2 tablespoons olive oil I cup chopped fresh fennel bulb

1 (28-ounce) can dieed tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano, with liquid

I cup canned low-sodium chicken broth

12 cup dry vermouth or dry white wine 1 pound precleaned raw jumbo

1/4 cup chopped flat leaf parslev

(optional) Good-quality salad croutons (optional)

Place olive oil in 4-quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Add fennel and cook, stirring, until it softens, 2 minutes. Add tomatoes with liquid, broth and wine; cover pan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes. Add shrimp and cook until they just turn pink, 3 minutes. Ladle stew into serving bowls and

garnish with parsley and croutons. Serve at once. 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 I tablespoon fresh rosemary I rotisserie 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 or

"Half-Scratch Magic."

Saimi Rote Bergmann is the food

suring. 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

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 ly in museums, such as the Morris Museum, Morristown, and the Fuller Muse-

at room temperature.

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editor for the Canton (Ohio) Repository. Her e-mail address is saimi.bergmann @cantonrep.com.

Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. The films hriller "The Spook Who Sat by the Door."

e guest speaker for the screenings of "Jim Brown: All American." This HBO Sports Documentary tells the movng story of a complicated, charismatic man, who spent his life in the spotlight. First making football history as one of the 20th century's greatest athletes, he later starred in numerous Hollywood features, where he pioneered a new kind of African-American hero. To capture him, film director Spike Lee traveled to St. Simons' Island, Georgia, of Brown's youth; to the playing fields of white, middle-class

to see shows for free.

The festival presents a screening of Oscar Micheaux's recently rediscovered 1921 silent feature, "The Symbol of the Unconquered," on July 14 in Newark and July 15 in Trenton. "The Symbol of the Unconquered" is the tale of who hates his own race, but is passing for white. Another The festival opens at the Newark Museum on June 30, black man resists romance with a light-skinned black with screenings every Wednesday through Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. woman, who he wrongly thinks is white. Micheaux, a pioduced, directed and distributed 30 to 50 feature films

James Earl Jones will be the special guest of the festival of "Cry, the Beloved Country," a powerful and uplifting 1995 film directed by Darrell Roodt, one of South Africa's leading filmmakers. In "Cry," the lives of two fathers collide in a land torn apart by hatred and injustice — a man of peace, played by Jones, and a man of power and privilege, played by the late Richard Harris, are changed forever by a tragic killing, forming a kind of understanding that could

The award-winning documentary, "A Pillar of Salt, The Angry Woman Syndrome" by Newark native Hafiz Farid, will have a screening July 28 in Newark and July 29 in Trenton, "A Pillar of Salt" delves deeply into the subject of the anger of women in today's contemporary society, the effects, and what needs to take place for the healing process Screenings. Recipients of the bonds will be determined by to begin. Farid won the best documentary directorial debut award at the 2003 New York International Independent Film & Video Festival and will be a guest speaker with Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant, a columnist for Essence maga-

Films for Youth

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, firstserved 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. or www.newjerseystatemuseum.org.

Adult cinema film schedule and descriptions

• Today, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum Film: "Jim Brown: All American" (2002), director, Spike Lee; running time, 140 minutes; U.S.A.; Documen-

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Guest speaker: Jim Brown

• 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 • July 26, 10:30 a.m., Newark Public Library Film: "Cry, the Beloved Country" (1995); director, Dar-July 28, 1 p.m., The Newark Museum rell James Roodt; running time: 106 minutes; South July 29, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum Films: "John Henry," 19 minutes; "Amazing Grace," 9 Africa/U.S.A.; Long Narrative, Drama minutes; "Nigel's Fingerprints," 16 minutes; "Come on Guest speakers: James Earl Jones; Clement A. Price in Rain," 12 minutes Newark, and the Hon. David Dinkins in Trenton.

• July 28, 7 p.m., The Newark Museum July 29, 7:30 p.m., New Jersey State Museum **About The State Museum** Film: "Pillar of Salt" (2002); director, Hafiz Farid; run-, The State Museum is located at 205 W. State St. in Trenton, For more information, call the museum's 24- hour hot ning time: 72 minutes; U.S.A.; Documentary line at 609-292-6464 or visit the Web site online at Guest speakers: Hafiz Farid and Gwendolyn Goldsby-

www.newjerseystatemuseum.org. Grant, columnist for Essence magazine. About The Newark Museum Youth cinema film schedule and descriptions The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington St. in - Today, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum Downtown/Arts District of Newark, For general informa-Films; "I Love Animals," 50 minutes; "Freddy's Big Win," 3 minutes; "A Dawg's Life," 3 minutes; "Wings," 7 tion, call 973-596-6550 or visit www.NewarkMuseum.org.

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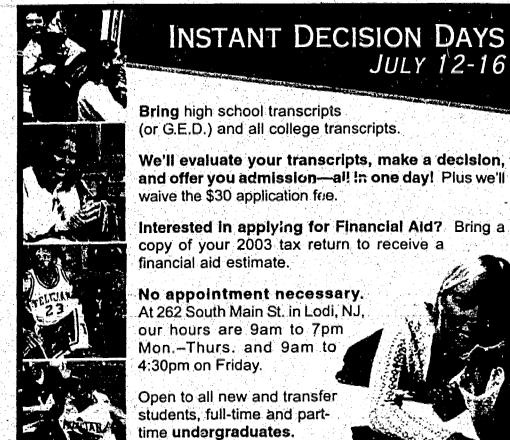


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Directing the program this season is Jake Berger, the Shakespeare Theatre of

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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 man" at County College of Morris and Act II of "The Compleat Wrks of Wilm

have shown an aptitude for performance or a strong interest in classic theater. Shkspr (Abridged)" for First Night Morris. He received his bachelor of science Black Film Festival is currently under way in Trenton and Newark

Celebrating its 30th anniversary season, the Fleet still extol his extraordinary gifts; to Syracuse University Newark Black Film Festival provides a public forum for and points beyond. 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 cele- duplicity and deception involving an ambitious black man brates the full impact of the Black experience in America.

For the first time in its history, the festival will travel to neering African-American filmmaker who wrote, pro-Trenton where it will have screenings at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey State Museum from July 1 through Aug. 5. between 1918 and 1948, was a controversial figure in his. Each program will last for approximately two and a half to time. three hours, including the film screening, followed by a brief question-and-answer session with special guests and for the July 21 in Newark and July 22 in Trenton screening 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 heal a nation. community to join in this celebration which provides a unique opportunity for all," said Abby O'Neill, vice president, senior community relations manger of Fleet New Jer-

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

The Fleet Newark Black Film Festival is the longestrunning black film festival in the United States, building a zine. 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

The Fleet Newark Black Film Festival opened June 30

with a lost African-American classic, the bold political Today in Trenton, the festival welcomes Hall of Fame unning back, community activist and actor Jim Brown as

Manhasset (Long Island) High School, where his coaches

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The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is currently accepting applications Admission is by audition only. This select program runs from June 21 to July 10 degree from Emerson College and his master of fine arts degree in theater edu-for its Junior and Senior Corps, a summer theater program designed for students and Aug. 940 28. The Senior Corps meets Monday through Friday, from 1 to 6 cation from Virginia Commonwealth University. He has taught at the San Diego p.m. and builds upon the foundation of the Junior Corps curriculum, focusing on Junior Theatre. Stagewest, 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, Burning Coal Theatre-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 et 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.

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ington St., Newark Wednesday, 1 p.m., The Newark Museum July 15, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum Film: "Our Friend Martin," 60 minutes • July 19, 10:30 a.m., Newark Public Library

July 22, 1 p.m., New Jersey State Museum

Films: "Yo Yes?," 6 minutes; "Big Mama's," 6 minutes; "All the Colors of the Earth," 7 minutes: "Not So Fast Songololo," 14 minutes: "Flossie and The Fox," 14 minutes July 21, 1 p.m., Newark Screens

Film: "Brother Bear," 85 minutes



PAGE 8 --- THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004

Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area, To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Vailey St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, 07040. Faxes may be-sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

Joan Goldsmith, and Nancy . On, will be on: exhibit at the Women's Resource Center in Summit, 57 New England Ave., Summit, Forinformation, call 908-273-7253, send e-mail to wrold vericon net, or visit the Web site at www.womensource.org.

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

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit Fer information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.mcva.org THE LITERATURE OF THE LEWIS AND

CLARIC EXPEDITION will be on exhibit. through July 16 at the Westfield Memorial

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 paintings of Suzanne Caster Jin 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: SUB.URBAN 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 at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes' County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, For infor- Springfield, For information, call 973-376 mation, call 908-558-2550, NJ Relay users 8544 dial 711, or send inquiries via e-mail to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

SWAIN GALLERIES in Plainfield will exhibit selected works by the winners of the 2004 duCret Juried Fine Art Show from Saturday through July 31. An opening reception will take place Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, For information, call 908-756-1707.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Virginia Cranwell, Svetlana Aniskina, and Elissa Merki throughout the month of July, CHS is located on New Providence Road in Mountainside.

EAST AND WEST, photographs and paintings by Laurie Sansone, will be on exhibit at will meet the third Tuesday of every month the Les Malamut Art Gailery in the Union at 7:30 p.m. at Barries and Noble of Spring-Public Library through Sept. 8.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, call 908-851-5450.

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will . conduct auditions for "After Midnight," an original comedy, Aug. 2 and 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. George's Parish, 417 McCandless St., Linden. Being sought are men and

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BOOKS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will mult at Batnes, and Noble of Clark, Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 732-574-1818

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 1:30 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 nonth at Barnes and Noble in Clark, Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road,

Clark: For information, call 732-574-1818 EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIR-CLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at swing 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Moble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan rock Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-

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

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of - Clark, Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road Clark For information, call 732-574-1818

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark, Barnes and Nobleris 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 infornation, call 973-376-8544. PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP

ield. The selection for July 20 is "The Tenth Justice" by Brad Meltzer, Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

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Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818. SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to

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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 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For infornation, call 973-376-8544

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CONCERTS

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS" SUMMER CON-CERT SERIES IN THE PARK will be sponored in Summit on Tuesday nights beginnina next week

Tuesday: The George Newell Big Band, July 20: The Peter Spink Group, soft

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 brind blankets and/or lawn

"MUSIC OF MIDTOWN" CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Elizabeth Development Company through Sept. 2. 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 Fauzi Racof

July 22: Soul with Nick Rolfe and Slick City Band; with DJ Fauzi Raoof July 29: Caribbean/island music with C.

ast Entertainment, and Verdict Aug. 5: Music from the '50s and '60s with the Willie Lynch Irish-American Show and; with DJ Win Ballou

Aug. 12: Plena, Salsa, Merengue and more with Trio Crystal and La Creacion; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions Aug. 19; Jazz with TK Blue and Bradford

ives; with DJ Mike Aug. 26: Latin jazz and the music of Santana with Yardena's Ensemble and located at 11 S. Broad St. Elizabeth. For Nerdi's Evil Ways Band; with DJ Rob of Col- information, call 908-354-6060.

orblind Productions Sept. 2: Back-to-school with Salsa and more with Bonanno: with DJ Rob of Color blind Productions

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

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CON-CERT SERIES, sponsored by the County of Union, will take place in Echo Lake Park to ug. 25.

Wednesday: De Sol July 21: Brass Tacks Big Band Orchestra July 28: Verdict read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes,

Aug. 4: Sensational Soul Cruisers

Aug. 11: The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozz Aug. 18: JoBonanno & the Godsons of

Soul, and Captain Hawker & the All Stars Aug. 25: The Party Dolls Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. In the event of rain, the June 30 concert will be cancelled. For information, call 908-527-4900.

THE MASTERWORK CHORUS will perform Verdi's "Requiem" on July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave., Summit, Tickets are \$10. and include score rental and refreshments; students pay \$5. For those wishing to listen and not sino, admission is \$5. For information, call 973-445-7008.

DANCE

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

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Rantan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP- will meet every other Monday at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West. For infortion, call 973-376-8544.

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: "Stuart Little," Warinanco Park Aug. 3: "Casabianca," Echo Lake Park Aug. 17: "The Wizard of Oz," Echo Lake

Films begin at 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free, Warinanco Park is located on St. Georges Avenue in Elizabeth; Echo Lake Park is located in Mountainside between Mountain and Springfield avenues. For information, call 908-352-9410.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch, All films begin at 10 a.m. The Main Branch is of the Elizabeth Public Library

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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 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808, send inquiries via e-mail to TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web site at www.tmrci.com.

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POETRY

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

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

RADIO-

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

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Chruch, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45-yearolds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Yankee Buffet Grand Ballroom, 2660 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is \$7. For information, call 908-688-8816.

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present "Guys & Dolls" by Frank Loesser through July 18.

Evening shows are Wednesdays to Saturdays at 8 p.m.: Sundays at 7:30 p.m.: matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 to \$67

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Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information, 973-376-4343, or visit www.PaperMill.org, For group rates, call 973-379-3636, ext. 2438.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will present "A Chorus Line" from July 23 to 31 in Linden High School, 121 W. St. Georges CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years Ave., Linden. Shows are Fridays and Satur-

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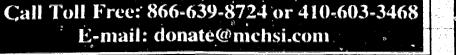
"This is an important new initiative that will help the arts to continue to flourish in our great state," Andrews continued. Thanks to leadership grants from The Geraldine R. Hot tickets are available 24 hours in advance of a per- Dodge Foundation and Verizon, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and many other funders, NJTA was able to develop the site which promises to break down economconcerts, jazz and pop performances, family events and ic barriers to the performing arts.

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July 23: Crankcase, and Fake Gimms July 29: Groove Therapy with Ground July 30: The John Powers Band

July 31: Trash Mavericks For information, call 908-232-5666 or

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SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE in Millburn will forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future

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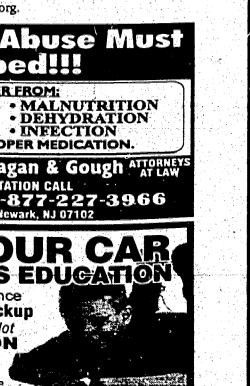
VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musica events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover

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There should now be a maximum effort placed on educating the general public and the gatekeeper physician community — the primary care doctors --- about these low-cost, minimally invasive alternatives to open back

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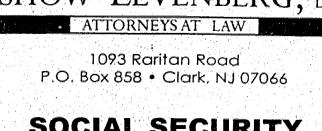
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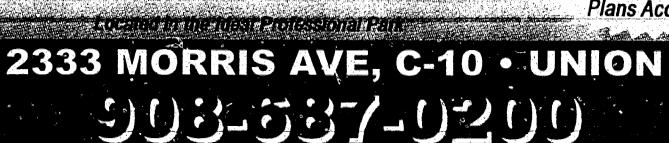
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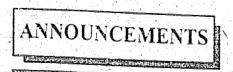
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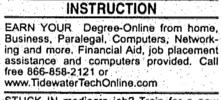
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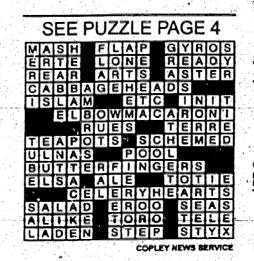
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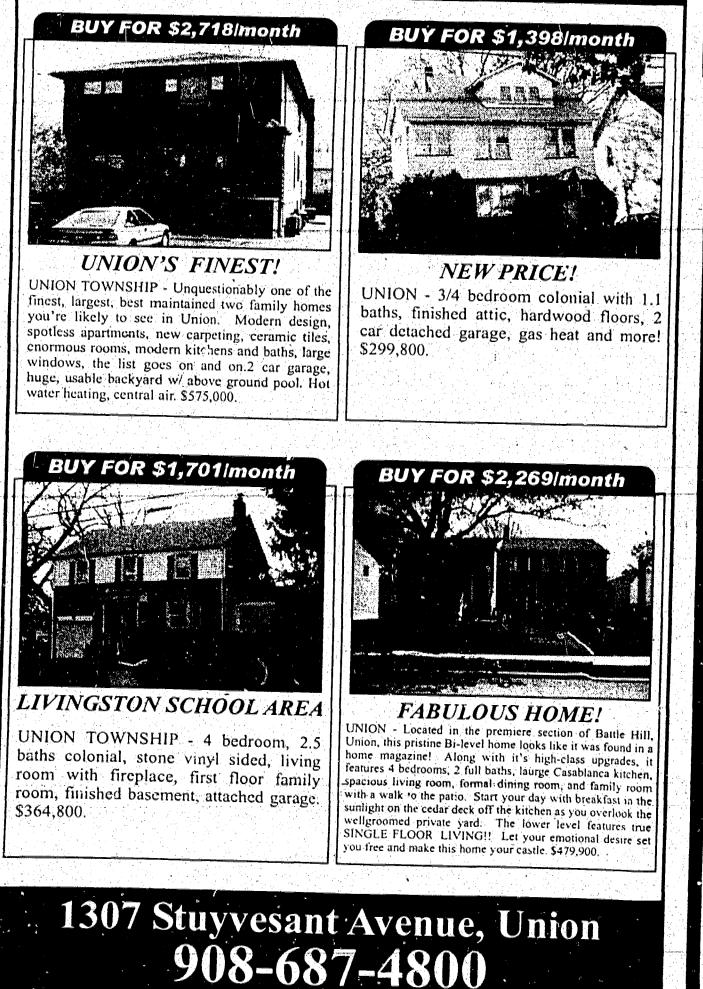
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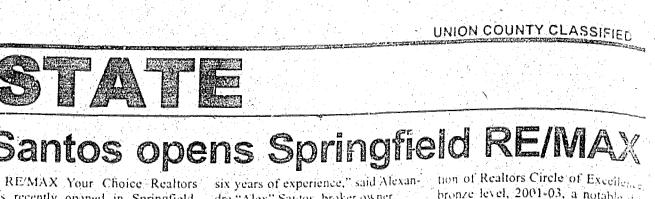
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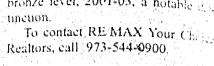


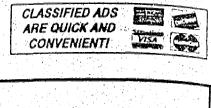
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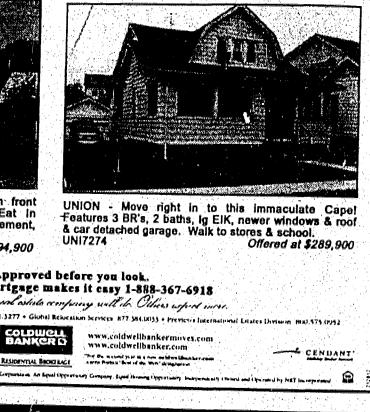


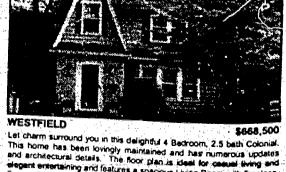




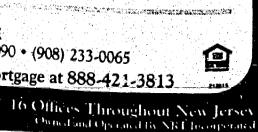


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AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency

ACTION: Proposed rule

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced

Rahway River: At a point immediately upstream of Lawrence Street Approximately 400 feet downstream of Springfield Avenue

At the confluence with Rahway River Approximately 180 feet downstream of Springfield Road

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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 usking each other. "Do you feel like you're in a nearly \$50,000 vehide !

That was a difficult question to answer, because, with the exception of the BMW N5; the \$50,000 mid-size Juxury SUV market is largely uncharted territory.

But prices throughout the industry are quickly advancing, along all acclaimed Navigator-clone interior, fronts, to that once-unthinkable level. There's even a \$40,000 Toyota like, or cost?

on a recent drive through Virginia's Allegheny Mountains had prices rangme from a base MSRP to not quite \$48,000, including all-wheel drive and ment system. a couple of extras.

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

same_way Lincoln had taken a Ford Expedition four years ago and turned it into a Navigator.

successes in Uncoln history. Lincoln is hoping Aviator is a suc-

cess along the same lines. What I mooin seems to have learned from the Blackwood debacle his not to stray very far from the triedand-true. Explorer nearly outsells all. its competition combined, even after

to the Aviator's size, there's enough of selected. an optical illusion in seeing the Aviaat a Navigator.

The signature waterfall grille, front and control. clip, side profile, headlights and tailevery detail.

engineering capabilities.

it and refines it," says J.D. Shanahan, same showrooms.

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 ZF 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 suffered by up to 200 percent; to minimize twisting and bending under extreme driving conditions. The front suspension shock towers were reintorced, 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 con- six-or seven-passenger luxury SUV trol arms.

Brakes also feature slightly larger -pistons and calipers. Up-market Tokicomonotube shocks are another major // DOHC 32-valve 4.6-liter V-8 point of distinction over the Explorer, which has comparatively wimpy generie 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

The Aviator features the same 1960 Continental-inspired dashboard 4Runner now. That's supposed to be a layout, with real wood, leather and standard mid-size SUV. So who's to satin nickel finishes. The interior colsay what a luxury mid-size SUV like ors tend toward the light and bright, a the Aviator should or should not feel direction all Ford vehicles are headed . in the next three to five years, Lin-In farmess, the Aviators we tested colns are enjoying these design cues 38.9/34.8/47.3 inches first

The cabin is reverently quiet under almost all driving conditions. It's per-\$50,000. They had a base price begin- fect for enjoying the THX sound sys- 4,957 ming about \$40,000 and going up to tem, or DVD-based rear seat entertain-

Under the hood, the Aviator employs an aluminum block 4.6-liter V-8. with new four-valve aluminum heads and an aluminum intake manifold with variable-length runners. The Lincoln took the Explorer and result is a 302-horsepower peak output torque at 3,250 rpm.

This is a decided power advantage over the X5 and M-Class, each at limiters in front, theft deterrent sys-The formula certainly worked, in about 285 horsepower, and the new tem, fuel shutoff the instance of the Navigator, which Lexus GX 470, at just 235 horsepowhas become one of the greatest sales er. 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 for the Navigator to enjoy a horsepower boost soon.

The one feature about the Aviator we did not like was the shift points of rather bad press in recent years. It's a lits five-speed automatic transmission, package of styling, utility and value which is adapted from the LS. Up and that consumers find very compelling. down the Blue Ridge Parkway, the P245/65R 17-inch on aluminum. Designer Gerry McGovern has Aviator shifted and downshifted nervdone such a complete job of capturing ously and repeatedly, never seeming Navigator DNA and distilling it down happy for very long with the gear it \$39,995

The comparative vehicles Lincoln tor that, unless the two vehicles are had on hand for us seemed to make up side ov side, you think you are looking on transmission performance what \$42,945 they lacked in steering, handling, ride

Otherwise, the Aviator seemed a lights are all pure Navigator in their refined and well-thought-out addition nation charge to Lincoln's lineup, although it But while putting the Navigator's remains to be seen whether its sales 17-inch, seven-spoke machined alustyling into the shrink machine, Lin- targets will be met at the expense of minum wheels, high-intensity discoln expanded the Explorer's basic competitors, or other Ford products, charge headlights, heated and cooled-"The Aviator takes everything pos- cury Mountaineer, another Explorer itive about Explorer, and builds upon derivative, that will be sold in the

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

Drive system: Front-engine, rearwheel drive, optional all-wheel drive Engine size and type: Aluminum, Horsepower: 302 at 5,750 rpm

Torque: 300 foot-pounds at 3,250 rpm Transmission: Five-speed auto-

matie Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, n/a EPA fuel economy estimates: 13

mpg city, 18 highway Fuel capacity: 22.5 gallons; preim unleaded recommended

Cargo volume: 77 cubic feet Front head/leg/shoulder room:)/42.4/58.3 inches

Middle head/leg/shoulder room 4/36.8/57.6 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room:

Length: 193.3 inches

Wheelbase: 113.7 inches Curb weight: 4,807 pounds, AWD,

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 turned it into an Aviator, in much the 3 at 5,750 ipm and 300 foot-pounds of front and side air bags, Safety Canopy air bag first and second row, lap and shoulder belts, pretensioners and load

> Brakes: Four-wheel, three- or four-channel ABS with EBD Steering: Power-assisted, speed-

sensitive rack and pinion Suspension: Front: Independent around a much heavier vehicle: Look 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

> Tires and wheels: Michelin Pilot Rear-wheel drive, Luxury trim:

All-wheel drive, Luxury trim:

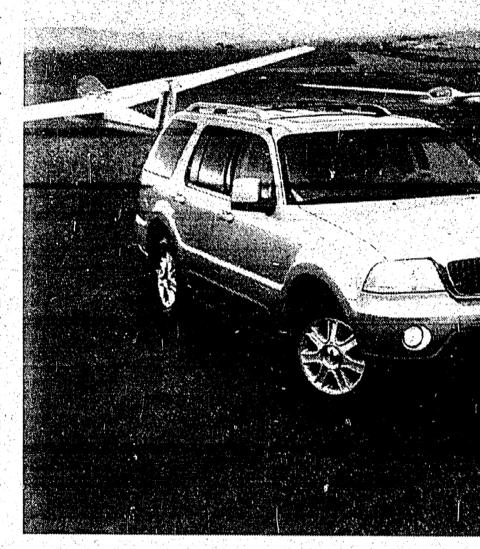
\$42.915 Rear-wheel drive, Premium trim:

All-wheel drive, Premium trim: \$45,865

Note: Prices include S740 desti-Premium-trim models come with

such as the tenuously surviving Mer- seats and an in-dash six-CD changer. Options on all models, include:

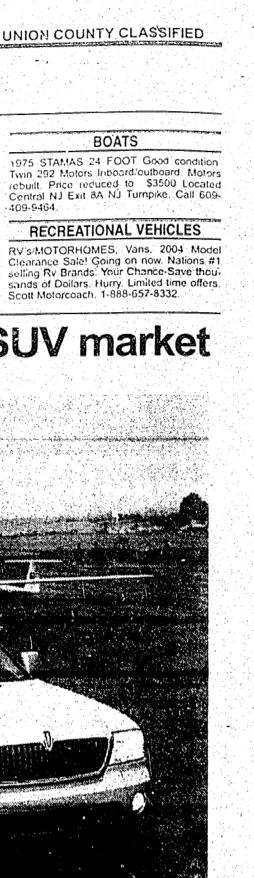
power moon roof, \$1,515; rear-seat DVD entertainment system, \$1,295; class III towing package, 7,3:00pounds, \$295



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