

PGA tour plans get under way

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

A press conference for the 87th PGA Championship opened ticket sales to the public at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield Tuesday, in an effort to drum up excitement for the massive championship, which is now nearly a year away.

One of the biggest guests expected to appear at the Springfield site is golf legend and two-time PGA champion Tiger Woods, along with other notable golf stars such as Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Sergio Garcia and most of the top 100 world-ranked players, according to Tournament Director Bob Jeffrey.

The tournament, which takes place Aug. 8 to Aug. 14, 2005, is expected to draw roughly 35,000 people per day, according to Jeffrey. The addition of staff, volunteers, and media could bring the total to upwards of 40,000 people per day.

"We are looking for volunteers," said Jeffrey, adding that roughly 3,500 people are needed to serve as volunteers to work at merchandise tents, serve as score keepers, rope off walkways, and transport players and players' families to their destinations, among other tasks.

"Volunteers are right on the course with the players," said Jeffrey. "For the transportation of players, you're in a nice Cadillac, you're not standing in the sun."

Roughly 1,200 to 1,300 volunteers are marshals who are chosen from other golf clubs, but Jeffrey



Jim Marks of Watertown, CT, practices with other Golf Writers Association members on the putting green at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield before the start of the media day tournament on Tuesday, where tickets went on sale to the public for the upcoming PGA 2005 Championship.

Photo By Keena Rose Sibayan

said the rest are from the public. Volunteers pay a fee of \$160, and this includes complete training, preferred parking, a uniform, and food and drinks. Those who are interested can call the club at 973-376-1900 or go to their Web site at www.pga2005.com to download an application.

Due to the magnitude of the event, Jeffrey said Baltusrol has worked with the neighboring towns of Summit, Millburn, and Mountainside to get proper clearance and approval while addressing parking

and traffic concerns.

"So far, it's been great, everyone's been very helpful and accommodating," said Jeffrey.

Up to this point, Jeffrey said the main focus has been on opening ticket sales and looking at parking locations, since upwards of 20,000 vehicles are expected to be on site as the event draws closer.

"It's an honor to have the PGA select Baltusrol for the tournament," said Mayor Clara Harelik, adding that she hopes Springfield's stores, businesses, and restaurants will all

be patronized by those residents and non-residents of the township attending the event.

"It's good national exposure," Harelik noted. "It's an exciting time for residents."

Harelik also emphasized that while the event is filled with positives, it should be recognized that it will be accompanied by inconveniences to residents, such as bumper-to-bumper traffic.

Staff Writer Rick Klittich contributed to this report.

District hires assistant superintendent

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

The Springfield Board of Education welcomed Hillary Corburn as the district's new assistant superintendent of schools at the end of their meeting Monday night.

"We're very excited with this appointment," said board member Jacqueline Shanes, echoing the sentiments of the other school board members.

Corburn, hired at an annual salary of \$124,000, is expected to take on her new role Sept. 1, replacing Judy Zimmerman, who retired at the end of June after having served the Springfield district for many years.

Joining Corburn in hearing the news of her new appointment were her husband, Gene, and their daughter, Kaycie. They also have a son, Jesse, who was not present.

"Since my first interview, I've been really excited about serving Springfield," said Corburn. "I'm looking forward to meeting everyone...the teachers, the board, the students."

Corburn, who lives in Highland Park, previously served as program supervisor for the Highland Park district at the middle and high school levels. She has a grade K-12 educational background and teaches seminars as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University with the Graduate School of

Education. She plans to continue to do this as she takes on her new role as assistant superintendent of schools.

Corburn was originally licensed as a math teacher and specializes in math as well as professional staff and curriculum development.

Michael Davino, Springfield's superintendent of schools, said Corburn was one of the top candidates when the district was down to four possible choices as the search process got near its end several weeks ago.

"She has tremendous vision and a clear, distinct presentation," said Davino. "She really brings to the table not only a breadth of experience in K-12 but the professional development necessary to ensure that good teachers have the most up-to-date skills available. She brings all that to the table."

Corburn said she was drawn to serve in the Springfield district after hearing about Davino's vision for the district.

"I feel I can really make a difference," said Corburn. "The district is absolutely moving forward in a positive direction and I want to be a part of that."

She said the district is moving ahead in terms of technology and curriculum development, acquiring a more rigorous and challenging curriculum along with a growing staff development program.

After shooting, town may replace PD vests

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

Springfield Police Officer Christopher LaFragola, who was shot in the chest at around 3 a.m. July 14, is out of the hospital and may be even luckier than one would think.

In the days after the shooting, New Jersey's Attorney General's Office said that the bulletproof vest worn by LaFragola needs to be replaced, as it is not as preventive of injuries as vests made of stronger, longer lasting materials.

The vest was discontinued last fall, and it's the same one that saved LaFragola's life, considering the impact of two bullets which hit the protective covering led to only minor injuries.

Manufactured by Second Chance Body Armor Inc., the vest has been found to deteriorate from moisture and heat. Made of a material called Zylon, state Attorney General Peter Harvey said that the suspect's firing of only a small caliber weapon may explain why there wasn't any serious injury.

According to Police Chief William Chisolm, LaFragola's skin was hit, as there was bleeding.

"If we have defective vests," said Mayor Clara Harelik, "then we will correct the problem."

Harelik said that she had spoken to LaFragola upon his clearance from University Hospital in Newark, and that the 18-year veteran of the department was doing well.

"I called to give him my best and wish him a speedy recovery," said Harelik.

Harelik said that she has already been in conversations with Chisolm and Township Administrator Richard Sheola regarding the replacement of the vests.

According to Harelik, the vests were going to be replaced next year, and that funding was already being built up and set aside for costs.

According to Chisolm, the investigation is currently centered around locating the car, a Ford Taurus that was parked near a wooded area off of Route 22 east prior to LaFragola's approaching of it.

It is unknown where the shots were fired from, as well as how many perpetrators were involved.

As for the vests, which have been blamed for several deaths of police officers around the country in the past couple of years, Chisolm said that it has been an ongoing issue within the township for months.

Harelik said that she isn't sure whether or not there is enough money set aside for new vests for all officers, but that the town will do what is necessary to produce the best body armor the officers can wear.

According to Chisolm, the purchasing of 42 vests priced at \$700 each is in the hands of the town.

"There is no dollar sign that you can put on a life," said Harelik. "We will do what we have to do," she said, adding that other sources will be looked toward for possible grants and funding.

"It's certainly an unfortunate incident," said Harelik of the shooting. "It's a testament to our police officer who noticed suspicious activity," added Harelik, who said that she hopes residents do not become over-concerned and interpret the early morning shooting as being indicative of a crime wave in town.

"I commend the Police Department for the job they do," said Harelik.

Springfield Police are asking for the public's assistance to locate the suspects. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Detective Judd Levenson at 973-912-2249.

All calls will be kept confidential.

James Morton, secretary for the Springfield Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 76, said a company soliciting telephone donations for a bulletproof vest drive has come to the attention of the PBA. He said this company is in no way connected to the Springfield PBA and wanted to warn the public that the PBA has no knowledge of where these donations are going.

"In no way whatsoever are we doing anything to raise money for donations," said Springfield PBA President John Cook. "We didn't set up anything with any company. It's somebody trying to take advantage of sympathy from the public."

Managing Editor Brian Pedersen contributed to this report.

School districts halt bill to bid out bus routes

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

A bill that would require the Springfield and Mountainside school districts, among others around New Jersey, to bid out all of its bus routes, is currently on hold due to downfalls that have been pointed out by municipalities.

The bill would essentially prevent districts from sharing transportation services with other districts. Springfield and Mountainside, for example, currently join other districts in sharing routes, along with the costs associated with these routes, provided by

jointure commissions.

Under the bill, which was proposed by state Sen. Paul Sarlo, D-Wood Ridge, public entities such as Union County Educational Services, which has long been used by Springfield, and the Morris-Union Jointure Commission, whose services were recently approved for at Mountainside's last Board of Education meeting, would be forced to bid on bus routes and student transportation to a local school district.

"With these services going out to bid every year," said Mountainside Board of Education President Peter

Goggi, "it could, theoretically, hurt the district."

The two organizations provide busing services for sporting events, field trips and special education students who attend schools in out-of-district locations.

In Springfield, the school district would only be affected due to special education students who attend schools in outside municipalities, such as New Providence.

Springfield School Business Administrator Matthew Clarke gave the example of having one student in Springfield and one student in Cran-

ford who both attend an outside school district for special needs.

"They would set up a route for that," said Clarke of the Morris-Union Jointure Commission. "They cannot bid it themselves for a company to transport the students."

According to Goggi, certain measures are being looked into to combat the possibilities of higher costs and uncertain dependability.

As part of the contractual process, Goggi said that penalty clauses may be instituted. He explained that penalties would be enforced if timeliness is not proven by the bus companies.

Pothole repair plan gains council's approval

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Potholes keep popping up along the streets of Mountainside, and the Borough Council has been grappling with ways to repair them in a quick and efficient manner.

"We do not have the sufficient equipment, personnel, or know-how to fix potholes in this town," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti at their July 13 work session. A resolution was approved at their regular Tuesday meeting to develop a repair program.

At the work session, Vigilanti said

Mountainside has many nice streets with good surfacing, but potholes still form.

The mayor asked the council if it would be a good idea to go out to bid to hire a professional company to repair all the potholes in the town and help extend the life of the roads.

Borough Attorney John Post explained how a bid process would be put together.

The borough would have to create a set of specifications, develop a contract so the company could come into the town and do the work and the bor-

ough would have to send the company an invoice pursuant to contract work.

Post said that if the work goes above \$15,000, the borough should put the work out to public bid.

"I think we would be better putting it out to public bid at the \$25,000 range and use that for a guide for future use," said Borough Engineer Mike Disko. "We would make some initial estimates in the public bid."

Once the borough has the bid, Disko said it would be possible to make detailed services of streets and develop a plan and an inspection

process and a one-year performance bond.

Vigilanti said the maximum amount of the bid should be \$25,000 for the first year, with the money coming out of the borough's maintenance budget.

The mayor said he had been driving through town and noticed a lot of potholes on some "very nice streets."

He said individual roads can be prioritized, with the borough possibly doing less and less work as the program continues. "That's the way I envision this program," said Vigilanti.

Public meeting set for rec center proposal

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Questions about the status of an architectural report for the preliminary proposal to build a community center in Mountainside came up at the Borough Council meeting on Tuesday, with resident Scott Schmedel asking for a timeframe of when a brochure of the project's details will be available to the public.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti said the design committee — the group studying the architectural plans — met with the architectural firm roughly a week ago. During that meeting, Vigilanti said more questions came up about items that were

proposed for the new community center.

With plans to put the proposal of a community center into a non-binding referendum that will appear on the November election ballot, the council has to make an Aug. 20 deadline. Vigilanti said the ballot question will be a simple yes or no question asking the public if they agree to have a community center built in Mountainside.

Vigilanti said he would like to have a public meeting for the whole community on Oct. 6, possibly in the gymnasium at Deerfield School to discuss the plans.

"We have to go back to one more meeting with the design committee," said Vigilanti. "We would

like to see everything in writing in advance of the October meeting."

At the October meeting, Vigilanti said the council would like to have all of the financial aspects of the proposal in writing, so the public can easily see and understand the figures. The mayor said he would try to have the borough auditors certify all the paperwork and get this data out to the public before the October meeting.

The proposed area is on the Barns Tract, located between the 7-11 and the Community Pool. In March, the council passed a resolution to commit to the architectural firm of Feitlowitz and Kosten of Livingston for preliminary plans.

Township awaits word on Green Acres funding for Meisel project

By Brian Pedersen
Managing Editor

Providing a possible glimpse of hope into the Springfield school district's efforts to get Meisel Field in usable shape for students, the Board of Education heard the first news of a potential finish date for the construction and renovation work at their Monday meeting.

School Business Administrator Matthew Clarke said county officials

told him that more remediation work still needs to be done at the field, with the bid process expected to begin this summer, construction in the fall, winter and early spring, and a tentative completion date of September 2005.

The completion date could not be confirmed by Union County Engineer Jeffrey Sias, but he did say more remediation work is currently being done.

"There was additional remediation

work back in the corner, basically the removal of tainted soil," said Sias. "We completed Phase 1, we expect to complete additional work fairly soon."

Sias said at this point, no plans have been finalized by county officials for Meisel Avenue Park renovations and no completion date is set for the remediation work of the field.

Mayor Clara Harelik, who has also been keeping in contact with county officials to get regular updates, said

she has heard of no set completion date at this time. Her last communication with the county was last week.

Earlier this year, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved \$1.1 million for the redevelopment of Meisel Avenue Park, which included Meisel Field. The county also applied for state Green Acres funding of another \$1.1 million, bringing the total cost of the Meisel project up to \$2.2 million.

This funding has to be reviewed and approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund. This process was supposed to take 90 days, but has since surpassed that timeframe.

The mayor said she had been told by county officials that an announcement on whether or not this was approved is expected sometime this week.

"There's not a lot that the town and the Board of Ed can do to push it

along," said Harelik. "In this particular case, it's now in the state's hands."

She said the township is continuously in touch with Union County and that it's in the best interest of all involved to get it completed. She pointed out that the township was quick to get a public hearing on the issue back in February at a community meeting that took place at the high school. At this meeting, the Township Committee showed their plans.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

The Springfield Environmental Commission will sponsor "Stream Assessment Training" from 9 a.m. to noon.

The training will be conducted by Peter Chaibongsai, Americorps Watershed Ambassador with the Union County Watershed Education Program. There will be a short presentation at the Sarah Bayle Civic Center on Church Mall in Springfield, followed by field work in a local stream to evaluate water quality.

Registration is required. Call Simone Miller at 908-608-0679.

Sunday

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. James Church, 41-45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

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

For more information, or to sign up for a blood drive, call 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140.

Monday

This summer's Springfield Farmer's Market will continue 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.

The Springfield Township Committee will meet in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

The 2004 Union County Summer Arts Festival comes back to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside with free concerts Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Verdict performs tonight.

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.

Upcoming

Aug. 4

A blood drive will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. at Mountainside/Westfield Chapter of the American Red Cross, 321 Elm St., Westfield. Donors are asked to bring a form of I.D. For information, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or go to www.redcross.org.

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

Aug. 8

The Sisterhood of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, will conduct its annual rummage sale at 78 So. Springfield Ave. in the temple's social hall on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items for sale include housewares, clothing, furniture, toys, and more. Additionally, Aug. 9 will be "Brown Bag Day." A brown grocery bag can be filled up with assorted items for \$4. The public is invited to attend.

Information can be obtained by calling the temple office, 973-379-5387 or from the temple Web site, www.sharey.org.

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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.

Police arrest man for outstanding warrant from South Brunswick

Mountainside

On Friday, at 4:53 p.m., the Mountainside Police Department arrested David L. Wingo, 37, of Port Reading, on Route 22 in Mountainside, for an active outstanding warrant from South Brunswick, while he was in headquarters posting bail for another individual.

On Friday, at 1:38 a.m., Vivi E. Wooten, 24, of Elizabeth, was arrested on Route 22 East at the Scotch Plains line. She was stopped for a broken door mirror, and it was later revealed the driver was suspended with an active outstanding warrant from Elizabeth, for \$680.

POLICE BLOTTER

On Friday, at 3:43 p.m., Paul A. Kroman, 31, of Roselle, was arrested for driving with a suspended license. The registration was also suspended, and it revealed the owner was not the operator. The vehicle was impounded.

On Sunday, at 3:48 p.m., Jorge I. Guzman-Alvarez, 32, of North Plainfield, was arrested on Route 22 West for driving under the influence.

At 12:58 a.m. on Sunday, Arthur B. Thomas, 30, of Manhattan was arrested on Route 22 at the rest area, for speeding. It was later revealed the driver had a suspended New York license.

At 1:04 p.m., on Friday, Humberto Nieves Jr., 19, of Bloomfield, was arrested on Route 22 East at Globe Avenue.

He was stopped for careless driving, and a computer check revealed outstanding warrants from Harrison Municipal Court.

On Friday, at 12:20 p.m., Jose Manuel, 23, of Linden, was arrested on Woodacres Drive and New Providence Road in Mountainside. He had failed to observe a signal and was found to be an unlicensed driver with no form of identification.

Prontnicki joins child relief fund

Gov. James McGreevey has reappointed Mountainside resident Janice Prontnicki, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., a neurodevelopmental pediatrician at Children's Specialized Hospital, to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission.

The fund was established to provide financial assistance for families whose children have experienced an illness or condition which is not otherwise covered by insurance, state or federal programs, or other sources such as fund-raising. New Jersey was the first state to establish such a program.

"It is an honor to serve on the commission because the fund reduces the financial burden families face when dealing with a child's illness or special needs," said Dr. Prontnicki.

Dr. Prontnicki has been on staff at Children's Specialized since 1999. A Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, she graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and the New York University School of Medicine. She also holds a masters in Pediatric Health from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

She serves as vice-president of The American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey Chapter and holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Pediatrics of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School/UMDNJ.

The following incurred expenses will be considered and may be eligible for payment/reimbursement if found reasonable.

The categories include, but are not limited to: specialized pediatric ambulatory care, treatment for attentional/mental health services, care in acute or specialized hospitals, physician care in all settings, pharmaceuticals, disposable medical supplies and durable medical equipment, transportation for child's medical care, home health care, experimental medical treatment or pharmaceuticals following special review.

For information on the Fund, call 1-800-335-FUND.

An affiliate member of the Robert Wood Johnson Health System, Children's Specialized Hospital is the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States. The hospital provides specialized care for children with chronic illnesses as well as evaluation and treatment.



Janice Prontnicki

Firefighters respond to brush fire

Springfield

The Springfield Fire Department responded to a Linda Lane residence for a brush fire on July 12 at 7:21 a.m.

Firefighters responded to a Christy Lane residence for an electrical problem on July 10 at 3:07 p.m.

At 8:16 a.m., all units responded to a Mountain Avenue residence for a house fire on July 12.

On July 12 at 12:51 p.m., firefighters responded to a Route 22 East accident with injuries.

At 5:44 p.m. on July 13, firefighters responded to the area of Mountain and Waverly Avenues for a motor vehicle striking a moped.

On July 14, firefighters responded to Route 24 West for a motor vehicle accident.

At 4:54 p.m., firefighters responded to a Morris Turnpike business for a child locked in the car on July 15.

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Freshness can be found here

By Rick Klitich Staff Writer

The recent opening of this summer's Springfield Farmer's Market once again marks the beginning of a summer filled with fresh products, friendly service, and community gathering.

The farmer's market provides convenient service to residents of Springfield," said Mayor Clara Harelik.

Open from noon to 6 p.m. every Monday at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot, the market features fresh produce, fresh cut flowers and baked goods, among other treats.

Township Committeeman Sy Mullman described the setting as small and cozy.

"It's community oriented," Mullman said, adding that it isn't overwhelming, but is filled with "great stuff."

Mullman noted that the market did better last year than the year before, and he hoped the trend continues.

Kurt Alstede, owner of Alstede Farms in Chester, has set up shop at the market for the last several years.

"The best part about this is that consumers and residents can take advantage of Jersey fresh products that are healthy, safe and nutritious, that they may otherwise not obtain," said Alstede, adding that he is the only "grower" at the market.

Alstede's sale includes a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, ranging from peaches, apples and raspberries, to sweet corn, summer squash and peppers.

While Alstede is the only grower at the market right now, he said his stand still fits the setting, comparable to a Macy's department store that can lie in a mall or on its own.

"It really is particular to the town," said Alstede of the market. "It gives residents a greater sense of community."

Harelik also said that she encourages residents to not only visit the



Jim Matarazzo, owner and farmer of Matarazzo Farms, puts out some peaches at a stand of the Springfield Farmers' Market. The market runs every Monday at the Jonathan Dayton High School parking lot, from noon to 6 p.m.

farmers' market on Mondays, but to continue to shop in Springfield during the other six days each week. The mayor noted that while the market has lots to offer, Springfield's restaurants and supermarkets should attract residents during the rest of the week, as well.

"It provides a great variety of products," Harelik said. "We've gotten nothing but positive feedback about it."

Harelik also said that she encourages residents to not only visit the

Council files application for grant to improve borough rec facilities

By Rick Klitich Staff Writer

In conjunction with the Mountainside Recreation Department, the Borough Council has agreed to file an application for a Kids Recreation Trust Grant that would give them the opportunity to receive \$52,500 to be used for improving local recreation facilities, among other things.

The three major projects that are the focus of the grant application include the resurfacing of the tennis courts located at Deerfield School, which, according to Recreation Director Susan Winans, has been in need of the improvement for some time.

"We've known that the courts needed to be resurfaced," said Winans.

"The condition has been deteriorating and we've discussed this for the last couple of years, waiting for funding opportunities."

The other two major projects are the realignment of the Pony League baseball field located at Deerfield School, along with the addition of batting cages for the school's fields, as well.

In all, the borough will be hoping for \$50,000 from the Office of Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, which it will match to a total \$100,000, to put toward the three projects.

If the grant is awarded, Mountainside's Little League baseball program will help the borough by contributing

\$18,000 that is to be included in the matching of the \$50,000.

"It's very important to take advantage of these grant opportunities, especially if you've had these needs on the drawing board for a while," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti, noting that the Borough Council has been addressing the recreation program for the last seven to eight years. "Receiving money through the grants allows for a break on the taxpayers, too."

A smaller sized grant is also being applied for in the amount of \$2,500, which would be used to purchase two pitching machines and softball helmets with facemasks. The pitching machines would be used at Deerfield, in connection with the batting cages.

and the retrofitted softball helmets would meet mandatory requirements recently handed down by the National Softball Association. According to the NSA, it is now mandatory for softball helmets to have face masks for a safety requirement.

The Police Athletic League in Mountainside will match the \$2,500 grant if awarded.

Vigilanti said that with the changing demographics of the borough, it's important to realize that as younger families buy houses in town, the recreation programs needs to remain attractive.

"There's a cycle right now where long-time residents are selling their homes to younger families," said Vigilanti. "We need benefits for these people."

Vigilanti added that the borough also takes pride in senior recreation programs, and that as a whole, recreation is one area that needs to constantly be evaluated.

After being awarded grants through the same program in past years, when it was titled "Field of Dreams" and "Historical Preservation Fund," Vigilanti seemed confident that the borough would receive the money

asked for in this year's application. Through the Field of Dreams grant, the borough had received \$100,000 for the lighting at the baseball and softball fields, among other improvements.

"We review every possible grant we can apply for," Vigilanti said.

Movie Days continue

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its Young Adult Movie Days on Wednesday at 2 p.m. For information, call 973-376-4930. In this film, Dr. Indiana Jones is on a perilous hunt for the Holy Grail.

Greenway path puts open space in sight

By Rick Klitich Staff Writer

Asking for support from municipalities around New Jersey, including Springfield, The East Coast Greenway Alliance is moving forward with the creation of a 2,600-mile path that runs from Maine to Florida, including 17 miles that go straight through Union County.

More than 10 years ago, cyclists, hikers, and joggers from the New England and Mid-Atlantic region met to discuss the beginning of their nonprofit organization.

Now, the county is on the way to linking a multi-use trail from Maine to the Railway River Park.

The trail will go north into Clark through Linden and into Winfield Park, extending into Cranford and eventually through Kentworth and into Union, offering nearby Springfield and Mountainside residents an opportunity to enjoy more open space.

After touching on Hillside, the path will hit Essex County's Weequahic Park.

"It's a wonderful facility that'll allow people to walk and travel in some very beautiful areas," said Helen Heumann, a member of the Springfield Environmental Commission.

Heumann added that it's a great opportunity to take advantage of the parks around the coast and state of New Jersey.

"It's fresh and it's priced right," Mullman said. "It's another option — people enjoy it."

For information, call Town Hall at 973-912-2201.

will be obstacles in completing the task.

According to Elizabeth Brody, chairman of the New Jersey Committee for East Coast Greenway, the hardest part of extending the path will come in Hudson County, where the use of an abandoned rail center will come into play. According to Brody, negotiations with the freight line in charge of the rail center are expected to be lengthy.

Besides Hudson County, Brody sees the Hackensack River to also be problematic, explaining that having on-site bridge tenders would most likely be expensive.

In the meantime, the alliance is developing a cue sheet that will direct a promotional group through an interim route in October. While the route is safe, Brody said that the main difference comes in the fact that the interim path will require the use of many roads, which would conflict with the idea of absorbing nature and the surrounding parks.

"It serves two populations," said Brody, of the project that she estimates could take over a decade to be completed. "It helps local people to shop, go to school, go to the library, and just get around the area. At the same time, it allows people to enjoy getting exercise even more than they did before."

One of 15 chairpersons for each state involved in the project, Brody said that while people already use most of the routes involved, the connection and convenience of traveling many routes should encourage people to use the paths.

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Union C. finally has lead

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK - Finally, it took the Union County football All-Stars 10 years and 11 games to take their first lead in the News-Tribune Snapple Bowl series.

Union County won for the second time in a row and for the fourth time in the past five years last Thursday night, downing Middlesex County by a score of 19-7.

Union County, which posted the first shutout in the series last year, became the first team to win back-to-back contests for a second time.

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Union County All-Stars celebrate last Thursday night's 19-7 win over Middlesex County in Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl XI played at East Brunswick.

Union County All-Stars top Middlesex by a 19-7 score

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK - Another great defensive effort. That's what the Union County All-Star football team gave in its 19-7 victory over Middlesex County in the Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl XI on Thursday night at Jay Doyle Field.

Union, which now leads the series 6-5, has won two straight and four of the last five.

This was the second consecutive year that the game was played at East Brunswick, despite the fact that contest usually alternates sites. Kean University, which was used in 2002, is upgrading its facility and was not available for the game.

Proceeds from the charity event benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

Union, which recorded the first shutout in the series last year with a 13-0 triumph, got a big boost from its defense early on as a turnover paved the way for six points.

After Middlesex took the opening kickoff and advanced to the Union 45-yard line, it was facing a third-and-nine.

Quarterback Dan Osofsky dropped back to pass, but was Linden's Norman Wakefield, which caused a fumble that was recovered by New Providence's Bruce Fryer at the Middlesex 47.

"I just saw the opening and rushed in," Wakefield said. "We didn't do a good job of covering their quarterback's back."

Wakefield, who will continue his football playing days at Baylor University this fall, felt the defense came together during the week of practice.

PGA Championship at BGC in Aug. 2005 Woods will make NJ debut

The press conference to announce the kickoff of official, general public, tickets for the 87th PGA Championship, which will take place Aug. 8-14, 2005 at Baltusol Golf Club in Springfield, took place Tuesday morning at BGC.

Roger Warren, President-Elect 2005, PGA of America; George Zollinger, President and CEO, New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; and John Hunkeler, General Chairman, 87th PGA Championship were present at the press conference to give further information about the first golf major to be played at Baltusol since the 1993 U.S. Open.

The 87th PGA Championship at BGC will mark the first time in 63 years that the event has been played in New Jersey.

It was last played in the Garden State in 1942 at Seaview Country Club in Atlantic City, where golf legend Sam Snead captured the first of his seven major championships.

Highlighting the field at the 87th PGA Championship in 2005, the last leg of golf's Grand Slam, will be two-time PGA Champion Tiger Woods, who will be playing his first competitive professional golf ever in New Jersey.

In addition, as the season's final major, the PGA Championship traditionally boasts golf's greatest international field and includes such stars as Vijay Singh, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson, Davis Love III, Mike Weir and Sergio Garcia to name a few.

Ticket packages were available for the general public beginning Tuesday morning by calling 1-800-PGA-TICKET or by logging on to www.pga2005.com.

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Gathering invites new and old members

Come meet Rabbi Stuart Gershon, and socialize with current Temple Sinai members and prospective members at an informal wine and cheese gathering at the home of their membership co-chairman located at 208 Summit Ave. in Summit.

The event will take place on Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Guests can learn about membership in Temple Sinai and find out about their religious school and find out about their religious school and find out about their religious school.

Summer services begin at Sha'arey Shalom. Summer services at Temple 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 led by lay members of the congregation.

Members of the congregation. Rabbi Joshua Goldstein will lead the summer service on Friday, July 30.

Conducting services on Friday, will be Larry, Janet Maslow and family of Springfield; Aug. 6, Marc and Pam Bain of Springfield; Aug. 13, Jonathan, Linda Krausner and family, residents of Maplewood; Aug. 20, Bill and Sandy Weiss of Summit; and Aug. 27, Shabbat morning minyan members.

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Springfield swimmers post win vs. Madison

The Springfield swimming team posted an impressive 225-208 victory over Madison July 11 in North Jersey Summer Swim League competition.

Springfield was then defeated by Mountainside by a 231-168 score on July 7. Here's a look at how Springfield swimmers performed in their triumph against Madison:

In the 13-and-under individual medley, Cesar Santana was first for the boys and Carolyn Maul first and Annie Demberger second for the girls.

In the 8-and-under freestyle, Jason Hoehn was first and Chloé Boyle second for the boys and Allison Dornico third for the girls. Matthew Leibowitz was second for the 9-10 boys and Shannon Boyle third for the girls. Alex Sturm was third for the 13-14 boys and Kim Baldwin third for the girls. Louis Puopolo was first and Cesar Santana third for the 15-18 boys, while Joanna Galante was first, Cat Andrasco second and Jodie Cotage third for the girls.

Declan Kelly was first and Tavish Boyle third for the 8-and-under boys in the backstroke. Kelsey Baldwin was first and Jane Ricciardi second for the girls. In the 11-12 age group, Jake Kozlenko was first for the boys and Kim Baldwin was first for the girls. Andrew Kocur was second for the 13-14 boys, Louis Puopolo for the girls.

In the breaststroke, Jason Hoehn was second for the 8-and-under boys and Kelsey Baldwin first and Allison Dornico second for the girls. JonJon Gonzalez was first for the 9-10 boys and Brooke Lantier first and Shannon Boyle second for the girls. Kevin Ricciardi was first for the 11-12 boys and Dina Kapengut first for the girls. Alex Sturm was second and Andrew Kocur third for the 13-14 boys and Julie Palermo second and Jenn Sealie third for the girls. Nick Paolino was first for the 15-18 boys, while Carolyn Maul was first, Maria Innes second and Lindsey Politi third.

In the butterfly, Declan Kelly was first for the 8-and-under boys and Ricciardi first for the girls. JonJon Gonzalez was first for the 9-10 boys and Brooke Lantier first for the girls. Jake Kozlenko was second for the 11-12 boys, Alex Sturm second for the 13-14 boys and Kim Baldwin and Kalli Turcott second for the 15-18 boys and Joanna Galante and Annie Demberger first and second for the girls.

In the medley relay, the 12-and-under boys team of M. Leibowitz, K. Ricciardi, J. Gonzalez and J. Kozlenko was first. The team of B. Lantier, D. Kapengut, A. Fishkin and S. Boyle was second for the girls, while the team of K. Seelye, C. Apicella, A. Weber, J. Turk, and V. Vermeke was third. In 13-and-over competition, the team of A. Kocur, J. Cottage, J. Costa and M. Paolino was also first.

In the 8-and-under co-ed freestyle relay, the team of D. Kelly, J. Ricciardi, J. Hoehn and A. Kapengut placed first. The team of C. Boyle, K. Baldwin, S. Salcedo and A. Dornico finished second.

In the freestyle relay, the 12-and-under girls team of J. Gonzalez, S. Roz, E. Karan and K. Murray placed first and the team of R. Murray, G. Zingali, S. Majewski and E. Seefick came in second.

This time Cherilus broke free on the right flat and hauled in a pass that went for 53 yards to bring the ball to the Middlesex 21.

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Boy Scouts from St. James Troop 73 of Springfield conducted a demonstration on Sunday at the Springfield Municipal Pool. The scouts also celebrated the end of a very successful and fun-packed year of scouting with a family barbecue/camp-out at Watchung Reservation.

St. James Troop 73 packs lots of fun into their yearly schedule

St. James Troop 73 Boy Scouts demonstrated scouting skills and camping techniques at the Springfield Municipal Pool on Sunday, July 11. The troop will resume meetings at Chisolm Community Center on Monday nights in September. For information on scouting, call Scoutmaster James Kukucka at 908-754-5828, or Jim Fritzen at 973-467-0210.

The scouts enjoyed many activities this past year, including: caving in northern New Jersey, canoeing on the Delaware, white-water rafting, backpacking at Assateague National Seashore in Maryland, backpacking at Round Valley, outdoor survival train-

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE RENT LEVELING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20, 2004 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Clothing drive benefits needy

Boxes of clothing might be called "clutter" by some, but to members of Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church and St. James the Apostle Church in Springfield, the piles have a heavenly appeal. "We are excited about the energy surfacing around this new ministry. Donors continue to express how grateful they are that their barely used or new clothing is going to someone truly in need," said the Rev. Elaine Wing, pastor at Emanuel. She added that their inventory is still very low in the junior or teen department. "Parents who are barely surviving or living in a shelter simply don't have the money to buy new jeans or sneakers at today's high prices," she said.

AT THE LIBRARY

Bedtime Stories
On Tuesday 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.

Storytime and Crafts
At the Mountainside Free Public Library on Constitution Plaza, Storytime and Crafts, featuring the summer theme, "Discover New Trails...Read!" will continue every Thursday from 2 to 2:45 p.m. through Aug. 5 for children in grades 1-4. Every other week, there will be special guests, including 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.

Activities keep young patrons cool
The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., has many cool summer activities to keep young children busy in July, including Westward Ho! Storytime and Craft Drop-ins and Coloring. 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.

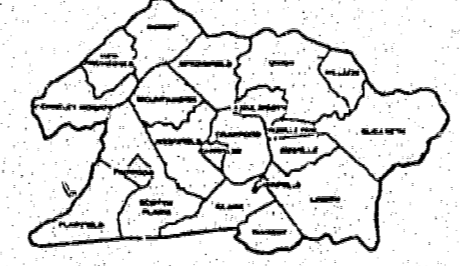
Melodrama tackles weighty issues
The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its summer International Film Festival on Thursday, July 29, with "Real Women Have Curves" at noon and 7 p.m. Ana, a second-generation Mexican American living in Los Angeles has a chance for a college scholarship, but her seamstress mother, Carmen wants her to work in the family dress shop.

Editorial deadlines
Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social — Friday, noon. Sports — Monday, noon. Letter to the Editor — Monday, 9 a.m. General — Monday, 5 p.m.

Summer reading sails into Springfield
Registration for this year's summer reading program, "Discover New Trails...Read!" has begun at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. Children through grade five will receive a variety of freebies as they sign up on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The summer reading program ends Aug. 27. All ages through kindergarten-age get a stamp for every five books they 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 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 information.

State-of-the-art kidney care is now a stone's throw away.
Did you know that up to 85% of all kidney stones result from not drinking enough water? Kidney stones are serious business and require immediate attention. They may start as a minor discomfort in the kidney area but can soon develop into a very painful condition. But there are ways to prevent this problem. If kidney stones are discovered early, they can often be treated easily, without major surgery. There are a number of ways to treat kidney stones. Let one of our doctors help you choose the best method for you.

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In the thick of it

Union County finds itself right in the thick of an effort that would allow government entities the option of publishing legal notices on the Internet. Legal notices, also called public notices, are the tiny print you find in newspapers that explain, in very legal terms, what a township council, school board or freeholder board will vote or has voted on. Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-Union, sponsored the measure, saying it would create "better access and information for people." The Assembly approved the bill June 17 by a 52-21-3 vote, with local legislators voting along party lines, Dems for and Republicans against.

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The Senate version has been referred to the State Government Committee. Vice chairman of that committee is none other than freshman Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Linden. The Legislature, and its committees, will not reconvene until September, after the summer recess, so there won't be action on the bill anytime soon. But the New Jersey Press Association has come out against the legislation that the legislature is in retaliation of a lengthy, award-winning series by the state's Gannett newspapers about ethics in state government. Among the arguments that the NJPA, which represents 170 newspapers statewide, makes is that legal notices already are published on the Internet, at www.publicnotices.com, a Web site created and financed by the newspaper industry.

Absent from the arguments made by the NJPA is that newspapers derive revenue from public notices. Of course, the cost to publish legal notices has not changed in more than 20 years.

Charles Kushner may be one of the most impressive fund-raisers in the state and nation but he doesn't spread the campaign cash in Union County.

The Livingston real estate mogul was arrested last week on charges of obstruction and retaliation of witnesses in a federal investigation of his finances.

A search of the Election Law Enforcement Commission's Web site yielded plenty of contributors named Kushner, but only brother Murray showed up with any Union County connections.

Murray Kushner gave a \$2,600 contribution to Republican Donald DiFrancesco's gubernatorial primary campaign in 2001, which eventually was abandoned; and a \$700 contribution later that spring to the man who replaced him in that race, former Congressman Bob Franks. Bret Schundler eventually won that GOP primary before losing to McGreevey in November.

It remains to be seen how Kushner's arrest will affect Cranford Crossing, a downtown redevelopment headed by Kushner Companies, but it can't be good news for a project whose planning started in 1999, was to break ground in May then July, and still doesn't appear close to getting a shovel in the ground.

To boot, there's Commerce Bank, financing the project, which had two executives recently indicted in a municipal corruption scandal allegedly involving bid rigging and fraud.

Steve Brozak, who is challenging incumbent Michael Ferguson of Warren in the 7th District, which includes most of Union County, will speak at the Democratic National Convention in Boston on Wednesday night.

The Westfield resident retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps three months ago. His remarks will include security at home and abroad.

Mark Hrywna can be reached at mhrywna@thelocalsource.com.

Seniors eat healthy with summer voucher program

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Many senior county residents met in Union Township's Senior Center on Bonnet Court Monday and could not wait to get fruit and vegetable vouchers, drink freshly squeezed juice and get a free health evaluation. A program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture helps senior residents of Union County stay happy and healthy, providing them with \$20 worth of vouchers for fruits and vegetables throughout the summer and fall months.

The program, titled Senior Farmers Market Nutrition, takes fruits and vegetables fresh from the farm and gives them to seniors 60 years and older. "Residents are given four \$5-vouchers that they can spend in the state on fruits, veggies and herbs," said Jeri Beaumont, senior nutrition program director of the county Division on Aging. "Voucher recipients must spend the total amount of vouchers for the USDA to continue funding this program."



Rita Gibson, a resident of Union, gets her fruit and vegetable voucher at the Union Township Senior Center.

Beaumont pointed out that every year, many seniors for some reason do not spend the total \$20 worth of vouchers, which causes the funding to decrease for the program. "If everyone uses their vouchers to the limit, the USDA will see what kind of a need we have," she added. "The program started in 2001. Where else can you get \$20 worth of food for nothing, said Bob Lange of Railway Avenue in the township. Many residents said the program is

convenient because the farmer comes to them on some of the days throughout the summer. "Today, we do not even have to go far — the farmer will be parked on the lot selling fruits and vegetables," Ann Leslie of Marion Street said. "Every year, more and more people know about this program and we get more participants," Beaumont said. "But, there are a limited number of vouchers and many do not get anything because we just do not have it."

All of the residents said this is a wonderful program. "I have been a resident of Union County for 48 years," said Joan Quagliato of Mark Drive in Union Township. "The county does a lot of nice things for the community and this program is one of them. I have been a part of this fruit and vegetable program for three years and think it's great."

The program is beneficial for both the buyer and seller, said Florence Furness of Elmwood Avenue. The vouchers will continue to be distributed until the end of this month but can be used until the end of October. "I love this program because I love seeing seniors' faces when they shop and find a really good juicy tomato," Beaumont said.

On July 23, vouchers will be given in First Baptist Church of Elizabeth, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Time will tell if arrests and indictments will have impact

By Mark Hrywna Regional Editor

It may be too early to tell whether the recent problems for Gov. James McGreevey will have an effect on next year's gubernatorial race, or even whether they will make a difference in November's elections. One thing is for sure, Republicans are hoping voters will take notice.

There are no state positions on the ballot this year, only elections at the federal, county and municipal levels. "It's been a train wreck for the McGreevey administration," Union County Republican Chairman Philip Morin said. "This week, you wonder who's going to be the next Cabinet member to step down in disgrace."

New Jersey's top fund-raiser, developer Charles Kushner, was arrested last week on charges of obstructing a federal investigation of his finances. The next day, McGreevey's Commerce secretary resigned after questions had been raised in recent weeks about hiring relatives. All a week earlier, another Democratic fund-raiser was indicted on extortion charges.

McGreevey promised a change in the way business done in Trenton, Morin said, and he's certainly done that and more. Morin, who also serves as Cranford's GOP municipal chairman, expects the issues to "weigh heavily on the minds of voters" in next year's gubernatorial race, but also in this year's elections.

"Republicans certainly are very engaged over the recent rash of scandals," said William Palatucci, the state Republican Committee's finance chairman, adding that he expects the GOP to take advantage this fall of the recent bad press. But he said it's too soon to tell what effect

the scandals will have in next year's race. "It seems to indicate how Democrats go about raising money," Palatucci said of the recent arrest and indictment.

"It's anybody's guess what happens next year in the Garden State, said Assemblyman Neil Cohen, also the Democratic chairman in Roselle. "It depends on what we do on property tax relief...property tax reform. What's going to happen presidentially will determine what things happen, what direction New Jersey is going in."

"I stopped predicting New Jersey elections," Cohen said. "People are becoming more independent when it comes to voting in New Jersey." There is a large sentiment in Republican circles to narrow the field for governor, Palatucci finance chairman, adding that he expects the GOP to take advantage this fall of the recent bad press. But he said it's too soon to tell what effect

Cigarette tax eyed for Charity Care

By Anna Kreyman Staff Writer

Whether one "lights up" with a Parliament, Marlboro or Camel as of July 1, a smoker is paying an additional tax of \$2.40 per pack of cigarettes. And that money is already designated to be used toward health care.

Charity Care, an organization that funds non-insured patient treatment, will receive an expected \$135 million, the amount the state anticipates raising with the new tax, according to Gov. James McGreevey's spokeswoman, Ellen Mellody. Charity Care reimburses hospitals for treating uninsured patients entering the emergency room.

"This amount will be raised annually and given to Charity Care, which will reimburse hospitals for taking patients who do not have health care," she said. "We will be able to provide a dedicated funding source and help thousands of individuals."

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-Union, said two hospitals in Union County, Trinity in Elizabeth and Union Hospital in Union, will receive money. "Union Hospital will receive about \$1 million and Trinity will get about \$4 million," he said. "There are about \$2.5 million worth of healthcare costs to New Jersey residents and this tax will help to lower that and hopefully decrease smoking."

"The nine hospitals of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System provided \$96 million in charity care in 2003 and were reimbursed only \$56 million," said Ronald J. Del Mauro, president and chief executive officer of Saint Barnabas Health Care System, which includes Union Hospital. "The announcement by the Senate and Assembly budget committees that the Charity Care reimbursement will increase in the 2005 state budget is welcome relief."

In 2003, Union Hospital received a subsidy of \$392,760 and for the period of July 2004 to June 2005, the hospital's subsidy is anticipated to be \$1,384,445, according to Del Mauro. "While this 250-percent increase is good news, it still does not nearly cover the hospital's costs to treat uninsured patients," he said.

"We are pleased that Charity Care will be funded," said Ann Baran, spokeswoman for Trinity Hospital. "It allows hospitals to be reimbursed

because the law requires us to treat uninsured patients coming into the emergency room, so this extra money is a blessing."

Cryan said studies have shown that every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes reduces overall cigarette consumption by about 4 percent and youth smoking by about 7 percent.

"Although this cigarette price increase is a good thing, retailers will feel this in their pockets and that is a concern," Cryan added. "But, it's good that studies have shown that the higher the price, the lower the usage by young people."

Cryan said he sponsored a bill that may raise the age to purchase tobacco to 21. "We would like the tax money to go toward the campaign," said Ilene Fitzmaurice, Union County prevention links spokeswoman. "We would like to see this money used for educating teens against tobacco and the deadly consequences of smoking."

She added that the state sued tobacco companies about four years ago and received \$300 million. "We thought we were going to use that money toward anti-tobacco campaigns," Fitzmaurice said. "The money is no longer being used for tobacco prevention education."

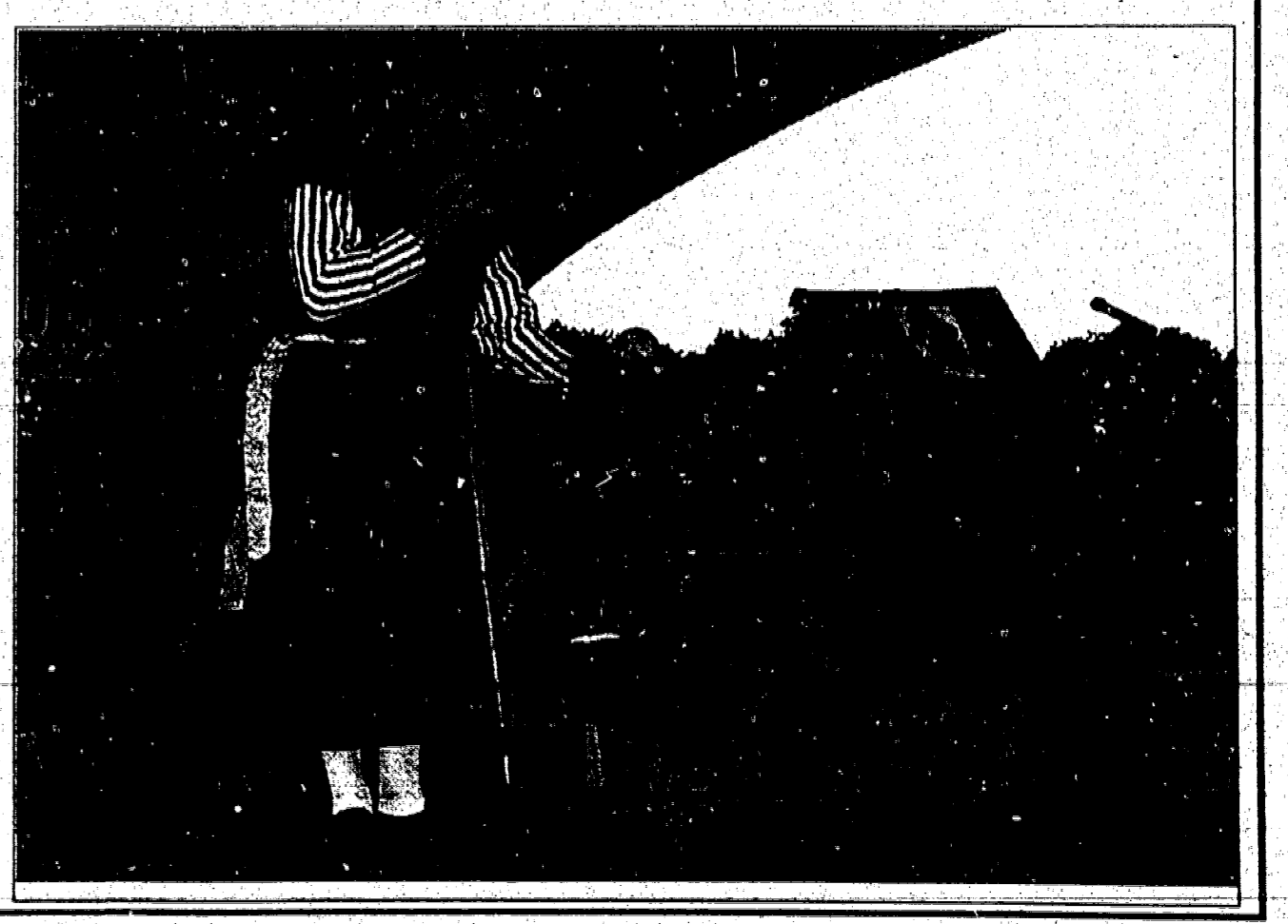
She added that in New Jersey, 10,700 adults die each year due to smoking and 19,700 children under 18 become new daily smokers. "Tobacco is the most preventable cause of death," Fitzmaurice said. "We wish the government would notice that and help us."

A recent surgeon general report on smoking and health showed that smoking is even more harmful than previously thought. Smoking damages every organ in the body and causes a broader range of cancers and other life threatening diseases, the report noted. Quitting smoking has immediate and long-term health benefits, according to www.cdc.gov/tobacco.

"Whether it is high tax or education, teens are smoking less," said Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollweaver. "Whatever tools the government can use is important. The cost of cigarettes for teens will become expensive, and they will need to spend their money in other ways. Teens are bright people and they won't spend money on what they do not enjoy."



FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME — Daquan Sessoms, 8, knocks down Kaasim Rose, 9, both of Elizabeth, during the Kids Kingdom carnival July 11 at Warinanco Park. Below, 9-year-old Cindy Pineros of Elizabeth helps Will Shaw, an entertainer, with his rendition of 'Pop Goes the Weasel' at the county-sponsored festival.



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COUNTY NEWS

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Web sites for every library in Union County are now available to all residents with Internet access.

Volunteers sought

The YWCA of Eastern Union County, 1131 E. Jersey St., Elizabethtown, is seeking volunteers.

Trailside summer camp programs

Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainview, offers summer camp programs.

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.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey will sponsor the following blood drives: Today, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

Mothers & More

Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization serving mothers who are by choice or circumstance altering their participation in the paid workforce.

Maternal & Child Health

Maternal & Child Health is a division of NJU Utilities, Inc., and serves more than 260,000 customers in Union, Middlesex, Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, Morris and Mercer counties.

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Eat like a child and enjoy it!



Kaleidoscope Theater for Kids in Summit is presenting "How to Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons in Not Being a Grown-up," a guide to the art of being a child, told by children, from July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Aug. 1. All tickets are \$8. See listing under KIDS on Page 6.

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Solawa will hang her reverse paintings on glass in Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit from Aug. 3 to Sept. 8.

She will meet the public at an artist's reception on Aug. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

In 1989, she moved to the United States and settled in Summit. She has recently exhibited at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey annual art exhibitions, at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, and at the Paper Mill Theater Gallery.

A portion of the proceeds of the sale of Solawa's paintings will benefit Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a suburban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults, and to the enjoyment of nature through the professional care and preservation of a historic county estate.

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The Fab Four "The Beatles Tribute" March 11, 2005 at 8 pm (ages 10 and older) \$27-37.

Catch Fab Four fever in their return Morrisonism engagement as they bring the sounds of The Beatles back to life. Underwritten by First Energy Foundation.

National Acrobats of Taiwan March 24, 2005 at 8 p.m. (ages 6 and older) \$27-37.

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The Reduced Shakespeare Company in All The Great Books April 22, 2005 at 8 p.m. (ages 12 and older) \$27-32.

A Little Dickens. A Short Longfellow. Reduced Proust. The bad boys of abridgement.

Ballet Folklorico "Quetzalli" De Veracruz May 1, 2005 at 3 p.m. (ages 6 and older) \$20-37.

Enjoy a visual fiesta of culture and folklore featuring regional music, songs, instruments, costumes, and dances of old Mexico.

Rocky Horror May 6, 2005 at 8 p.m. (ages 12 and older) \$27-37.

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Happenings set to perform

On July 27 at Wilson Park, the Linden Department of Parks and Recreation will present "The Happenings," featuring Bob Miranda.

This show is being sponsored by Pathmark and will begin at 7:15 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

An alternative site if it should rain will be the Linden High School auditorium, which is air-conditioned.

According to one of the concert promoters, Richard Nader, "The incredible sound of 'The Happenings' is as good today as it was in the 1960s."

The group exploded onto the national charts in 1966 with their first single release, "See you in September." This song quickly spiraled up the charts to become an international No. 1 record throughout the entire summer.

Most recently, Entertainment Magazine listed "See you in September" in the top 100 summer songs of all time. Continuing to be a major force in the music industry, their next smash hit "Go Away Little Girl" and the

hugely successful album "Bye, Bye, So Long, Farewell" helped spearhead the group into international stardom with Bob Miranda as the lead singer of The Happenings.

Bob Miranda's next releases followed, such as the classic hits: "I Got Rhythm," "My Mammy" and a virtual treasure chest of hit albums.

The Happenings have shared the stage with such music entertainment giants as The Beach Boys, Roy Orbison, John Denver, The Drifters, The Kingston Trio, Joan Rivers and many more.

The group has also appeared on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson," "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," and "The Merv Griffin Show."

Today, The Happenings consist of the three principle members plus Bob Miranda at the helm.

Free coffee donated by Starbucks is distributed at each show.

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
August 1st, 2004
EVENT: FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & COLLECTIBLE SHOW
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue, Belleville, NJ (OFF JORALEMON ST.)
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ORGANIZATION: Sponsor by BHS Crew

OTHER

SUNDAY thru WEDNESDAY
August 1st-4th, 2004
EVENT: 13th Annual ACAP Summer Conference: Intimacy: A Porcupine's Dilemma
PLACE: Long Beach Island
INFORMATION: Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the paradox of human intimacy—needing warmth and feeling the pain of closeness. The Conference is open to all and will cover areas of interest to mental health, legal and medical professionals, teachers, parents, spouses, grandparents—everyone. Conference registration is now open. For brochure information and registration, please call ACAP at 973-736-7600. Visit our web-site at www.acap-online.org
ORGANIZATION: Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis

THEATRE-PLAY

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
July 23rd, 24th, 25th (25th matinee)
29th, 30th, 31st, 2004
EVENT: A CHORUS LINE
PLACE: Linden HS Theatre Auditorium (air conditioned), 121 W. St. Georges Avenue, Linden
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From left, Katherine Leonard as Sorel Bliss, Jill Gascoigne as Judith Bliss and Michael Kary as Simon Bliss in The Shakespeare Theater's production of 'Hay Fever', onstage through Aug. 1. For information, call 973-408-5600. Directed by Gabriel Barre.

Teen Arts exhibit to be closing Friday

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsors the 2004 teen arts touring exhibit at CR Bar Inc., 730 Central Ave. in New Providence, through Friday.

The exhibit consists of 58 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works shown at the 2004 Union County Teen Arts Festival in March at Union County College. The annual event is sponsored by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Economic Development.

Berkeley Heights

- Columbia Middle School: Lindsay Rica.
- Governor Livingston High School: Rebecca Schaal, Arda Hotz, Tess Perrin, Kika Turner, and Laura Calabrese.

Clark

- Arthur L. Johnson High School: Samantha Priore, Michelle Santiago, David Newby, and Louis Rigano.
- Mother Seton Regional High School: Danielle Marciniak and Caitlin Palamara.

Cranford

- Cranford High School: Bridget Murphy, Megan Zak, Joey Marra, and Ryan Duffy.
- Orange Avenue School: Mary Kate Sullivan.
- Hillside Avenue School: Kristen Magadan.
- St. Michael's School: Marisa Ortiz and Alex Halliburton.

Elizabeth

- Elizabeth High School - Jefferson House: Michael Goncalves and Salvatore DiGirolamo.

Hillside

- Hillside High School: Melissa Anahery.

Kenilworth

- David Breahey High School: Joe Marrut, Lindsay Possamato, and Cynthia Chan.

Linden

- Linden High School: Pavol Osalvsky.
- McManus Middle School: Krishna Shah.
- Soehl Middle School: Mickel Andrew.

Mountainside

- Deerfield School: Christina Pindar.

New Providence

- New Providence High School: Michael Morison, Jaquie Oman, and Aubrie Serrico.
- New Providence Middle School: Julia Lester.

Plainfield

- Maxson Middle School: Morris Jaiho.
- Plainfield High School: Alexis Damon.

Rahway

- Rahway High School: Jesse Painter.
- Rahway Middle School: Doyin Adewale.

Roselle

- Abraham Clark High School: Steven Londono.
- Soloman Schechter School: Anna Solovyeva.

Scotch Plains

- Centennial High School: Quadir Whitehurst.
- Hillcrest Academy: Jorge De Jesus.
- Union County Vo-Tech: George Bucui.

Springfield

- Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School: Katie Venezia and Steven Hillier.
- Jonathan Dayton High School: Lucy Liu, Maria Ineco, Nicole Lay, and Luis Soto.

Summit

- Oratory Preparatory School: Tim Krull, Greg Hradil, and Christian Quezada.

Union

- Union High School: Bo Wei, Frances Cancio, Jessica Marx, Michael Kozioala, and Kevin Kuziola.
- Burnet Middle School: Anthony Watson.

Employee art contest winners on display

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the art works of 19 award-winning Union County employees or their relatives are on display through July 29 in the Freeholders Gallery, located on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Raiway Avenue, in downtown Elizabeth.

The exhibit presents selected works from the recent third annual Union County Employees and their Relatives Exhibit and Contest. The gallery is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"It is an honor to display the impressive creative talents of Union County employees and their relatives," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

"The exhibit is a result of a partnership with the National Arts Program which provided prize money and valuable support to display the work of our talented artists."

Listed are the employee artists, or their relatives, and the awards they won at the original exhibit.

- Berkeley Heights: Andrew Pabeco, third place, youth under 12.
- Clark: Peter Buckley, second place, youth under 12; Kaitlyn Valadarez, first place, youth 12-18.
- Cranford: John Murray, third place, intermediate; Jennifer Calnek, third place, youth 12-18; Elizabeth DiMondi, honorable mention and scholarship, youth 12-18; Christopher Paparella, scholarship, amateur; Constance Pienicki, scholarship, Intermediate.
- Newton: Victoria Sommers, scholarship, amateur.
- Plainfield: Owen Lewis, best in show, intermediate.
- Rahway: Alexander Hardoby, first place, youth under 12.
- Roselle Park: Francesca Santora, third place, intermediate.
- Union: Robert Unterwald, second place, youth 12-18.
- Westfield: Bruce Long, first place, intermediate, not in this exhibit.

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Crang Long, second place, professional, and Mary Paynter, third place, professional.

Listed also by town are the winners of honorable mention awards. Due to gallery space limitations, their works are not in this exhibit.

- Clark: Nicole Buckley, youth under 12.
- Elizabeth: Jennifer Peterson, youth 12-18.
- Hillside: Nicholas Esposito, youth under 12.
- Linden: Samantha Kreech, youth under 12.
- Livingston: Charlie Rubin, amateur.
- Madison: Jack Olson, intermediate.
- Mountainside: Joseph Lentini, intermediate.
- Plainfield: Victor Reynolds, professional.
- Scotch Plains: Earl Montgomery, amateur.

Additional support for this event was provided by grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Exhibits at the Freeholders Gallery are coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

For more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550; NJ Relay users dial 711, or send e-mail to culturalinfo@cnj.gov.

Summer savings at model RR club

The Model Railroad Club Inc., an activity of the Union County park system, announced the return of its Family Summer Savings Program. Every Saturday through August, all children 12 years of age and younger will be admitted free, when accompanied by an adult. The club is open to the public on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

As one of Broadway's longest-running musicals, the show is directed by Jill Leonard and choreographed by Barbara Greco Brady, with musical direction by John Brzozowski.

The show will run from July 23-31 at 8 p.m., and July 25 at 3 p.m. All tickets are priced at \$15 and can be obtained by calling 908-925-8689.

Reggae music with Verdict is on tap

Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday with a performance by the reggae music group called Verdict.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this outdoor concert, which is sponsored by Wachovia Bank. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park, on the border of Westfield and Mountainside.

"Verdict returns to our Summer Arts Festival with plenty of fans eager to hear them again," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Their appearances in previous years at Echo Lake Park were well received and their show on July 28 will be one of the highlights of the summer concert series."

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, concerts in the series move to Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

For up-to-date concert and rain information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation 24-hour hot line at 908-352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The other free concerts in the Summer Arts Festival series include:

- Aug. 4 — Sensational Soul Cruisers, sponsored by Union County Education Association.
- Aug. 11 — The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi, in a tribute to Blues Legends Paul Butterfield and Mike Bloomfield.
- Aug. 18 — Jobonanno and the Godsons of Soul plus Captain Hawker and the All Stars, sponsored by Verizon.

For other concert information or recreational activities, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900.

HOROSCOPE

July 26-Aug. 1
ARIES (March 21-April 19): A speculative venture grabs your attention. Play it safe and check it out to ensure legitimacy and to determine your odds for success.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions run strong and deep. Do your best to avoid a head-on collision or clash of wills with a family member or loved one.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Concentrate on a positive outcome to a sibling rivalry. Do whatever you can to tip the scales in the desired or most beneficial direction.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Large or unexpected fees related to social or sports entertainment are likely to put a heavy strain on your budget. Cut corners wherever you can.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be true to yourself and avoid misrepresenting your expectations or desires. If you are going to make demands, do the right thing and lead by example.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Time spent alone allows you to reflect and take a closer look at your goals. Create the ideal outcome or circumstances with positive visualization.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): It is challenging to see eye-to-eye with a friend or associate who marches to a different drumbeat. Lean toward acceptance and away from judgment.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): It is in your best interest to work extra hard in order to impress a boss or superior. Dig in and earn a desired promotion or deserved recognition.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do not stress your mind with senseless imaginings. Keep your feet on the ground and face the reality of your current situation.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Carefully review documents related to taxes or insurance to guard against a costly mistake. Work-related activities are subject to change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You stand accused of letting a hobby or other outside interests interfere with a relationship. Set time aside to spend with your loved one.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Organization is your key word this week. Totally overhaul your home or work space and put everything you own in its own special place.
If your birthday is this week, relationships take on an added flair during the coming year. Do your best to establish an even give and take between love given and received and enjoy a period of emotional fulfillment. Look for opportunities to travel with a club or group of friends who share a common interest. Follow up on an unusual idea for investments, profit sharing or estate planning.
Also born this week: J.K. Rowling, Emily Bronte, Grigori Yefimovich Rasputin, Alex Rodriguez and Aldous Huxley.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH - EAP presents Live Petting Zoo @ Union Square; Rip'N Ruppet, the Mascot for the Newark Bears Baseball Team, will stop by the Market and present free giveaways and a chance to win free tickets to a Newark Bears Game

TUESDAY AUGUST 17TH - Children's Entertainment - Clowns & Face Painting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH - "Jersey Fresh" Cooking Demonstration - Courtesy of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County Fire up the grill for delicious "Jersey Fresh" produce served with fresh meat and fish. Free samples and recipes provided

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31ST - EAP presents Children's Entertainment - Pony Rides @ Union Square

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JMK, JASON-MICHAEL KARPIAK, will present his impressionistic seascapes and florals and abstracted portraiture at an opening reception at the Union Cultural Center, 1027 Supplement Ave., Union, on Aug. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m.

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

PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. The selection for July is "The Tenth君子" by Brit Maitzer.

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 McCondeless St., Linden. Being sought are men and women, 16 and older. Show dates are Oct. 5 to 9. For information, call 908-925-9068 or send e-mail to aftermidnightlive@comcast.net.

THE NEWARK MUSEUM, 49 Washington St., Newark, will host "Meet The Artists," from 12:30 to 2:30 today. Rita Pandya demonstrates the ancient art of Batik.

The Newark Museum will host a "Money Smart's Day" tomorrow from 1 to 4 p.m. This event explores the world of money through family workshops (ages 7 and older), including "Savvy Savings: It All Adds Up, Check It Out," "The Its, And's and Buts of Budgeting," and "What Kids & Parents Need to Know About Money."

The Theater Project at Union County College will present Betty's Summer Vacation Aug. 5 to 22 in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 973-376-8544.

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

KNIT KNACK KNITTING GROUP will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

UNION COUNTY'S FREE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT SERIES continues on July 28 with a performance by the reggae music group, "Verdict," at the Springfield Ave. and Echo Lake Park in Mountain-side. The music begins at 7:30 a.m. and the refreshment stand opens at 6:30 p.m.

"HOT SUMMER NIGHTS" SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN THE PARK will conclude on Tuesday with country-western band Mack Sullivan and the OK Ramblers. The rain date, if needed, for any concert, is Aug. 3.

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

"MUSIC OF MIDTOWN" CONCERT SERIES will be sponsored by the Elizabeth Development Co. through Sept. 2. Today: Soul with Nick Rolle, and Slick City Band; with DJ Faux Raod.

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

Aug. 5: Music from the '50s and '60s with the Willie Lynch Irish-American Show Band; with DJ Win A Salsa, Merengue and more with Trio Crystal and La Creacion; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

Aug. 19: Jazz with TK Blue and Bradford

Aug. 26: Latin jazz and the music of Santana with Yardenia's Ensemble and Narda's Evil Ways Band; with DJ Rob of Colorblind Productions.

Concerts are presented at Union Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 973-376-8544 or visit www.sanctuaryconcerts.org.

THE SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT SERIES, sponsored by the County of Union, will take place in Echo Lake Park to plans for the coming year. For information, call 609-292-6130.

FAMILY FLIX will be sponsored by the Union County Dept. of Citizen Volunteers at Echo Lake Park in Mountain-side. Aug. 3: "Casablanca." Aug. 17: "The Wizard of Oz." Films begin at 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Echo Lake Park is located in Mountain-side between Mountain and Springfield avenues. For information, call 908-352-8410.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11 S. Broad St., will sponsor a series of five film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information, call 908-354-6060.

FLEET NETWORK BLACK FILM FESTIVAL will be presented at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, "John Henry," (19 minutes, ages 7 and up). Based on African-American folk ballad, a man with a hammer competes with a steam drill to build a tunnel through West Virginia mountains. "Amazing Grace," (8.5 minutes, ages four to eight), Alfre Woodard tells about Grace, a black girl, who wins the part of Peter Pan in a school play despite discouraging classmates. "Nigel's Fingerprint," (16 minutes, age five and up). When Nigel tries to wash away his skin color, his father explains that his color is a gift. For information, call Mabel Williams at 973-733-7797 or visit www.npl.org.

SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING for 45-year-olds 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.

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, One Center St., Newark, presents a summer musical, "Anything Goes," from today to July 23, at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. For information, call 973-642-8989 or visit www.njpac.org.

NPAC'S "SOUNDS OF THE CITY", featuring Marta Gomez, Chardvaine, and Burnt Sugar, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY presents Shakespeare: Summer Shakespeare Institute for Teachers, from Sunday through Aug. 8 in Morristown. Shakespeare will help educators learn how to use Shakespeare and the study of classic dramatic literature as powerful and effective teaching tools.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College will present Betty's Summer Vacation Aug. 5 to 22 in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Audiences are invited to meet the actors after each performance. Tickets are \$18 for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, \$10 for students. Thursday performances are \$10. Senior Sunday, Aug. 8, offers senior tickets for \$10. For reservations, call The Theater Project box office at 908-659-5189.

women, 16 and older. Show dates are Oct. 5 to 9. For information, call 908-925-9068 or send e-mail to aftermidnightlive@comcast.net.

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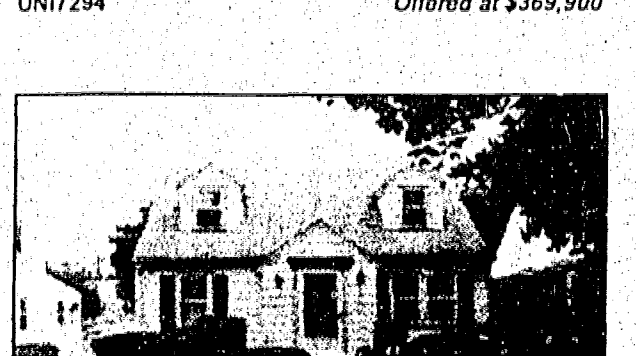
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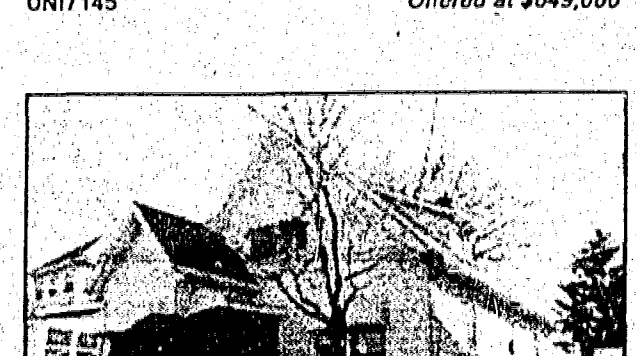
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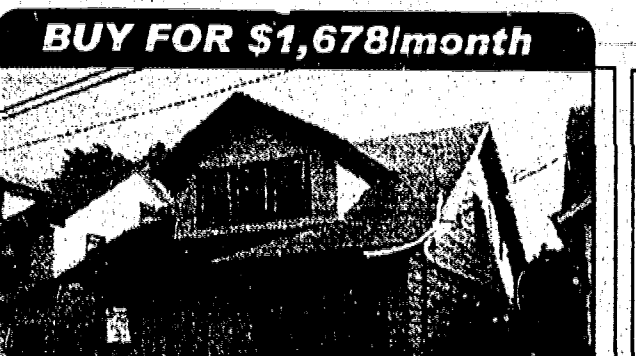
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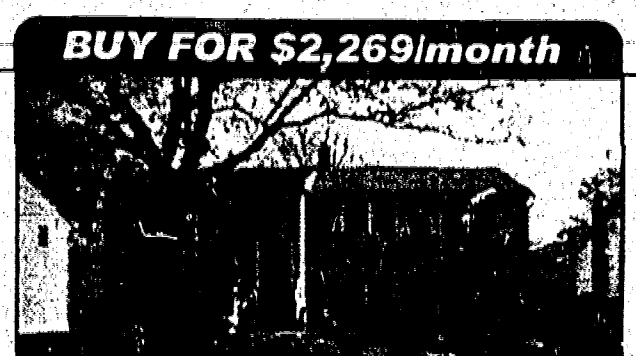
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Kukoff joins Coldwell

Carol Muccerino, manager of the Short Hills office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, New York, has announced that Jill Kukoff has joined her award-winning sales team. A licensed sales associate, Kukoff brings real estate experience and an extensive background in sales to her newest position.

Equipped with outstanding sales, communication and organizational skills, along with a genuine love of working with people and providing them with the highest level of customer service, Kukoff was frequently recognized among the top producers in her former office.

As she anticipates continued success and growth with Coldwell Banker, Kukoff also appreciates the importance of good training, guidance and education. She consistently attends classes and workshops in order to stay on top of the latest trends in real estate, thus allowing her to assist clients more effectively.

"Joining Coldwell Banker was the clear choice for me, as I wanted to be associated with a highly-respected and well-known name in the real estate industry," said Kukoff. "My manager and fellow sales associates are extremely supportive and motivated, and that's an environment in which I can truly thrive. The growth potential here is unlimited."

Kukoff assists clients with all their residential real estate needs throughout Essex, Morris and Union counties, and has particular expertise in the communities of Short Hills, Maplewood, Millburn, South Orange, Summit and Springfield. A 16-year resident of Short Hills, Kukoff is familiar with the town and its surrounding communities, and happily provides clients with in-depth information regarding the area's schools, businesses and neighborhoods.

With her two children enrolled in the Short Hills/Millburn school system, Kukoff is an active member of the Millburn Middle School and Millburn High School PTAs. She is also an active participant with the UJA of MetroWest.

D'Aloia joins ReMax

Carlos Couto, broker/owner of ReMax United Realty, announced that Mark D'Aloia has joined its staff of real estate professionals as a Realtor's sales associate. ReMax United is located at 2116 Morris Ave., right in the heart of Union Township.

D'Aloia has lived in the Orchard Park section of Union for more than 20 years with his wife, Julie, who is a senior vice president with Union Center National Bank. They have two daughters, Victoria and Erica, who are products of the Union school system where both of them have done very well.

D'Aloia sees of civic duty and feelings of hometown pride run deep. He is the current president of Orchard Park Civic Association and a member of the Union Coalition of issues and trends involving the township. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Union Council 4504, and a parishioner of Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church. He coached in the Union Suffragettes girls' softball league for 10 years, teaching the importance of teamwork and cooperation. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Keen University and has a Bachelor's Degree in communications.

D'Aloia can often be seen running and walking through Union Center and the surrounding areas. He feels that this is not only great exercise, but also a great way to keep his finger on the "pulse" of Union.

His philosophy is that to succeed in today's economy, as any working person has realized, you need to do more for less. And that is how he approaches his position at ReMax United - providing a high level of service at very reasonable commission rates.

He is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the New Jersey Association of Realtors and the Greater Union County Association of Realtors.

If you are considering selling your Union Township home now or in the future, no one will do a more knowledgeable, attentive or caring job than Mark D'Aloia. Give him a call to find out why. He can be reached at his ReMax office at 908-851-2323 or directly on his cell at 908-230-4854.

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Let's Ask Jill
by Jill Guzman

Look for the R and the MLS Signs of Success!
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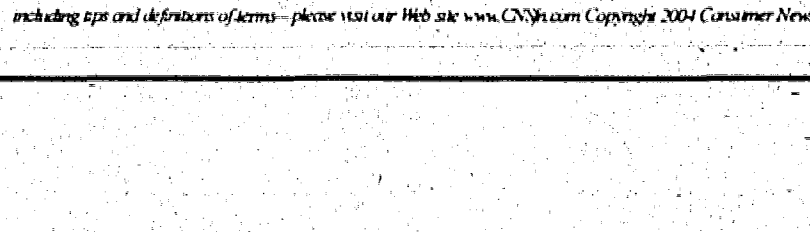
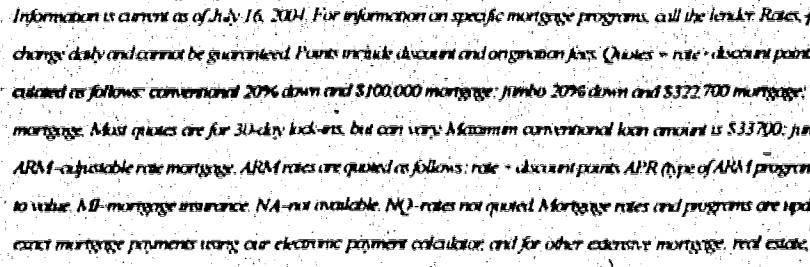
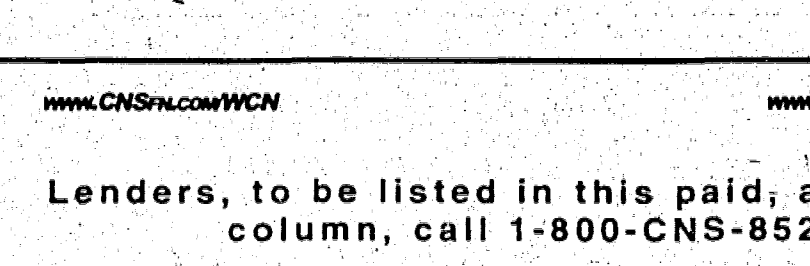
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Ferrari's 612 Scaglietti: big on luxury

By Jerry Garrett
Copley News Service

The new 612 Scaglietti is the largest Ferrari ever.

It replaces the 456M, which was previously the largest Ferrari.

See a pattern here?

Don't be surprised if the 612's successor is even larger. Or a sedan.

When the international media were assembled here recently for the introduction of the 612, a journalist asked about the "upgrade path" the 612 might take in future years.

The answer was the Italian word for "Huh!"

Clearly, though, Ferrari knows where it is going with the 612, and the cars that might follow it.

About all that's missing from the 612 for it to be a sedan right now are a couple of extra doors. A four-door Ferrari?

Well, why should Ferrari lovers have to go elsewhere to buy a sedan? If Cadillac, Lincoln, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche can diversify their lineups, why not Ferrari?

Ferrari is growing, and we're not just talking about its cars. The company is growing in size, its manufacturing capacity is growing. Its employee roster is growing.

Under the leadership of Luca di Montezemolo the past 12 years, Ferrari has been transformed from a racing team merely dabbling at being a car company.

Sure, Ferrari is now riding the crest of an unparalleled five-year dominance of Formula 1. But in addition to its racing cars, there are now 10 production models whose combined sales exceed 4,000 units a year.

The company has more than 2,000 employees in Maranello, Fiorano and Modena. Production facilities occupy more than 2 million square feet.

With vehicles like those in the revived Maserati line and the 612, Ferrari Group is poised to go after some significant market share.

The 612 Scaglietti — pronounced Skahl-yetti, the "g" is silent — is a landmark vehicle for Ferrari — pronounced Fey-RAE-ee, trill the Rs; not Fruh-ree, or however most Americans butcher it.

"The 612 is the first 2+2 Ferrari has made, without compromises; it has the sports performance of a true Berlinetta," says Giuseppe Bonallo, director of product strategy.

That's quite a statement, considering Ferrari has been building 2+2s since 1948.

The 612 is named for Sergio Scaglietti, the company's master coachbuilder and aluminum sculptor. Scaglietti shaped some of the most beautiful Ferraris of the '50s and '60s, including the 375M built in 1954 for actress Ingrid Bergman.

That "Ingrid" car has, in turn, inspired the proportions of the 612, there's even a silver Ingrid paint option.

Ample rear-seat leg room is facilitated by a body that's nearly 6 inches longer than the 456M. It's also an amazing 132 pounds lighter due to its all-aluminum, space frame construction.

Ferrari stretched the wheelbase to 116 inches, moved the wheels out to the corners, pushed the V-12 engine back to mid-front location for better front/rear balance and relocated its six-speed gearbox to the rear.

The bodies are largely hand-rolled at the Scaglietti works in Modena. At full production, Ferrari expects to make four bodies a day, although we watched one technician spend an hour beating a single door striker plate into submission.

Finished bodies are shipped to Maranello for painting, drivetrain and final assembly.

The 612 gets its numerical designation from its 6-liter, actually 5745cc, V-12. It's been re-tuned to squeeze an extra 98 horsepower out of it. In addition to 540 horsepower, it's also got 433.8 foot-pounds of torque. Top speed is 199 mph, and it'll go 0-60 in just a tick over four seconds.

And, if you care, it's now classified as a low-emissions vehicle by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The transmission is one of two nicks we have with this otherwise mind-blowing performance machine. One of life's purest pleasures is a full-rev clutch dump in a V-12 Ferrari.

A manual transmission is available for the 612, but Ferrari says there's only a 10 percent take rate for it.

The intricate six-speed F1-A automatic has two ranges each of either paddle shifting or fully automatic operation. There's always something going on with this fussy transmission, not all of it good.

In fully automatic mode, if you hit the throttle, shifts seem to take forever. Owners would certainly take the time we didn't have to master it.

The other gripe concerns the sound: The 612 was meant to be quiet, but the usually screaming V-12 seemed so subdued on our test drive around central Italy that we actually found ourselves listening to the radio. Engine performance, handling, and braking were all, as to be expected with any Ferrari, absolutely grand prix-caliber.

Overall, the car just oozes quality, craftsmanship, luxury and passion. Expect exclusivity too; only a few hundred will be made each year.

If the 612's expected manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$235,000 to \$250,000 seems at all off-putting, know Ferrari already has orders pending for it into 2006.



Overall, the new Scaglietti just oozes quality, craftsmanship, luxury and passion. Expect exclusivity too; only a few hundred will be made each year.

2004 Ferrari 612 Scaglietti
Body style: Rear-wheel drive, 2+2
Luxury Sports Coupe
Engine: 5745cc 48-valve V12
Horsepower: 540 at 7,250 rpm
Torque: 433.8 foot-pounds at 5,250 rpm
Transmission: Six-speed automatic or manual
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, 4.1 seconds
EPA fuel economy estimates: n/a

Fuel capacity: 28.5 gallons
Base price: \$235,000 to \$250,000, estimated
Where assembled: Modena and Maranello, Italy
Pluses: Voluptuous styling, mad-dog acceleration, stunning workmanship, unparalleled cache
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