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Students wait for Santa

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

For many, the holiday season. means heavy shopping, a break from work and spending time with those they love.

For kindergartners at Springfield's Edward V. Walton School, it means classroom fun and anticipating the time of the year that rewards them for being good.

Allison Placea's class took a timeout from decorating holiday cookies to share what they are looking forward to in this season of giving, and, of course, receiving.

Jared Horowitz, for example, already received Yankee-Monopoly, the traditional board game based on the New York Yankees baseball team.

Kyle Semeraro said he can't wait to get his Hot Wheels. Joining him in his wish were fellow classmates Connor Mahoney and Steven Singer, naming the specific set that they hope to get. Steven's holiday season will extend into January, when he will visit Disney World with his family.

While Mary Athan is looking forward to opening up "Video Now," she is also awaiting a trip to her aunt's house to spend time with her family.

Caroline Fairfax expects "Princess PJs," while Stephanie Zhang can't wait for her Britney Spears costume. While the duo is ready to receive specific outfits, Sarah Semeraro, described by Placea as the fashion expert, is anxious to unwrap clothes in general.

Jonathan Holland, who celebrates both Hanukkah and Christmas, has decided that he already received the best gift he could get: "Shrek."

Jennifer Popescu, Ryan Locke and Karly Fitzpatrick all seem to have a love for animals, as Jennifer wants a mermaid doll, Ryan hopes to add a stuffed monkey to the others he owns and Karly wants a stuffed dog, a pugin particular.



Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

Emma Ares, a student at Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, colors her Christmas cookies with a magic marker that uses edible food coloring. For the kindergartners in Allison Placca's class, learning about the holiday is both fun and tasty.



District undecide distribution of fu

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

While the Mountainside Board of Education looks forward to receiving reimbursement payments for the dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District in 1997, board President Peter Goggi said that even after two payment dates have passed. it has yet to be discussed how the extra money will affect the school budget.

The biannual payments are made in April and October each year by Springfield, Kenilworth, Berkeley Heights and Clark to the two receiving communities, Mountainside and Garwood. A total of \$11 million will be paid to the two towns over a five-year span, with Mountainside receiving 76 percent of the total payment and Garwood receiving 24 percent.

The Mountainside Board of Education decided to contribute more than \$400,000 toward local property tax relief, according to Goggi.

Goggi said the school board is still figuring out what can be done with the extra funding that will consistently be paid to the district. "We haven't discussed it," he said.

Goggi said the Board of Education is somewhat limited in what it can spend the money on.

Certain capital improvement projects, for example; can't use the surplus funds if they have already been contracted.

However, Goggi said, if a boiler is needed in a school building in two years, that is something along the lines of what the money can be put toward. Mayor Robert Viglianti said that

earlier this year, the Board of Education gave the borough a check for more than \$160,000 to help the borough pay for legal expenses it bore during the process and fight in court over the distribution of the dissolution

funds. While this did not cover all legal expenses, Viglianti said it was a reasonable portion of them. He estimated the total legal costs to be around \$215,000.

"I don't know what their official plan was," said Viglianti of the school board's conversations on how to use the repayments. He added that it was possible that each year, the Board of Education may consider providing some funding toward lowering the property tax levy, while using the other part of the money for school district projects.

"We have to check with our legal counsel and ensure the ways we can spend it," said Goggi. He noted that he would not be against using some money for tax abatement.

"Any surplus funding gets looked at at the end of the year," Goggi said. "It must be decided in the first quarter of the year" how to use the money."

While in March, Springfield applied for a stay and an appeal to push back the start of the payments, the district has already written two checks to Mountainside and Garwood. Each Mountainside installment totals \$166,119, while the payments to Garwood are \$52,438 each.

The repayment increases the annual school tax by \$40.37 for a home assessed at \$100,000 in Springfield. The state Board of Education had enforced the state Supreme Court's reversal decision that held the four districts responsible for an original payment of \$3.3 million to Mountainside and Garwood, but this was lowered to \$11 million upon review.

A bill considered in the Legislature to double the amount of time Springfield and the other districts would have to repay the dissolution funds from five years to 10 years never took shape, as payments are ongoing.

Offices close for holidays • Letters to the editor -- Mon-The offices of this newspaper

Adam Berkowitz received XBox for Hanukkah and is enjoying his favorite NASCAR racing game, while Shivani Srivastava wants to be able to capture memories with a new camera.

While Sam Khazaei enjoys baking cookies with his mom each year, Emma Ares prefers to learn to cook on her own, hoping for an "Easy Bake , tory. Oven" for the holidays.

Although Connor Mahoney did not specify the gift he looks forward to getting most, he is anxious to in the snow during the vacation were receive a visit from his cousin. Con-



Adam Berkowitz and Grace Miskewitz show off their artwork, displaying the two major symbols of the season that can be found during this time of year --- the dreidel and the Christ-mas tree.

nor said that they will play in his ing, "Me too, me too," Jonathan, however, may have room, also known as his secret labora-

as Peter Burns' sentiments of playing

echoed by several students, exclaim-

already had enough of the cold air and Most of the children seem to be brisk winds. wishing for a white Christmas as well, "I'm looking forward to summer,"

> he said. While the 5- and 6-year-olds are

> their holiday cookies, decorated with

edible markers that turned many mouths blue, it was evident that holiday traditions have only begun to affect the class.

Whether they were receiving gifts, visiting with relatives or playing during the holiday break, all are ready for the annual vacation.

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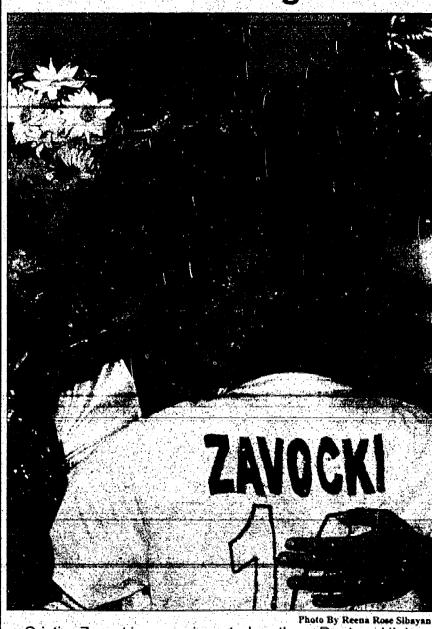
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advertisers happy holidays.

Senior scores big



Cristin Zavocki, a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, is congratulated by a well-wisher after earning her 1,000th point during the Dayton girls' basketball game against Union Catholic on Friday. For more, see Sports on Page 7.

Public's help sought in raising clock funds

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

After making strides toward funding a proposed clock outside Valley National Bank on Mountain Avenue, plans have taken shape and Mountainside Mayor Robert Viglianti said that he will be soliciting donations from residents starting in January.

Verdin Design Group, a manufacturer based in Union County, has designed the clock and superimposed it into digital photos that allow for a visual picture of what the intersection will look like before installation.

"This is not a borough project," said Viglianti, adding that it will take the public's help to raise money for the clock. A committee is to be formed to start raising money, though much has already been collected.

Four main plates located on the base of the clock will bear the names of three companies and the borough itself. Valley National Bank contributed \$5,000 to have its name on the plate, while PSE&G has donated \$2,500 toward the clock to bear its name on another plate.

A third business. Viglianti said, wishes to remain anonymous for the time being.

Viglianti stressed that the plate obtained by the borough is not being paid for through tax dollars. The overall cost of the project will -

be around \$40,000. Controlled by satellites triggered with a global positioning system, the four-faced clock, as compared to a two-faced model, is of a traditional make.

Maintenance of the clock will be minimal, as the manufacturer said that

a half-hour seminar will follow the completion of the installation, in -which cleaning techniques will be explained to borough representatives. Viglianti said the Department of Public Works may take care of it, but that will be decided upon later.

The clock is expected to be in place by spring.

The manufacturer uses the identical green color used by Mountainside in logos around the borough, so the clock will be green with gold trim, bearing a white face. A rectangular post attached to the clock will have spots for plaques and names of people who helped donate toward the clock's purchase and installation.

The manufacturer also makes miniature clocks, approximately five inches wide, that can allow the public to see what the clock will look like. These replicas can serve as momentos for people who help pay for the clock, Viglianti said.

If this idea is used, for example, there could be different-sized clocks or desk sets that would be offered to residents around the borough.

Viglianti said that solicitations will be made to residents for a minimum contribution of \$250. Confident that there will be an excess of funding for the project, Viglianti said that he foresees no problems in soliciting contributions.

Verdin Design Group has a promotional program with another company to send mailings to Mountainside businesses and residents. Literature and postcards are examples of what residents may receive, Viglianti said. Any extra money raised by the

- Brike and

A rendering of the design for a proposed clock near Valley National Bank on Mountain Avenue in Mountainside. Donations will be sought to pay for the clock.

tainside First Aid Squad, although Viglianti said that this does not mean the Borough Council is looking to raise an extreme amount of money. "We will start soliciting residents keep track of the funds.

project is to be donated to the Moun-next month," Viglianti said, "and we will proceed from there."

The Mountainside Clock Trust Fund was opened by Borough Council at Valley National Bank in order to

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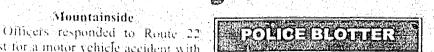
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east for a motor vehicle accident with

injuries at \$:38 a.m. Sunday of a Honda Civic needed assistance to hom. Sunday for motor vehicle equip- keys were also taken. get out of the vehicle. The men were ment violations. Byers was arrested - • Lucian Dobre, 23, of Union, was transported to University Hospital in for driving with a suspended license. arrested on Morris Avenue for driving Newark: An investigation determined that the driver. Alejandro Gutierrez- Plaintield, was stopped on Route-22 [11:36 p.m. Saturday] Amado of Roselle, was driving at a twest for having a broken headlight high rate of speed when he struck a Saturday. His schiele was towed for was arrested at 5:25 p.m. Dec. 13 for curb after losing control of the vehicle, being unregistered and uninsured and having an outstanding warrant of The vehicle went airborne and rolled Williams was arrested for driving \$250 over approximately five times. Gutler- while suspended. rez-Amado was charged with driving while under the influence after a blood test was administered.



Rollover vields DUI charge

• Jeramie Byers, 25, of Michigan, At the scene, two male occupants was stopped on Route 22 west at 2:03 · Marcelle Williams, 40, of North- while intoxicated and speeding at

> Springfield ed that a Rahway resident had his

> > FIRE BLOTTER

water condition at 1:21 p.m. Friday.

• Firefighters responded to Route

22 west for a motor vehicle accident

• At 7:31 a.m. Dec, 16, firefight-

• On Dec. 15 at 3:56 p.m., fire-

fighters responded to a Tree Top

Drive residence for a water condi-

ers responded to a Route 22 business

with a spill at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 16.

for an activated fire alarm.

locker broken into at Bally's Total Fitness on Route 22. Among the stolen items were a black wallet, which had - \$90, credit exrds and personal documents. Clothes, car keys and house

• Josuelle Ortiz, 33, of Newark,

. Jersey City resident Milton Bonifaztello, 46, was arrested on Route 22 At 6:25 p.m. Friday, it was report- for careless driving and driving while intoxicated at 6:56 a.m. Dec. 12

Firefighters rush to auto accident

On Dec. 13 at 5:18 p.m., Spring field firefighters responded to Route 22 east for a motor vehicle accident with infuries. • At 8:29 p.m. Sunday, firefight-

ers responded to Route 78 west for a motor vehicle accident. · Firefighters responded a pumper

to a motor vehicle accident in Mountainside on a request from County Mutual Aid at 8:58 a.m. Sunday. · Firefighters responded to an

Oakland Avenue residence for a

Screenings offer backpack safety tips ris Ave. in Springfield.

Dr. White is a member of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association and has performed backpack Cornell University found that 40 perscreenings for local schools and has been recognized by Zany Brainy Cor- they studied used computer worksta-, ate shift of weight to one side, leading poration as a leading expert in backpack safety issues.

"The increase in back pain among youngsters isn't surprising, when you consider the disproportionate amounts of weight they carry in their backpacks ---- often slung over just one shoulder and the long hours they spend tapping away at computer keyboards," said Dr. White, "These activities can negatively impact a child's body during the developing years, than on the shoulders, by the straps, resulting in harmful physical effects that can last a lifetime."

Occupational Health, a recent study low increases the weight on the shoul- school and bring home only lighter

Back pain is pervasive among age child carries a backpack that ward when walking American adults, but a new trend is would be the equivalent of a 39-pound emerging among the nation's youth. burden for a 176-pound man, or a 29- compartments helps in positioning the Young children are suffering from pound load for a 132-pound woman. contents most effectively. Make sure back pain much earlier than previous Of those children carrying heavy that pointy or bulky objects are packed generations and the use of overweight backpacks to school, 60 percent had away from the area that will rest on backpacks and poorly designed com- experienced back pain as a result, your child's back. puter workstations is a contributing. Other studies have shown that slinging factor, according to Dr. Robert White a backpack over one shoulder can of True Health Chiropractic, 442 Mor- exacerbate the curvature of the spine the more your child will carry and the in scoliosis patients.

A recently published study conducted by a team of researchers from shoulder straps. cent of the elementary school children one strap can cause the disproportiontions that put them at postural risk, The remaining 60 percent scored in a low-back pain. range indicating "some concern." Here are some tips to avoid back

strain associated with backpacks: Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5 to 10 percent of his or her body weight. A heavier adjustable, so the backpack can be fitbackpack will cause your child to ted to your child's body. Straps that bend forward in an attempt to support are too loose can cause the backpack the weight on his or her back, rather to dangle uncomfortably and cause

• The backpack should never hang • If the backpack is still too heavy,

pike Road for a motor vehicle accident with a spill at 10:09 a.m. Dec. • At 2 17 p.m. Dec. 13, firefighters responded to a Hillside Avenue. residence for a lockout. • At 10:20 p.m. Dec: 12, firefighters responded to a Shunpike Road

· Firefighters responded to Echo

· Firefighters responded to Shun-

Plaza shopping center at 11:29 a.m.

Dec. 14 for a reported car fire.

business for an activated fire alarm.

A backpack with individualized

• Bigger is not necessarily better. The more room there is in a backpack, heavier the backpack will be. • Urge your child to wear both

Lugging the backpack around by

to neck and musele spasms, as well as

• Wide, padded straps are very important, Non-padded straps are uncomfortable and can dig into your child's shoulders • The shoulder straps should be

spinal problems.

more than four inches below the talk to your child's teacher. Ask if your According to the ACA's Council on a waistline. A backpack that hangs too child could leave the heaviest books at

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

idents of various community activation and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Rehar Ligder, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109. Union, 07083.

Monday . The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a workshop session in the Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave., at 7:30 p.m. . The Joseph Pepe III Memorial Holiday Tournament will take place at 5 p.m. in the Main Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain

Avenue in Springfield. The eyent features a game between girls varsity basketball teams Admission for adults is \$3, children \$2. Food and refreshments will also be sold Tuesday

• The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting in the Committee Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m., preceded at 7:30 p.m. by a workshop session. . The Joseph Pepe III Memorial Holiday Tournament will take place at 3 p.m. in the Main Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain

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Jan. 2 • The Springfield Township Committee will conduct its annual reorganization meeting in the Committee Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave., at noon.

. The Mountainside Borough Council will have its annual reorganization meeting in Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, at 8

• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., concludes its Lunchtime Video Series, "Box Office Hits," at noon. The paths of two warriors converge when the young Emperor of Japan, wooed by American interests which cover the growing Japanese market, hires Algren to train Japan's first modern, conscript army. Clashes with the

Samurai cause Algren to remember the man he once was. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Jan. 6 * The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave, will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Human-Stain" by Philip Roth. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930 ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book.

Jan. 10. • The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 • The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m. Jan. 12

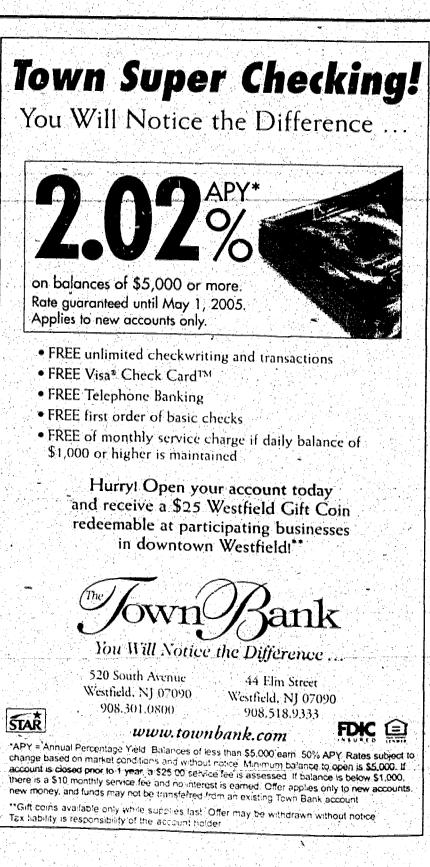
· Learn about the different species of owls that reside in the Watchung Reservation in "Owl Prowl," a program offered by Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 7 to 8 p.m. Following a brief slide presentation, participants will hike to known owl

prowling grounds. This program is for children, ages 6 and older with an adult, and requires pre-registration. The fee is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 per person for non-county residents. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

Jan. 22

• The Booster at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, invites the public to Super Saturday. The day kicks off with a Family Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. The Highlander Market, featuring many items for sale, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, food, fun, games and activities are scheduled between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

A variety of athletic match-ups will be scheduled throughout the day. To be part of the Highlander Market, call Adrienne Trivella at 908-464-4520.





With back pain becoming more increased among children due to heavy backpacks, Dr. Robert White of True Health Chiropractic in Springfield performs a backpack screening at a local school, offering some safety tips to a parent.



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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform res-

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ECHO LEADER Churches mark start of holidays with local services

Staff Writer Christmas hiterally "Christ's Mass." and this year, it fulls actors during special services late on cial children's message on Saturday, with special services. Christmas live, beginning the Holy Night Christmas Eve, on Friday.

- By Joan M. Devlin

porarily homeless family in a stable? Yet, this event, prophesied centuries, earlier by the prophet Isaiah, as the changing the world today

mas story" in pageant and services all everything. over the world on Christmas Eve, as the birth is believed to have taken place just after midnight; that special new count after that date as in A.D., night so long ago.

Mary, a virgin, chosen by God for this B.C., or "before Christ," in English. miracle birth, with her espoused husband, a much older Joseph, a carpenter from Nazareth. To fulfill the Roman giving, expensive gifts and partieslaw, they traveled a long and arduous to be registered for taxation, the place of family origin of both Mary and Joseph --- the City of David

By the time the couple arrived, Mary was about to give birth. The lices and magnificent music are perstory goes on to say, that night, "there formed, such as Handel's "Messiah." was no room for them at the inn," but because of her condition, they were largest attendance at the services. allowed to stay in the stable, where Jesus was born that first Christmas field and Mountainside are celebrating ity. Day, surrounded by animals of the sta-

This is why many pageants portray • The Emanuel United Methodist

Sometimes it is reenacted at the

altars exactly as told in the Scriptures. there will be a 10:15 a.m. service The birth of the Christ Child hap- Sunday School children play the roles pened more than 2:000 years ago in an of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherdobscure village, to a poor and tem- , and wise men who came to worship the Baby Jesus. So with the materialistic take on ship service for the entire family. the holidays now, it is ironic that the

people, chosen and protected by God. And civilization was so shaken by

this event that even time itself began a or Anno Dominie, which means "The The story is of the young girl, year of Our Lord," in Latin, and then Another difference too is that today, Christmas is the time for gift-

But Christmas doctrine focuses on the journey by camel, to go to Bethlehem gift God gave to humanity; Jesus, and churches often despair of the materialism at this time of the year. On the positive side of the holiday however, is the fact that beautiful servand the churches usually have their

Area houses of worship in Spring-

Springfield

with live farm animals. The scene is Mall, will host a 7:30 p.m. Christmasoffen placed outside the churches, and five Candlelight service, including means, constructed with real stables and earols floly Communion, and a spe-

> On Christmas Day there will be noservice, but on Christmas Sunday. called "Gifts, 365 Days a Year." This is an intergenerational service for all On New Year's Sunday, Jan. 2. there will be a special 10:15 a.m.swor-

• The Evangel Baptist Church, at birth 1 the promised Messiah, is still first Christmas was the story of poor 242 Snunpike Road, celebrates the Savior's birth at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, Christian churches tell the "Christ- who depended solely on Him for, with a Candlelight Service planned by the Church Elders for all, with a special musical program.

• The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, at 210 Morris Ave., will offer two Christmas Eve services. The first will be at 5:30 p.m. which will be a family service including Christmas music and a beautiful Cantata.

The second Christmas Eve service is at 11:30 p.m., a candlelight "Watch Night" service, which includes Holy Communion, and a guest soloist.

• Holy Cross Lutheran Church, at 619 Mountain Ave., will offer two Christmas Eve Candlelight services, one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. where all are welcome.

• St. James the Apostle Roman



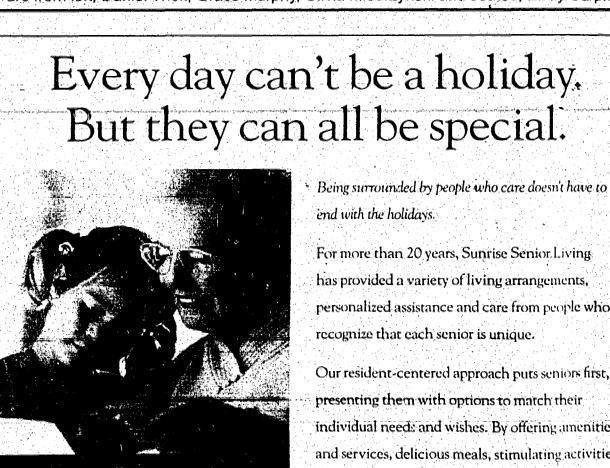
Father John McCrone of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside leads the school's kindergartners on an exploration of the manger scene on the grounds of the church. Houses of worship in both Springfield and Mountainside are getting prepared for the celebration of Christmas with many activities and services.

night Mass. On Christmas Day, there are four services, celebrating the exactly the same."

At 10:30 a.m., the music will be led the church's youth choirs providing Catholic Church, at 45 South Spring- by St. James Choristers, grades four much of the music. field Ave., offers three Christmas Eve through eight, and the Cherub Choir, The later service is at 11 p.m., with a.m. services, called the Vigil of the Nativ- K through third grade. At noon, the the re-telling of the Christmas story Mass will have cantor, congregation and Christmas carols, led by the Chan- Saturday evening Masses on either The first is at 6 p.m., the second at and organ. The next services will be cel Choir. On Christmas morning at 10 Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. 11:30 p.m. which is a candlelight carol Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family, a.m., there will be a special worship service with adult and high school with four Masses, at 7:30, 9, 10:30 service full of carols for all the family. Spruce Drive, will conduct a Christand visitors.

the mother and child in the manger Church of Springfield, at 40 Church choirs, and the third service is Mid- a.m. and noon. Presenting the presents The students of Holy Trinity Interparochial School at the Mountainside campus collected

supplies, food and toiletries for soldiers in Iraq to help them celebrate Christmas. These gifts are for soldiers who have no family members back home. Presenting the presents are from left, Daniel Thek, Grace Murphy, Olivia Miedrzynski and seated, Emily Serpico.



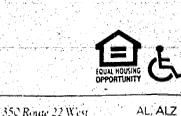
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By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

off its summer hiatus, the Board of prospects for the position.

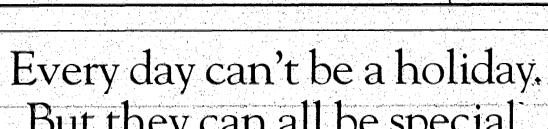
Board of Education President Peter Soggi said that the search is narrowed took place earlier this week. Another as strong community relations. interview session is scheduled for viewed on that date.

ated enough to cull the list down."

Criteria first centered around the physical facilities at the schools and parent support. The board is looking for someone to deal with budgetary alignment with Berkeley Heights, keeping pace with technology for curriculum

Also in the listing of criteria is a who can provide for the needs of the special education population in the someone qualified is in place. district, along with finding, develop-





We're offering you and

Brighton Gardens of Mountainside

Sunrise of Westfield

Mountainside • The Community Presbyterian Catholic Church, at 300 Central Ave. Nativity of Our Lord. The first is at Church, at 1459 Deer Path, will cele- will offer three Christmas Eve Masses. 7:30 a.m., with cantor and congrega- brate Christmas with two services They are at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and midtion and organ; the second at 9 a.m. Christmas Eve. The first is a 5 p.m. night. The Midnight Mass will be precandlelight service for families, with ceded by carols at 11:30 p.m.

· Our Lady of Lourdes Roman

On Christmas morning, there will be three Masses: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30

Please note that there will be no

 Mountainside Chapel, 1180 mas Eve service at 7 n.m.



an elementary setting. Other qualifications demanded by down to seven candidates. The first the board include an understanding of be given to the candidate's current disround of interviews, in which Goggi contract administration and the trict, another 60 to 90 days would be said two candidates are scheduled for, process of contract bargaining, as well, needed before the transition is made

Tuesday, although Goggi is unsure if ing commences, Goggi said candi- will be hired. all five other candidates will be inter- dates will be narrowed down to two or Goggi said that close to another 30 three people, and at that point, they applications were received this time "We're basing the process on crite- will come to Mountainside for an in- around, and that it is hard to tell when ria generated by the criteria-selection district visit. The visit, which will last someone may be hired. The goal, he nmittee," said Goggi. "They gener- one day, will consist of the prospective said, is for someone to be in place CSA meeting with teachers, parents, and administration, among other figstrengths of the borough, including the urcheads in the district. Those meetings will lead to a forum that can develop comments from each party, which will relay their thoughts to the constraints and monitor the district's board. According to Goggi, current interim CSA Walter Rusak will help develop a committee for those in-district visits.

Rusak, who is paid \$587 for each need to be an administrative manager work day, said he is enjoying the experience and will remain there until Thirty applications had been

process neared its end and three final least three to five years, preferably in best to reopen it at the start of this school year.

With notification likely needed to Contract negotiations would also add After the first round of interview- a slight delay to how soon someone

before July 1

Registration begins for spring baseball The Springfield Junior Basebal eague is accepting registration for pring baseball through Jan: 15 for hildren in grades kindergarter through ninth grade (born before Aug. 1, 1991.)

Registration forms are available the Springfield YMCA, the Sarah Bailey Civic Center and online at www.sjblonline.com.

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COMMUNITY FORUM



For anybody waiting to step into the bi-monthly Board of Education meeting in Springfield, the wait is often unnecessarily longer than it should be. On any given meeting night, the hallways of Jonathan Dayton High School outside the door to the media center are often crowded with parents and other residents who arrive at or before the posted time that the meeting is supposed to start, which is 7:30 p.m.

During a period of several months, every meeting has started at or close to 8 p.m. Some meetings have begun later. To make matters worse, by the time the public enters the room, board members continue small talk, eating, drinking and generally carrying on, leaving the public to wait,

The board conducts a closed session meeting before the public portion, and this generally begins at 6:30 p.m. This should be ample time to review whatever private items cannot be discussed in open session. If this time isn't sufficient, then a later public meeting start time should be posted.

While no one is doubting that the elected board members are professional and well-suited to their positions, a later start time should be posted and enforced, with open public meetings starting on time. Continuing to force members of the public to stand outside in the hallway for one-hall hour shows a lack of courtesy on the part of the board, whether they intend it or not.

Good idea

Although the mysterious odor at Beechwood School in Mountainside appears to be gone, the school board is still having the problem investigated and inviting a citizen's committee to be formed in an effort to further study the issue.

This move represents a positive action on the part of the school board, by showing that it acknowledges that the reason for the odor, although no longer noticeable, may still exist and that it is still a cause for concern.

By allowing interested parents who have children in the affected classrooms to take part on the committee, they will now be able to feel part of the solution instead of feeling relegated to the sidelines as they have been during the past seven months

Here's hoping the problem is completely resolved as soon as possible.

Faith, hope and love

Christmas isn't like it used to be.

Oh sure, you've heard these sentiments expressed before, especially when we're buried under a deluge of crass marketing from which there is no escape. You nod your head and note this as one more symptom of a free society rampant with commercialism, but that's just the tip of the iceberg,

Families still get together to stuff themselves with food and drink while the children can hardly contain themselves from tearing into the piles of presents under the Christmas. tree. We enjoy hearing carolers at our door and savor a little time off from work, but in today's politically correct United States, what seems to be missing most from Christmas is Christ.

We fear that any recognition of a particular faith will in some way chastise or exclude another religion and its followers, but this very freedom is what our nation is founded on. Acknowledging another faith doesn't in any way diminish our beliefs: if anything, it should help us to better understand what it is we believe. Like food, movies or any number of things with a wide array of categories, what is not for you might be for someone else. We should experience other races, cultures and, yes, religions, or else we fall prey to the very prejudice we're trying to prevent.

On this holiday, try to imagine the world 2,000 years ago. Caesar Augustus had decreed that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, so everyone had to go to his own town to register. Joseph took his pregnant wife, Mary, from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. Because there was no room in the inn, they took shelter in a manger with their firstborn, a son named Jesus.

For some, Jesus would become a great prophet and speaker of truths; for others, he was the one foretold, the son of God. Regardless, Christmas is the story of his birth, and it is a story of hope. On this Christmas, rejoice and give thanks to the birth of the savior; rejoice and give thanks in this season of faith, hope and love.

"Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

- Henry David Thoreau

Author

To the Editor



Modern-day moms really know how to dish When it comes to multi-level mar

keting home parties, most suburban housewives who've been around the block once or twice know things have really changed since attending their first Tupperware 8 party

Gone are the days of playing those corny games awarding the winner of who knows more about Sally with a shrimp de-veiner and, as far as I'm concerned, they couldn't come soon enough. Living in Croneyville, we already know all the dirt there is on Sally and are much too polite to mention the really juicy stuff in front of. her new neighbor, who was just glad she got invited somewhere, finally. Or. are we?

These days, the new and improved version of the home-based business has indeed changed the way in which modern housewives dish, and what lies beyond the burp of the Tupperware 8 seal might in fact even cause Mary Kay to blush.

Is it all just a clever disguise to escape away from the nightly stresses of homework helping. Jaundry to told and hubby to contend with? I call it housewifery on steroids. But I am glad to do my part for my comrades and feel compelled to respond positively to most invitations left in my mailbox,

Pampered Chefie, anyone? It all starts out in someone else's comfortable living room. You're surrounded Doing so can be fun, lots of fun, but soirces are hosted in yet somebody ary, and the night is soon over. by friends, old and new, and most like- don't think for a minute this party is else's suburban home, supplementing The only thing missing (for so party consultant soon whips up a fabulous snack with grace and ease. Heck, after downing your second glass of Chardonnay, you actually feel good est" wouldn't order the freon-filled ice cream scoop

The next thing you know, you're being talked into having a party of your own. Those hostess gifts are really hard to pass up.

PartyLitew ring a bell, gals?

Mountainside Musings By Linda Condrillo

Another friend's living room, another cozy couch and more libations. This time, you and your triends bask in the glow of a hundred beautiful flickering candles perched in the most divine glass votives you've ever seen.

Armed with your husband's creditcard, you're soon convinced placing this order will essentially be good for. your marriage candles are so omantic. What? He's not the romantic type? Just buy more candless he'll come around hist be sure to burn the receipt, too.

You have got to be kidding you've never heard of LongabergerRbaskets? Don't make me laugh! Yes. each one is handmade in Dresden. Ohio, that's at S.A. You feel both also beautified your home with a signed and dated basket, surely to only go up in value. Have you checked E- plishment when those shoe boxes full bay lately?!

Stop! No! You've got how many rolls of photographs in 12 boxes under the bed? You have got to get them into enough for some of the participants going to end anytime soon.

around 7.30 p.m., local suburban housewives collectively walk out of about kicking it up a notch! their homes for the evening. While box, some can even be seen toting a plates and there's plenty of pretty do over "someday." small suitcase. No (gasp), they haven't paper as well as lots of great books on So what are you waiting for? Get secretly become a party consultant hand to get ideas from. But in between those photos out from under the bed mother's to pout. In fact, the suitcase exchange," much more goes on here scrapbooking! isn't even filled with clothes, although than meets the creative (and not so they may have been spotted reaching creative) eyes. under the bed for a dusty box

ioments before they left. They are. Jennings, a self-confessed "series however, escaping for the entire night, booking junkie" and one of the man finding comfort in what some of the vetous Mountainside moms who net is bunch call their "therapy session." But it's not a prescription for Prozac they're running after or even a glass of wine. These gals are the newest breed in modern day-homebased party-aders and there is no rounder in hand - to defend her stopping them. Where are they head- much-coveted title, ed? To the multipurpose room at the "scrapbooking."

leggy. sultant, extraordinaire. Carolyn's a round of truth or dare by now! But professional educator and she does give them time. everything, pardon the pun, by the of photos become albums that the

whole family can enjoy." Once a month apparently is not tape (never paste!) never ends. Talk

"This is my time," notes Marianne Mountainside:

ours: you're all appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Bear hunting ban is appalling To the Editor:

I am appalled at the recent court decision not to allow the bear hunt in Sussex County. Their comment about "the lack of a comprehensive plan" is inscrutable and in its brevity irresponsible. The best way to control the bears is hunting. The best way to control the deer is hunting. The best way to control the Canada geese is to trap and euthanize. For the record, I am not a hunter, not that it should matter.

Bears are unpredictable and dangerous, especially a mother bear with cubs. They can run 35 miles an hour and climb a tree as fast as a squirrel. Deer destroy property and are dangerous. I almost hit one when it suddenly crossed Meisel Avenue. If the timing had been slightly different, I could not possibly have stopped in time. I do not drive an SUV, which might have absorbed the collision. Canada geese are unsanitary. A gaggle of them regularly grazes and defecates on the athletic field next to Jonathan Dayton High School.

All the talk about non-lethal methods of control ends up in doing nothing effective. The candidates for governor should state their position on this issue clearly. Gov. Codey should fire DEP Commissioner Bradley Campoell. The animal activists are being presumptuous in the extreme. It is they and the Sierra Club who are thambing their noses at the people of New Jersey and not as they say the hunters.

DPW does a great job for our town

John Hyde Springfield

Our policy on letters and columns The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the

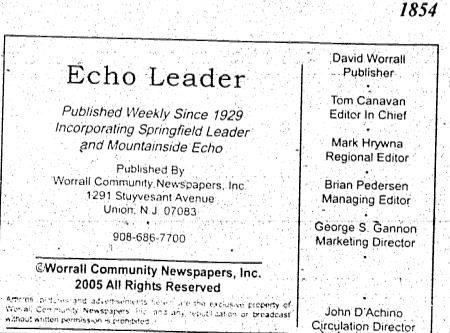
All too offen, we forget to take the time to say "thank you." Our Public Works Department works diligently to ensure many things, one of which is the overwhelming task of curbside-leaf removal at this time of year. With the recent-spate of weather and overall magnitude of "the job," I justwant to say "thank you" and "congratulations on an excellent job" to Ken Hom-



opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of the both Springfield and Mountainside and County of Union. The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style.

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



SANTA STOPS BY Jack and Sophie Pleva of Springfield enjoy a visit from Santa at the Sprinafield YMCA's annual 'Breakfast with Santa' on Dec. 11, At this community event children created crafts played games, ate breakfast and got to have their picture taken with Santa.

misses à meeting. In fact, Mrs. Jen nings is the current reigning "Queen of the Crop" and stands ever-ready to challenge anyone, in almost a duel like state bersonal trimmer and corner

All you ever wanted to know about Mountainside Borough Hall to the current state of the mysterious practice the latest trend - called odor at Beechwood School, as well as who has what on sale, is discussed in This group is led by an upbeat. between the snip snip sounds made by woman named Carolyn the best seissors in town. It's a wonder Williams, Creative Memories & con- the gang hasn't played a friendly

True confessions do have a way of book --- including home-schooling her surfacing by the time the clock. kids. She remains chock full of clever approaches midnight, as the girls get ways to crop and mount snapshots into giddy and reveal just a little too much scrapbooks of all sizes, guaranteed to about their husbands and what really hold safe our precious memories at went on at someone's 40th birthday least until we are great-grandmothers. bash. When things start to get out of patriotic and proud of the fact you've Notes Carolyn: "While we do have a hand, Carolyn diverts the gals in fun time at our monthly workshops, teacher-like fashion and demonstrates there is also a great sense of accom- the latest gadget. She hands out a nity goodie bag, simultaneously sharing the specifics of the upcoming motherchild night set for Jan. 7.

Next come the details about the slumber party scrapbooking extravaan acid-free environment at once! and, on occasion, scrapbooking ganza at the Embassy Suites in Febru-

the stretches between scheduled scrap is the glass of Chardonnay. No matter Consider this - Once a month sessions. For some, the urge to cut and - because trust me, I've learned the hard way at one of Marianne's home parties that alcohol and scrapbooking Back at the community center, the (well, Bahama Mammas at least) defiabout ordering the nine dollar garlie most carry a very large bag, or even group gets full use of Carolyn's tem- nitely do not mix! That's one page 121

(yet). No, they aren't going over to the tape running and talk of a "sticker" and tell hubby not to wait up. Get

Linda Condrillo is a resident of

lisch and his wonderful crew for the excellent job they did, repeatedly, to get our neighborhoods free of street debris and unblocking of sewer gratings, on more than one occasion; due to recent weather,

To you and all of those who help make our town better, from our families to

Robert Fish Springfield

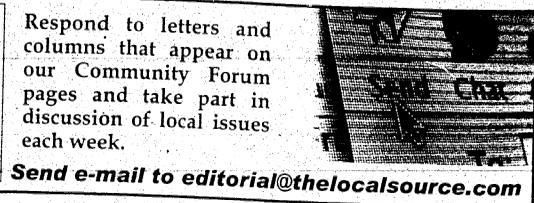
Surprised and annoyed by columnist

Though it's hard to be sure, since he frequently seems to lose all track of himself between the beginning and end of a paragraph. I have always felt that Frank Capece is a man with his heart in the right place. I was, however, surprised and annoyed by his attack on Union County Jury

Manager Walter Garthwaite on Page B1 of the Dec. 16 edition. I am not a personal friend of Garthwaite's, but have always found him a pleasant, funny and personable guy, who seems to genuinely care about those of us suffering through the fulfillment of our civic duty.

I have heard plenty of horror stories about jury duty in other counties, have always said, "no, we don't seem to have that problem here," and have always suspected that a large part of the difference has been Walt Garthwaite. I think Capece ought at least to explain his attack.

> Jules Small-Rahway



ECHO LEADER

PEOPLE IN THE SERVICE LaMotta completes training for Navy

Navy Seaman Joseph P. LaMotta erandson of Frank T. Lamona of Springfield, recently completed U.S. Nav basic training at Recruit Train-

ing Command, Great Lakes, III, During the eight-week program, LaMotta completed a variety of trainng, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also

Luciano graduates from

placed on physical fitness.

basic military training Air Force Airman Michael H Luciano IV has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force. Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the air force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; training, rifle marksmanship, field training, exercis-

es, and special training in human relationships He is the of Michael

Lisa Luciano Springfield grandson of Mik and Lee Luciano L'uciano of Summit, Airman

Luciano is a 2004 graduate Jonathan Dayton High School, PUBLIC NOTICE

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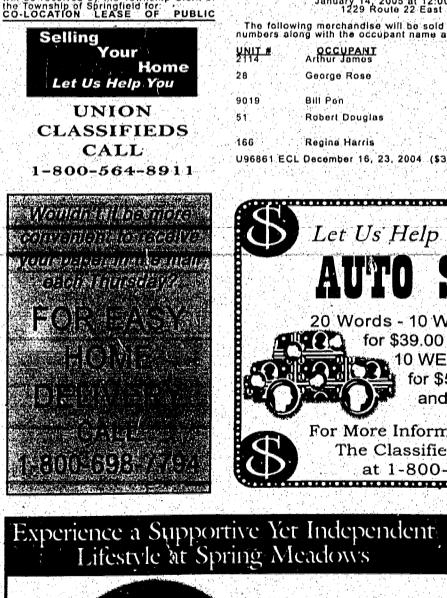
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DEFENDANT: MARVIN RETANA: PANAY. OTTA RETANA. WIFE OF MARVIN RETANA WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2003 SALE DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY A.D. 2005 By virtue of the above-stated writ of exe-cution to me directed 1 shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1st FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA. ELIZABETH, N.J. on WEDNESDAY, at two o clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of Springfield in the County of Union. State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 27 Battlo Hill Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 Tax Lot No.: 23.01 in Block 904 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 41.00 feet wide by 155.55 feet long Nearest Cross Stroot: Morns Avenue JUDGMENT AMOUNT THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOU-SAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY & 59/100 (\$381,740.59) ATTORNEY: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN

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& 41/100 TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$431,974,41) December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004 U95465 ECL (\$85.50) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE is hereby given that seeled bids will be received by the Township Clerk of





opens an early holiday gift from Z-100's Danielle Monaro, T.J. and Greg T. Members of the radio station's popular Z-Morning Zoo program recently stopped by the hospital to spread some holiday cheer

Visitors brighten holidays at local hospital

made a special visit to spend the afternoon with the patients pictures of the Z-Morning Zoo. at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Cupcakes were provided by Children's Specialized Hos-Throughout the afternoon, members of the Z-Morning Zoo pital in celebration of Jon Bell's birthday. Bell has been a walked the halls of the hospital and gave the children some dynamic member in the Children's Specialized Hospital early holiday gifts.

On Dec. 14, Z100's Elvis Duran and the Z-Morning Zoo They also handed out T-shirts, stickers and autographed community for many years.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE and its affiliate Space Stor Springfield, L.C. for Subdivision and Site Plan approval and variances will be requested from the following section(s) of the Town-ship of Springfield Zoning Ordinanco: 1. Although the building will be con-structed within the maximum forty (40) foot height permitted in the Zone, Appli-cant proposes to construct: a. the structure with three (3) stories instead of two (2) stories as required under the Schedule of Zoning Limitations under the Schedule of Zoning Limitations under the Springfield Ordinance; and b. a proposed parapet for architectural design purposes over the office and dis-play areas which will not exceed 3.6 feet in height over the forty (40'; foot height of this proposed parapet is within the require-ments of Section 35-42. Height and Yard Exceptions" of the Springfield Ordinance. Should the Planning Board determine that this will require variance rollef, Applicant further requests a buik variance to permit construction of the parapet design. PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CELL TOWER AT FIRE HEADQUAR-A CELL TOWER AT FIRE HEADQUAR-TERS Bids will opened and read in public at the Committee Chambers Municipal Building 100 Mountain Avenue, Spring-field, New Jersey on January 10, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids shall be in accordance with the specifications prepared by the Township of Springfield. Proposal Forms Specifi-cutions and Instructions to bidders may be obtained at the Office of the Township Administrator, Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. 10 4:00 p.m. Bids must be made on the Township's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Town-ship Clerk, Township of Springfield, New Jersey 07081. Bids shall be endorsed on the dustide of the envelope with the namo and address of the bidder: BID PROPOSAL FOR: CO-LOCATION LEASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A CELL TOWER AT FIRE HEADQUAR-TERS Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127 (NJAC 17:27). The Township of Springfield hereby Inis will require variance relief, Applicant further requests a bulk variance to pormit construction of the parapet design. 2. Applicant proposes thirty-two (32) parking spaces instead of the required one hundred and four (104) under Section 35-23.2 of the Springfield Ordinanco. The parking area will be paved as set forth on the Site Plans. Sixteen (16) additional spaces will be provided for additional overflow parking, which spaces will not be delineated and sixteen (16) additional overflow parking, which spaces will not be delineated. Due to the nature of the pro-posed business and the hours of opera-tion' Applicant will be propared to submit professional planning and engineering lestimony to support this variance. 3. Applicant proposes to erect a six (6') foot fence/wall in the front yard of Lot A along the Springfield Avenue side of the property. Section 35-22.1 of the Spring-field Ordinance does not allow fences in the front yard. Applicant is prepared to present professional planning and engi-neering testimony that the fence will pro-vide added security as well as be aesthet-ically ploasing. 17:27). The Township of Springfield hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder whose proposal, in the Township's judgment, best server its interest. By Order of Kathleen D. Wisniewski, Township Clerk Township Clerk U97407 ECL Dec. 23, 2004 (\$19.50) YOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ically pleasing. 4. Applicant requests relief from any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board so as to permit the Appli-cant to demolish the existing building, subdivide the Property into two (2) lois and redevelop one (1) of the lots for the purpose of a self-storage/mini-warehouse PLANNING BOARD TAKE NOTICE that on the 5th day of Jan-uary, 2005 at 8:00 o clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Plan-ning Board at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application #1-2005-S regarding the application of RGK Development, Inc., PUBLIC AUCTION. January 14, 2005 at 12:00 p.m. Lackland Self Storage, 1229 Route 22 East Mountainside, NJ 07092 The following merchandise will be sold at public auction. Listed below are the unit numbers along with the occupant name and a brief description of the contents.

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HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Once again, the Reeves-Reed Arboretum Holiday House Tour proved a stunning success with a near record-breaking crowd. Hundreds of guests from New York. Pennsy vania and throughout New Jersey enjoyed the sunny day and the six decorated homes, including Wisner House at Reeves-Reed and the historic Carter House. Many of the attendees also enjoyed lunch at The Beacon Hill Club. The sold-out lunched proved. a popular stopping point for sharing decorating ideas from the homes. House Tour Charmoman Merssa Freger and arboretum administrators Joan Ryder and Mary Keselica, right, were instrumental in builing together the event. At left, docent Ellen Donovan of Summit stands before a festive wreath during the House Tour

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Division for many years

Joseph Cassata

Joseph N. Gassata, 78; of Springfield; formerly of Union, died Dec. 5 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Liv-

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Cassata lived in Union and Maplewood before moving to Springfield.

He was a salesman with The Star-Ledger for 30 years before retiring 15: years ago. Mr. Cassata was a memberof the Glee Club in Maplewood and the Elks Lodge in Middletown.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret, and a sister, Marion Sexton:

Raymond DeVinney Raymond F. DeVinney. Aiken, S.C., formerly of Union and Springfield, died Dec. 8 in Intermed-

ical Hospital, Columbia, S.C. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. DeVinney lived in Union, Springfield, Massachusetts, Maryland, Texas and Penn-

sylvania before moving to Aiken three and a great-granachild years ago: He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp. for 40 years before retiring as a ship-building and repair executive in . 1996. During his tenure at Bethlehem Steel, Mr. DeVinney had many posttions, including general manager of the Boston Shipyard, senior manager. of administration at the Sparrows

Point Shipyard in Baltimore and president of the Sabine Shipyard in Port Arthur, Texas. In 1954, he began service with the

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years experience in the publishing industry, is an Information Systems Manager for R. R. Bowker, the U.S.

Standard Book Number agency, located in New Providence. She has been an active volunteer with the Summit chapter for over three years. She s a graduate o the Chubb Institute

Lawrence Everling was a marketing and advertising executive for CIT and currently

is a marketing consultant and project manager. He is a graduate Villanova University, a past member of the Summit Zoning Board of Adjustment, the development commit

mit. Retail Busiess District Master Plan and member of several non-profit organizations.

Hall University, also serves on the Authority, Overlook Hospital Board, Board of AAA New Jersey Automo- - president of the Summit Common bile Club and is a member of the Advi- Council and Master Plan architect.

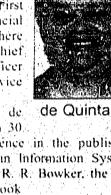
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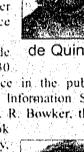








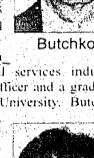




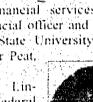
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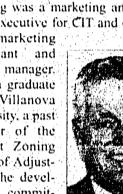




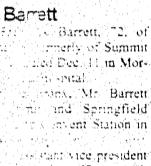
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Washington University, School of Law, retired as an international vice president, At&T Law and Government Affairs. He was

previously a college professor. atterney and lobbyist and is a res-ident of Summit. Robert Lloyd has been in microwave research and information technologies and is a

Llove graduate of NJIT. with a bachelor of science in engineering. He was for-

merly with SFD Laboratories and Midlantic Bank and a consultant in high-speed

Sprint technologies. Lloyd has been a volunteer safety instructor for the Summit Red Cross Chapter for 15 years. He is currently chapter treasurer. Howard

Model is a business consultant on computer programming, business analysis and project management. A

graduate of the University of Massachusetts, he served in the U.S. Air Force and the Vietnam War. He resides in Summit.

Ted Olcott leads the board's Strategie Planning Committee. He is a five-

decade resident of Summit and has a long record of community service as Eugene Lear, a graduate of Seton chairman of the Summit Housing



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Summit Winter Track

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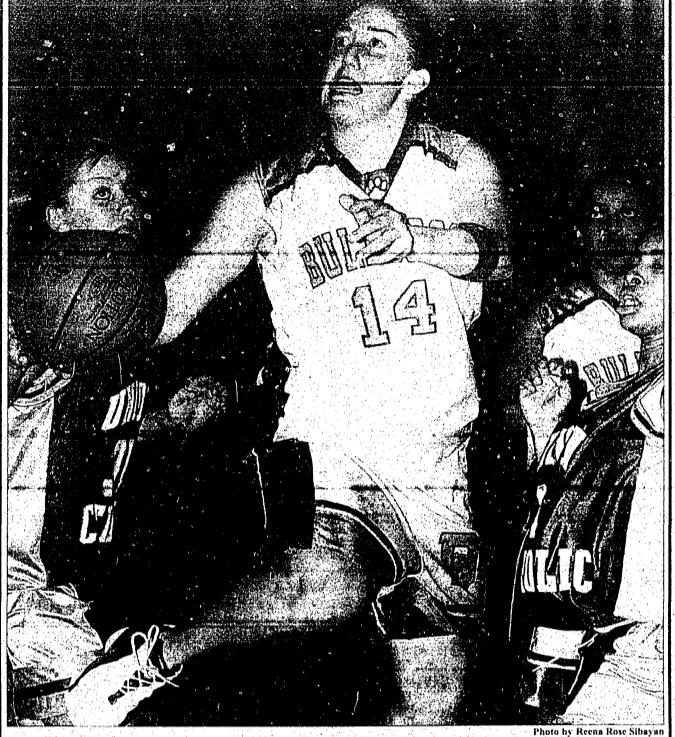
MYBL registration

Jan. 8, 10 and 15 Mountainside Youth Baseball League registration is Jan. 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and Jan. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at Deerfield School.

The program is for boys and girls ages 6-14 as of Aug. 1, 2005. Intro-6 by Aug. 1, 2005. Eligible T-Ball players are age 7 by Aug. 2, 1005. Call Bill Giannone at 908-789-8692 for more information.

SPORTS

A grand beginning



Dayton High School standout senior point guard Cristin Zavocki (No. 14) surpassed the 1,000 point milestone in last Friday night's season-opener against visiting Union Catholic. Zavocki netted a team-high 20 points and scored her 1,000th point on a layup in the first quarter. Dayton bounced back from a 53-32 loss to UC by besting St. Mary's of Elizabeth 60-15 Monday in Springfield. Zavocki netted a game-high 21 points and dished out six assists. Nicole Corigliano and Amanda DiCocco had eight points.

Dayton ice hockey off to a good start with 4-1 record Dec. 29 Pasarelli Inv. at Drew, 9 a.m. Dec. 31 Valentine Inv. at Drew, 9 a.m. Bulldogs undefeated in Central-Blue play

Staff Writer

ROSELLE - Playing very well, skating hard and scoring a lot of goals. That's how Dayton High School third-year ice hockey head coach Dean Yack described his team's performance so

far this season. Dayton's record stood at 4-1 as of Monday's canceled game against Governor Livingston due to a non-showing

v the referees. The Bulldogs, who finished 8-9-3 a year ago, opened net. He's done a great job." this season with a 5-2 victory over Livingston at the Union

Sports Arena (USA) on Dec. 1 Junior defenseman Rob Carroll, a junior who resides in Roselle Park and is a student at Brearley, notched a hattrick, while assisting on two other goals scored by senior Steve Mandel and junior Gregg Stefanelli.

Dayton then blanked Newark East Side by a 12-0 score on Dec. 14 at USA. Senior Paul Leokumovich and sophomore Steven Decter led the charge by netting three goals a pièce.

Two days later, the same teams met at the Ironbound Rink in Newark, with Dayton coming away with a 13-2 tri-

Carroll had two goals and two assists, while Leokumovich and freshman Adam Frank scored two goals each. Mandel, Stefanelli and senior Corey Berger scored one goal a piece in the victory, while freshman goaltender Adriana Hackett made 10 saves.

"Adriana played a lot of street hockey," Yack said. "She came out and gave it try. We gave her a start against East Side and she responded by making 10 saves and winning the game 13-2."

On Dec. 10, Dayton suffered its first loss in a 9-4 setback to Pequannock at Floyd Hall Arena in Montclair. "We're 4-0 in conference play, so our only loss came against Pequannock, who was much bigger than us," Yack

said. "We hung with them and gave them a little bit of a

game, though." Division opponent Passaic Valley 6-4 at Floyd Hall Arena 2-Adam Cohen (1998-2002) 86 goals, 43 assists, 129 pts. last Saturday.

point plateau for his career, notched a hat-trick to pace the attack, while Stefanelli, Leokumovich and Carroll scored one goal each. Junior goaltender Neil Hinkes made 14 Freshman: (2001-2002) 12 goals, 17 assists, 29 points. Saves.

scoring list, entered the season with 69 points.

goals and 92 assists for 139 points. Mandei, who suffered an injury last season, netted 10 Governor Livingston, Passaic Valley. goals and four assists for 14 points.

Dayton boys' bounce New Prov. in opener

The Dayton High School boys' basketball team scored a big victory in its season-opener last Saturday. The Bulldogs managed to defeat Mountain Valley Conduction to baseball is for children age ference rival New Providence by a 51-48 score in New-

Providence The MVC is back to just two divisions - the Mountain and the Valley - although it has not yet been determined which teams are in which divisions.

goals and assisting on 17 others for 29 points, thus being named a top newcomer and All-Conference selection.

He followed that up with an excellent sophomore year of 26 points, scoring 21 goals and assisting on five others. Mandel also scored the winning goal in Dayton's victory over Montclair-Kimberley Academy in the conference championship's Kelly Cup.

"Steve's fast and very strong," Yack said. "He gets most of the puck followed by the back of the

Dayton's strength lies in its depth. Yack runs four lines that feature two experienced and two inexperienced players.

The Bulldogs' first line consists of Mandel at center and Russian rockets Leokumovich and junior Rich Kovolonsky at the wings.

They are backed up by the second line of Berger. Stefanelli and sophomore Vinny Inno. Frank and the sophomore duo of Decter and center Jim

Guarino make up the third line. The fourth line features sophomore Evan Ring at center

and classmates Eric Dworkin and Jason Cappa at the wings. Defensemen include Carroll, who should be an All-County selection for the third year by season's end, and Brearley student Justin McElroy.

Others include junior Matt Parman, sophomores Ben Preston and John Beri and freshman Alex Neubauer. "I have three strong lines to go along with a good defense," Yack said.

"However, we need to tighten up on our goaltending" because Neil is in only his second full year of playing. He's still learning the game." Dayton's goals include qualifying for the state playoffs

and winning the conference title. "There's always room for improvement," Yack said. "I know we can play even better than we are right now."

Dayton's top four scorers all-time, with Steven Mandel

stats prior to this year: The Bulldogs then defeated Central Conference-Blue 1-Brett Berger (1999-2003) 47 goals, 92 assists, 139 points. 3-Jared Cohen (1997-2000) 64 goals, 51 assists, 115 pts. Mandel, a four-year player who's closing in on the 100- 4-Steven Mandel (2002-2005) 43 goals, 26 assists, 69 pts.

Steven Mandel stats his first three seasons: Sophomore: (2002-2003) 21 goals, 5 assists, 26 points. Mandel, who currently is fourth on the all-time Dayton Junior: (2003-2004) 10 goals, 4 assists, 14 points.

Brett Berger is Dayton's all-time leading scorer with 47 - Central Conference-Blue Division (7 teams): Dayton, Watchung Hills, Millburn, Livingston, Newark East Side,

Defending playoff champ: West Orange: now in White.-

Eson Jenkins, a transfer from West Milford, paced Dayton with a 21-point performance. Raul Furnaguera added 11 points and Joe Furnaguera eight. Michael Mason also poured in eight points.

The Bulldogs were to play at Johnson Tuesday night in Dayton plays Keyport Wednesday at 2 p.m. at

Clark. Peter's, New Brunswick.

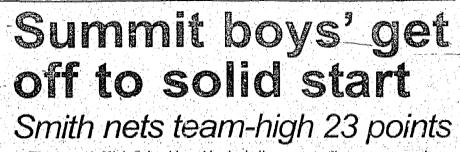


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Phone: 973-763-0700 Fax: 973-763-2557



The Summit High School boys' basketball team got off to a pretty good start last Friday The Hilltoppers came away with a dominating 58-27 triumph over visiting.

Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division foe Morris Hills. Summit fell to Weequahic 75-70 Monday at Newark Vocational High School and was to play at West Essex vesterday in North Caldwell." The Hilltoppers are scheduled to play in the Kowal Tournament in Rahway. facing Cranford Sunday night at 7:30.

Standout senior Wellington Smith scored a team-high 23 points and grabbed a game-best 15 rebounds to lift Summit past the Scarlet Knights. Also scoring in double figures for the Hilltoppers were James Johnson with 12 points and Maurice Torres with 11. Peter Melcon and Josh Sussman added four points and John Alpizar and Travis Marchell two. Chris Conlon hauled in six rebounds. Scott nets 15 for girls': Danielle Scott scored 15 points and Rence Freeden 13 in the girls' season-opening 54-31 setback to Morris Hills in Rockaway. Also

scoring for the Hilltoppers were Allison Cahott with two points and Megan Osmulski with one. Jessica Novo also played. Summit rebounded Monday to beat visiting Weequahic 37-27.

Track athletes impress Summit's boys' and girls' track team turned in impressive performances at ast Friday afternoon's Jersey City Relays. Boys' results: 4 x 200 Medley Relay: first - Pedro Freire, Daryl Toney, Nick Priestly, Justin Matlock. Sprint Medley Relay: first - Pedro Freire, Justin Matlock, Daryl Toney, Roma

Korkmazsky High Jump: first - Dan Flaherty and Nick Priestly.

4 x 400 Medley Relay: second - Pedro Freire, Garrison Butler, Justin Matlock, Daryl Toney. Novice Distance Medley: first - Stephen Hankinson, Matt DeFonzo, Mayy Jackson, Roma Korkmazsky.

Novice Sprint Medley: second - Dan Flaherty, Peter Novo, Nikhil James, Andy Passantino Novice 4 x 200 Medley Relay: second - Matt Defonzo, Dan Flaherty, Nikhil James, JJ Williams.

Novice Mile - first - Matt Jackson. Girls' results: 4 x 200 Medley Relay: first - Heather Scudellari, Rachel Smith, Jodi Callendar, Susan Scavone. Sprint Medley Relay: first - Rachel Smith, Sophie Mannaerts, Susan Scav-

one, Samantha Lce. High Jump: first - Heather Scudellari and Rachel Smith. Distance Medley Relay: second - Sophie Mannaerts, Jodi Callendar, Heather Scudellari, Samantha Lee.

Shot Put: second - Emily Kinaman and Patrice Chatman. Novice Shuttle Hurdles: first - Heather Scudellari, Jodi Callendar, Ashley Wiggins, Susan Scavone. Novice 4 x 400 Medley Relay: first - Sophie Mannaerts, Heather Boak, Lexi Zalk, Samantha Lee. Novice High Jump: second - Susan Scavone and Hannah Stuckey, third

Lexi Zalk and Ashley Wiggins.

GL ice hockey seeking to improve as season extends By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

ROSELLE - Hoping to improve as the season goes on. That's the goal of the Governor Livingston High School ice hockey team this season.

As of yesterday's scheduled game against Ewing at the Union Spor Arena, the Highlanders record stood at 0-2-1. "We have improved to where we've been competitive in two of our three games this season," GL head coach Joe Azzarello said. "We lost to

Livingston by a goal last Friday and tied Newark East Side 2-2 in our first game of the year." الالهربية متموان وأسترك والمتعادية أتسترك المتحود والمقاد أستنا بالارابة The only game the Highlanders looked overmatched was in their 8-1

setback to Passaic Valley on Dec. 11 at Floyd Hall Arena in Montclair. GL was scheduled to play Dayton Monday night at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle, but the game was postponed due to not having any officials present to referee the game.

"I have five guys on the team that are new to the game," Azzarello said. "Not new to the team, but new to the game. The first day of practice was their first time on ice." Azzarello, who's in his third year at the helm, guided the Highlanders

to a state playoff appearance his first season. "Last year, we lost five guys from the program from the previous season, so it was sort of a rebuilding year." Azzarello said. "This year, we lost even a few more."

GL finished 5-13 last season.

In addition to inexperience, the Highlanders lack depth. GL's roster consists of 10 players, including Mountainside resident Joe ?ijanowski.

"Joe's probably our biggest offensive threat," Azzarello said. "Unfortunately, the problem is we need him to anchor our defense. However, every once in a while, we'll move him up to join the attack."

The rest of GL's roster includes Jerry Ragonese, Brian Vandenventer, George Hewitt, Matt Parmer, Mike Mirabello, Mike Pego, Joe Natale and goaltender Jon Scales.

"Jon made 18 saves in our last game, so if he's on his game, he's very good," Azzarello said. "He's going to see a lot of shots this season, so hopefully he'll stop most of them. I feel we're going to win a few games this season and he's going to be a big reason why." GL is scheduled to play Glen Ridge Monday night at 8 at Warinanco.

Summit residents earn recognition

Summit residents Chip McArthur and John Gianis carned MVP awards for their performances as athletes at Morristown-Beard High School in Morristown. McArthur, a senior, was one of three MVPs of the cross country team. Senior Chris Golding of Bedminster and senior Jon Ellis of Basking Ridge were the others

Gianis, a sophomore, was one of two MVPs of the boys' soccer team. Senior Eric Shea of Madison was the other. Junior Mark Kinney of Summit was named the Male Fall Sportsmanship

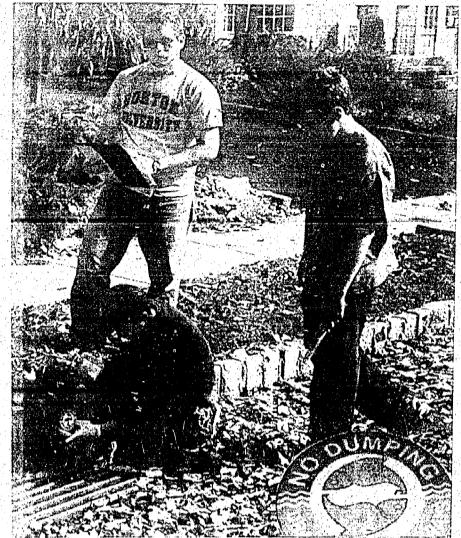
Award winner Getzendanner selected: Elizabeth Getzendanner of Summit was one of 17 Bates College women's ice hockey team members to represent the United States at the Baltic Blast & Thanksgiving Day Tournament Nov. 27 and 28 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Getzendanner, a senior, is an anthropology major. She is a 2001 graduate of Summit High School. Getzendanner was a member of the Bates field hockey team from 2001 to

2003 and studied at the Western University of Australia for her junior year. The tournament was organized by the Estonian Hockey Federation and included teams from Great Britain, Latvia, Estonia, Germany, Japan, Finland and Sweder

Tint sparks harriers: Andrew Tint of Summit helped the Morristown-Beard Middle School's cross country team finish with a perfect 11-0 record. He fashioned an impressive time of 21:06 to finish 10th in the team's final dual meet of the season.

Slama on Hamilton football: Christopher Slama of Summit was selected to play for the Hamilton College football team for this past season, Slama is a senior majoring in economics and is a graduate of Summit High School.



Troop 73 Scouts apply environmental warning labels to storm basins in Springfield, while working on a community service project. Brad Kaston, with clipboard, works toward his Eagle Project goal, with help from Justin Locke, kneeling, and Andrew Kocur.

Kaston finishes Eagle project

On Jan. 5, the state of New Jersey adopted the NJDES Municipal Water Reg ulation Program, laying out storm drain water guidelines, to help preserve the quality of the state's drinking water. A requirement of this program is the labeling of storm drains to indicate that they drain to natural waterways, thus informing the public not to dump garbage into sewers. According to the mandate, at least 50 percent of the catch basins in each town

Tare required to be labeled within 36 months. Bradley Kaston, of Troop 73 in Springfield, decided to undertake this project as his community service requirement for advancement to the rank of Eagle. Scout, since the township of Springfield has only a limited amount of public works manpower to fulfill this requirement. In May, a proposal was drawn up and approved to allow Kaston to coordinate these efforts through the Department of Public Works

Started in mid-September, the effort took more than three months and a total of nearly 200 man hours to complete. The condition of every drain was surveyed and assessed before the environmental warning labels were applied. With the help of family, friends and Troop 73 Boy Scouts, working weekends and after school, of the approximately 450 storm basins in Springfield, all of those located on local streets have now been properly labeled. Only the busier, highly trafficked main streets remain to be completed, bringing the township one step closer to completing its goal;

RECREATION Registration begins for girls softball

The Springfield Recreation Department will be offering a girls softball program for grades two to nine in the pring, with registration starting now at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, in Springfield from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to "p.m. Forms can be mailed in or, delivered.

For information and a registration form, call 973-912-2227. All registration fees are nonfundalala

Mountain Creek Ski Trip planned

The Springfield Recreation Depart ment will offer a Mountain Creek Ski Frin on Jan. 17. The bus departs at 9 i.m. and returns at 6 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. pringfield Ave.

The trip is open to Springfield resdents in grades eight to 12. The fee is \$55 and includes a lift,

esson and rental Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 973-912-2227.

Bowling leagues begin for Springfield youths

The Springfield Recreation Department offers bowling leagues for chil dren and teens.

This is a weekly program offered to children ages 4 to 14. The program is conducted on Tuesday afternoons at Plaza Lanes in Madison. This 10-week program will begin on Jan. 11 and end March 15. All children must be accompanied by an adult and have their own transportation to and from bowling alley.

• The Bumper Division is available or boys and girls in grades prekindergarten to one at 3:30 p.m.

· The Little Leaguers is available for boys and girls in grades two to four

• Pre-teen Bowlers is available for embark on 'Owi Prowl' boys and girls in grades five to six at

• Teen Bowling Club is available for boys and girls in grades seven to eight at 4:30 p.m.

Tournament honors memory of Joe Pepe

The Joseph Pepe III Memorial Holiday Tournament will take place at 5 p.m. Monday in the Main Gym at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield. On Tuesday, the tournament will take place at 3 p.m.

On Wednesday, the tournament takes place at 5 p.m.

The event features a game between girls varsity basketball teams. Admission for adults is \$3, children \$2. Food and refreshments will also be sold.

Noctumal hikers

Learn about the different species of owls that reside in the Watchung gram offered by Trailside Nature &

Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12.

EVENTS

Following a brief slide presentation, participants will hike to known owl prowling grounds. This program is for children, ages 6 and older with an adult, and requires preregistration. The fee is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 per person for non-county residents.

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation and is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Forinformation, call 908-789-3670.

Pat Cooper concert offered by Knights

Springfield Knights of Columbus

will present "Pat Cooper in Concert," Reservation in "Owl Prowl," a pro- Feb. 26, at a cost of \$72,50 per person. The cost includes meal, show, bus





ECHO LEADER

Foundation. The funds are needed to defray the cost of running the upcoming Jonathan Dayton High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team tournament. The proceeds will benefit the foundation. Joe Pepe III was a Springfield firefighter who died suddenly earlier this vear. From left are Township Committeeman Harold Poltrock, Chamber Co-chairman Scott Seidel Joe's brother Steven Pepe and Mavor Clara Harelik.

> transportation and all taxes and gratuities. Seats are limited on a first come. first served basis.

> For reservations, call Tony Graziano at 973-376-5612.

Chiropractor shares Olympic experience

Marc Jaffe will be sharing persona inecdotes from his summer experience in Athens, where he served as the team chiropractor for the 540-member USA Olympic Team at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

The presentation takes place at at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

A Summit chiropractor, Jaffe specializes in sports medicine and was one of only eight chiropractors ever selected to represent the United States at an Olympic event in an official



WORRALL COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

problem

Way back in law school, Pro

fessor Robert Feinberg would lec-

ture, not all problems can o

should be solved via the legal

process. Something like Paul

Last week the county's Bureau

McCartney singing "Let it be."

of Transportation sponsored

meeting in the musty conference

room at the Annex Building i

Westfield, They unveiled a report

by Abrams-Chernony consultant

about the need for an enhanced

shuttle program so commuters car

leave the car at home and still get

to the train station. Some pretty

smart public officials also took

The idea of shuttle vans

enhance mass transit seems like

pretty obvious approach. Couple

this with the release of a federa

environmental report last wee

finding Union and 12 other cour

ties in the state failed to meet nev

air quality health standards, and

project seems very much like

David Robinson is the state'

climatologist. Most people didn'

know we even had such a profes

sion. Robinson toils at Rutgers and

said of the federal report, "It's a

serious issue. There's a lot of junk

thrown into the air from factories

The county study even has the

spiffy name, "Community Shuttle

Efficiency Project." It was funded

by the North Jersey Transportation

Authority which swims upstream in terms of funds for transit. The

report made a pretty good case on

There is a demand to use train

stations. Roselle Park's station has

1 94 percent occupancy at a

parking lot. Most locals think a

space is harder to find than tickets

to a Springsteen concert. Cranford

comes in at 87 percent and Plain-

field's Netherwood stop is at 91

The report also reveals a whole

lot of people use the railroad to go

primarily to Newark and New

York City. There are 786 daily bor-

ders at Roselle Park, 882 at Cran-

Most interesting, the actual per-

cent of the working class who use

the train is 5.8 percent for Roselle

Park, 8.4 percent in Cranford and

11.4 percent in Westfield. The

problem is that while there is a

need for mass transit options, the

ability to make it happen is still

As an example, Roselle Park'

shuttle service is so successful

serves 1,100 monthly users. The

grant funding which has been

Department of Transportation

seems almost proud to announce

that they "wean communities off

funding." It's estimated that the

yearly cost of one shuttle operation

It turns out there are a host of

other problems. The vans break-

down frequently, if the town's self

insured it couldn't pick up out of

town, kids can't use it without

seatbelts and route selection car

The consultant with his rec

Still the transit wonks fight is

very necessary battle. Robinsor

also said, "New Jersey counties

have long failed pollution stan-

dards. We produce our own pollu-

tants here and have pollutants

delivered to us by wind from

Pennsylvania and as far off as the

Maybe it's just about a problem

An attorney, Frank Capece is

Ohio River Valley."

we chose not to solve.

resident of Cranford.

light beam said they have to "start

mean making tough choices.

A representative from the state

decreasing is about to run out.

ford and 1,797 at Westfield.

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is \$60,000.

By Frank Capece

A solvable Freeholders adopt lead ban at range

New ban to take effect next month By A. E. Gualtieri

Staff Writer Trap and skeet shooting enthusiasts came from as far away as North Bergen, Old Bridge and Middlesex to ask the freeholder board to reconsider both the wording and the intent of an ordinance to ban lead shot from the Lenape Park Trap and Skeet range.

"The new proposed ordinance represents an extreme overreaction and goes too far in criminalizing the mere possession of lead ammunition," said Scott Bach, the executive vice president of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs and selfdescribed "Second Amendment activist."

"How can the county criminalize something that is perfectly legal to own?" Bach asked. "That's like criminalizing the possession of cigarettes where the county bans smoking." A presentation by Jim Johnson of

PMK Group, an environmental engi- gun barrels, meaning that the barrels neering firm hired by the county to would need to be replaced very freassess the trap and skeet range, said quently and at a great cost, especially

there were no alternatives to banning lead shot at the range. "In order to stay in compliance"

with the environmental regulations. the minimum would be to change from lead shot," he said. The trap and skeet range, which

was built in 1929, is now in the Rahway River floodway and impacts protected wetlands, according to Johnson. Alternatives to lead shot currently available are bismuth, steel and a tungsten/iron alloy, which could all be prohibitive. used in compliance with current state and federal environmental regulations.

The seven freeholders present all voted for the final adoption of the ordinance that bans lead shot at the

range. The ban would take effect the weekend of Jan. 8. Opponents of the ordinance cited several problems with using alterna-

tive shot. First, that steel shot damages shotmaterial Tungsten/iron Bismuth Steel Lead

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on more expensive shotguns. Second, the price of alternative shot is much higher than lead and the cost of

Ralph Lossman of West Orange said that to continue shooting at his ammunition, which he said would severely limit his ability to keep shooting.

Freeholders said they are trying to find the best way to satisfy both the environmental agencies concerned with the lead shot, the state Departthe federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the sportsmen.

Speaker escorted out of freeholder meeting By A. E. Gualtieri statement, he had her removed by two

Staff Writer

A Union County resident was escorted from the building during the freeholder board meeting after her public comment last week.

Tina Renna, wife of former county employee and freeholder candidate Joe Renna, went over the five minutes allotted to members of the public for comments

After she was informed that her time was up and asked twice to finish him under the same conditions and he not comply and continued with her

Sheriff's officers and escorted out of the building

Renna's prepared statement focused on the problems with the county's juvenile detention center and the responsibilities of the freeholder board in that situation.

"You steadfastly denied responsibility for the deplorable, dangerous conditions." she said during her statement, "If the boy's mother had kept



By A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

After the goodbyes to Freeholder Lewis Mingo and the thanks to outgo- cer for four Union County towns: ing Freeholder Chairman Angel Estra- Rahway, Hillside, Winfield and da, a new board chairman will soon Scotch Plains. take over.

Rick Proctor, currently vice chairman of the board, will be taking over the seat as of January. While the office vill not officially

be voted on by the board until its annual reorganization meeting on Jan. 2. Proctor has been referred to as the man for the position.

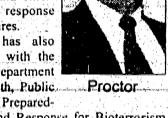
- Proctor was appointed to the board in February 2002 by the Union Coun- safety and emerty Democratic Committee to fill the unexpired term of Linda Stender, who procedures. left the board after her election to the Assembly in 2001. Stender resigned her position as freeholder after officially being sworn in as a member of of Health, Public Proctor the Assembly in January 2001.

Proctor ran and won the freeholder seat later that year, becoming the second freeholder from Rahway. Credited with the Democratic Party's resurgence in Rahway during his tenure as Democratic municipal chairman, Proctor has also served as a member of the Rahway school board for four terms, during which time he w board president once and vice provident twice.

tor of the Department of Health and Human Services in Bloomfield, Proctor currently serves as the health offi-

Union County's Committee on Homeland Security can also claim Proctor as a member. The committee

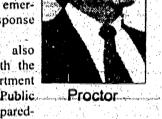
He has also



Proctor's term on the freeholder and there has not been word as to

icult to do."

da and Sheriff Ralph Froehlich recognize U.S. Marshal James Plousis, center, for his work with the regional fugitive task force



ness, and Response for Bioterrorism Task Force, In addition to his policy work, he has also published articles on

board expires at the end of next year, whether he will seek another term at

Until then, however, Proctor will hold the gavel as he takes over for



Froehlich praised the task force as being nstrumental not only in this particular appreension, but for all the work they do. Between June 2002 and June 2004, Union

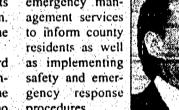
County law enforcement officers attached to the Office task force arrested 189 fugitives. "Marshal Plousis has sworn in some of my officers, which has been a real luxury for us." rochlich said, explaining that it allows his offiers to move outside their jurisdiction as a part of the Sheriff's Office, since they have been deputized by U.S. Marshal James Plousis:

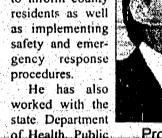
last week.

"One thing that I like about all these appre-

works with law enforcement and emergency management services to inform county residents as well as implementing gency response

worked with the





Health Prepared-

terrorism and public safety.

that time. Proctor is especially committed to Estrada, whose term also expires at the

issues of public health. A former direc- end of next year.

small to be successful." Despit the obvious good idea, it turns ou there are not many shuttle services By A. E. Gualtieri operating. Transit advocates will Staff Writer say that's because all the subsidies The New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive go into preserving the automobile Task Force scored a major victory last week when Union County Sheriff's Sgt. George Marlike new road construction and fighting wars in places like Iraq.

marou took Jamaie Fitzgerald, a fugitive since January 2003, into custody. "He's been on the run for three years," said Sheriff Ralph Froehlich.

Fitzgerald, an Elizabeth resident, was wanted on charges of possession and distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, eluding and contempt of court, dating back to October 2001. Fitzgerald had been last seen in South Caroli-

na, where the coordinated efforts of a SWAT team and a helicopter search failed to bring him in. Back in Elizabeth, however, Marmarou and two other task force officers took him into custody without incident, a credit to the planning and perseverance of the members of the task force, Froehlich said.

Freeholder Chairman Angel Estra-



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Photos By Barbara Kokkal SKATING WITH SANTA --- Santa took time on the ice and off to talk and have his photo taken with Eve Crandall, 4, above, during Skate with Santa at Warinanco Ice Skating Center in Roselle on Saturday. Below, rink regulars Ray Paterek and Karen Mogielnicki of Roselle get fancy with their moves as Santa hits the ice.



ensions is that there have only been a few shooting incidents," he said. "We've been able to

To celebrate that success, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the creator of the task force, Plousis, with a resolution

Froehlich led the presentation, which include

ed the officers involved with Fitzgerald's arres "It doesn't say enough," said Froehlich of the really plan out these apprehensions, which is dif- resolution. "We in law enforcement can't do enough to work together to provide better services for the people."

Froehlich also credited Plousis as the facilitator of the coordinated services, which he says increased the effectiveness of the Sheriff's

The information on the federal level and federal access to information is very important in apprehensions and is a welcome consequence of their cooperation, Froehlich said, but the local officers "have informants here, and have a relationship with the street," something federal officers do not.

Fitzgerald was nearby during the presentation, as he is being held without bail at the Union County Jail, across the street from the county Administration Building.

COUNTY NEWS

Registration for riding lessons to begin

Spring will be here before you know dit, and Union County's Watellung Stable is busy preparing for: the start of riding lessons.

All applicants must be 9 years of ave or older. Class and troop assignments are based upon riding ability as. determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the. appropriate class.

Classes are held Tuesdays through Saturdays. Spring troop will last for 10 weeks beginning March 22, and will culminate with the spring troop horse

The Watchung Stable also features adult lessons, for people 18 years of age and older, beginning the week of March 20. Classes for adults are available on Sundays at 12:45 p.m., Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 n.m.

The cost to participate begins at \$200 for 10 classes, and varies with Union County residency status and troop assignment. Uniforms and helmets are required and must be provided at the rider's expense.

Registration forms and fees must be submitted in-person beginning Jan. 4 at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit-Lane, Mountainside. Office hours are 9 alm. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, and to obtain registration materials, call 908-789-3665

Free passport, photo IDs for kids under 16

The Union County Clerk's Office is offering free passport and identification photos for children aged 16 and younger through the end of the year.

The photos can be taken at the main Office of the County Clerk in Elizabeth and the annex office in Westfield. The normal processing fee for the photos is \$7.

The Westfield annex, 300 North Ave. East, processes County Identification cards, passport applications, swearings-in of notary publics, and clerk certificates.

Normal annex hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The phone number there is 908-654-9859.

The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex, 300 North Ave, East, will be closed on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for technical servicing.

The annex will be open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., its normal Thursday hours, today. It will be closed on Friday for the Christmas holiday and will reopen on Monday. The annex will also be closed on Dec. 31 and will reopen on Jan, 3.

The main Office of the County Clerk is located at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 1134, Elizabeth.

Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The main office can be reached at 908-527-4966

'Women of Excellence' nominations available

Nominations are now available for the 13th annual "Women of Excellence" awards program sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women.

The commission seeks outstanding women nominees from Union County who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories; Arts and Humanities; Business/Entrepreneur; Community Service; Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy. The commission will accept nominations until Jan. 5,

The women selected from the nominees will be honored at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood, on March 18 at 7 p.m.

For an official nomination norm, call Sean Faughnan at 908-527-4107 or go to www.ucnj.org to download the form

Once the form is completed, mail to Joan Abitante, 322 Dietz St., Roselle, 07203.

Due to the overwhelming interest in this annual event, the Union County Commission on the Status of Women is encouraging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possi-

For more information, call Abitante at 908-241-4889.

Relatives of immigrants sought for centennial

Union County is seeking relatives of immigrants who became naturalized U.S. citizens in Aug. 1, 1903 as part of its observances of the centennial celebrations of the Union County Courthouse.

Immigrants from Ireland, Italy, Russia, Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Romania and Denmark who settled in Union County and became

U.S. entizens in the naturalization ceremony at the then-under construction Courthouse will be honored in memoriam next year.

Their descendants will be invited to participate in a re-creation of the 1903 ceremony as part of the events celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Courthouse. Related events and exhibits will showcase the Courthouse as the center of law in Union County

Those who believe they are a relative of one of those people listed are urged to call the Union County Clerk's Office at 908-527-4787.

Freeholders blasted for juvenile center

(Continued from Page B1) Yet The County of Union not only

Renna, who was clearly angry dur- committed sateride in May 2003. ing her statement, pointed to the salary v county officials

the meeting. Estrada said, "I think we tions at the inventie detention center all need to look at the realities of soci- and what you will do to protect the ety that get people to where they are. I children under four care," she said. by no means believe that this board is "Society and the individuals in that indicates how much time is left., fied ad by calling 1-800-564-8911

have they not been punished but have to be paid to the providence of the count- harm to other andividuals in society, ing refused to take any blame for his ty's invente accenta to center where "Estrada later said of the situation with Eddle Smekar, a 17-year-old detainee the county facility ordinance passed earlier that evening public information department, which and decorum, which he did by having as a reward for failing performances churns out hundreds of Haudatory press Renna escorted out. releases, there isn't one which men-

During his comment at the end of tions Edward Sinclair or the condi-

Renna concil is r greater attention the things they do that may cause speaker and those attending the meet

"The county has a million-dollar, man required him to maintain order

Citizens are allowed five minutes to speak during the public comment had elapsed. sessions held at regular meetings. There is a red, vellow and green light



the cause drate dest of his death. Secrety have to take responsibility for and it is clearly visible to both of

During the discussions over b. tran and skeet range, several speaker Estruda said that his role as chair- were allowed to speak past their time as the freeholders responded to some of their concerns during that five man Htes

Renna said she was aware her time

Your abilities can earn cau above the dais where freeholders sit income. Advertise them with a classic

ARTS New Jersey Ballet's 'Nutcracker' a triumph

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

WORRALL NEWSPAPERS

authenticity to the New Jersey Ballet's made it more enjoyable. production of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" at the Paper Mill Playhouse Michael Anania used color to tremenlast Saturday. So much authenticity, in dous effect throughout the performfact, that the air was briefly filled with ance. one of the pyrotechnic blasts used dur-

ing the production. Granted, "Nutcracker" has always been a holiday tradition, but quite cannon blasts, and the use of steam, frankly, even those who've seen it which rolled into the first few rows of numerous times owe themselves a the orchestra, simulating the clouds, visit to the Paper Mill to see how the added to the ambience of the producshow is performed by the New Jersey tion. Ballet Company, Several patrons nearof the performances of "Nutcracker" casual observer awestruck. offered in The City.

no mistake about it, the dancers of the ground sports, because the fact is that dancers New Jersey Ballet are true masters of rank among the most graceful athletes their craft.

David Tamaki, appearing as the agility, grace and balance. And, in around the world, truth, those two were among many superior dancers in the Livingston- was a star with the New York City based troupe, which showed consider- Ballet, and also performed as a guest able depth throughout the perform- artist with the Bolshoi Ballet.

Joseph Carow, who choreographed these groups; fellow artistic advisor Act 1, Scenes 1 and 2, and resident Leonid Kozlov performed as a princi-2. Tomal has performed as a soloist Union. with American Ballet Theatre, Roland appeared on TV in "The Ed Sullivan Show," and he's choreographed over 100 dance works, including such productions as "Carmina Burana," "Dance of the Hours," "Beethoven," "Carmen," and "Winterset." The cho- atre, dancing critical roles in "Swan reography left its mark on the performance, giving every dance movement a creative, yet polished feel.

In addition to the talented ballet performers, the ballet company reached out to bring in a renowned actress who added legitimate star

this performance, it was the use of the Paper Mill-was clearly on its "A" strobe lighting during the battle scene game for this performance. involving the Mice and the Toy Soldiers. More than anything else, the Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" continues lighting made the scene difficult to at the Paper Mill through Monday. For

Associate Editor

you'd never guess how Tim Murphy

right on this page. Take a look.

Go ahead, one of his paintings is

paints.

at most. Each production of the play varies slightly, and most of the From the outset, there was an air of nuances added to this production For the most part, scenic designer

the pungent aroma of gunpowder from As the show began, the stage was

outlined in a regal combination of blue and gold.

The use of real gunpowder for the

For those who've seen the New by noted the performance was the best Jersey Ballet before - or never seen version of "Nutcracker they'd ever ballet at all - this performance of seen, and a couple even pointed out "Nutcracker" offers an opportunity to they telt the show was better than any see dancing that will leave even the

There's a reason many modern ath-When it comes to dancing, make letes employ ballet training for their in the world.

Don't be fooled by the group's Snow King, and Tuvshin Bold, in the name, the New Jersey Ballet includes role of Cavalier, displayed remarkable- many of the elite ballet artists from Artistic advisor Edward Villella

And Villella isn't the only one in Much of the credit should go to this company with a connection to

> tic advisor, performed as a principal dancer with the American Ballet The-Lake," "Sleeping Beauty," "Giselle,"

As for the theater itself, the holipower to the performance. Celeste days may just be the best time of year Holm, whose resume includes an to visit the Paper Mill, though there's Academy Award for her performance never a bad time. The theater looked in "Gentlemen's Agreement," as well as sharp as ever, and its classic look as two nominations for Academy was accentuated by an old car placed Awards for her performances in in front of the F.M.-Kirby Carriage "Come to the Stable" and "All About House, with the words "New Jersey Ballet" on the door of its red body. If there was a chink in the armor of With an ever-so-slight nip in the air,

New Jersey Ballet's production of tickets, call 873-376-4343 or order Nonetheless, it was a minor point, online at www.papermill.org.

By Jeff Cummins

Odds are, if you're an art novice,

esident whose work will be on dis- did."

been thus far? A good indication When you listen to Kathy Wood. might be the variety of places the first thing that hits you is her they've performed at. Southern drawl: you just can't envi-"We were at the Kennedy Center sion this woman running a hip hop in Washington, D.C., in May, and it

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Then again, that's just another

Woods has always had consider-

able experience in the dance world.

and then one day, she saw these guys

"I taught dance for 25 years, and

I was retired. I saw these guys danc-

ing hip hop in street, and I became

fascinated in the movement, and I

invited them to my studio," said

Wood. "We collaborated on the

movement. There's a big generation

gap with me, 1 m 61 and they were

17, but I just love the dance move-

ment. It's so male. It takes a lot of

aren't a lot of women who can do it.

Mostly, it's guys doing it, and I don't

think we've had a lot of guys danc-

ing in a long time. It takes a lot of

So, Wood promptly un-retired,

of generations younger than she was.

Still, their mutual enthusiasm for

tery of the art that brought them

"We do word-of-mouth auditions.

but I've had the same lancers for

have to find someone who fits in

haven't found that person the last

the choreography is done for four

four" a breather if they're tired.

inal work titled "Hope" that now

strength to do this."

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was beautiful," said Wood. "We did 10 concerts; and they were sold out sign that you can't always trust first in November, Then we toured Alaska for five weeks in January. It was 32 degrees below zero, but it was a wonderful adventure." Wood added that the group has also performed in ' tos Angeles, San Francisco and New England,

Then again, it's not as if the world just took the group's dancing immediately. As good as the FLY dancers were, they still met their fare share of skeptics along the way.

"At first, they didn't take hip hop dancing seriously," Wood said. "It was difficult because the dancers weren't aware what it took to develupper body strength to do it. There op good choreography."

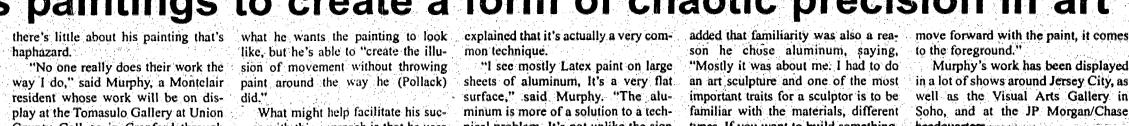
So, Wood worked with the dancers, and began to develop choreography. As time went on, the dance world began to take hip hop dance more seriously.

"In fact, I see a lot of hip hop and started working with the young movement in contemporary dance," hip hop dancers, who were a couple said Wood. "The dance world should take us seriously, because it's one of the freshest forms of dance I've seen dance proved to a powerful mix, and in my lifetime. Everyone loves this, they forged ahead, honing their mas- from the kid in her mother's lap, to the grandmother with season tickets. got 61 standing ovations."

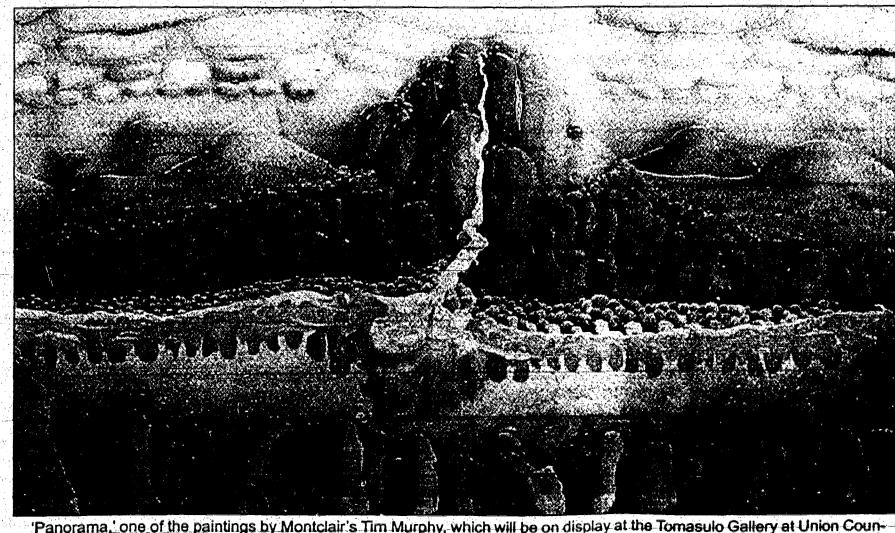
If Wood had a particular advankick 'em out; they love this job. We her diverse experience in dance. She'd taught many different forms of with the four dancers I have, who dance, including jazz, tap, ballet and works as hard as they do. So far, we ethnic dancing.

Not that there weren't some few years." Woods acknowledged things about hip hop that are differthat the group has four dancers, and ent from other forms of dance.

think if you've done a movement audience was making some catcalls, them.



County College in Cranford through cess with this approach is that he uses nical problem. It's not unlike the sign types. If you want to build something, headquarters. Give up? Well, Murphy pours paint March 17, 2005, "Jackson Pollack did aluminum sheets, in the interest of get- aluminum that you'd see outside a you decide what the best material for on the painting while it's on the floor, but it was of the ting a perfectly flat surface to paint parking lot in the city. When you pull it is it's similar to being familiar with been influenced by any artists in par-That's right, he pours it, though it moment. My work is very planned." For some, aluminum might sound a up and it says 'Park here.' You'll real- what's seasonal for an architect." doesn't look that way. The fact is that Murphy added that he has an idea little unusual for painting, but Murphy ize it's on painted aluminum." Murphy



ty College in Cranford through March 17.

choreographer George Tomal, who pal dancer with the Bolshoi until 1979, choreographed Act 1, Scene 3, and Act when he defected from the Soviet He then became a principal dancer Petit's Ballet, and Igor Schwezoff's in the New York City Ballet, and his Ballet Concerts Company. -He's performance in the 1983 musical production "On Your Toes" earned him considerable acclaim.

Eleanor D'Antuono, another artis-"Coppelia," and "Les Sylphides."

With the presence of these three veterans, the New Jersey Ballet is a formidable force in dancing and creativity.



Members of FLY, an all-male dance company, will perform at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

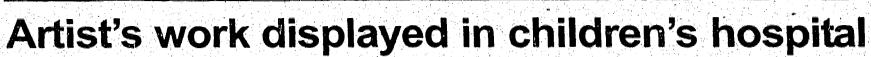
We did 61 concerts last year, and we once, you need to throw it away. On and some of the other hip hop warm up before you do it."

they've already done.

people. However, if one dancer is learn a new vocab," said Wood. "A acknowledged that her dancers stood have done that." injured, there's isn't anyone who will lot of those forms of dance are very up to a challenge from the dancers in

the other hand, my dancers have dancers invited us up on the stage for learned they need a warmup. Move- a 'Breaker Boy battle.' That's generfive years," said Wood. "I'd have to tage in building up the group, it was ment is movement, and you've got to ally what they do in clubs. The French people yelled, but the French Wood said the group now has a dancers had already battled my guys, European agent, and it looks as if and my guys proceeded to take 'em they'll be touring Europe, something out. It was a crowning moment of achievement for my guys. Definitely "Estonia was very interesting, only happened once in our careers. they liked us so much they wouldn't The French dancers took the liberty "It's very different in that I had to let us off the stage," said Wood, who of taking the lead, we would never

So, together, FLY and Wood have take his place, and there's no extra disciplined; the whole thing about Paris. "Paris was like the American tackled new challenges. Where the person to give any of the "starting hip hop is very individual. They audience, only a little rougher. The dance takes them from here, is up to



Parents of young patients at Chil- recently on display at The New York director of Child Life Services at cer Center, both in New York City; dren's Hospital of New Jersey at Open Center in Manhattan. To create Children's Hospital of New Jersey. Morristown Memorial Hospital: The Newark Beth Israel Medical Center the photographs in this collection, Lawrence Green, aka Lorenzo Hospital for Sick Children in Ontario, see a beautiful source of inspiration LaVerde has traveled to remote loca- LaVerde, was a past employee of Canada; Niagara Falls Memorial when they visit the hospital's Family tions in North and South America. Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Medical Center in LaVerde's home-Learning Center, thanks to Scotch. The result is a series of photos of where he served as chief medical town of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Bradfor photographer Lorenzo various species of butterflies and photographer for a number of years. Regional Medical Center in Bradvarieties of flowers, each depicted LaVerde donates to the pediatric ford, Pa.; and Mount St. Mary Hospi-LaVerde recently donated an orig- closeup and in living vibrant color. wards at Newark Beth Israel and tal in Lewiston, N.Y. "We are so pleased that Mr. other hospitals to give the sick chil- Children's Hospital of New Jersey occupies a permanent space in that LaVerde has chosen Children's Hos- dren a bit of hope for their future and is the state's premier hospital, caring pital of New Jersey as a recipient of their cure. In addition to CHNJ, he for children with specialized services "Hope" is a framed print that cap- this beautiful piece of art. It is so had donated original prints to JFK to treat ill and injured children from tures the delicate beauty of a butter- comforting to our parents and chil- 'Medical Center in Edison; Children's newborn through adolescent years, fly. It is part of his collection titled dren and its title reflects a feeling Hospital of New York-Presbyterian including more than 30 pediatric spe "Butterflies and Flowers" that was they all share," said Anne Theisen, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Can- cialities.

Artist uses paintings to create a form of chaotic precision in art

son he chose aluminum, saying, to the foreground."

tempered somewhat. He noted that even though his paintings are abstractions, they reference real structures play at the Tomasulo Gallery will be and forms, giving them a basis in reality. Murphy pointed out that he pours painting that was finished this year paint from a jar or bucket, searching for the form that he wants,

So Murphy winds up with a paintng that, in his own words, is a blob, comething that has no straight lines. because Murphy is a captain in the fine arts from the School of Visua United States Marine Corps Reserve Arts in New York City. unit, adding another twist to his story. He's lectured on art and served as a years," he said. Murphy acknowl- also in New York. edged that he's in a deployable unit that could be called up if things artist at the sculpture department of remain the way they are.

not be all that different from his very New York City. ordered life as a Marine. Even though his work is abstract, he's quick to tion/design team for Planet Hollyphy described his work as "lots of lit- locations. le pieces of chaos, all planned in a For more information, contact specific format."

it's extremely layered," he said. "As I 908-709-7000.

Murphy said that he really hasn' ticular - "Influenced is a hard word," While Murphy's paintings are he acknowledged - but he admitted abstractions, the fact is that they're that he did enjoy the work of Thomas Hart Benton

> Three paintings that will be on dis-"Panorama," which is on this page, a "Aloha," which was completed in 2001, and "AutoBio," which was finished in 2003. Each of these paintings is mixed media on aluminum.

Murphy also possesses the requi-This may be made even more unique site academic credentials, having by the fact that straight lines and order earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts would seem to be right up his alley, from Rutgers, and a master's degree in

He's been in the Marines for a total of teaching artist throughout his career, 19 years, including active duty "on at the Museum of Modern Art in New and off over the last six or seven York City, and at Symphony Space.

In 2000, he served as a visiting the University of Iowa, and he was a And yet, Murphy's abstract art may teaching artist at Studio in a School, in

Finally, he was on the installa point out that it features "very detailed wood, working with the chain's New andscapes, very specific imagery. It's York, London, Vancouver, Prague, detailed, yet it's still blob-like." Mur- Amsterdam, Paris and Los Angeles

Union County College at "If you see the work, you'll see that www.ucc.edu, or call the school a

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The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months: Scotch Plains High School Class of 1979, 25-year reunion, Dec. 31.

· Westfield High School Class of 1994, 10-year reunion, Dec. 31. • Westfield High School Class of

1985, 20-year reunion, May 21. • Scotch Plains High School Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, June 11.

• Scotch Plains High School Class June 25. of 1975, 30-year reunion. • Union High School, Class of 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005.

· Union High School, Class of 1995, 10-year reunion, 2005. • Union Hill High School, Class of

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above reunions, write to Reunions Unlimited Inc., P.O. Box 150, Englishtown 07726 or call 732-617-1000.

· Hillside High School, Class of 1965, is holding its 40th reunion on

If anyone has information regarding former students or would like to join the committee, contact Barry Zins at BZins1111@aol.com. Hillside High School, class of

1955, is planning a reunion on May 20 at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit. Contact Paul Ladell at 973-715-7688

reunion for alumni in Florida on Feb. Monday 5 p.m.

• Union High School, Class of 26, 2005 at the Country Club at Boea Contact Marvin Kaleky at 954-

720-0125 or send an e-mail with pertinent information hhaafla(a/yahoo.com.

Or call Rhoda Lubetkin at 973-886-6480

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Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social events -Friday at noon.

Entertainment --- Friday at noon. Sports news and game results Monday at noon.

Letter to the Editor - Monday 9] a.m. -

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21. You are likely to move a lot farther toward. financial success with the help of others. Pool your resources and extend your buying power. CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Expect extraordinary or creative individuals to cross your path and bring

ships play an instrumental role.

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Orchestra to perform on holiday

waltzes of Johann Strauss, as well as www.njsymphony.org. arias and overtures by Franz von A much sought after conductor on productions of both standard and to be presented include von Suppe's "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," Strauss' "Blue Danube Waltz." along with arias and duets from Strauss' "Gypsy Baron," and Lehar's "The Merry Widow" and "The Land of Smiles." Featured on this program will be soprano Lyubov Petrova and tenor Gregory Turay under the baton of conductor Julius Rudel.

Performances will be presented on · Wednesday at Richardson Auditorium, Princeton at 8 p.m.

• Dec. 30 at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood, at 8 p.m. • Jan. 1 at the Count Basie Theater,

Red Bank, at 8 p.m. · Jan. 2 at The Community Theatre,

Morristown, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$62, \$49, \$37, \$28 and

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The New Jersey Symphony \$22/only in Princeton and Morris- 400 years and has parallel breadth in Orchestra will present a series of Vien- town, \$62 and \$49. Call NJSO Ticket the symphonic literature. Rudel has nese-styled programs over the New Office at 800-255-3476, Monday to conducted productions ranging from Year's holiday weekend, a program of Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or online at Baroque masterpieces, revivals of bel

Suppe, Franz Lehar and other operetta the international scene, Julius Rudel rarely performed works, to groundcomposers. A sampling of selections has led more than 175 operas spanning breaking 20th century operas.

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could drastically change your outlook clearly discern the truth.

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and long hot baths.

D HOROSCOPES and, with focus and perseverance, you will accomplish great things. VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Keep your individuality in mind that if nothing is ventured, oily with the consequences.

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New year will offer plenty to look forward to at Newark Museum

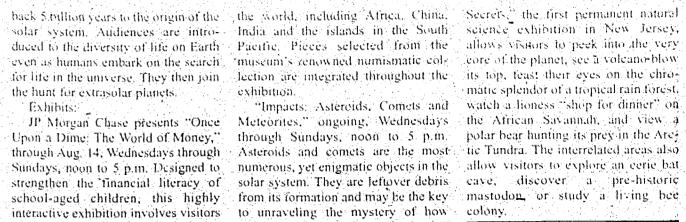
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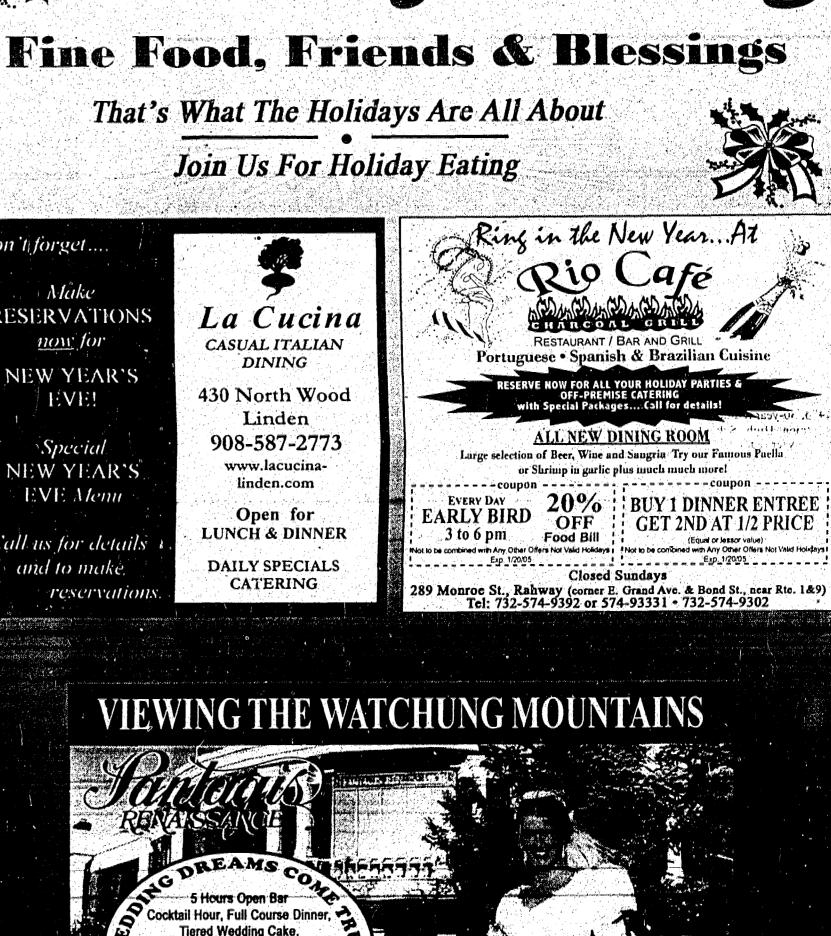
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Ornereated a large body of photostaphs that were used in a historical guidebook put together by the county. She spent months doing research on the 38 sites and numerous interiors

traits of the architecture and arretacts doing inv research and photographing. Bouras Preserves at 25 Deforest onity to use their imaginations while by the author in this Tony Award W "Since Hurph The have traveled the sties."

throughout the world working on var- The body of work will provide a jous photographic and video projects balance of mages between the archiwhich has given me the opportunity to be testing furniture, costumes and artiexplore many popular and cherished - facts of by gone eras to reflect those places, it have discovered that right who hved, worked and played in





at Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, now through Monday. For information and tickets call the Box Office at 973-376-4343.

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Kean will present a new theater program

fiversity announces Prehere in my own backy and mere and Union County at earlier times. Some mier Stages a new professional vacancy, the Roy Theatre' is once program. Actively engaging and showplace for top entertainers. enhancing the professional theatre academic programs at Kean, Premiere Stages will disouserve a culturally diverse audience, children-at-risk, and a broad pool of artists.

Premiere Stuges features four uniquely concerved projects that will season is now under way, with a fourmiere Stages Play Festival will present - full season. the work of emerging dramatists liv-6397, ext. 4-410, or send an e-mail to with the players. jwooten(a kean.edu)

Hispanic Heritage

Month celebrated at Ritz To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, The Ritz Theatre recently run Eriday and Saturday evenings for hosted an interactive art lesson for 100 3 or 4 weekends, making it easy to free dance and improv workshop at its elementary school students from Har- have a local night out to experience winter open shop, which is scheduled rison Elementary School and The live theater: Shim Academy of Roselle.

"I created the Ritz Arts Council to celebrate art in its many forms," said Ritz Theatre owner George A. Castro Bride" by Ray Cooney and John II. "In the future, we will host a vari- Chapman runs in January as an antiety of events at The Ritz Theatre fea- dote to the winter blahs. turing fine art, music, dance and more, to bring the arts to the community and educate children."

The students learned about fine art

techniques of Hispanic Inists Jerge the rie bold for ns of Pasada from Colombia. Franck de la Mercedes from Nicaragua, and Rene Nievorga from El Salvador

own work and engaged the children in

The Ritz Theatre was built in 1865 and storiginally opened as Drake's

After a variety of incarnations, surviving near destruction and years of

Season is under way for Westfield Players

The Westfield Community Players membership drive for their 2004-2005

New President Naomi Yablonsky,

Individual season subscriptions can be obtained for \$45 each with checks payable to Westfield Community Players, sent to Letty Hudak at 409 Harrison Avenue, Westfield. All shows open on a Saturday night and

The remaining plays of the season are to begin in January. The British Farce "There Goes the

A society wedding is disrupted by the father of the bride, who lapses into

fantasy about the roaring '20s' at the Savoy Hotel in London.



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Show dates are Jan. 8 through with all liekets priced at \$15% Availing Christic's Courties drama, Witness for the Prosecution

The artists exhibited some of their is the March show . True to form, confusion, doub; double-cross are skillfully presente

> The play runs March 5 through a 19 with tickets priced at \$15.

WCP ends the season in May in the James Valey and Fred Alley min cal "The Spitfire Grill." With a sent inspired by American folks music, its wonderful sites to photograph and images are tomantic in style and pro- Actor's Equify Association theater again being reconsidered as a first class story of redemption and hope take place at a restaurant in a small tous that serves up more than food to wear souls. The play runs April 30 throng May 21, with all tickets priced at \$20

Westfield Community Player. founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the State of New Jersey and nurture and encourage the work of stu- show season price of \$45, a savings of has brought to life more than 106 dents, introduce children to the arts. 30 percent off the price of individual comedies, dramas and musicals in as attract high-profile artists to the insti- vickets. The Box Office is open at 908- 150-seat theater in Westfield, Withution and provide a forum for the 232-1221 and ready to take your reser- four productions this season, it contindevelopment of new plays. The Pre- vations for the opening show or for the ues to be a vibrant part of the culturat seene in Union county.

Funding has been made possible in ing in the greater metropolitan are who has directed and performed at part by the New Jersey State Council through readings, workshops, and WCP, announced the new season of on the Aris, Department of State, a fully-produced world-premiere pro- drama, comedy, murder and song, partner agency of the National ductions: For more information on Naomi added that these special events Endowment of the Arts, through a Premiere Stages at Kean University, or are another way of drawing audiences grant administered by the Union to get on the mailing list, call 908-737- to WCP who might not be familiar County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs

Arts camp lets students home acting skills

Stars Of Tomorrow Performing Arts Camp of Cranford will have a from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Cranford United Methodist Church. 201 E. Lincoln Ave., Cranford, at the corner of Walnut. In case of inclement weather, the open house will be held on Jan. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Workshops are geared to children ages Kindergarten and up: For more information, call 908-276-5053 or visit the Web www.StarzOfTomorrow.com.



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Portrait of Alexandra Feodorovna, above left, and 'Portrait of Nicholas II,' above right, part of the exhibit, 'Nicholas and Alexandra: At Home With the Last Tsar and his Family,' on display through Jan. 9 at the Newark Museum

Orchestra set to celebrate holiday season

Christmas time. The holiday season is a feast of

"Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," And, of course, the magnificent

and Beethoven The Baroque Orchestra of New

of Mozart, Donizetti, von Weber, Bar- form Havdn's-Symphony No. 9. ber, Mendelssohn and Haydn.

Europe with the Philharmonic Virtu- phonic and choral works.

Wassall is defined as a joyous cel- 1 osi, has performed under such distin-Rampal and Menuhin

music / from works as profound as was conducting the orchestra and sit- Botosani, Philharmonic de stat Sibiu, Jights of each season. "The Messiah" to inspirational carols ting as concert master for "Prayers for and Philharmonic de Stat Rm. Valcea," Franz Joseph Haydn, often called like "Silent Night" to non songs like America," the memorial service held all in Romanias, the Philharmonic (the "Father of the Symphony," was "White Christmas" to whimsy like on Sept. 23, 2001, for victims of the Society Orchestra of St. Petersburg, one of the great representatives of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Heerema will Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Bach, Brahns, "Concertino," a work filled with flash and lyrical splendor.

Tenor Daniel Foran, making his Jersey, under the direction of Robert fourth appearance with the ensemble, W. Butts, with its annual Wassail, will sing atias of Donzetti, and sopraartists will bring to its audience music baton of Butts, the orchestra will per-

Violinist Susan Heerema, a Juil- internationally, conducting a highly

A highlight of her achievements" Constanta. Filharmonica de Stat which he initiated have been the high-Russia; the Royal Conservatory of late 18th century. perform Music orchestra in Toronto, Canada; tro founded the Baroque Orchestra of Boonton, a community orchestra dedricated to the music of the 15th and

In 2003, embracing the larger

In 1999 he formed the Little Opera violin concerto. Company Orchestra which he has directed for productions of "Le Nozze cert are \$18; seniors and students pay Figaro," "Don Giovanni," "L'Elisir \$15.

He has spent parts of the last four Flute,""Turandot," and "Un Ballo in ebration, especially one held at guished conductors as Rostropovich, years in Canada, Romania, Russia, Maschera," Since 1998, the orchesand France, conducting with Opera tra's Wassail and VivaldiFest concerts:

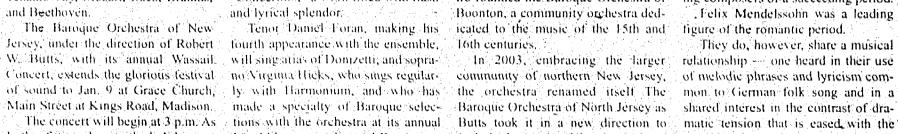
His Symphony No. 99 is very compositions of the whole array of Mendelssohn's "Wiglin Concerto." and the Medieval Music orchestra in a much part of the classical tradition, yet the greatest composers: Vivaldi, Dan Sagi, who thrilled von Weber's Provence, France, In 1996 the maes- contains many elements foreshadowing composers of a succeeding period. Felix Mendelssohn was a leading

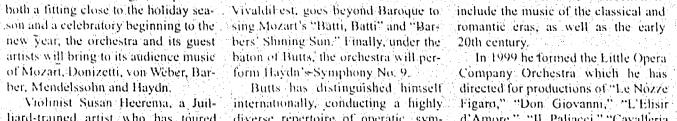
figure of the romantic period. They do, however, share a musical relationship ---- one heard in their use matic tension that is eased with the comfort of song. This is heard in the slow move-

ments of both the symphony and the

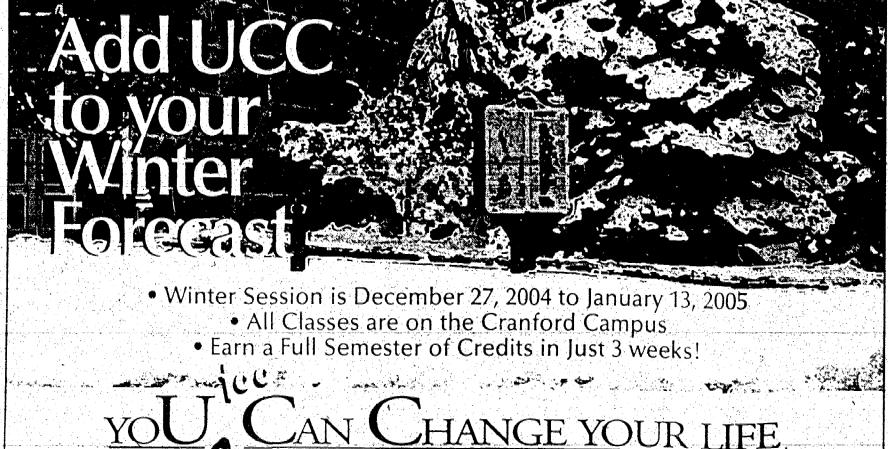
Tickets for the Jan. 9 Wassail con-

Rusticana,"" "Tosca," "The Magic and other concerts, call 973-366-8922.









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Gallery celebrates second anniversary

approaches, we find many reasons to great works of under-recognized masmon good fortune. The trustees and _ series: Frank Bowling, Judith Brodsky staff of Aljira are especially pleased to and Donald Locke. They are enjoying mark the second anniversary of open- Aljira's commitment to the artistic given many reasons to celebrate: Alji- applauding Aljira's contribution to the ra mounted a series of remarkable city, perhaps most beautifully exhibitions, consistently achieving expressed in the generous words of high levels of regional and national Barbara Bell Coleman and Judge recognition; it held The Aljira 20th Claude Coleman, "Claude and Auction in its new space, an event it for the city of Newark. In our view, counts among its greatest successes; Aljira is of equal importance to and it has established exciting collab- . Newark as is the New Jersey Performorations with civic and community ing Arts Center, New Jersey Symphoorganizations.

street level venue in the heart of together you will continue to work to Newark's downtown arts district, build a viable arts community in thousands of people have now discov- Newark?" ered how excellent Aljira's programs are: They have attended the festive Davson at Aljira 973-622-1600 or openings of Aljira Emerge, the inno- 201-997-9477 for additional informavative program for up-and-coming tion.



To be listed call 908-686-7700

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As the holiday season fast artists They have experienced the be thankful and to celebrate our com-V ter artists in the Bending the Grid ing their new galleries at 591 Broad excellence of the state's multi-ethnic St.: Newark The past two years have populations. Civic deaders are Anniversary Celebration Fine Art deeply believe in and share a passion ny Orchestra, and The Newark Muse-Most important is that with its um. We are thrilled and hopeful that

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Register now for winter arts classes

Registration is under way for the one will attend at 9 a.m., grades two, winter session courses being offered three and four at 10 a.m., grades five by the New Jersey Workshop for the to seven at 11 a.m. and grades seven to Arts in Westfield.

The new session of the Music Studio begins on Jan. 3 for private vocal, workshop this winter is Knitting and and instrumental lessons for children. Crocheting. and adults.

Thirty-five professional performers children older than 10, and at 2 p.m. and music educators instruct students for adults in a 30-, 45- or 60-minute format.

a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and Saturdays chairwoman at the Westfield Summer from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Additional arrangements can be made for Sunday lessons.

5, offers sessions on Tuesdays, run for 10 sessions from 3:30 to 5:30 Wednesdays or Thursdays, beginning p.m. Intended for students ages 10 to * Jan. 4 at 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.

Valerie Pineda and Diane Burkam, preparation, solo and ensemble work focus on encouraging students to and acting training, giving students a express their talents in art, music and solid training. drama

Diane Burkam, will begin on Jan. 8 the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, for 10 weeks.

Students in kindergarten and grade

nine at noon.

A new course being offered at the Classes start on Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. for.

Instructor for this course is Janet The Music Studio is open from 9 Hrindo, Arts and Crafts H department

Workshop. The Musical Theater Workshop, directed by veteran Broadway actor Kids 'n Arts, for children ages 3 to Juan Pineda, will begin on Jan. 13 and 18, this course will focus on scene These two-hour classes, taught by - preparation, audition and performance

For information on any of these Creative Art Classes, also taught by programs, call 908-789-9696 or visit located at office at 150-152 E. Broad St. in Westfield.



Bank St., Morristown. A reception will be held on Jan. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Avoid stress during the holidays

depression, unrealistic expectations, commonly used in the workplace, parents should limit the time spent in and stress may be close behind. requires each family member select- each store and total time spent at all Experts in the family services pro- ing one person to receive a gift. Pur- stores. Older children require limits fession report that distress calls from chasing one gift rather than five or too - particularly on spending. parents seeking help decline during 10 can be a particularly useful sug- Trips to see friends and relatives may the months of November and gestion if you have a large family. December but peak immediately . Seize every opportunity to disrupt schedules. Pack a "survival with the arrival of January. This attend free or low-cost community kit" that includes snacks, drinks, a trend may be caused by parents' pre- events. An added benefit will be the pillow, and a blanket for resting it occupation with holiday preparation time you and your loved ones spend between trips. and shopping, followed by a startling planning the outing together. You return to reality following the holi- may even get to meet neighbors.

avoid a post holiday "crash and family - celebrate your home and burn," Prevent Child Abuse, New each other. Jersey, offers parents suggestions to help ease holiday tension:

avoid the overwhelming debt that of appreciation and giving. can contribute to stress in the new • Plan all outings thoughtfully; is guided by the mission of eliminatyear. If purchasing gifts results in stores and roads are more crowded ing child abuse and neglect in all of financial distress, consider presents than usual. Poorly planned shopping that can be created at home. Low- sprees can trigger holiday stress.

While the holiday season can be goods, knitted items, or picture require age-appropriate preparation filled with joy, the perils of anxiety, frames. A "Secret Santa" exchange, If younger children are included,

· Reaffirm the true meaning of

To keep the holidays merry and happiness and joy for you and your 732-246-8060 or visit the web at • Volunteer to work with those

less fortunate. This experience will a hassle-free holiday. • Keep spending levels realistic to teach children the true holiday spirit

cost gift alternatives include baked Shopping trips that include children year of service to New Jersey.

overstimulate young children and

For more information on successfully coping with the stress of the holidays, call 800-CHILDREN or www.PreventChildAbuseNJ.org. PCA-NJ maintains a resource cente * that provides tips and suggestions for

Prevent Child Abuse, New Jersey,

is a statewide, nonprofit agency that its forms.

The year 2004 marks the 25th

Richard Tuma on Nov. 13 won the Turna competed in the Mr. Fitness walk in a tux, shows from 1992 to 1996 and the best he had ever placed was fifth, in 1992 in Atlanta. After an eight-year layoff, Tuma came back at 32 years of age in

Local trai

the best shape of his life. Tuma competed against quality competitors, including four-time Mr. Fitness champion Radek Hadrovsky, Czech Republic; Steve Eckert, 2004 Mr. Exercise winner; Peter Pellegrino, Mass Bodybuilding champ/fitness model; Dave Goodin of Austin, Texas, top rated WNBF Men's bodybuilding champion; Charles Justo of Miramar, Fla., fitness model/personal trainer; Antonio Mitchell of Atlanta, Ga., model and former NCAA star; Sean Madden of Maryland, fitness model; and David training, nutrition and contest preparation. They all looked great and deserve

lots of exposure. A Mr. Fitness show is not a bodybuilding competition. It is judged on two things. In the morning, prejudging looks for a combination of definition but not too much, symmetry and prodo. They take the scores from the

When Tuma compete back in 1992 static contractions from all relaxed offices, companies, organizations, tel- tion.com.

Children's Hospital opens satellite

facility, 313 South Ave., on Dec. 6 hosted an open house. of all, she loves the Children's Specialized Hospital staff portion, looks, face, skin, tan, hair and Attendees of the event were able to tour the entire facility and is forever grateful for the services they have provided overall presentation and appearance. while observing the ribbon cutting and presentation of a for her two children. At the open house, Lisa spoke to the In prejudging, the judges look at con- tic touch, advanced techniques of the proclamation by Deputy Mayor Paulette Coronto of Scotch crowd and stated, "Like most people, I chose to come to testants from all sides, making them Plains: Another presentation of the proclamation was tele- Fanwood Plaza because of the intimate, person-centered do quarter turns to the right to see pathology for massage therapy. Tuma vised live from the Town Council meeting on local access Channels 34 and 35 on Dec. 14.

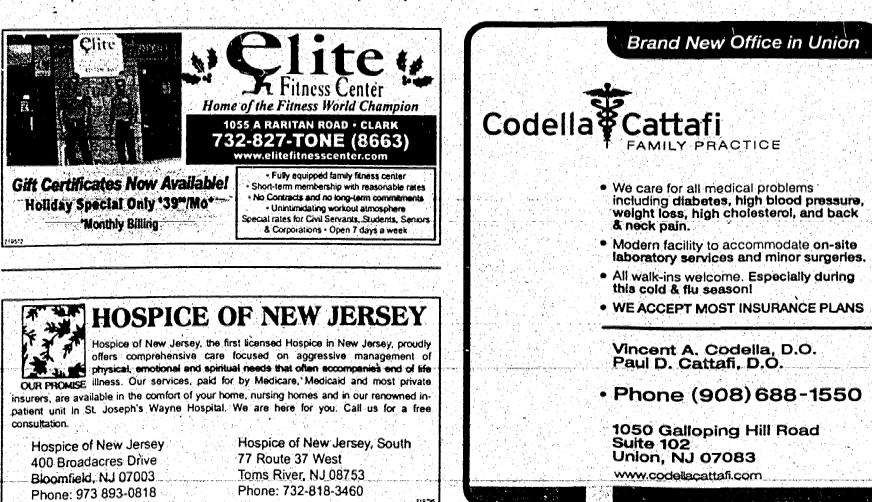
services in the Educational and Outpatient Fanwood Plaza increased variety of services." center. Expansions include child study teams, feeding team evaluations and ambulatory care services. With these ly staff at Children's Specialized Hospital continuously sends families home pleased with the outstanding services. why Children's Specialized Hospital is the No. 1 pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States.

Lisa Zimmerman, on the executive board for the Learning Disabilities Association of Scotch Plains and Fanwood Kids continuous support and involvement also raised a con- and responsibilities. This time all you likes to spend his free time lecturing - Nutrition, call 800-506-0786 or visit and a parent of two children who have been patients at siderable amount of money toward making this worthwhile have to concentrate on is two things: on fitness and nutrition at schools; online at www.revolutionarynutri-Children's Specialized Hospital for 3 1/2 years, is extreme- expansion possible.

The Children's Specialized Hospital, Fanwood Plaza ly happy with the patient care and extended services, Most way my family was treated. Now with the beautiful expan- them from every angle. Then at night is a first-degree black belt in tae kwon sion, we thankfully can continue to enjoy that feeling of a is the formal-wear round in which do, and has studied Jeet kune do, Aiki-This open house was in recognition of the expansion of small-individualized setting but with the added bonus of an contestants do a model walk in a tuxe- do, and tae chi,

During the ribbon cutting, Lisa's son, Zachary, helped morning and night and give each con- and worked toward a degree in dietet- concept they feel is unique and long do the honors and cut the ribbon with Deputy Mayor Coro- testant an overall score. expansions in place, Children's Specialized Hospital is able nto. Expansion of services at Fanwood Plaza was made to treat even more children. The highly trained and friend- possible with help from JMK BMW, Kohl's and U.S. Rep. to 1996, there was also a talent round CEO of Revolutionary Technology family atmosphere. The center's main Jeff Ferguson. Key donations include this past summer's to music which would be a combina-JMK BMW especially created Children's Specialized Hos- tion of strength, flexibility, aerobic, supplements that stand the test of time The Fanwood Plaza expansion will only continue to show pital charity-driven program of \$100 for every purchase or martial arts, appearance and creativity. and that are natural, safe, and effec- with Richard Tuma or working out at lease of a new or certified pre-owned vehicle.

The initial plan was to raise more than \$50,000, but the time to put some kind of routine exercise, nutrition and health in sever- 732-827-8663. For ordering products final total exceeded \$64,000. Ferguson and Kohl's Care for like this together with all the priorities al magazines and newspapers. Tuman from Revolutionary Technology



2004 WNBF World Mr. Fitness title. metry round, and how you look and Here are 2004's top 10 Mr. Fitness contest winners:

| | No. 1 - Richard Tuma, \$1,000 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| | No. 2 - Charles Justo, \$750 |
| | No. 3 - Antonio Mitchell, \$500 |
| | No. 4 - Peter Pellegrino |
| | No. 5 - Dave Goodin |
| | No. 6 - David Baburek |
| | No. 7 - Radek Hadrovsky |
| | No. 8 - Sean Madden |
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and fitness since the age of 13 and has become one of the most diversely trained through ACE, AFAA, and NESTA. He has more than 10 fitness. certifications, including speed, agility Baburek. Switzerland, fitness model and quickness trainer, mind-body fitand second-place finisher in the 2003 ness specialist, golf conditioning spe-Mr. Fitness contest. All these men are cialist, senior fitness trainer, resistance. winners and deserve credit for their training/weight room specialist, kickboxing aerobic instructor, tae bo intensive, primary aerobics, biomechanics specialist and anti-aging fitness spe-

Tuma is a nationally certified massage therapist NCBTMB with more is done in the symmetry round which than 10 years experience. He has more evision, than 10 massage certifications in neu- homes and other functions in the triromuscular therapy NMT, Swedish, Shiatsu, sports massage, geriatric massage, Thai yoga bodywork, therapeuneck, rotator cuff specialist, and

ic technology. He is a certified fitness overdue. They made their fitness cen-Nutrition, a company that delivers Today for most people it is hard to find tive. Tuma has written articles on Elite Fitness Center, feel free to call at



state area. For more than 15 years Tuma has helped thousands of people achieve their goals and his clients aretrue believers in him.

Since 1996. Tuma has been co owner of Elite Fitness Center with business partner Marc Napoliello. Elite Fitness Center is located in the Clark Village shopping center on Rar-In college, Tuma studied nutrition itan Road. The two owners have a nutritionist. He is the president and ter small and unintimidating with a

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PAGE B10 - THURSDAY DECEMBER 23, 2004

Stepping Out is a weekly calender designed to guide our readers to the many arts and emertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups_and organizutions in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspa-Sent to 973-763-2557.

ART SHOWS

SWAIN GALLERIES, 703 Watchung 8544. Ave Plainfield hours are Tuesdays to PAGE TURNERS DISCUSSION Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 908-756-1707. EDGE ART GALLERY, which opened

its doors in Rahway's arts district is presenting its third series of exhibitions Anreus, a Cuban-born artist who examines the nexus between Christianity and meet the third. Wednesday of the Jan 8 at 8 p.m. at the Union Village artists and nonprofit organizations of days at 10 a.m. For information, call

politics as it relates to the Cuban-American identity. Gallery Two will feature Julio Nazario. In a series of photographic por- SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading

spirit and individuality of ordinary Hispanics EDGEArt Gallery is located at 1571. Irving St. in downtown Rahway. The cur- information. call 732-574-1818

rent exhibits runs through Dec. 31. The gallery is open from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 732-669-0112.

EDGEArt Gallery is dedicated to artists who have worked outside the mainstream and who have not followed the latest trend but stuck to their vision. against all odds.

BRIGHT, BOLD LANDSCAPES will be the focus of Mountainside resident Cynthia Smith Weiss' work, which will be on display at Bouras Galleries on DeForest Avenue in Summit. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY of the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, will present the works of llona and Andre Bugla through Dec. 31. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Ilona and Andre Bugla, a husband and wife team, were born in Poland and both graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow. They live and work in Jever, Germany.

The Skulski Art Gallery is open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 5 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Aleksandra K. Nowak gallery director, at 732-382-7197

ELISSA F. MERKL is scheduled to exhibit a series of serigraph prints at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, from Jan: 5 to Feb. 14, 2005. An artist's reception will be held Jan. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wisner House. Wisner House is wheelchairaccessible and open to the public, free in charge, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on the exhibition or Reeves-Reed Arboretum, call 908-273-8787.

AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS FOR "INTO THE WOODS," will be held on Jan. 8 at 1 p.m., and Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. Performances will be on May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. All tickats will be \$20. For tickets, call 908-276-7311

"HOW TO EAT LIKE A CHILD" will hold auditions in Cranford for children. between the ages of 8 and 13 on Jan. 9 at 2 and 6 p.m. at the Cindy Smith Dance Studio, 98 North Ave, in Garwood. Rehearsals begin on Jan. 16. For further information, call 908-245-2339.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP will meet at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, For information; call 973-376-8544

1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For informa- faces and fresh material. tion, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantan Road, Clark, Forinformation, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. at Barnes and Nocie: 240 Route 22 West Scringfield For information, call 973-376-8544

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7-30 p m at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Rantan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818

AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barries and Noble. 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544. MYSTERY READING GROUP meets

the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information call 732-574-1818.

GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, Concerts are presented at Union 732-574-1818.

meets the second Thursday of the Milage Methodist Church, 1130 Moun- WRITERS WORKSHOP will meet and participate in an original poetry 276-7611. pers. 463 Julley St., R.O. Box 158, month at 7:30 pm at Barnes and then Ave Berkeloy Heights For more every other Manage at Barnes and reading, a stand-up comedy routine or "RASSION" ALBORADA. SPANISH Muplewood: 07040. Faxes may be Noble, 240 Route 22 West. Springfield. a musical number. There's no cover DANCE THEATER, will be performed.

> JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-3764

GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of field. For information, scall 973-376- 0700

featuring stall recommendations, will Vol the Sanctuary Concert Series on demonstrates a commitment to the and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Satur- at 8 p.m. Regular ticket prices are \$40 month at 7.30 p.m. at Barnes and Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Union County The response to the 973-376-8544, Noble, 1180 Rantan Road, Clark For Ave, Berkeley Heights, Tickets are HEART Grant program in past years information, call 732-574-1818

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series continues at the Suburban Com- organizations individual artists and terNights. WarCraft or Counter-Strike. munity Music Center, 570 Central Ave. scholars to apply for funding from the To ask about a schedule of events, call dances driven by powerful. Cuban Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Sub- 2004 Union County HEART - History, 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site; rhythms, Regular tickets are \$25, stutirban Optimulatly Music Center, in Education Arts Reaching Thousands cooperation with the New Jersey Sym- - Grant program Recognizing the whony Orchestra, will host the Meet the importance of culture and the arts to every month at 7'30 pm at Barnes. Orchestra series for children ages 3 to the economy and cuality of life, the and Noble: 240 Route 22 West, Spring- El For more information, call 908-790- freeholders established the HEART

Gallery One will feature Alejandro BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group and Ernie Hawkins will perform as part ry, the arts, and humanities, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. \$15 and can be purchased online at has been exciting," said Freeholder www.sanctuaryconcerts.org Admis- Chairman Angel G. Estrada. To request sion includes dessert and coffee at HEART Grant information, contact the POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place intermission.

ROCK & ROLL" featuring Speedo & beth; 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay 973-376-8544 The Cadillacs, Frankie Lymon's users dial 711; or send inquiries via e-Teenagers. The Del Vikings, Charlie mail to culturalinto@ucnj.org. WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets Thomas' Drifters, The Chantels, and

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF - MEET THE ORCHESTRA concert FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit play a game of Diablo2, NeverWin- club in the 1950s is the setting for this Grants in 1993 This innovative pro- STORYTIME will be offered at Barnes BLUES LEGENDS Paul Geremia gram supports projects related to histo-Union County Division of Cultural and

charge, and patrons can come in; at the Union County Arts Center on. make new friends, suff the Web, or Feb. 5 at 8 m. A steamy Havana nightwww.theinternetlounge.com

KIDS

TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield,

POETRY

at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 "A NIGHT WITH THE STARS OF Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Eliza- West, Springfield, For information, call

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble,

Winnie was here for Christmas!



Gershenson, Bill Chamis, Jake Forrestal and Debra Bassin. Back row, from left, are Kevin Kessler, John Duryee, Marc Ricci and Madge Wittal.

7.30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call 732-574-1818.

WRITERS WORKSHOP meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and 8226 or visit the Web site, Noble, 240 Route 22 West; Springfield, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Cen-For information, call 973-376-8544

ULASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART historic residential area of Plainfield The school offers full-time and parttime day and evening classes in fine the spring term that begins on Jan: 17, 2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu for details.

OMEDY

THE WATCHUNG ARTS CENTER presents Comedy Night on the third Saturday of each month. The Comedy Night series at the Watchung Arts Center has managed to build a following in THE MILLER-CORY MUSEUM will

master of ceremonies John McMina- museum office at 908-232-1776. men, a headliner and a feature performer. Ticket price includes ligh refreshments after the show. The show begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, and tickets are \$15.

garts.org or by phone: calling 908-753-732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492. 0190 and leaving a message if necessary. Tickets will be held at the door

The Watchung Arts Center is located "on the circle" in Watchung, reached from Route 22 or Interstate 78. There is free parking adjacent to the building or around the comer at Best Lake.

GEORGE CARLIN will bring his irreverent humor to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Jan. 22 at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and \$40 For tickets or information, call 732-499-

CONCERTS

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berke-STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK ley Heights will present musical acts in month at Barnes and Noble 1180 Rar- Mic/ Karaoke Night on Jan. 2 at 7 p.m.

Emil Stucchio and the Classics, will be presented by LAR Enterprises on Feb. 18 at 8-p.m. at the Union County Arts Center. Tickets are \$35. For information, call the box office at 732-499ter is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

p.m. Tickets are \$65 and \$50. For www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Cen- Web.site, www.ucac.org. ter is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah- "1941" by Stephen Spielberg, will be DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs way.

art, graphic design/computer graphics will perform on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the St., Rahway. All tickets are \$5. For tickand illustration. For information about Union County Arts Center. Cavaliere et information, call 732-499-8226. For dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are founded. The Rascals and had hit general information, visit the Web site, 2005, call: 908-757-7171, fax:908-757- songs including "A Beautiful Morning" www.ucac.org. and "Good Lovin"." Tickets are \$40 and \$30. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

RAFTS

THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READ- its suburban location by drawing from a reopen on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. with "The ring Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, ING GROUP meets the first Wednes- mix of New York City comedy club Legend of La Befana-Italy's Santa Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra and day of the month at Barnes and Noble, stand-ups. Each show features new Claus." For information about the Donna Reed. will be shown on Jan. 30 museum, its winter schedule of events at 2:30 p.m. at the Union County Arts Host Phil Hochman will present or volunteer opportunities, call the Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. All

DANCE

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance The seating at the Watchung Arts club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Center is in an intimate art gallery, with Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road, limited capacity. Reservations may be Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4.

> Dance Company on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. call 908-964-9724 or 908-964-8808. will feature the rhythmic sophistication send inquiries via e-mail to of Debussy, Vivaldi and even B.B. King TMRCInc@aol.com or visit the Web with the physicality and bravado of break dance and hip-hop. Regular ticket price is \$25, students pay \$18. For tickets, call the box office at 732-499-8226 For more information, visit the Web site, www.ucac.org

DISCUSSION

JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak,



Broad St., will sponsor a series of free film classics at the Main Branch. All films begin at 10 a.m. For information. call 908-354-6060

LOU RAWLS will play at the Union KWAI" will be shown on Jan. 28 at 8 Grove Presbyterian Church on Old County Arts Center on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For 1601 Irving St., Rahway. All tickets are information, call 908-241-5758. is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is information, call the box office at 732- \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499situated on a seven-acre campus in an 499-8226 or visit the Web site, 8226. For general information, visit the

shown on Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving al singles to dinner at a local restau-

"THE GREAT ESCAPE," starring Richard Attenborough, will be shown All tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499-8226. For general information, visit the Web site, www.ucac.org.

"FROM HERE TO ETERNITY," startickets are \$5. For ticket information. call 732-499-8226. For general information, visit the Web site.

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC. made by e-mail at www.watchun- For information, call 908-298-1851, meets at 295 Jefferson Ave., Union, behind Home Depot on Route 22 East. The club is open to the public Satur-'COOKIN," performed by the Fly days from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, site at www.tmrci.com.

> THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CEN-TRAL NEW JERSEY will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations guilt shop. Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

INTERNET

meets the fourth Thursday of each South Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Itan Road, Clark. For information, call Join the group for a cup of gourmet coffee and a wide variety of organic foods

1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third "THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER Mondays of the month at the Willow

SINGLES

Group invites business and professionrant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., available. For information on dates and locations, call 732-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

Sleve McQueen, James Gamer and INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will on Jan 29 at 8 p.m. at the Union Coun-meet, every Sunday, from 9 to 10:30 ty Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield, Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751

> SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING, for 45year-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.

I HEATER

THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF DRAMATIC ARTS announces its partnership with 12 Miles West Theater Company at 562 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield. For more information, call 973-566-9700 or visit the Web site, www.njactors.org.

VOICE OF THE DRAGON," composer Fred Ho's newest action blockbuster, is a groundbreaking muticultural, cross-genre performance epic in a never-before -seen explosive fusion of music and theater with pyrotechnical martial arts, set during the early Ching. dynasty in China. The show features a cast of elite champion martial artists and Fred Ho's Afro-Asian Music Ensemble. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call 908-737-7469. Wilkins Theatre is located at 1000 Morris Ave. Union.

"ILLYRIA" will be performed at the THE INTERNET LOUNGE, 256 Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Workshops are geared to children Kirby Theatre on the Drew University campus for three final performances. tonicht at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. the and 7 p.m. For information and tickets, www.StarzOfTomorrow.com.

www.ucac.org.

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call the box office at 973-408-5600 cr. online at frww.ShakespeareNJ ord. here are substantial discounts for groups of 10 or more

"PROOF" by David Autumn will beperformed on Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Seating is reserved, all seats are \$15. For tickets, call 908-

exotic blend of Tango and Flamenco dent tickets are \$18. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site www.ucac.org, Union County Arts Center is located at

1601 Irvino St. Rahway "YOUR ARMS TOO SHORT TO BOX WITH GOD" will be performed at the Union County Arts Center on Feb. 12 and \$35. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St.,

VARIETY

Rahway

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday: night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials, \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway, For informa-

tion, call 732-381-6544. CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

Every Sunday: Live comedy, funk and poetry; "Live at Instant Coffee," 8

Every Monday: Open Mic Night, Happy Hour all night Every Tuesday: Jazz Jam; all pints,

Every Wednesday: Karaoke Night; Miller Lite and MGD, \$2 all night Every Thursday: Fiesta Night; Corona, Cuervo and margaritas, \$2 all night For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com.

Tonight is Groove Therapy, with Odd Man Out, and No Gone. Sunday is a football Sunday, with the

Sundaze Invitational Jam. Monday is open mic night.

Tuesday is the Jazz Jam. Wednesday is karaoke night.

Dec. 30 is The Dap. Dec. 31 is the New Year's Eve party, vith Buster Cox, and Hot Monkey Love.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts. Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For

information, call 732-388-6511. SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEE-HOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mic" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates. For information, call 908-

928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org. VAN GOGH'S EAP, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of

musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mic from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers. poets and comedians, followed by a eatured folk performer. Open mic participants sign up at 7:30 p.m. and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. The cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday

 concerts, unless otherwise noted.... On Sunday, Roamin Gabriels will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. On Jan. 2, John Playaz will perform

from 8 to 11 p.m. On Jan, 9, the Danny Crum Trio will perform from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Jan. 16, the Guitar Jazz Trio will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. On Jan. 23, the Joe Knipes Quartet

will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. A \$3 cover is in effect for the aforenentioned performances.

For information, call 908-810-1844 THE 50-VOICE RUTGERS UNIVERSI-TY CHORUS, Newark Campus, will be making a nine-day concert tour in Scotland in May. Newspaper reviews of the chorus' 2003 performances in England praised the singers: "They are a truly magnificent group of vocalists" Slough Observer, Slough, England. The Watford Observer of Watford, England, lauded them as "well disciplined singers ... did an excellent job.

information, call 973-353-5119,ext.28 or jfloreen@earthlink.net.

WORKSHOPS

STARS OF TOMORROW PERFORM. ING ARTS CAMP OF CRANFORD will have a free dance and improv workshop at its winter open shop, which is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 E. Lincoln Ave., Cranford, at the comer of Walnut. In case of inclement weather, the open house will be held on Jan. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. ages kindergarten and up. For more information, call 908-276-5053 or visit Weh





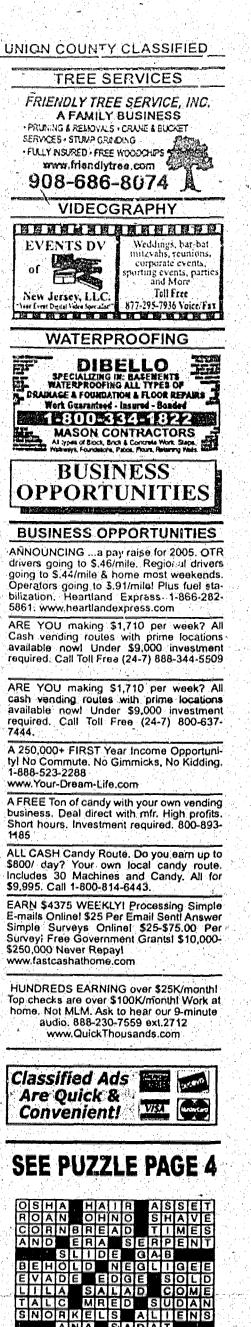
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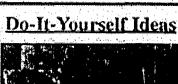
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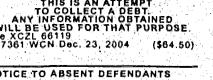
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home before, you may still be unclear about the value and timing of several components of the real estate process, namely, the market analysis, the inspection and the appraisal.

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challenging experience for both new inspector to examine the house. A professional home inspector will check things such as the plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical systems, and look for structural problems. The inspect on report will describe repairs that are recommended or needed. With full information. Even if you have bought or sold a- a buyer can then decide whether to negotiate with the seller to make the needed repairs or change the price. Real estate agents can refer buyers to

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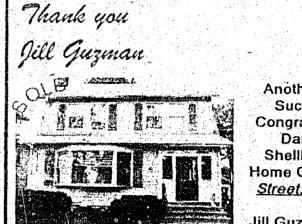
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Berger named top seller for month of October

Lois Berger, a consistent top achiever in the Burgdorff ERA, Westfield office, has been honored as Sales Agent of the Month for October.

Berger is a 27-year veteran of the real estate profession. A broker since 1984, she has earned the NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Award yearly since 1981. She is an original member of NJAR's Distinguished Sales Club. She has many achievements in her association with Burgdorff Realtors ERA: These include Membership in the President's Club, membership in the President's Elite, and a seat on Burgdorff's special President's Council. She has also been awarded ERA's Leader's Circle for 1997, 2000-2001 and 2003. A believer in continuing real estate education, Berger has carned her certification as a certified real estate specialist, recognition as a historic homes. specialist and Cendant Mobility marketing specialist. Berger holds a Bachelor or Arts degree from Douglass' College and a Master of Science Degree from Queens College. She has held many positions on the Board of Realtors. Lois has lived with her husband, Joseph, in Westfield for more than 30 years. George Kraus, vice president and manager of the Westfield office, stated. "Lois' outstanding efforts in service to her clients needs are what distinguishes her as a top agent in our industry. Mrs. Berger has a vast knowledge of Union County and has a comprehensive understanding of the area.

direct line 908-233-6366 or e-mail herat Lois-Berger(a burgdorff.com.

Westfield Weichert lists September awards

Sales associates in Weichert, Realtors' Westfield office, received the office's top awards in September. In addition, the entire office won the regional award for top resale listings during September. Harvey Tekel, branch manager, made the announce-: ment.

You may contact Berger at her 7777, located at 185 Elm St.

Frank Silletti led the office in sales, Silletti is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales Club. He also holds membership in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence at the bronze level,

Niki Fry earned the office's award for top listings.

She is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs, and Weichert's 2003 President's Club, an honor that places her in the top 1 percent of the company's 13,300 sales associates. In addition, Fry is a 2003 member of the NJAR Circle of Excellence at the silver level.

Holly Cohen was named top producer for the month. She is a member of Weichert's 2003 Million Dollar Sales and Marketed Clubs and Weichert's 2003 President's Club. In addition, Cohen is a 2003 member of the NJAR Circle of Excellence at the silver level.

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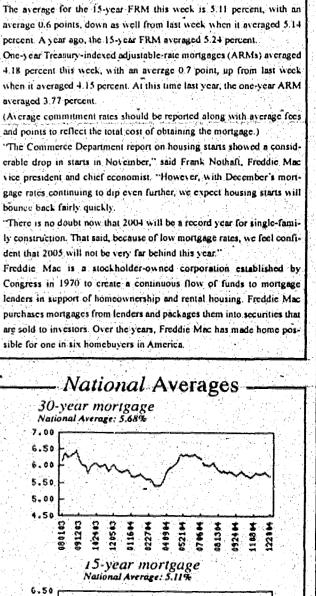
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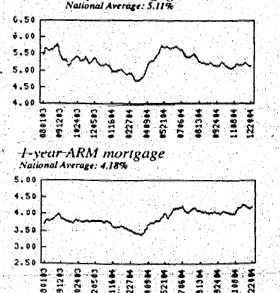
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