Year yields highs and lows as 2004 draws to a close

By Brian Pedersen

Managing Editor From the long-awaited reopening of Beechwood School to the sudden halt of plans for the new community center, 2004 was marked with dramatic events for Mountainside, some good, some bad, all of them memorable.

As the year comes to a close, here's a look back at the past 12 months in Mountainside.

January

Changes, awards, and new appointments sweep through the borough's 108th annual council reorganization meeting at the beginning of the year. The meeting welcomes new Councilman Robert Messler along with returning Councilman William Lane and Mayor Robert Viglianti.

After many false starts and up and downs, Beechwood School on Woodacres Drive finally reopens, much to the delight of parents, teachers, administrators and community members. Chief School Administrator Gerard Schailer leads a tour through the completed renovations of the school, which houses kindergarten through second grade students. The project was approved in 2001 through a \$6.8-million bond referendum, which also included work at Deerfield School.

The Borough Council's hopes of preventing a roughly 75 percent increase in their three-year recycling contract get dashed when they announce plans to accept the only bid they received. The bid is an increase from \$140,000 to \$222,962. The bid. which is for curbside collection and disposal of recyclables, comes from Waste Management of New Jersey at a. cost of \$74,321 per year.

Police Chief James Debbie expresses the need for the borough to purchase a speed monitor machine to help deter speeding. He says with the opening of Beechwood School and the resulting increase in traffic, now is a particularly good time to put one in the area between Beechwood and Deerfield Schools as traffic has increased at certain times of the day.

Kindergarten teacher Michelle Marrazzo gets her contract terminated after being suspended by the district for allowing her boyfriend to enter Beechwood School under false pretenses. The man had threatened Marrazzo while in the school, giving her two bullets — one with his name and one with hers, and a note saying the bullets would be used if she left him.

February Assistant Union County Prosecutor William Kolano determines that based on the circumstances surrounding the mid-August 2003 accident in which Mountainside Police Capt. Todd Turner was killed, 60-year-old Mountainside resident Ivan Andric would not face criminal charges.

The fatal accident occurred on Wyoming Drive.

Preliminary budget figures for the 2004-05 school year show increases in several areas. Out-of-district tuition shows an increase of \$40,459. This includes Governor Livingston High School, with nine more students and the biggest increase in special education, which also shows increased enrollment.

State Education Commissioner William Librera chooses to adopt the initial decision of a state judge regarding the dissolution of the Union County Region High School District, calling for Springfield, Berkeley Heights, Clark and Kenilworth to reimburse Mountainside and Garwood more than \$8 million within the next five years.

The ruling, handed down Feb. 5, is

had belonged to the former Union and Kosten of Livingston for the pre-County Regional High School District, which dissolved in 1997.

While required by law to supply the public with a copy of detailed minutes outlining what took place at each Board of Education meeting, board members remain reluctant to provide audio or video recordings of their meetings after the question of taping is raised once again at one of their public meetings.

The Board of Education discusses the final updates and issues affecting the district's costs, with a total projected budget estimated at \$11.7-million. The board hopes to finalize figures by next week.

March

Filing for their candidacy prior to Monday's deadline of 4 p.m., four candidates, including one incumbent, have decided to run for one of the three open seats on the Board of Edu-

Incumbent Raymond Haggar is seeking another term, along with newcomers Michael Melango, Gene Nagel and Carmine Venes.

Upon recommendation of the chief school administrator, the school board adopts the 2004-05 preliminary school operating budget in the amount of \$11,339,435, with a spending growth limitation adjustment in the amount of \$190,716, for a total budget of \$11,530,151 and a local tax levy in the amount of \$10,220, 248 for submission to the county superintendent for

After meeting with four different architects, Mountainside officials look forward to moving closer to the start. of construction for the proposed community center on the Barns Tract, between the 7-11 and the Community Pool on Mountain Avenue. Council

liminary stages of planning the center.

The firm will be paid \$8,000 as the municipality will be able to use money left over after Borough Engineer Michael Disko used part of the \$10,000 Community Development Block Grant to do a study of topography around the area where the center will be built

A special budget hearing of the Board of Education at Borough Hall reveals that the estimated school tax increase will be \$174 per household, a 5.2 percent increuse. This is based on the average home assessment of \$159,300..

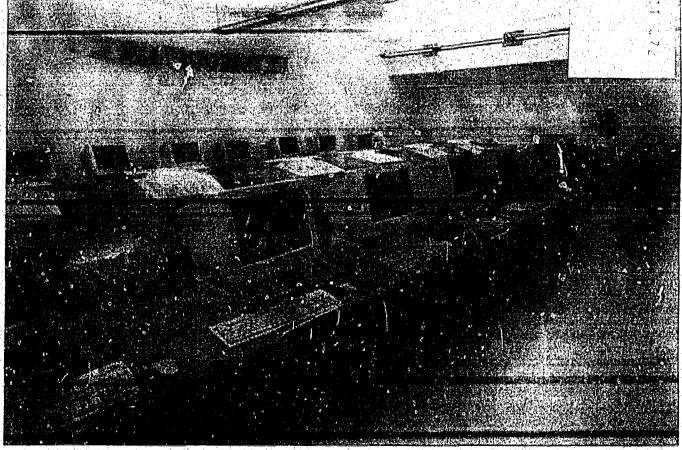
-Friends and family are left shocked and at a loss for words this week by the sudden and unexpected death of Beverly Ellenport, a reading specialist in the Mountainside school district for

Mrs. Ellenport, 55, a Clark resident, died at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison from an unknown

Providing a first glimpse of Mountainside's municipal budget, mayor and Borough Council review details of their draft document for 2004, which shows an estimated \$67 annual municipal tax increase for the average homeowner in the borough with a home. assessed at \$150,000. Increases include the state-mandated funding for the library budget, the new recycling contract and road repair and mainte-

After gaining strides and improving year by year, Mountainside Youth Baseball celebrates 50 years, having formed in 1954. The annual opening day baseball/softball parade helps kick off the celebration.

Based on election results, close to



The Mountainside school district finally marked the reopening of Beechwood School in January, Gerard Schaller, the district's chief school administrator at the time, checks to make sure the computer system is up and running in one of the new rooms.

700 voters come out Tuesday, deciding to elect Gene Nagel, Carmen Venes and incumbent Raymond Haggar to the Board of Education.

The 2004-05 school budget, which is set at \$11,569,245, passes by a vote of 425 to 271. The estimated school tax increase will be \$174 per house-

The Springfield school district is forced to make the first of 10 payments to the boroughs of Garwood and Mountainside sometime in the next few weeks as ordered by the state Board of Education for reparations involving the 1997 dissolution of the Union County Regional High School District. However, the repayment

amount is still being appealed. Several residents voice their objections to the proposed community center during the public portion of a Borough Council meeting, with many saying the community shows no need for this type of facility. Other complaints focus on unknown cost factors and the lack of community input on the proj-

After the district received 30 resumes from a variety of applicants, the search for a new chief school administrator narrows down to four candidates. A final choice is expected shortly. Current CSA Gerard Schaller leaves the district in June.

An odd odor is detected by parents, teachers, students and faculty at Beechwood School, raising safety concerns at a school board meeting.

In an effort to find the source, the board decides to approve a series of mold air sampling and air quality tests and odor treatment and odor control applications in specific areas of the school.

June

A silent, but large presence of Mountainside teachers show up at a Board of Education meeting, all wearing red T-shirts to demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the teacher's contract offered by the school board.

Representatives from the school board and union have met five times so far. Another negotiations session had been scheduled Monday but was cancelled. The contract expires June

Board of Education President Peter Goggi makes an abrupt announcement at Tuesday's school board meeting explaining that the search for the district's new chief school administrator has now been called off.

Deerfield School Interim Principal Walter Rusak will serve as CSA of the district until a new person is found in September.

Goggi would not reveal any further details.

After placing the search for a new chief school administrator on hold until the start of the next school year, the Board of Education meet to discuss what action will be taken during the summer to fill the now open position of Deerfield School principal. Interim CSA Walter Rusak will also become principal of Beechwood School.

Questions from residents are raised about the status of an architectural report for the preliminary proposal to build a community center in Mountainside during a Borough Council meeting. With plans to put the community center proposal into a nonbinding referendum that will appear on the November election ballot, the council has to make an Aug. 20 deadline. A public meeting to discuss the community center plans is set for Oct. 6 in the gymnasium at Deerfield School.

August

The sudden announcement of Gov. James McGreevey's resignation causes many elected officials in municipalities throughout the state, including Mountainside, to ponder what is going to become of their government.

While headlines immediately following McGreevey's announcement focus on his homosexuality, there have since been numerous allegations concerning the governor's actions and possible abuse of power while in office.

While the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing decided more than a decade ago that the borough of Mountainside did not have affordable housing obligations, all of that changes after COAH begins its third round rules for municipal master plans that will become law in 2005.

The news brings the plans for the new community center to a sudden but possibly temporary halt, as Mountainside's Master Plan has to be revised in order to comply with the new rules.

The project is still in phase one and has not cost taxpayers any money. September

Mountainside teachers begin their new school year without new contracts, and after an Aug. 31 meeting between the two negotiating committees, there is no set plan for when negotiations may continue.

After the traditional three-year contracts expired on June 30, Jeannette Maraffi, president of the Mountainside Education Association — the district's teachers union - calls the contract offer from the school board "insulting."

Robert Burkhardt is appointed principal of Deerfield School for the 2004-05 school year, effective Nov. 15 or earlier.

Plans for putting a street clock near Valley National Bank and Mountain Avenue gain momentum after an oral agreement is reached between the bank and the governing body to have the clock on the property. A committee will be formed to start fund-raising efforts for the estimated \$30,000 clock.

October

The mysterious odor in several classrooms of Beechwood School is still mystifying teachers, school board officials, parents and administrators. At a recent school board meeting, parents raise concerns over possible health hazards. The school board says they will try to find the source

Some parents suggest relocating the affected classrooms into Deerfield School, but the board objects, says this will be disruptive to the daily operations of the school.

Tensions escalate as several parents question the board's efforts in the investigation.

November

Polls draw record crowds as Election Day arrives. The intense Presidential race between Republican incumbent George W. Bush and Democrat challenger John Kerry shows a remarkably divisive America, with vehement detractors and supporters along both sides.

While Mountainside's unopposed Republican incumbents Glenn Mortimer and Werner Schon return to their council seats on election eve. Bush ends up winning the Presidential race after results are tallied and Kerry concedes the race the next day.

Drug use is suspected in the death of Cole Barrier, a 17-year-old Governor Livingston High School student who ran naked across Route 22 on Nov. 6 and crashed through the bay window of a Mountainside home.

Barrier died the next day after being rushed to University Hospital in Newark. The incident is still under investigation.

December

Providing a glimpse into the future of library funding throughout the state, Mayor Robert Viglianti reveals news that another state-mandated library funding increase is planned for next year. This year, the borough will have to increase its budget for the public library from \$49,000 to \$60,000; a 35 to 40 percent budget increase within the next two years.

Offices closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Friday in observance of New Year's Eve. We will reopen on Monday.

The deadlines for the Jan. 6 edition are as follows: · Lifestyle, including church

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• Letters to the editor - Monday, 9 a.m. · What's Going On - Mon-

day, 4 p.m. Display ads — Monday, 5 p.m. for Section A and noon for By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Egan's sister and fiance.

The Springfield Township Committee announced a resolution to award a recycling contract to Great Northern Recycling Inc. able to lock in a rate and plan on Tuesday.

Based in Hazlet, the recycling company has entered into a contract for a period of three years. Great Northern replaces Advanced Recycling Technology Arts. whose name has changed more than once since they agreed on a three-year contract with Springfield in 2002.

New recycling contract approved Mayor Clara Harelik said she is satisfied with the agreement and that the contract should help plan for the future.

The new street name Egan Court, off New Providence

Road, is unveiled on Memorial Day in a special ceremony

conducted by borough officials. The street is named in

memory of Major James T. Egan Jr., a former Mountain-

side resident. LeRoy Blessing of Florida, who served with

Egan in the Marine Corps is joined at the ceremony with

'The idea was that we were ahead for the budget over the next three years," Harelik explained.

Great Northern will be paid \$10,102 each month over the next three years.

The Township Committee said that there were no problems with the previous contractor, and that once a recycling contract expires, the township must go out to bid.

Harelik added that this contract coincides with the town's garbage pickup contract, as well, leaving the opportunity in three years to possibly look for one company that can do both jobs.

Advanced Recycling Technology Arts' contract expires at the end of this year.

Harelik said that the only difference in recycling is the contractor being used. All dates will remain the same, and a mailing will be sent out to residents to remind the public of the recycling schedule.

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Elizabeth man arrested for warrants

NORGENEOUS SE phone were reported stolen. 23 for outstanding warrants out of A third vehicle's window was . A Watchung resident's car was

> Viviani: 42, of Seattle was arrested a cell phone was taken. on Morris Avenue for theft of a Ramon Perez, of Newark was

The driver's side rear window of · A glass door was reportedly removed from a BMW business building on Route 22 east Monday at while another car's window was. smashed and clothing and a cell.

Vanessa Attar, TS, was arrested at 4:02 a.m. Monday for criminal muschief and harassment on Win-

smashed and a registration card, broken into in the rear lot of the insurance card and owner's manual Morris Avenue Foodtown Dec. 23. The driver's side window was bro-• At 12:03 p.m. Monday, David ken, both headlights were stolen and

motor vehicle and hindering arrested Dec 13 for crimes he allegedly committed Dec. 6, including four counts of theft of movable property of more than \$500, along with four counts of criminal trespass.

FD extinguishes kitchen fire

At 2:16 p.m. on Dec. 21, Mountainside firefighters responded to a report of a fire at a Force Drive residence. Equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus, firefighters entered the house with a charged hose line and extinguished a kitchen fire. Smoke was vented from the house with a large electric fan.

Jonathan Singhbaba, 22, of Pliza-

both was arrested at 14:31 p.m. Dec.

Mountainside and Panwood that

totalled \$6,240. Singhbaba was.

transported to headquarters from the

Springfield

glarized. Friday morning between

one car was smashed, with an item-

ized list of lost items to follow,

Three vehicles were reported bur-

Westfield Police Department.

7:35 a.m. and 7:43 a.m.

responded to an activated Central Sta- detector. tion fire alarm at Beechwood School HVAC units activated the alarm, concluded that an electrical power ed the fire alarm.

FIRE BLOTTER

responded to an activated carbon located in a commercial building on monoxide detector at a residence. Sheffield Street Fire officers at the located on Briar Patch. Officers at the scene determined that a building staff scene determined that the CO detector maintenance man accidentally activatwas malfunctioning and advised the ed the alarm. • At 11:16 p.m. Sunday, firefighters homeowner to replace the faulty • At 10:26 a.m. Dec. 20, firefight

front of the building, shorted out and activated the fire alarm.

* At 5:20 p.m. Dec. 20, firefighters • At 11/18 a.m. Sunday, firefighters responded to an activated fire alarm

ers responded to a fire alarm at the *At 2:40 p.m. Dec. 23, firefighters Children's Specialized Hospital on on Woodacres Drive. Fire officers responded to an activated fire alarm at New Providence Road. An on scene determined that an electrical short in a a commercial building located on investigation determined that a burst blower motor in one of the roof top. Route 22 westbound. Fire officers, steam pipe in the boiler room activat-

Conroy named head of Morristown Memorial

Joseph Trunfio, president and CEO ment, Dr. Conroy of Atlantic Health System, announced will add operathe appointment of Dr. Joanne Conroy tional experience of Springfield to the newly-created to her long list of post of executive vice president and credentials and chief operating officer of Morristown bring physician Memorial Hospital, effective Jan. 15. leadership to a Dr. Conroy, chief medical officer hospital that is and vice president for Academic already well-

Affairs at AHS, will assume the lead respected for role in Atlantic Health System's medical excel- Conroy largest hospital. Morristown Memorial lence and yet still has the potential to is embarking on a major moderniza- offer more." tion plan and has, under Conroy's

administrator, makes her the ideal-

leader to implement this plan. . Trunfio added, "With this appoint-

Conroy joined AHS in 2001 as

move forward and invest further in residents and other health profession- patients." clinical technology and infrastructure—als in training. the development of the hospital's. University of South Carolina College with 147 cardiac beds. Of the hospi

chair a department in the history of the college. In 1999, she became senior associate dean of the College of Medicine, leading the college through a

period of financial restructuring. "Morristown Memorial Hospital has an opportunity to strengthen and expand its already impressive scope of services." Conroy said. "Working with the physicians, we have created the road map and are ready to move for-

leadership, recently completed an chief medical officer. Her responsibile develop research and education at the extensive five-year strategic plan to lities include development and man-hospital," Conroy added. "We will bring advances in medical research agement of voluntary and paid med- augment the existing services for and technology to the community and leal staff for the three hospitals in the which we are well-known, such as earregion. "Morristown Memorial has a system, Morristown Memorial, Over- diac and cancer care," and establish unique combination of assets, includ- look Hospital and Mountainside Hos- new clinical programs that align with ing exceptional physicians and nurses pital. She oversees the chairpersons of the demographics of our area to bring and a strong reputation for clinical clinical departments across the sys- an even higher level of medical excelexcellence," Trunfio said, "As we tem, their 200-employed faculty, 250 lence to our current and future

Conroy will assume the top job at and pursue our goal of creating the A practicing anesthesiologist, Con- the hospital at a time when Morrisbest environment for patients and doc- roy graduated cum laude from Dart- town Memorial also aims to moderntors. Dr. Conroy is the right person to mouth College and received her doc- ize its campus and build a state-of-thesteer this ambitious course. Her role in tor of medicine degree from Medical art, 250,000-square foot heart hospital strategic vision, coupled with her of Medicine in 1983, where she also tal's 36,000 admissions in 2003, 8,000 background as a skilled physician and completed her residency. Conroy held were for cardiac care. Morristown various professional appointments at Memorial also will steadily reinvest in MUSC and in 1996 became chair- and renovate infrastructure in other

RECREATION

Registration continues for spring baseball

The Springfield Junior Baseball League is accepting registration for spring baseball through Jan. 15 for children in grades kindergarten through ninth grade (born before Aug.

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

Mountain Creek Ski Trip planned

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

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

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ization 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, In this film, the paths of two warriors converge when the young Emperor of Japan, woold by American interests which cover the growing Japans ese 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.

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. The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public ibrary, 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. · Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland will be presenting a workshor titled

Having What You Need, Knowing What You Want" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall in Springfield. The workshop is designed to help people count their blessings each day, while seeking to create even more positive experiences in their 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

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

· 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 owlprowling 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.

• The Mountainside Recreation Department's Greeting Card Stamp Camp allows participants to make eards for birthdays, Christmas. Valentines Day, or any occasion.

The class will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east in Mountainside. Classes are for adults, and the registration fee is \$14 per person, per class.

For information, call 908-232-0045

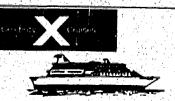
• The Booster at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, invites the public to Super Saturday. The day kicks off with a Family Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. The Highlander Market, featuring many items for sale, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, food, fun, games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

A variety of athletic match-ups will be scheduled throughout the day. To pe part of the Highlander Market, call Adrienne Trivella at 908-464-4520 • The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional

media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., at 7:30 Jan. 25

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 · Marc Jaffe will be sharing personal anecdotes from his summer expeience in Athens, where he served as the team chiropractor for the 540-

nember USA Olympic Team at the 2004 Summer Olympics. The presentation takes place at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, at 8 p.m. 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 capacity.





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The financial professionals identified for inclusion in the "Winner's Circle"

have been determined by Mr. Shook to be among those financial consultants who represent leadership, honesty and integrity. According to Mr. Shook, "They are helping to rewrite the rules of our business and make a difference in the lives of their clients." Mr. Kelly's inclusion in this ranking was noted in a recent issue of the

financial weekly magazine, Barron's. He was selected based on criteria. related to ethical standards, professionalism and success. Kelly began his career with Smith Barney in 1964. Brian J. Kelly, Sr.

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Year shows progress and hope as township reaches goals in '04.

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For Springfield, 2004 centered ton High School, James Caldwell day of a leap year month. The project, around progress and hope, as projects School and Thelma-L. Sandmeter which underwent several delays, such as the new firehouse were com- School. The projects are part of the including inclement weather, draws cione and Cary Russikoff file for pleted, white others, such as Meisel roughly \$18-million referendum that attention from an array of township Committee candidacy, chal- Trust approves \$1.1 million that will Church Mall area, the Township Com-Avenue Park and the renovations of was approved by voters in January residents and officials. Springfield schools have made for- 2003 ward strides.

Township Committee, while a Town- ing plans that had been developed for the 2004-2005 school budget, coming increases address a rise in enrollment the total cost of the Meisel project to the ordinance would allow for the ship Administrator was let go. With Meisel Avenue Park. The estimated to a total of \$29,253,368. The budget and the dissolution funds that Spring- \$2.2 million. long-term issues continuing into the \$2.2 million project, long awaited by would represent an annual school tax field will eventually owe Mountainnew year, an interesting 2005 should residents, would revive the park, increase of \$284 per home assessed at side and Garwood, along with an bring with it more plans for improve- which has been closed since August \$157,800. ments around the community. 2001 due to contaminated soil. January

committee, joins Democrat Ken his death Millman would gain the superintendent to the renovations of \$155,000. Faigenbaum in replacing Clarke and empty seat. Democrat Roy Hirschfeld.

four-year contracts are retroactive, ipalities to reimburse Mountainside. Bay were classified. making the current year the end of the and Garwood more than \$8 million

. Board of Education President efforts to become a board member: "I Springfield schools. will always have the best interest of the community at heart and I will Jewels,' the students."

announces the awarding of three bids,

• The Board of Education desires would be a good match.

At the end of February, Springfield township officials finally celebrate the opening of the

new firehouse on Mountain Avenue with a community-wide ceremony that draws people

out to see the new \$3.5-million facility, which suffered numerous construction delays.

totalling nearly \$4 million, that will go for construction in January 2002, the Pepe, as much of the Springfield comtoward construction at Jonathan Day- new firehouse is dedicated on the last munity mourns the loss.

Harelik and Steven Goldstein. • The 2004-2005 school budget • The Township Committee conincrease in staff,

. Incumbents Linda Duke, Vice School board hopefuls Judy Mill- President Patricia Venezia and Presithe district's schools.

He and his family feel that the six-

 After a long search and interview Larry Levee dies on New Year's Eve, process, Brooklyn native and West- an apology. In the process, Yee is ing a job as the director of curriculum to replace him. Said Levee during his named the new superintendent of his computer and committing adultery. Caldwell public school system. although an appeal has been filed. Davino is set to replace interim

• Joseph S. Pepe III, a 12-year With a flag at half-staff at the fire- patrons of all ages. More than \$10,000 • After being originally contracted house, a funeral procession honors is raised at the gate alone.

Photo By Joseph A. Sorrentine

• Police Officer Christopher LaFragola reports being shot in the were self-inflicted.

through together.

Hillary Corburn as the district's new the Springfield-Union border. assistant superintendent of schools.

• Republican challengers Fran Cor- son are expected to be on hand. • The Garden State Preservation pending ordinance for Springfield's lenging incumbent Democrats Clara go toward the rehabilitation of Meisel mittee later votes to withdraw the pro-Avenue Park. As part of the Green posed amendment and allow the Plan-Acres funding program, the aid will be ning Board to review the land one A Republican was added to the duets an open public meeting regard- announces the finalized numbers for passes by less than 100 votes. Cost matched by Union County, bringing more time. The proposed change in

• Committeewoman Clara Harelik man, Brian Sheebey, Joy Sudler and dent Irwin Sablosky join Brian Shee- approves the 2004 municipal budget; months for espionage charges he was toric nature of the property. replaces Gregory Clarke as Spring- Donald Carpenter are interviewed dur- hey in running for three seats on the balanced at \$20,791.652. The increase later cleared of, "It's a shame, because field's mayor at the Township Com- ing a Board of Education meeting, as Board of Education. The candidates will be about 6.6 cents per \$100 of the liked being a Muslim chaplain," mittee reorganization meeting. Harold someone must fill former member say they are concentrating on issues assessed valuation, or roughly \$103. Yee's father, Joseph, says afterward. He's got to move on,"

• Barry Bachenheimer resigns from nearby establishment. He later admit- know-how of their opponents. month ordeal unjustifiably, branded his position as principal of Florence ted to shooting himself and concocting him a spy, and that the military owes M. Gaudineer Middle School, accept- the tale, citing a nervous breakdown.

• The Township Committee author- Harelik and Steven Goldstein are re-

. Three years after it was initially proposed, a trade of parkland between Police Department, and listed in good that will eventually be exchanged. The start of next school year. condition. Upon an investigation, it is county is expected to give up seven concluded that LaFragola's wounds acres of land near Jonathan Dayton High School in exchange for Spring-

Corburn replaces Judy Zimmerman, damages settlement of \$31,000 for at the end of the year. who retired at the end of June after delays, Springfield gives Silcon Inc., ment, which takes place Aug. 8 to Springfield still owed to the company, tract

Aug. 14 next year, is expected to draw among other issues. Silcon missed the roughly 35,000 people each day. Pros. September, deadline, though there such as Tiger Woods and Phil Mickel- were no stipulated penalties.

• After approving a change to a area's mixed use zone to include single and multi-family residences. Some · Ionathan Dayton High School residents, including members of the graduate James Yee officially resigns. Historical Society and Environmental from the United States Army after. Commissions, are concerned that The Township Committee being imprisoned for close to three changing the area will affect the his-

· A Township Committee candidates night forum is conducted at Poltrock, the sole Republican on the Larry Levee's seat within 60 days of ranging from the adjustment of a new per year on a home assessed at they ruined his career and reputation. Jonathan Dayton High School, drawing a full crowd that came to find out · Police Officer Christopher more about incumbent Democrats • State Education Commissioner • Charges against Springfield • Jonathan Dayton High School LaFragola is charged with second- Clara Harelik and Steven Goldstein, • After more than three years with- William Librera adopts the initial native James Yee are dropped. Yee seniors graduate under rainy skies, as degree official misconduct, as the 18- along with Republican challengers out new contracts and more than two decision of a state judge regarding the was shackled for 76 days while an 112 students looked to enter a new year veteran of the department is Fran Corcione and Gary Russikoff. years of arbitration, rulings are handed dissolution of the Union County investigation determining whether or chapter of their lives. Principal accused of falsely reporting being shot. While the challengers were critical of down and contracts for the police and Regional High School District; calling not the documents he was caught han- Charles Serson compares the stormy in the line of duty. LaFragola's story the incumbents' communication skills, fire departments are finalized. The for Springfield and three other munic- dling at a prison camp in Guantanamo weather to the trials the class had been was found to be inconsistent with among other things, Harelik and Goldvideotape surveillance footage from a stein questioned the experience and

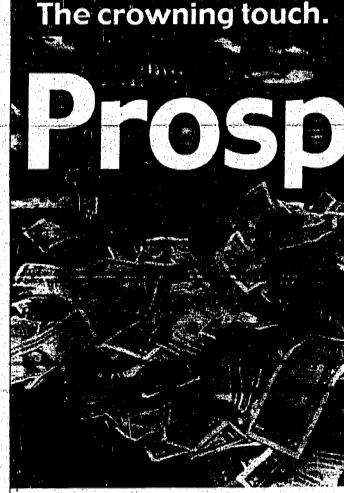
November · Democratic incumbents Clara

leaving Vice President Irwin Sablosky field resident Michael Davino is charged with viewing pornography on and instruction at the Caldwell/West izes the execution of a contract with elected to the Township Committee, the Bruno Group, a grant writing con- beating challengers Fran Corcione and sultant organization that guarantees a Gary Russikoff. The win marks the • The Fourth of July Fireworks Dis- matching of its \$2,500, three-month start of a third three-year term for the superintendent Tom Butler on April 1. Springfield firefighter, died at the age play, planned for months by the "Take fee. The group has been obtaining duo, as they look to continue working always be faithful to 'Our Precious Davino, who taught every grade, span- of 47 after suffering a heart attack dur- Pride in Springfield" Committee, is grants for municipalities for about 30 on major town issues. While Corcione ning kindergarten to high school, said ing an annual volleyball match con- accompanied by perfect weather and years and, according to a presentation, said she won't run again, but will that his talents and the community's ducted at James Caldwell School. smoothly-run festivities that satisfy averages 16 times whatever is invest- remain involved in town for the children. Russikoff did not rule out another campaign.

• Florence M. Gaudineer Assistant Principal Susie Hung replaces Lisa chest while approaching a car parked. Union County and Springfield is back. Ferrare, who goes on maternity leave, near a wooded area along Route 22. on the table, as the county freeholders as principal of Edward V. Walton LaFragola was saved by a bulletproof approve a professional services con- School. Hung is set to finish the vest, though later found to be defectiract of \$10,000 to have PMK Group school year at Walton, with an expecttive and replaced throughout the entire do an environmental study on land ed return to be made by Ferrare at the December

· Township Administrator Richard Sheola's contract expires. Sheola was • The Board of Education hires field-owned 11 acres of parkland near notified in September that he would not be reappointed to the position once After agreeing to a liquidated his second three-year contract expires

The first township administrator serving Springfield for many years. the contractor of the new firehouse, Springfield ever had, committee mem-• A press conference for the 87th until late September to finish various bers felt that the relationship between Professional Golf Association Cham- punch-list items pertaining to the com- Sheola and the township had been outpionship opens ticket sales to the pub- pletion of the building. The settlement lived. Sheola left in early December, lic at Baltusrol Golf Club. The tourna- includes change orders of money using vacation time to fulfill his con-





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PARIONEE ! The right call

The state appears one step closer toward a constitutional convention to evaluate the way in which taxes are levied in New Jersey. More specifically, a high-profile committee of publicly elected delegates could soon be taking a serious. open, and definitive look at restructuring tax codes. We say it's about time.

The call for a convention came from the Task Force on Property Tax Reform, a 15-member panel established by the Legislature in September. The panel has met 15 times since its creation, and last week released a brief, 24-page report of its conclusions. Its central recommendation is to convene a convention, comprised of 80 or possibly 120 delegates, who would be elected by voters during the next General Election. The convention, within a one-year period, would study the way the state raises revenue, and propose changes in the interest of equity

In the coming months, it will be up to the legislators to decide whether or not to implement this recommendation. And if they agree, they must structure its process and define its mission. Then in the November 2005 election, voters will decide if a convention should be called, and at the same time elect the delegates who will comprise its membership. Then in the 2006 election, voters will approve or disapprove the constitutional changes proposed by the delegates. This timetable seems reasonable

In nearly every municipal election we have covered during the past few years, we have heard one recurring complaint from voters. Property taxes are too high. But every candidate has given the very same reply. The real reform can only come from Trenton; all we can do at the local level is cut expenses. Trenton has now heard its cue, and we hope legislators don't get stage fright.

New Jersey residents pay the highest per capita property taxes in the country. The approximately \$17 billion raised each year underwrites nearly 75 percent of the cost of local services, with the bulk of the balance coming from statewide levies. The national average is almost 50 percent. Things are out of balance in the Garden State

Some have criticized the task force for not recommending a broader mission for the convention. They would have it also focus on the reduction of spending. But we agree with the task force. There will be enough on the table without adding a restructuring of the Abbott decision, the elimination of mandated programs, or the need to cut payrolls at the state, county and local levels, among other issues. Those are difficult, and in many ways inflammatory, issues that could only delay the convention or push it off course. The delegates will have enough problems just considering tax increases for the upper brackets, adding new sales taxes, and passing tax burdens from homeowners to businesses.

This might be the one big chance our generation has to set things right. And it should provide a straightforward, open and comprehensive debate. The Legislature should follow through with the recommendations of the task force and put the question before voters in November.

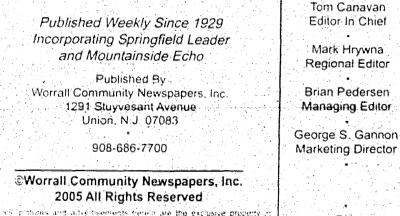
Happy New Year

Although it seems like only yesterday that 2004 was just getting started. New Year's Day is almost here, and with it, 2005. A new year seems to mean more to the young, who still view the world in linear terms, from day to day. As we grow older, years are replaced by phases in our lives, from college to marriage to parenthood to retirement. Even the year itself is grouped differently, arranged by sections such as tax time, vacations, holidays, even sports seasons.

There was a time when the end of the year meant more than staying up late, drinking some bubbly and watching the ball descend in Times Square. In ancient Rome, a 12-day festival called Saturnalia was celebrated, where Romans lit candles to Saturn, the god of the harvest, and decorated their houses with wreaths of laurel and evergreen. Germans had a similar 12-day celebration of the victory of the sun god and the south wind during winter and the storm god, destroyer of life. They gathered around roaring fires and toasted their good fortune with spirited punch, just as the Druids in what is now Great Britain cut boughs of mistletoe at the end of every December,

Our ways of celebration may have changed, but we still rejoice about the success of this year, even as we make resolutions to make next year even better. Just remember, no matter how spirited the celebration, a good resolution every year is not to drink and drive. Don't let friends drive who have had too much to drink; they'll thank you later. It's a good practice, one that should become a tradition.

And in keeping with tradition, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



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COOKIES FOR YOU Kindergartners in Allison Placca's class at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield enjoy coloring their Christmas cookies with magic markers that use edible food coloring making for a tasty treat in preparation for the holidays. Ryan Locke takes a look at fellow classmate Caroline Fairfax's colored cookie, trying to stop himself from taking a bite.

There are a host of societies for the gardener

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

enjoy the game?

It happens all the time. A gardener buys a daylily or a rose or a hosta and begins to appreciate its beautiful color, elegant form or interesting growth

This appreciation grows and eventually leads to a desire for learning and acquisition. In some cases the gardener goes on to fill his property and part of his life with the plants to which he has become passionately attached. Some people go farther and seek out others with a similar passion. This is how plant societies are born, and this is why they remain so popular. With the New Year looming large, perhaps ticulture in general, by joining a plant-

There is a society or organization for almost every plant genus, and the Internet makes most of them easy to find. If you don't know the name of the organization that you are looking for, try searching on the genus name plus; the words "organization" or "society." You will probably come up. with the appropriate group, Many national plant societies also sponsor lovely rose photos, not to mention a donated by other members and seed crowds are at least somewhat smaller local chapters that have regular meet- host of rose-related articles; contests, vendors. The bi-monthly AHS journal, than on the regular show days. While ings and shows. The following are information on rose shows and an "The American Gardener," is as you are in England, you can also visit. some plant societies that are large, online store full of rose-bedeeked informative, colorful and readable as RHS display gardens for free. Indiwell-organized and provide gardeners items. When you join the ARS, you any of the mass-market gardening vidual memberships cost £45 annualwith a wealth of information and opportunities for fellowship.

everywhere - from botanical gardens eties like "Madame Hardy," the ARS many great American botanical garto highway rest stops. Whether you is a fount of information. Annual indidens and arboreta. Perhaps most Elisabeth Ginsburg is a regular conchoose rebloomers like Stella or old- vidual membership is \$32.

To the Editor

Festive displays are exhilarating

associated with the proud colonial heritage of our town.

It was exhilarating to drive by Town Hall the other night and see the holiday

As a longtime resident of Springfield, I again felt some sense of gratification

We all owe a sense of gratitude to Fran Corcione, Hazel Hardgrove and Ruth

Schwartz for their effort in restoring pride to being a citizen of this community.

Giving aid and comfort to the enemy

Contrary to how Frank Capece sees it about Bill Fidurski, on Page B1 of the

Dec. 16 edition, Bill is giving aid and comfort to the enemy by trying to stop the

way Valley Railroads. Rail moves greater tonnages of freight and more passen-

fewer accidents and a whole host of other benefits. Fidurski stood in front of the

North Jersey Planning Authority and stated he felt the whole port should be

moved to Halifax, Canada. The TPA members were dumbfounded by his gross,

ting deeper into the clutches of "Muslim fanatics" who control three quarters of

The list must include Carol Westervelt of Kenilworth, who fomented this

Munoz reminds me of the "learned" physician in Charleston, S.C., in 1834,

mess by trespassing on the right of way always earmarked for restored rail, and

Assemblyman Dr. Eric Munoz, who is unable to understand what transportation

who tried to get the railroad stopped, as it was his "learned opinion" the human

All have a hidden vested interest and to allow any to disrupt needed rail

the world's remaining oil. This comes as close to treason as one can get.

Fidurski and all others "stop the train," but keep building highways and get-

lights and decorations so resurrected from the anemic display of last year.

Gardener's Apprentice By Elisabeth Ginsburg

fashioned once-blooming favorites like Hyperion, daylilies are tough, hardy and easy to care for. To share your love of daylilies, or to learn more about them, join the American Hemerocallis Society. Membership, which it is time to cultivate your own passion costs \$18 per year, includes a subfor a particular genus, or even for hor-scription to the society's quarterly publication, "Daylily Journal," plus a chance to attend regional shows, visit display gardens and exchange news and information with fellow daylily

> To find out more, contact Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary, Department WWW, P.O. Box 10, Dexter, Ga. 31019, or visit www.daylilies.org. The American Rose Society also

also receive the Rose Annual, a com-Ever since the introduction of the by rose experts. No matter what your techniques and much more. AHS Horticultural Society, 80 Vincent Stella de oro daylily, members of the preference in roses - from classic membership also entitles you to Square, London SWIP 2PE, 011-44genus Hemerocallis have sprouted hybrid teas like 'Peace' to older vari- receive discounted admissions at 020-7834-4333, www.rhs.org.uk.

American Rose Society, 8877 Jefferson Paige Rd., Shreveport, LA 71119. 318-938-5402, www.ars.org.

Hostas, which are generally more appreciated for their showy leaves than for their blossoms, have their own thriving organization, the American Hosta Society. The 36-year old group publishes a journal three times a year, hosts a convention that features a unique hosta auction, seeks out and publicizes hosta display gardens, and bestows annual awards. Individual membership for one year costs \$25.

For further information, contact Sandie Markland, AHS Membership Secretary, 8702 Pinnaele Rock Court, www.hosta.org.

Seed Exchange, which enables mem- allowed in on Member's Day, when has a wonderful Web site that features bers to obtain a wide variety of seeds the flowers are the freshest and the magazines, with features on garden ly, about \$88. pendium of information and articles design, plant species, horticultural

plants, then you will find a monthly treat in "The Garden," the RHS journal, which has some of the most comprehensive plant information available format. Membership also entitles you to use the RHS Plant Finder, a unique. online service designed to help vou Every gardener should belong to pick the best plants for your garden. the venerable American Horticultural. Belonging to the society won't get you Society. Members have access to the free tickets to London, but it will entisociety's toll-free Gardener's Informatule you to special admission to the tion Service help line for expert Chelsea Flower Show. Chelsea is one answers to gardening questions. You of the world's greatest horticultural can also participate in the annual free extravaganzas, and RHS members are

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TAKE NOTICE, that the following Ordinances were passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on December 28, 2004:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER II. ADMINISTRATION, TO REVISE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT SECTION, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S 40A: 4-53 FOR MASTER PLAN REEXAM INATION REPORT IN THE FOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC J98102 ECL Dec 30, 2004 (\$12.00) PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In compliance with NJAC 18.12A-13, please be advised that the Tax Assessor and members of the Tax Assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield, are available to taxpayers and members of the general public, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD Please take notice that the follow ecision was made at the regular meeting the Board of Adjustment held on Tues ay, December 21, 2004 Application # 2004-15 Applicant: Lisa Boltax Site Location 25 Laurel Drive Block: 1502 Lot 7

For: st variance to permit a fence (gate) in the front yard across the drivinway. Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment. 20 Mountain Avenue, Annex Building Township of Springheld, NJ and is available for public inspection.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick

Board of Adjustment Secretary.

U98096 ECL Dec. 30: 2004 (\$11,63)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD Please take notice that the following BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tues-day, December 21, 2004 Application # 2003-18 Applicant: Vijay Shah Site Location: 472 Morris Avenue Block: 108, Lot: 7

For: An extension of the variances granted on October 21, 2003 and memorialized on November 18, 2003 to permit the erection of an addition Was: granted to November 16, 2005 Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment. 100 Mountain Avenue. Annex Building. Township of Springfield, NJ and is available for public inspection:

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Board of Adjustment Secretary U98089 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$12.38)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Please take notice that the following ecision was made at the regular meeting the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesay, December 21, 2004 Application # 2004-16 Applicant: Johnna Szymanska Site Location: 1 Laurel Drive

Block 1502, Loti 1 For A Variance to permit the erection of a six-foot high fence in the front yard, which is a corner lot, and therefore has two front yards. Was: granted

Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, 100 Mountain Avenue, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, NJ and is available for public inspection. able for public inspection.

Robert C, Kirkpatrick

Board of Adjustment Secretary

U98100 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$12.38)

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

PUBLIC NOTICE

Edward Galante, CTA Springheld Tax Assessor (\$4.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE PLANNING BOARD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield for the year 2005 will be held in that Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will procede the regular meeting and will start at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time. prevailing time... The following are the dates of the Plan ning Board meetings for the year 2005

Wednesday, January 5, 2005 Wednesday, February 2, 2005 Wednesday, March 2, 2005 Wednesday, April 6, 2005 Wednesday, May 4, 2005 Wednesday, June 1, 2005 Wednesday, July 6, 2005 Wednesday, August 3, 2005 Wednesday, September 7, 200 Wednesday, October 5, 2005 Wednesday, November 2, 2001 Wednesday, November 2, 2005 Wednesday, December 7, 2005

All Special Meetings of the Planning Board will be advertised separately. Robert C. Kirkpatrick Planning Board Secretary U98053 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$14.63) PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for the year 2005 will be held the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will precede the regular meetings and will start at 7:30 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the Board of Adjustment meetings for the year 2005:
Tuesday, January 18, 2005
Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
Tuesday, June 21, 2005
Tuesday, June 21, 2005
Tuesday, Juny 19, 2005
Tuesday, Juny 19, 2005
Tuesday, Soptember 20, 2005
Tuesday, October 18, 2005
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
Tuesday, November 15, 2005

All Special Meetings of the Planning will be advertised separately. Robert C. Kirkpatrick Board of Adjustment Secretary U98056 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$15.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD MEETING DATES FOR 2005

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly meetings of the Development Review Committee of the Township of Springfield for the year 2005 will be held the third (314) Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue Springfield, New Jersey at 7:00 PM greyalling time.

Wednesday, January 19, 2005 Wednesday, January 19, 2005
Wednesday, March 16, 2005
Wednesday, March 16, 2005
Wednesday, April 20, 2005
Wednesday, May 18, 2005
Wednesday, June 22, 2005
Wednesday, July 20, 2005
Wednesday, July 20, 2005
Wednesday, September 21, 2005
Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Wednesday, November 16, 2005
Wednesday, November 16, 2005
Wednesday, December 21, 2005

All Special Meetings of the Develop-ment Review Committee will be adver-Lynda Gagliano
Committee Secretary
U98060 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$15.38)

PUBLIC NOTICE ASSESSMENT LIST IS READY

year 2005 will be available to ion by any tax payer or. Thursday ber 30, 2004 at the Tax Assessor Room 203 of the Municipal Build O. Mountain, Avenue, between, th of 9 00 AM and 3 00 PM. Assessor 38 ECL Dec 30, 2004 (\$5 63) TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

COUNTY OF UNION, N.J.

TAKE NOTICE, that the Organizational Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springlield, is scheduled for Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 12,00 nooh in the Committee Room Municipal Buildng There will be a Workshop Session in the Saucus Room at 11:00 a.m. provailing KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Cler U98084 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$6.00)

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OUNTY UNION
OOCKET NO F1446502
PLAINTIFF: NATIONAL CITY MORT NDANT MARVIN RETANA, PANAY-RETANA, WIFE OF MARVIN

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 execution to me directed I 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 afternoen 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.

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& 41/100 TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT (\$431,974,41) December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004 U95465 ECL (\$85.50)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on January 13, 2005 at 8 p.m. on the following applications. Gagloiti, Mill Lane, Block 24D Lats 2, 3, 5, & B Previously Noticed.

Previously Noticed.
uation. Variances needed include:
c) (3) insufficient sideyards
c) (4) insufficient rear yards
2) (6) excessive building coverage
2) (7) excessive lot coverage Tomas, 1137 Corrine Terrace, Block 5T Lot 15 - A 2 story addition and addition to existing garage, contrary to Sections 1009 (c) (5) insufficient lot area, 1009 (c) (5) insufficient lot width, 1009 (c) (6) excessive building size, 1009 (c) (3) insufficient side yard.

Pires, 331 Raccoon Hollow, Block 5M Lot 3 - Building addition contrary to Section 1009 (c) (6) excessive building size.

Ganga, LLC, 1160 Route 22; Block 5T Lots 39 & 41 - Application is for preliminary and final site plan. Application proposes paving of parking lot areas, a proposed driveway connection, drainage improvements, concrete steps, etc. Proposed variances include:
1013 (c) (2) existing insufficient front yards 1013 (c) (3) existing insufficient side

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yards
1013 (c) (7) excessive lot coverage
1014 (b) (19) insufficient parking
1013 (c) (5) existing insufficient lot area
1013 (c) (5) existing insufficient lot width
1003 (x) violation of approved landscape
buffer
violation of tree femovals
1013 (c) (6) existing excessive building
coverage

coverage other variances that may be determined All applications are subject to the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance and bulk

variances if required.
Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.
Ruth M. Roes, Sporetary.
U98353 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$25.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF
PASSED ORDINANCE
BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE

ORDINANCE 1081-2004
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS AND ADVERTISEMENTS AND THE SALE OF NON-AUTOMOTIVE GOODS AT GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside. County of Union, State of New Jersey as oflows:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the folnew book at B&N Essence bestselling author Carl Weber will be conducting a reading ew Jersey in the 85 Route 22 Moun on the 21st day o and signing at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 west, in Springfield, at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 of his ORDINANCE 1082-2004
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$144,00) FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE RESURFACING OF MILL LANE, SECTION 3
U98073 ECL Dec. 30, 2004 (\$9.00) newly released book, "The Preacher's

Booklist calls his latest work 'Compelling." Highly-acclaimed. national, bestselling author Carl Weber has won over readers and crities with his tales of family drama, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was passed and adopted on second and final reading at a Regular Meeting duly held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, New Jersey in Ine-Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 21st day of December 2004 including "Married Men," "Player Haters" and "Baby Momma Drama;" His latest book, "The Preacher's Son, turns family values on edge with the

Author reads/signs

run for borough president. The pastor and his children provide the backdrop for a drama about a family that seems perfect on the outside, but has "a whole lot of repenting to

For information, call 973-376-

Noctumal hikers embark on 'Owl Prowl'

follows:

I. Chapter IV of the Borough Code shall be amended by adding the following as Section 4-5:

4-5 Gasoline Station Regulations

4-5.1 Definitions

A. For the purposes of this Ordinance, Gasoline Station shall be defined as any business equipped with pumps and related equipment for the sale of gasoline to the general public for use in cars. trucks, and other motorized vehicles.

B. Automotive Related Goods shall Learn about the different species of owls that reside in the Watchung the general public for use in cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles.

B. Automotive Related Goods shall include but not be limited to the following: gasoline, diesal, oil, air for lires, windshield wiper blades, windshield wiper fluid, brake line fluid, belts, batteries and filters for motorized vehicles, and such other reasonably related items.

4.5.2 General Prohibitions.

A. It shall be unlawful for Gasoline Stations in the Borough to conduct retail sales of any Non-Automotive Related Goods. This provision shalt not prohibit the sale of automotive repair services and parts at Gasoline Stations with service centers equipped with the proper facilities and equipment to provide such services.

B. Gasoline Stations with services.

B. Gasoline Stations shall be prohibited from displaying any form of advertisement including: balloons, banners, signs, flags or similar items, except as permitted by the applicable cyn provisions in the Borough's Land Use Ordinance. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the display of one (1) Amèrican flag, provided the area of the flag shall not exceed 40 square feet.

4.5.3 Exceptions Reservation in "Owl Prowl," a program offered by Trailside Nature & Road in Mountainside, from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12.

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.

EVENTS

The ree 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 & Recre ation and is located at 452 New Prov idence Road in Mountainside. For information, call 908-789-3670.

Pat Cooper concert offered by Knights

will present "Pat Cooper in Concert," Feb. 26, at a cost of \$72.50 per person. The cost includes meal, show, bus transportation and all taxes and gratuities. Seats are limited on a first come.

For reservations, call Tony tale of a popular Queens, N.Y. pastor's Graziano at 973-376-5612.

first served basis.

Chiropractor shares Olympic experience

Marc Jaffe will be sharing personal anecdotes 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 Science Center, 452 New Providence one of only eight chiropractors ever selected to represent the United States at an Olympic event in an official capacity. Jaffe will tell his perspective of the Jewish athletes with whom he

> For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539 ext. 11.

AT THE LIBRARY

Group discusses 'The Human Stain' The Good Books Discussion

area of the flag shall not exceed 40 square feet.

4-5.3 Exceptions

A. Gasoline Stations may sell the following Non-Automotive Related Goods: maps and cigarettes by the pack. Gasoline Stations may also sell the following from vending machines authorized under subparagraph B hereaf: candy and snack foods in individual serving size wrappers, soft drinks, juices and water in single serving containers not oexceed 20 oz.

B. No more than three (3) vending machines, not exceeding six (6) feet in width per machine, may be located at Gasoline Stations. The location and spacing between the vending machines shall be subject to the Borough's Fire Subcode Official. All vending machines shall be subject to the Borough's annual-licensing fee. Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will meet at p.m. Jan. 6 to discuss "The Human Stain" by Philip Roth.

"The Human Stain" is the third of Philip Roth's trilogy of novels that explore the relationship between pubbe subject to the Borough's annual licensing fee.

C. The sale of lottery tickets and games of chance, from lottery machines and other gaming devices properly authorized and licensed by the State of New Jersey, shall be permitted.

4-5.4 Enforcement

A. The Borough Administrator shall be responsible for enforcing this Ordinance. The Administrator may designate such other Borough Employees and officials, including the Borough Police to enforce this Ordinance and to Issue summonses for the violation hereof.

B. Any business, property owner, or business owner or manager, who is found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 per violation and not more than the amount and private life in America during the second half of the 20th century. To reserve a copy of the book, call the reference department at 973-376-4930

Clash of warriors concludes video series The Springfield Free Public

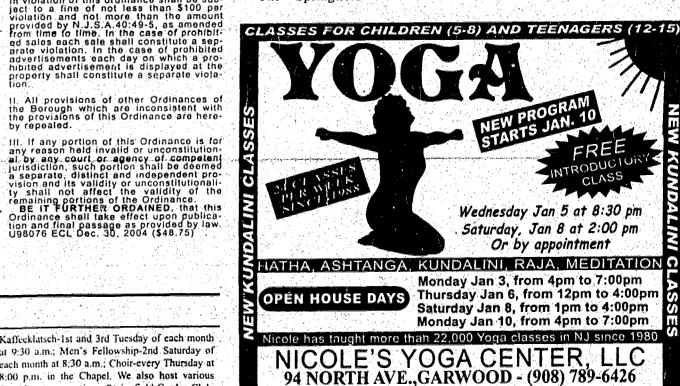
Library, 66 Mountain Ave., concludes its Lunchtime Video Series. "Box Office Hits," at noon Tuesday. The paths of two warriors converge

when the young emperor of Japan. wooed by American interests which covet the growing Japanese market, hires Algren to train Japan's first modern, conscript army. Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Lipman exhibit unveils unusual side of NYC

An exhibit of David J. Lipman's photography called "N.Y.C. Lite," capturing the whimsical side of New York, can be viewed at The Donald B.

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WORSHIP CALENDAR

BAPTIST

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH SERVING CHRIST IN THE 21st CENTURY." 242 Shunpike Rd., Springfield, Rev. Frederick Mackey, Sr. Pastor, Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: Spanish Sunday School 9:30 am and 5:30 pm. 10:30 AM Worship Service and Nursery care -5:30-7:00 PM AWANA Club Program for 973-467-9666. Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesdays: 7:15 PM Prayer, Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High Ministry, Active Youth Ministry, Wide-Range

A SECOND LANGUAGE. JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. Mark Mallach, and pre-Religious School aged children. The For more information, call the Temple office, synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's (973) 379-5387. League, Men's Club, youth groups for sixth through twelfth graders, and a busy Adult Education program. For more information, please contact our office during office hours.

JEWISH-ORTHODOX CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SPRINGFIELD 339 Mountain Avenue.

Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-Springfield. 973-467-9666. Chaim Marcus, 4.00 p.m. Rabbi, Alan J. Yuter, Rabbi Emeritus, Solomon REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND Greenfield, President, Congregation Israel is a SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite PL, Westfield, Sunday morning worship service 10:15 a.m. Modern Orthodox synagogue. There are two Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. daily weekday morning Minyans at 6.15 a.m. and Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship service; Nursery care and facilities are provided. 7.00 a.m. Daily weekday Mincha Maariy. Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services. Opportunities for personal growth through services are also held. Call the shul office for 8/30 and 10/00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery worship, Christian Education, Choir, ongoing times. There are two Shabbat morning services at available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, church activities, and Pellowship. Hot 7.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. as well as Juniot 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all. Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every Congregation at 9:30 a.m. the Nursery School worship services. The church and all rooms are month: The Ladies Evening Group-3rd conducts classes for children aged 2.1.2 to 4. A "handicapped accessible.

summer camp is also available to children of this age. Adult classes are held three nights a week with two weekly Teen classes. We have an active Senior Set and very active Jr. NCSY and Sr. NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood, Adult Education and Youth groups provide a wide array of communal programming. For further information call the synagogue office at

JEWISH - REFORM TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Music Program. Ample Parking. Chair Lift. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/ provided with assistance. All are invited and Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School welcomed to participate in worship with us. For Director, Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator, further information contact church office (973) Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-379-4351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class Rabbi, Richard Nadel, Cantor, Marilyn Garlen, begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 President: Beth Ahm, is an egalitatian, AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday Conservative temple, with programming for all mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and ages. Weekday services Mon.-Fri, 7:00 AM Sun.- Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday Thurs, 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & evenings for post bar-bat mitzvah students. Pre-8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset; school, classes are available for children ages 2 Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an 9:00 AM Family and children services are active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third- Group and Youth Group, A wide range of seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. programs include Adult Education, Social There are formal classes for both High School. Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors.

> LUTHERAN HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887, Remo Madsen, Pastor Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the

SPRINGFIELD EMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SEUMC) - is a faith community ignited by God's love for all people. Join us for Sunday worship which begins with the entire congregation at 10:15 AM before children exit for Sunday School. Express God's compassion through outreach activities. Beginning and experienced vocalists and musicians are invited to participate in the music ministry led by professional muscians Ginny Johnston and Dan Crisci. Bible study, prayer, youth group and fellowship events enable all to grow in their faith. SEUMC is located at the far

back end of Church Mall, near the intersection

of Morris and Mountain Avenues, Springfield. Call 973-376-1695 for more information. THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Summit is located in the heart of town on the corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue, Church School and Biple Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.: the emphasis of which is to always have a "good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and weekly children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good

> PRESBYTERIAN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 210

information at 908 277-1700.

week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or

Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more

Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, 973-379-4320. Sunday School Classes for ages 3yrs. -Senior High 9:00 a.m. in our Parish House. Children's Church is held during the worship Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.:

Kaffeeklatsch-1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Men's Fellowship-2nd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.; Choir-every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We also host various Outside group meetings; Springfield Garden Club, Children's Community Choir, Learning Disabled Group, and Alanon, For information about any of our programs or services, call Gesele at the Church Office: 973-379-4320, Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m.-12 noon; 1:00pm-4:00pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside 90x-232-1162. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am, Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saturday at 1pm. Perpetua Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and www.ollmountainside.org, office a ollmountainside.org.:

PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JAMES, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044 SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon, Reconciliation Sat. 1:00-2:00 p.m. Weekday Masses: 7:00 & 8:00

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT. Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-273-3245, www.uesummit.org. Rev. Vannessa Rush Southern, Minister, Mitchell Vines, Music and Choir Director Sunday Services and religious education classes at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Adult

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How much time can one coach give to 15 boys on a team who are eager to learn and play? It's early in the season, so why can't they form new teams and Springfield rectify the situation? I am sure that an assistant coach would be glad to be a

Springfield

We wish you all a happy New Year restoration of rail service, both freight and passenger, on the Staten Island/Rah-As 2004 comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to express gers per gallon of fuel, using less land, producing little or no pollution, causing

important, when you join the AHS, tributor to this newspaper.

More teams means more time to play

Happened to go to the gym last Saturday to watch a junior basketball game

between 10- and 11-year-olds and, to my surprise, each team had 13 to 15 boys

on a team, so each boy played four to five minutes of each half. With the num-

ber of schools and number of boys who signed up to play basketball, why

didn't the Recreation Department offer more teams so that boys could learn and

our thanks to the residents of Springfield who supported our re-election to the Township Committee. Of course, in 2005, we will continue our strong commitment to the betterment of the Springfield community. At this time, we wish all the residents, businesses and employees of Springfield, as well as our fellow colleagues on the Township Committee, a very happy New Year. Mayor Clara Harelik

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

and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification. Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged Cranford in advance with the editor.

Editor: JR Parachini

Can be reached in

Maplewood at 973-763-0700

Summit

Jan. 4 Dover, 7 p.m.

Jan. 14 at Mendham,

Jan. 18 Hanover Park,

Jan. 21 at Parsippany,

Jan. 25 at Morris Hills.

Feb. 8 Parsippany Hills.

Feb. 17 at Hanover Park.

Girls' Basketball

Jan. 4 at Dover, 7 p.m.

Jan. 11 at Chatham, 7

Jan. 14 Mendham, 7

Jan. 21 Parsippany, 7

Jan. 25 Morris Hills, 7

Jan. 27 at Weequahie, 7

Feb. 1 at West Essex, 7

Feb. 8 at Parsippany Hills,

Feb. 3 Dover, 7

Summit

Feb. 10 Chatham, 7

Feb. 16 at Mendham, 7

Feb. 17 Hanover Park,

Feb. 22 at Parsippany,

ice Hockey

Jan. 4 Verona, 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 at Bernards, 8 p.m.

Jan. 9 at Verona, 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 at Clifton, 7 p.m.

Jan. 21 at Nutley, 9 p.m.

Jan. 24 at Verona, 6 p.m.

Feb. 1 Nutley, 7:45 p.m.

Feb. 4 at Bayonne, 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 Bernards, 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 15 Cranford, 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 at Randolph, 5:45 p.m.,

Jan. 3 Polar Bear-Drew, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 3 UCT Relays at Elizabeth, 6 p.m.

Jan. 7 Iron Hills Champs-Drew, 4:30

Jan. 8Hispanic Games-Armory, 9 a.m.

Jan. 9 Group 2 Relays-Princeton, 9

Jan: 12 at Millburn, Caldwell, 3:45

Jan. 16 Group 2-Princeton, 9 a.m.

Jan. 22 New Bal. Games-Armory.

Jan. 24 UCT Meet at Eliz., 6 p.m.

Jan. 24 Randolph Shot Put, 5:45 p.m

Feb. 2 at NJ Met. Champ, 4:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at Last Chance Invite, 4 p.m.

Feb. 19 Hall Fame Invite-Armory, 4

Feb. 27 MOC ar Princeton, 11 a.m.

Feb. 9 at Johnson, 6 p.m.

Winter Track

Summit

Feb. 5 at Madison, 4:15 p.m.

Jan. 11 Westfield, 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 at Chatham, 5:30 p.m

Jan. 18 West Orange, 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 26 at Westfield, 7:45 p.m.

Jan. 29 at West Orange, 7:45 p.m.

Jan. 7 Parsippany Hills, 7

Jan. 18 at Hanover Park,

Feb. 10 at Chatham, 7

Feb. 15 Mendham, 7

Feb. 22 Parsippany, 7

Summit

Jan. 27 Weeduahie. 7

Feb. 1 West Essex, 7

Feb. 3 at Dover, 7

Jan. 11 Chatham, 5

Boys' Basketball

Jan. 7 at Parsippany Hills, 7

Fax: 973-763-2557

Ruth Metz

Ruth Metz. 83, of Mountainside died Dec. 13 at home Metz lived in Mountainside for many. Chatham. years: She graduated from Auburn Born in Philadelphia, Mrs Mailiu: University in Alabama and received a solved in Summit for more than 40 master's degree in microbiology from years before moving to Mountainside Vanderbilt University, Nashville, in 1997. She was an assistant profes-

during World War II. older of the Community Presbyterian Aversity College of Nursing Church of Mountainside, Mrs. Metz. was president of the Deerfield School staff murso at the former Newark Parent-Teachers Association and a Memorial Hospital, later, Clara Maass imember and chairperson of the Moun: Medical Center, Belleville, and a tortainside Juvenile Conference Commute mer director of the School of Nursing toe. She was a volunteer at Cycrlook. Mrs. Mullin graduated from the Hospital, Summit, and at the Chile. Newark Memorial Hospital School of dren's Specialized Hospital, Mounty Nursing and received a bachelor's tainside, for many years.

Mrs. Metz also was co-tounder and a and a master's degree in higher educathist treasurer of the Plainfield chapter though 1956, both from Seton Hall of Habital for Humanity, a member of the She was a member of the National the Westfield Charden Club land de and New Jersey League for Nursing,

Neurs, W. Peter, two sons, Peter and Alumin Association and the Claras, president of Union Steel Corp., a man- wife of 57 years. Marcia: three sons, Michael, a br. Mach. John Miller, and Maass Alumni Association dour grandchildien

Carmine J. Zecca

field died Dev. 13 in Overlook Hospie. Corentino, a prother Joseph; and Six of phone Laboratories for 12 years. grandchildren

Adeline Feo

... Adeline Feo. 85, of Whitehouse, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 14 in the Bridgeway Care Center, Bridgewater Born in Passaic, Mrs. Feo lived in Springfield for 15 years before moving to Whitehouse in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Dolores Della Pello, a sister, Charlotte Kelly, a brother, Fred Rose; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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side, formerly of Sumunt, died Dec. Born in Birmingham, Alas, Mrs. 13 in the King Linies, Care Center.

Tenne Mrs. Metz was a volunteer with sociof nursing at Seron Halid inversithe American Red Cross in Furope tv College of Nursing Mrs. Mullio previously was a teacher in the nurs-She was a founding member and the education program at Ruteers Uni-

the American and New Jersey State Surviving are her husband of 55 Nurses Association, the Seton Half

Bruce Strasser

Bruce F. Strasser, 80, of Summit. died Nov 25 in Overlook Hospital.

Mr. Strasser was born in Rochester. Both in Belleville, Mr. Feeda Aved. N.Y. He renied in 1983, after three "South Orange" for many years years as After I's director of Corporate before moving to Springfield several. Exhibitions in New York City, where years ago file owned A-Rid Extermises he was responsible for AT&T's partienating Co. South Orange, from 1960 - spation in Disney World's EPCOT and he retired in 1985. Surviving are project. Mr. Strasser continued as a fas wife, Aucs, a daughter. Sandra' consultant until 1986. Harlier, he was Walsh, two sons, Stephen and Robert, the executive director of public relatwo sisters. Pheresa Cucolo and Angle ("thons" and publications at Bell Tele-Mr. Strasser began his career at

Bell Laboratories, writing science. films for use in high schools and colleges. Before that, he was a talent representative at MCA Artists Inc., New York City, an editorial assistant in the news room of the American Broadcast Co. and, from 1954 to 1957, technical editor at the Society of Automotive Engineers Journal. He also was a freelance writer and had articles published in The New York Times and the Groller

Book of Popular Science, among oth-

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John Deitrich

Summit, founder of a Union steel Temple B'nai Israel, Elizabeth. manufacturing firm, died Dec. 15 at

Park before moving to Winter Park Kennel Club and the Belington Terrier many years ago. He was founder and Club of America. Surviving are his utacturer of stainless steel pipe and James, Roger and David; a daughter, tubing in Union, which he operated Jane; a brother, Herbert; a sister, Gwen from 1952 until he retired in 1967. St. Lifer Kurry, and six grandchildren.

He also was a member of the

Surviving are his wife of 65 years Gladys; three daughters, Judy Wald Gail Heiser and Pamela Smith; eight grandchildren and seven great-grand-

Summit, died Dec. 16 at home. Born in Millburn, Mr. Marcelliano lived in Summit for most of his life.

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Mr Strasser received a bachelor's affection is a mailman with the U.S. Post degree in engineering from Yale Unit Office in Summit for 38 years before versity. New Haven, Conn., in 1946 certifing in 1982. Mr. Marcelliane and a master's degree in both English served in the Navy during World War terature and theater arts from Colum- II. Surviving are his wife. Roset a by University, New York City, in daughter, Linda Tolve, two grandehil-

Martin St. Lifer of Summit, formerly of Hillside, died Dec. 17 in

Born in Perth Amboy, Mr. St. Lifer lived in Hillside for many years before moving to Summit 44 years ago. He was a partner in Rogers Clothes, a Surviving are his wife of 37 years, family retail clothing business, Mr. St. Liter was a member of the Men's Club of the Jewish Community Center in Summit, the YM/YWHA in Elizabeth John Albert Deitrich, 92, of Winter and the B'nai B'rith in Summit and a Park, Fla., formerly of Roselle and former member of the Men's Club of

fle also was a member of Twin Brooks Kennel Club, the Garden State Born in Reading, Pa., Mr. Deitrich Terrier Association, the Morris and hised in Roselle, Summit and Florham Essex Kennel Club, the Sussex Hill

William E. "Bill" George, 95, of Singer Island, Fla., formerly of Summit, died Dec. 2 in the Hospice of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach, Fla Born in Waterbury, Conn., Mr. George lived in Summit for 60 years before moving to Singer Island in 1999. He was a buyer for General Motors-Hyatt Division before retiring

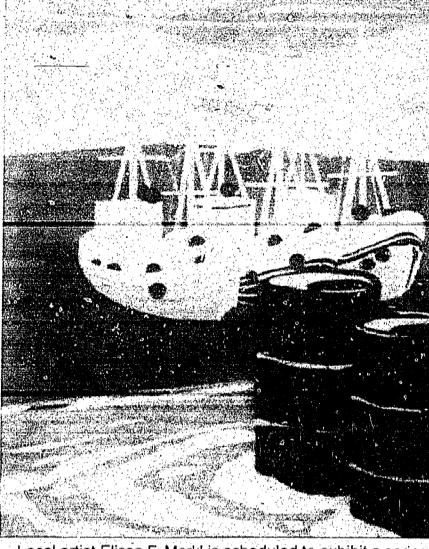
Surviving is his wife, Marvella.

Mildred Stickle

Mildred H. Stickle, 89, of Plainfield, formerly of Springfield, died Dec. 20 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Stickle lived in Irvington and Springfield for 38 years before moving to Plainfield in 1984. She was a clerk at Monterey Cleaners, Short Hills, for 20 years

Surviving are a son, Lawrence F.; a



Local artist Elissa F. Merkl is scheduled to exhibit a series of serigraph prints at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., from Wednesday to Feb. 14.

Local artist exhibits prints at arboretum

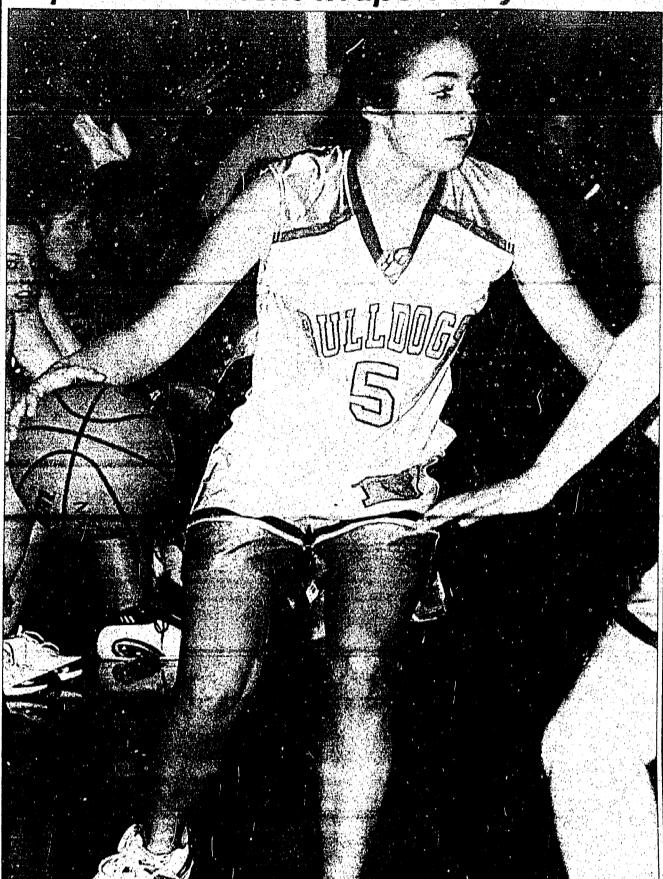
Local artist Elissa F. Merkl is scheduled to exhibit a series of serigraph prints at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hebart Ave., from Wednesday to Feb. 14. Serigraphy is an ancient stencil method of printmaking in which inks are pressed through the fine meshes of a taut fabric screen onto a piece of paper or other

Merkl has spent her career as an artist experimenting with this medium. "I have challenged myself to make scrigraphy an art form in itself, an original-in multiples, neither a monotype nor a reproduction." According to Merkl, the art form lends itself well to experimentation from three dimensional cutouts to acctate overlays. A colorist, Merkl uses bold and opaque or subtle and transparent pigments to balance form, line and color.

Merkl received a fine arts degree from Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY. She is the recipient of more than 250 professional awards and has exhibited her work around the globe. An artist's reception will be conducted Jan. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wisner House. Wisner House is wheelchair-accessible and open to the public free of charge weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information on the exhibition or Reeves-Reed Arboretum, call 908-273-

Pepe Tournament wraps today



The Dayton High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Katelyn Viverito (No. 5), took a 1-2 record into Monday night's scheduled game against Bayley-Ellard at the Joseph Pepe Memorial Tournament at Dayton. The Bulldogs were also scheduled to play in the tournament yesterday. The consolation and championship games are set for

GL boys' hoops has a confident outlook Mountainside residents spark

BERKELLY HEIGHTS - Upon competing in the first round of the Brearley Bears Holiday Tournament in Kenilworth vesterday, the Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball team entered with a very confident outlook.

That's because the Highlanders had a record of 2-1, with their only loss a hard-fought 50-45 setback to visiting Rahway on opening night, Dec. 17. "It was a good opening game that we played really well in," Mountainside

resident and GL starting forward Tom Amalfe said, "It showed we can play with one of the top teams in the county."

GL followed that performance with a 57-49 triumph at Mountain Valley Con-

ference-Mountain Division foe Roselle on Dec. 21. The Highlanders then made it two straight the next day as they defeated visiting Chad Academy 63-47. Jason Hollowell led the attack with 14 points, while

Mountainside residents Evan Kaplan and Matt Zimmerman netted 13 and eight In the game against Rahway, the Indians opened up an 8-3 lead before the Highlanders stormed back to take a 9-8 edge after a 6-0 run. Amalfe capped of

the surge with a layup off a nice pass from Tim Ringwood. However, Rahway closed the quarter with a 4-0 run to take a 12-9 advantage entering the second quarter.

"We showed a lot of poise," Amalfe said. "We stayed calm because every time they went on a run, we answered it."

That was the case early in the second quarter as Rahway went on another 4-0 run to open the period and take a 16-9 lead.

However, GL replied with an 8-2 surge to close to within 18-17. Hollowell capped the drive by nailing a three-pointer from the left corner. The Indians then upped their lead to 24-19 with less than two minutes left

before intermission as Earl Clark made one free throw. After Amalfe cut it to 24-20 on a free throw, Rahway went on another 4-0 run to boost its lead to 28-20.

However, GL's Connor Donovan cut the deficit to 28-21 at the half after make ing the front end of a pair of free throws. "We moved the ball around well," Amalfe said. "It gave us an opportunity to

get off some good shots. That point was well evident midway through the third quarter as the Highanders closed to within 35-31.

Hollowell started a 4-0 surge by draining a "trey" from the left corner before Zimmerman added a free throw. Rahway answered by closing out the quarter with a 7-0 run to take a lead of

42-31 into the final period. "We played a matchup zone," Amalfe said. "We thought that would help us because they had a lot of height on us."

That size advantage played a big part in the fourth quarter as Rahway opened up a 49-38 lead midway through the period after Jeremy Hall hit a fallaway fivefooter in the paint. However, a pesky GL team didn't go away as a 7-0 run put the Highlanders

back into the contest at 49-45 with less than a minute remaining. Amalfe closed out the run by driving for a layup off an outlet pass. Rahway closed out the contest when Dashan Martin made one free throw for the final five-point margin.

"We found out that we are a good team and that we can compete with anyone on our schedule," Amalfe said-"We really moved the ball around well."

The rest of the GL roster includes Mountainside residents Josh Dubinsky and Mike Tate and Berkeley Heights residents Doug Schlicting, Don Maxwell, Sean Cox and Jake Boyer.

GL was scheduled to play Highland Park yesterday in the first round of the Brearley Bears Holiday Tournament. The second game pitted Brearley vs. Pingry. The consolation and championship games are set for tonight at 6 p.m. and

Summit girls' win nailbiter to open with record of 2-1

SUMMIT - With seconds remaining in the Dec. 15 Sum-

the two Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division rivals that the

year," Summit head coach Antonio Martins said. "We're

going to have some spots when we struggle offensively."

exactly what Summit did in the third quarter as West Essex

outscored the Hilltoppers 14-7 to cut the deficit to 36-34

score at 36-36 as junior point guard Bettina Mianulli tallied

West Essex's Amanda Miceli to bring the score to 48-44.

The game remained close at 52-49 with 47 clicks left

before Summit senior guard Grace Obando made a pair of

free throws off a one-and-one opportunity to boost the Hill-

from the right wing to cut the deficit to 54-52 with 4.6 sec-

forward Meghan Osmulski made free throws around two

free throw misses by West Essex. Osmulski finished with

another 10th grader (guard Monica Flanagan) in the game

The program is for boys and girls ages 6-14 as of Aug.

However, Miceli answered with a three-point bank shot

Summit then closed out the contest when sophomore

"Meghan is a new player this season that made some

Just seconds into the fourth quarter. West Essex tied the

"These are the type of games we're going to have this

After opening up a 29-20 halftime advantage, that's

ed drama that was played out on the court.

Hilltoppers eventual won by a score of 56-52.

heading into the final period.

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down the stretch for ball handling."

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Dayton boys' were to face Keyport

The Dayton High School boys basketball team took a 1-1 record into Tuesday afternoon's scheduled game against Keyport in the St. Peter's of New Brunswick Tournament.

Dayton opened with a 51-48 win at

Essex 20-footer to close out the period. Freeden finished New Providence on Dec. 18. The Bulldogs were bested by John-"Renee made some big shots for us and had a few key son 58-52 Dec. 21 in Clark. rebounds." Martins said. "She is also a first-year player, so

Summit ice hockey captures first win The Summit High School ice hock-

ey team defeated Johnson 6-3 Dec. 21 improve to 1-4. Scott Garibaldi netted Deerfield School. three goals, Jake Grabowski two and Sam Kenyon one.

Hilltoppers participating in Millburn Tournament The Hilltoppers opened up a 25-16 lead midway through the second quarter as Scott scored nine of her game-high 17 points in the span. The standout returning starter capped off

mit vs. West Essex girls' basketball contest, one fan asked her stretch by grabbing an offensive rebound and tallying another if it had bitten off all its nails because of the extend- on a putback. "Danielle didn't have one of her better offensive The answer was yes, due to a classic nailbiter between games," Martins said. "That's because our senior captain forward Allison Cahott, was missing from the lineup with an injury. When the two are playing together, we're a much more efficient team."

> The Knights opened the second half by going on an 8-0 run to close to within 29-28 with less than four minutes remaining in the period.

> Osmulski then upped the Hilltopper lead to 34-28 after nailing a 15-footer and a three-pointer from the left wing. However, West Essex cut the deficit to 34-32 by hitting

> on four straight free throws. Freeden replied by draining a five-foot turnaround jumper before Miceli closed the quarter by tallying on a

The contest then went back-and-forth up until the 3:20 running five-footer at the buzzer. mark when Summit sophomore center Danielle Scott sand-"West Essex forced the pace in the third quarter," Marwiched a pair of short jumpers between a seven-footer by tins said. "However, in the fourth quarter, we were much more patient and didn't rush our shots."

> As of Tuesday's scheduled first-round Millburn Tournament contest. Summit's record stood at 2-1. "This is the first time in my three years here that we are over .500 at this point in the season," Martins said last week. "That's saying a lot about the team because we did-

> n't win our first game last year until our seventh game of

Last year, Summit finished with a 5-16 record. "It's been a while since the program has experienced some success," Martins said. "The girls are really focused on making the states. They know if we get eight wins they'll qualify for the state playoffs and I'll have to shave key foul shots down the end," Martins said. "I also put off my goatee. I'm happy because, last year, these were the kind of games we wound up losing, so the focus is really

Summit opened the game taking a 14-9 edge due in The rest of the Summit roster includes senior guards large part to the effort of junior forward Rence Freeden. Dara Stone, Jessica Novo, Caitlin Lackaye, Sky DiRugwho sandwiched a pair of two-point buckets around a West giero, Flor Fuentes and junior guard Nicole Nelson.

NOTES: Tuesday's second Millburn Tournament game was Florence vs. Millburn. The consolation and championship games are scheduled

for today, with the consolation at 4 p.m. and championship

MYBL registration set for Jan. 8, 10, 15

Mountainside Youth Baseball League registration is Jan. Introduction to baseball is for children age 6 by Aug. 1, at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle to 8 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and Jan. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at 2005

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Plenty of Summit athletes honored

Summit High School athletes excelled on many levels during the fall 2004 season. Here's a look at which athletes were honored: FOOTBALL

All-County: (The Star-Ledger) Second Team - Jake Huck, Todd Kaiser. Third Team - Daryl Toney, Kevin Feeney. All-Conference: First Team - Todd Kaiser.

Second Team - Jake Huck, Daryl Toney, Scott O'Sullivan. Honorable Mention - Kevin Feeney. Team Awards: MVPs - Jacob Huck, Todd Kaiser.

Most Improved Players - Scott O'Sullivan, Zachary Schleimer. Coaches Award - (Seniors) Daryl Toney, Pearce Talbot; (Juniors) Kevin cency, John Facchinei.

BOYS' SOCCER All-County: Second Team - Justin MacPherson. Third Team - Tim Fields, Zach Barber, Carlos Villalobos.

All-Conference: Second Team - Zach Barber Third Team - Tim Fields, Carlos Villalobos. Team Awards: MVP - Tim Fields. Most Improved Player - Mariano Harari. Coaches Award - Zach Barber.

All-County: (Coaches) Second T. - Samantha Lee, Heather Scudellari, Third Team - Gina Scioscia, Annie Burns, Cristina Roberti. All-Conference: First Team - Heather Scudellari.

Second Team - Gina Scioscia. Honorable Mention - Samantha Lee, Cristina Roberti.

Team Awards: MVP - Heather Scudellari. Most Improved Player Sage Lefkowski. Coaches Award - Annie Burns, Cristina Roberti.

FIELD HOCKEY All-County: 2nd T. - Lyndsay Butler, Sky DiRuggiero, Grace Obando Third Team - Lauren Jaskolski.

All-Conference: First Team - Grave Obando. Team Awards: MVP - Sky DiRuggerio, Most Improved Player - Melis sa Martin, Nancy Mueller Sportsmanship Award - Stephanie Goodson,

GIRLS' TENNIS All-Conference: Second Team - Emily Moore.

Team Awards: MVP - Emily Moore. Most Improved Player - Lauren

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

All-Conference: Second Team - Nicole Molleur. Honorable Mention - Roxanne Le. Team Awards: MVP - Nicole Molleur. Most Improved Player - Sarah

Butters. Coaches Award - Rachel Goff. Dara Stone. **BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY**

All-County: Third Team - Josh Sussman. All-Conference: Honorable Mention - Josh Sussman. Team Awards: MVP - Woody Sheperd. Most Improved Player - Matt Jackson. Coaches Award - Andy Passantino

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY All-Conference: Honorable Mention - Kristel McGhee. Team Awards: MVP - Sophic Mannaerts. Most Improved Player Kristel McGhee. Coaches Award - Abby Haenssler.

CHEERLEADING Team Awards: MVPs - Katie Starker, Juli Kaloshi, Cheiy Ruiz, Coaches Award - Amanda Selwyn.

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1951. He was a Navy veteran of World dren and two great-grandehildren. War II and served as a lieutenant. Mr. Strasser was a member of the Nation- Martin St. Lifer al Association of Science Writers, the institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Actors Equity Asso- Overlook Hospital, Summitciation. He was chairman of the public relations advisory board of the American institute of Physics and a trustee

of New Jersey Ballet Co." Patricia, and a sister, Joyce Hegner.

Before that, Mr. Deitrich worked for Carpenter Steel in New Jersey. He William F. George eraduated from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., in 1935 and received a master's of business administration degree from Harvard University in 1952. Mr. Deitrich was awarded an honorary doctorate of science degree by Muhlenberg College and was a nember and former chairman of the

Rotary Club, Union, and the Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, where he won six club championships, Mr. Deitrich was a founder of the Windermere Country Club, Winter Park.

Bernard Marcelliano Bernard J. Marcelliano, 84 of

before retiring many years ago. daughter, Mary Lee Seale; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Squad elects new directors

last general membership meeting for the year this past / planned Monday night. At that meeting, the newly elected Board of "Nike impresses upon the junior members how impor-Directors for 2005 was sworn in awards were presented, tant it is to develop and enhance their EMS skills," said and the outgoing president offered a recap of the squad's. Herr, "As a result, we have had almost a 100 percent pass

The following squad members will serve on the board becoming an asset to the squad." for 2005; Mark Knernig, president, John Christmann, vice Herr also provided a recap of the squad's accomplishpresident: Jack Lyness, treasurer: Peggy Quinn, recording ments during 2004. As of the end of November, the squad secretary; Jim Wilson, corresponding secretary; Kari Phair, had 89 active members consisting of 68 senior members captain: Chris Raymond, day heutenant; Liz Cullen, train- and 21 junior members. There is also a waiting list for the ing lieutenant: Linda Wolf, personnel lieutenant; Richard junior membership program, further attesting to the success Raymond, maintenance lieutenant; and Polly Seifert, of this program.

son, Pascal Scemama, Dave Scherapp, Fred Schwarzmann

long-term squad member Ken Herr, the squad's president for 2003 and 2004,

selected D'Ecclessis for his outstanding leadership of the

ed monthly meetings where training was conducted, proce- 277-9479, or visit www.summitems.org.

rate when our juniors have taken their EMT course, thus

To date, the squad has responded to nearly 2,000 calls. Trustees will be Ken Herr. Mike Hunter, Steve Morten- which include mutual aid calls into surrounding towns.

Our ability to support the EMS needs of the Summit community as well as assist other local communities when The squad's Presidential Award, presented annually to required speaks to the commitment of our squad members. the member that most exemplifies dedication to the squad said Herr. "As a volunteer organization, this level of dediand the community was awarded to Mike D'Ecclessis a cation, along with the number of hours each member devotes each month, is a significant contribution to this

The squad is an independent organization, is funded entirely through private donations, and does not receive any Under D'Ecclessis' direction, the squad's junior mem- tax dollars from the city of Summit or any other governbers, consisting of high school juniors and seniors, attend- ment agency. For information on membership, call 908-



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Area Old Guard in a sing-a-long at the On Feb. 26, a trip will be offered to Tuesday meeting at the New Provithe Hunterdon Hills Play House for a trol, your eyesight makes it difficult to dence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Pat Cooper show and lunch. For reser- write checks, or you just need some vations, call 908-273-1962. Ferraro, who has had varied careers

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years with his singing. He was also a Bill paying service participant in the recent salvage of the offered by SAGE The Summit Old Guard was found-

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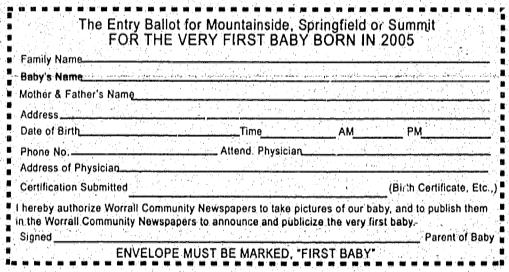
the year this past Monday night. At that meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors for

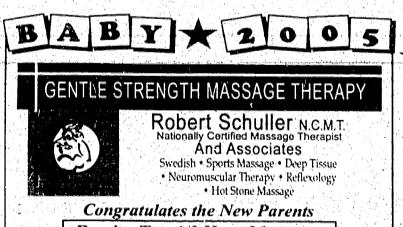
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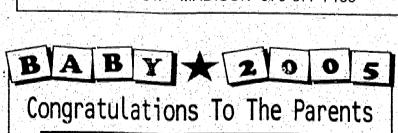
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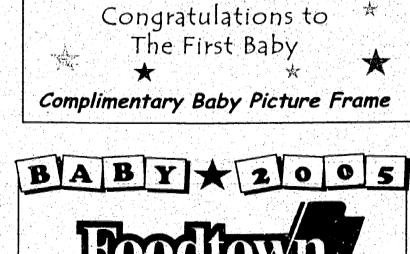




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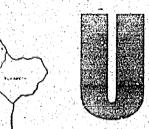
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You just can't fight city hall

"Rudy" when the Notre Dame priest said after all his years he learned two basic facts, "There is a God, and I'm not him." A secular fact to learn is that you can't fight City Hall.

Ask the family of Fernando Vidal who died in an explosion at the Elizabeth City Yard on Jan.

Earlier this month the state Appellate Division affirmed a Union County law determination dismissing the claims of the Vida estate against the City of Eliza-

Left By Frank Capece

The court found, "No reason able jury could conclude that th city's conduct or that of any of its employees were palpably unrea-

That palpably unreasonabl test is pretty tough to get around. But first the facts. In January 1999, the City Yard facility was cold. The Elizabethtown Gas Company found the leak, and after little confusion outside contractors brought in made the repairs.

The superintendent of public buildings said he "relied on the raining and expertise" of the conractors brought in to fix the prob-The facts get a little murky bu

he court found "there was no coordination between the contracors." Evidently Vidal captured a sample of a burning substance, entered the room filled with the gas, and there was an explosion. Six people were badly burned, and Vidal died soon thereafter. Under New Jersey's To

Claims Act, the court ruled the Vidal estate had no case because it was "not established that the boil er room was a dangerous condiion or that the city had actual cnowledge of a dangerous condi

John Ryan, the attorney who prought the action was philosoph ical. He spoke about the danger ous conditions around the garage as establishing the requisite actua knowledge. He acknowledged i was still an uphill fight.

Another uphill fight is beir ought over the proposed \$12-b on acquisition of PSE&G Excelon: an Illinois energy gian approved, it will become the argest utility in the country.

Out of the box the announce ment predicted this merger woul save utility users throughout Nev Jersey some \$900 million in cost within two years after the approval, which is expected b

It turns out the state's Public nterest Research Group is gearing up to fight a pretty big city hall, the state Board of Publi Utilities. This agency has oversight before such a merger can be

PIRG is warning the state's electric users will be "vulnerable to the pricing of the biggest power ompany down the road.'

The group wants to see if the so-called savings are at the expense of quality employee servce and increased danger to the environment. Their argument i that the two companies "have a nistory of generating power from dirty and dangerous sources." The whole thing sounds a lo

ike the deregulation of the cable industry. Has anyone checked their cable rates lately or remember the hollow promises back then of cheaper rates and quality serv-PIRG could argue that

nerger is just palpably unreasonable. Probably better to just pray to God the electric bills don't g

as were the infestation of cockroaches Elections, investigations, awards, and rodents at the facility. Again,

The George W. Herlich Juvenile

been a contentious issue. In Decem-

ber, the state Office of the Child

center "within the next 60 days," call-

County officials have made

and objections. Union County saw it overcrowding was cited as an issue, all in 2004. While some new issues and suicide hazard checks were perwere resolved, others continue to formed too infrequently. plague the county. Some events and occurrences of the past year follow. • The S2 million construction of miles into groups, isolating individuals Phil Rizzuto Park was finished this for the first 24 hours of detention, and year, and the park opened in July.

Featuring a playground, soccer a violation of the state's Manual of field, spray pool, gazebo, and a pedes- Standards. trian bridge, the park was named for the baseball Hall of Famer and Union Detention Facility, located atop a County resident Phil Rizzuto, who parking garage in Elizabeth, has long

The construction, which began in November 2002, was derailed by bad. Advocate warned that the county weather and opened a year and a half must begin building its new detention behind schedule.

Located at Morris and North ing the current facility "substandard Avenues, the park borders Elizabeth, and unacceptable." Hillside, and Union.

• The Union County Board of Freeholders continued its program to remove geese from county parks. Offigeese have created serious problems, such as threatening water. quality, polluting to health and

As in 2003, the county's efforts were met with opposition from some residents. A demonstration in front of the freeholders' meeting on March 11 natives to extermination of the unwelcome avian residents.

• The new Union County Police process narcotics, blood, and DNA niles. evidence. While the old headquarters

the Board of Chosen Freeholders instead passed an ordinance that banned lead shot from the facility Patrons of the range fought to save it. the magnet school, the arts were in mately won the first and lost the sec-

Juvenile detention center

progress toward a new center, but said that it is unrealistic to expect them to break ground before next August. Earlier this year, the county

acquired a four-acre property in Linden on which to build a new center. A \$4.3-million purchase by the Union County Improvement Authority and funded by the county, the negotiations for the Linden property, located at 1075 Edward St. off Routes 1&9, began late last year. The purchase was announced in February and closed in April for the

While some officials had hoped to break ground this year, the current timeline has the design development allowed residents to voice disapproval phase completed in February, with of the county's policy and name alter- construction tentatively set to begin in August and conclude in November

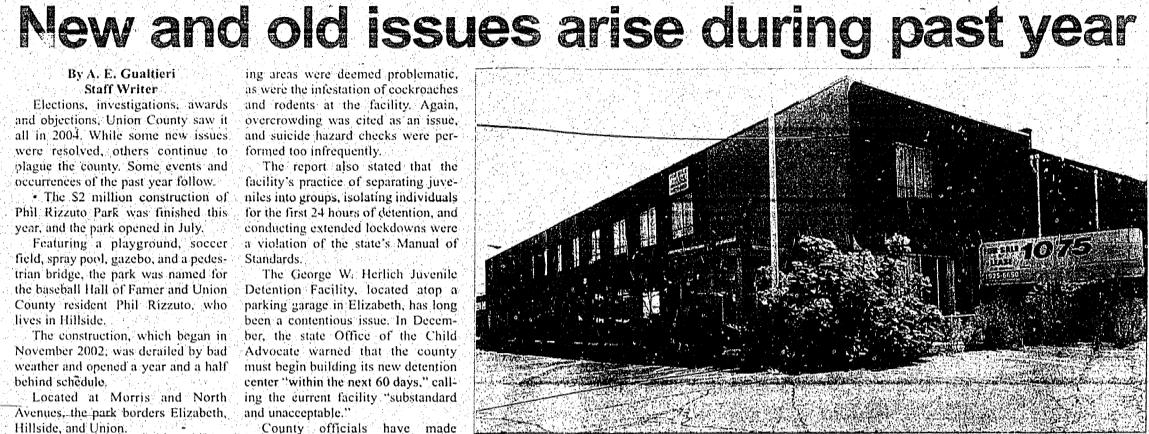
The cost of the project has been Headquarters in Westfield was com- estimated from \$20 million to \$40 pleted this year, with a final budget of million for an 80-bed facility. The over \$11.6 million. The new facility current facility houses 38 juveniles, includes a forensics lab that will and has housed upward of 50 juve-

continued to be in operation, it is slat- rent juvenile justice center has led the small staff including a manager, seved to be demolished in favor of the county to explore alternatives. Cur- eral full-time employees, and a numnew 51,209-square-foot facility. rently, the county contracts with Mor- ber of volunteers to keep the arts cen-• The Trap and Skeet Range at ris, Warren, Bergen, Middlesex and Union County's Lenape Park in Cran-Sussex counties to house juveniles at ford has come under attack over envi-their centers, and has expanded its ronmental concerns. While the county whome detention program, in which first considered shuttering the facility, kids stay in their community under watch by the court system. Arts center

While the sciences were evident at

acquire and renovate the Union Coun- appointees, two of whom later went While some things in Union County Arts Center in Rahway, Seen by on to win election. ty have changed and improved, others county officials as a part of Rahway's are an issue year after year. One such downtown redevelopment, the first of Linden, who stepped down effecsituation is the juvenile detention cen-phase of the renovation began this tive March 1 after winning a state controversy for a long time, and 2004—and the construction under the direc- until October. tion of Joseph Jingoli & Sons Inc.

The Union County Arts Center is a as well only month before the election n November detailed the facility's Rahway Theatre, it opened a a classic Wohlrab was charged with assault shortcomings in a 10-page report. vaudeville and silent movie palace. stemming from what is believed to be Temperatures of 45 degrees in sleep. Saved in 1984, the building seats over a domestic violence incident.



Union County has purchased property in Linden to build a new juvenile detention center, but not as quickly as the state would like.

1,300 people and currently puts on live performances that include symphonies, plays, popular acts and enter-

A study conducted by NBBJ assessed its immediate needs and long-term objectives. Improvements suggested for the first phase of the project, which is dedicated to "enriching the building" include air conditioning, as the center is currently open site, which currently holds an 80,000for only eight months of the year due square-foot assembly plant that will to the lack thereof. he demolished to make way for the

Other improvements include widening the stage depth, constructing new dressing rooms, expanding lobby space, and upgrading the plumbing, electrical and fire protec-

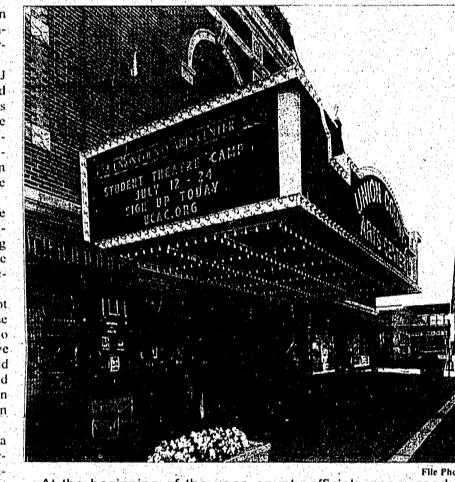
While county officials would not commit to more than the first phase discussed in the study, the second two phases recommended involve "enriching the community" and "enriching the region" which would involve an additional \$10 million expense at \$3 million and \$7 million for the two phases, respectively.

The theater currently employs a

While the biggest election news was that up until Nov. 3. New Jersey was in play as a swing state in the presidential race, Union County which ultimately voted for Kerry had its own elections in which almost 70 percent of voters went to the polls.

Faces changed on the freeholder The Board of Chosen Freeholders board prior to the election, with three voted in August to spend \$6 million to stepping down and being replaced by

First to leave was Nicholas Scutari year under the design of USA Archi- Senate seat. Replacing him was John-The youth jail has been a center of teets Planners & Interior Designers Wohlrab, also of Linden, who served



At the beginning of the year, county officials announced plans to purchase the Union County Arts Center in Rahway and provide \$6 million in renovations.

and to his place on the ballot.

After Freeholder Mary Ruotolo 93 other schools for one of the 25 tepped down effective Sept. 10, her awards inexpired term was filled by Bette State Arts Foundation, an arm of the feet 1600 SAT score.

dates that included one Independent, won terms following their appoint- teams for the spot.

ments to the board. Lewis Mingo, who did not seek re-

cia Quattrocchi, and Savin were home the bronze in April. defeated by the full Democratic ticket.

re-election, defeating Shawn Gianella to create Vortex,

of Excellence Award, one of 25 peake Bay Regional. awarded throughout the state.

Proficiency Assessment in both math. Award. and language arts, an achievement

However, his resignation did not go ment in test scores, creative and into effect soon enough to change his increased involvement with the comname on the ballot, where it remained munity, a creative and increased use of on Nov. 2. The Union County Democ-technology as a tool for learning and a ratic Committee named Nancy Ward demonstrated success in providing f Linden to fill the last 10 weeks of better learning opportunities for spe-Wohlrab's appointment to the board, cialized population. Union County Magnet High School competed with

The high school opened amidst Jane Kowalski of Cranford, Ruotolo criticism in September 1997, and cited a shoulder injury that included a admits 75 students out of 300 applicatorn rotator cuff as the reason for her tions each year. The 248-student resignation, but remained as the direc-school population this year boasts one tor of development for the Garden - thing many high schools can't; a per

Senior Sara McArdle, a Scotch Plains resident, is one of less than a thousand students to score perfectly

Union County this November. While County Magnet student with a signifithe new faces include Adrian Mapp of cant achievement to her credit this Plainfield, returning ones included year. The magnet school's eight-mem-Daniel Sullivan, who won re-election, ber team placed third at the Rutgers and Kowalski and Ward, who both Academic Challenge, beating out 81

A "Jeopardy"-style competition, Mapp will replace Freeholder the Rutgers Academic Challenge is an teams compete by answering trivia Republican candidates 'Frank questions. Students' quick reactions Arena and Joe Renna, Democrat Patri- and broad knowledge base brought

A competition of another sort led Sheriff Ralph Froehlich also won the magnet school's technology club

and Peter Lijoi by over 50,000 votes. Weighing in at 126 pounds, Vortex Surrogate James LaCorte of Elizabeth is a robot, built with a grant from also topped the 100,000-vote mark in NASA and sponsorship from General defeating Michael Panagos of West- Motors and Merck as well as local

Students created the wireless The Union County Magnet High remote-controlled robot to compete in School for Science, Mathematics, and several contests, placing 27th out of Technology had a banner year. Janu- 47 teams at the Mid Atlantic Regional ary brought its first Governor's School and 13th out of 58 teams at the Chesa-

Along the way, the team collected For three years, the high school the Daimler Chrysler Team Spirit scored perfectly on the High School Award and the Rookie Inspiration Students designed Vortex in six

nointed to by school administrators as weeks, and gave it the ability to hang, lift and climb using seven motors. It Schools that compete for the award can even lift itself up, mirroring the must meet criteria including improve- students' effect on Union County.



Patrons of the Union County Trap and Skeet Range pleaded with the county to keep the facility open and submitted their own plan to address the EPA's concern about contamina-

Beyond Just Riding' clinics offered at Watchung

ter clinics being offered at the Watchung Stable. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the pare welcomes Union Councy Department of Parks and Recreation, the winter clinics will be Saturdays and Sundays from Jun. 8 her through advanced,

"We are proud to announce the start of this new program over through intermediate." which is designed to highlight different equestrian topics with no actual riding," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski_liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, "This exploration of horses and horseback riding will help people expand their knowledge of the equine, and learn simple behaviors of the horse, the evolution and horse, beginner through intermediate. history of riding, and what it actually takes to own your own horse

Patrons, ages 9 through adult, are invited to register for as many clinics as they would like. Each "Beyond Just Riding" cession will last two hours, and will focus on one of a variety of horse and horsemanship topics offered in new diate and advanced. and exciting ways. Classes have been designed for specific riding levels and ages, with some open to all levels of expertise, including people who have never ridden before. The clinics will be held in the barn or the lecture area of the and advanced.

The winter clinics are being offered as follows: • Jan. 8, 1 to 3 p.m., Braiding clinic — intermediate and

• Jan. 9, 9 to 11 a.m., Riding in harmony with your horse, intermediate and advanced.

Jan. 9, 1 to 3 p.m., Behavior of the horse, advancedbeginner through advanced. • Jan. 15, 9 to 11 a.m., Who the heek is George Morris?;

intermediate and advanced. • Jan. 15, 1 to 3 p.m., Basic equine science, all are wel-

• Jan. 16, 9 to 11 a.m., Learn how to groom and tack up, all adults only.

. Jan. 29, 9 to 11 a.m., Riding and safety basics, begin-

- Jan 22, I to 3 p.m., What it takes to own a horse, all Jan; 23, 9 to 11 a.m., Bits and pieces, advanced-begin-

. Jan. 30, 9 to 11 a.m., Conformation and colors of the horse, advanced riders only • Feb. 5, 9 to 11 a.m., Let's go to an outside show,

advanced tiders only. • Feb. 5, 9 to 11 a.m., Grooming and tacking of the

· Feb. 12, 9 to 11 a.m., How to draw horses, all are wel-

· Feb. 12, 9 to 11 a.m., Horse evolution and history of riding, all are welcome. • Feb. 13, 9 to 11 a.m., Anatomy of the horse, interme-

· Feb. 19.9 to 11 a.m.. Course design and jumping cline, intermediate and advanced. · Feb. 19, 9 to 11 a.m., Legs and lameness, intermediate

• Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Boots and bandaging, intermediare and advanced · Feb. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Basic horsemanship 101, all are

welcome. • Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Body clipping, intermediate and

· Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Basic tack, beginner and advanced-beginner • Feb. 26, 9 to 11 a.m., Body clipping, intermediate and

· Feb. 26, 1 to 3 p.m., Extended grooming, advancedbeginner through advanced.

· Feb. 27, 9 to 11 a.m., Introduction to horses, all are • Jan. 22, 9 to 11 a.m., Course design and jumping clin-Space is limited and in-person pre-registration is



The Union County Department of Parks and Recreation will offer a number of winter clinics at Watchung Stable in Mountainside on Saturdays and Sundays through January and

required at the Watchung Stables, 1160 Summit Lane, For more information, call the Watchung Stable office at Mountainside. The cost is \$20 per person for each two-hour 908-789-3665.

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sions policy or use of any Child and Adult Care Food Program facility.

COUNTY NEWS

'Women of Excellence' nominations deadline

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/lintrepreneur; Community Service: Education; Government; Law; Law Enforcement; Medicine/Health Care; and/or Women's Advocacy. The commission will accept nominatio until Wednesday.

The women selected from the nominces 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

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.

Mothers & More' hosts first meeting of year

The Union County Chapter o Mothers & More, a national, non-profit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers work to society, paid and unpaid within and outside of the home, will hold its first meeting of 2005 on Wednesday at 7:30 at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield,

The meeting, open to the public will be an opportunity for mothers in the area to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom and tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups, a book club, a scrap booking club and more.

This meeting will also feature an opportunity to swap those odd and

up the house. Interested persons may

bring up to three new or gently used items of any value to swap. One mom's junk may be another mom's The Union County chapter holds meetings on the first and third

Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA. For more information, call K.C. at 908-789-8626 or Kim at 908-889-2286 or log on to the Union County Chapter's website located at http://www.geocities.com/mother-

Registration for riding lessons to begin Spring will be here before you

know it, and Union County's Watchung Stable is busy preparing for the start of riding lessons. All applicants must be 9 years of

or go to www.ucni.org to download age or older. Class and troop assign- Tuesdays and Thursdays. The phone ments are based upon riding ability as number there is 908-654-9859. Once the form is completed, mail determined by the stable management. Applicants with previous experience ing ability in order to be placed in the 1:30 p.m. for technical servicing.

> Saturdays: Spring troop will last for 10 hours, today. It will be closed on Friweeks beginning March 22, and will day for the Christmas holiday and will culminate with the spring troop horse reopen on Monday. The annex will

> The Watchung Stable also features reopen on Jan. 3. adult lessons, for people 18 years of age and older, beginning the week of Clerk is located at the Union County March 20. Classes for adults are avail- Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 1134, able on Sundays at 12:45 p.m., Tues- Elizabeth, Regular office hours are days at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to

The cost to participate begins at \$200 for 10 classes, and varies with Union County residency status and roop assignment. Uniforms and hel-

mets 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 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

For more information, and to obtain registration materials, call 908-

unwanted Christmas gifts cluttering Free passport, photo IDs for kids under 16

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

"This is a 'Happy Holidays' gift to Union County residents from our experienced and professional staff," 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.

The Union County Clerk's Westfield Annex, 300 North Ave. East, will may be asked to demonstrate their rid- be closed on Friday from 11 a.m. to

The annex will be open from 8 a.m. Classes are held Tuesdays through to 7:30 p.m., its normal Thursday also be closed on Dec. 31 and will

> The main Office of the County 4:30 p.m. The main office can be reached at 908-527-4966.

Relatives of immigrants sought for centennial

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

Immigrants from Ireland, Italy, Russia, Great Britain, Austria, Gersettled in Union County and became discussed. All are welcome, U.S. citizens in the naturalization cer-

emony 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

"This event will honor the relatives of those originally naturalized citizens in 1903 with a re-creation of the event. We are also planning a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens in cooperation with the federal Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services," said Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, chair of the Union County Courthouse Centennial Com-

The 19 citizens naturalized on Aug. 1. 1903 were: · Joseph Batura, Russia

· Bernard Block, Russia · Simon Breen, Russia

· Aberham Benjamin Canter, Rus · Leo Chirles, Italy

· William Samuel Cook, Great · Harry Gardner, Russia · Josef Holub, Austria

· Carl Ihme, Germany James Kenney, Ireland Abraham Kuntzman, Russia · Morris Kuntzman, Russia

 Alexander B. Luisardi, Italy Richard Mann, Romania · Joseph McDonough, Ireland); · Joseph Sebel, Russia

· Joseph Shea, Great Britain · Charles E.H. Sorenson, Denmark · Charles Wagner, Germany 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.

Green Party of New Jersey meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at Panera Bread on East Broad Street in Westfield. A spectrum of many, Romania and Denmark who local and state political matters are

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Mignano and Margaret Mignano as mort-gagors, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company recorded on 12/16/2003 in Book 10455 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 799; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 2 Orchard Drive, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

sey Bar Association by calling 609-3941101. You may also contact the Lawyer
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and interest is made a party defendant to this foreclosure action by reason of a certain judgment entered in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey bearing judgment number J-315671-2004 on 11/23/04, in the original sum of \$26.345.00, wherein you, Cicile Wine are the judgment creditor and Michael Judgment debtor and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises. DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. File XCZL 66569 U98015 WCN Dec. 30, 2004 (\$78.00)

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& ENTERTAINM

Entertainment certainly had its share of moments in the past year

In addition to his very soulful per- Soul, is tilled with guys from Essex and

But more than anything, it was his Island, playing Joe Pop's in Shin Bot-

Associate Editor

Throughout 2004, there were match the songs she sang. Every song that election, in an era when music is numerous memorable performances she performed was based on the theme once again involved with a politically band that might have been among the duction, venue and setting. There's that took place in Essex and Union of love, and she displayed such passion, charged atmosphere, Havens' perform- many famous acts from the Jersey nothing like a visit to the Paper Mill counties. Here are some of the perform- such energy, that anyone watching her ance seemed so timely, and it was easy. Shore with a little more luck. Joe during the holiday season, when the ances that caught my eye. One of the best performances came

toward the end of the year, as Laura Theodore added an extra sizzle to the strong points throughout her perform- formance, he seemed surprisingly will- Union counties. The band got its current er" was the presence of veteran actress food at The Manor in West Orange with ance, not the least of which was her ling to discuss the old days, and re-live name due to a humorous event that Celeste Holm. There's a reason that so her stunning, sultry performance of lively banter with the crowd, a tech- past glories. Havens had an ease with occurred when playing a club on Long many people rave about the Paper Mill. many jazz songs, ranging from old nique that's bound to make any audi- the audience, as well as with the media, favorites to less familiar songs, ence member feel as if they're part of and he was enthusiastic to deal with Theodore showed an uncanny ability to her show in some way.

off was her relentless energy. Theodore brought that extra little zip to her per- vided him. formance, and few, if any, could walk away from one of her performances unpretentious nature that was so appeal- form on a Fourth of July weekend, said without agreeing that she's a uniquely talented entertainer whose performance about his Woodstock experience: will leave a lasting impression on any audience - and make things very diffi- approached me. They didn't have any happened I told them, 'I took the 'c' off cult for any entertainer forced to shoul- one else, so they chased me around and der the burden of following her on a finally convinced me to go on first," stage. Anyone who wants to see a said Havens, explaining how he came to about Bonanno was the fact that he was titled "The Early Years," showed the superstar in an intimate setting should play "Freedom," a long song based on able to reconcile his love of performing band members in their classic black attend one of Chuck Brownley's Cozy "Motherless Child." "I did my 25 min- with the practical responsibilities of suits, performing such hits as "Please, Concerts, Brownley brought in the leg- utes, and they said, 'Nobody's here, everyday life. Like most people, please me," showcasing the happy, endary Richie Havens, who opened Could you do another set? So that hap-Bonanno was unable to make music a early days of the band's popularity. Woodstock, to play in the Cozy Con- pened a few more times. Finally, after full-time passion, so he got a job. certs series at 12 Miles West Theatre in two hours and 45 minutes, they asked. Nonetheless, he and his band continue lighted the band's psychedelic phase. Havens proved to be anything but intro to that song is me figuring out dreams alive through exceptional dedi-

household name already.

Theodore displayed so many various

the snooty rock musician, and was gen- what I'm going to play. Then I said cation: uinely thrilled to hear that people were 'Freedom' because I looked out into the Though it may sound predictable,

Presbyterian Church in Summit, was, of the Pipes of Christmas," said Susan dler, Both blended in soft and then fast orchestra, the brass, organ, and it of Scots-Irish heritage, and the next The unusual combination of bag- marched in with traditional boldness ping, and they received much applause. exploded with the combined music. The acoustics of the huge cathedral then the brass joined in, making for Nonnemacher, and the full orchestra to our beloved late president, Ronald

with its intensity and beauty.

tive of Robert Currie, who is not only

selected, changing her approach to Woodstock. On the heels of a presiden- is, freedom.

both. One of the most pleasant things

"Receive with joy this gift tonight pipes, and Paul Woodiel, the Celtic fid-Currie, as the pipes began, and they medleys that had everyone's feet tap- seemed as though the cathedral had playing "The Highland Cathedral," followed by traditional carols: "Joy to the Festival Chamber Choir, of young peo- guest was announced by host Robert bagpipes and full orchestra and brass, World," and then "O Come, O Come ple with beautiful voices, singing both Currie. Emanuel." This later hymn became with The Kevin Blandford Memorial blended with the orchestra, organ, and Pipe Band, led by Pipe Major Matt been listed as a tribute and dedication were the perfect fitting for the skirling music that literally rocked the cathedral also.

Softly narrating to the side of the cathe- beautiful carols was the 17th century trader. After a near-death experience reflect on his remarkable life ... perhaps

Outstanding was an unusual duo of talent: Isaac Alderson on the Uilleann

Jason Tramm led the Summit Music

This beginning had the audience parts, with the first part ending in Christine Todd Whitman." excited and thrilled, and each following "Amazing Grace," a favorite of bagence as well; the opening was fitting. and Frederick Clark. One of the most Newton, and how he had been a slave Reagan this year gave us all time to Ronald Reagan.

favorite hymn As poignant as this is with just bag- them," she said.

band, JoBonanno and the Godsons of

still as clear as if it happened yesterday.

name: " 'We were in Long Beach

ing. He related the following anecdote Bonanno. People inside the club four mop-topped musicians from Liver-

"I had the least equipment, so they the marquee, and they asked me what. Orange's Oskar Schindler Performing

Perhaps the most impressive thing

when Elvis died."

The evening was divided into two guest tonight is the former governor, "Thank you, Bob," said Whitman, rating with Currie were Ronnie Stewart rie told the story of its author, John in this state. The passing-of Ronald

look it had as it broke up.

During the summer, "Beatlemania

Again" brought back memories of the

Arts Center dancing to the beat. The

performance broke The Beatles' career

The second act, "Sgt. Pepper," high-

into three distinct phases: The first act,

Another thing that stuck out was a house was the perfect marriage of pro-

noticed the 'e' from our name was off pool, and had the audience at West

The intermission had everyone

would have to ask why she's not a to get the impression that he felt the Bonanno is a Newark native, and his theater and the surrounding area of Millburn are both in full regalia Adding to the charm of "Nuterack-A renowned theater, with a history of "For Joe Bonanno, the moment was bringing Broadway-caliber performers to a setting with water meandering Another point that Theodore showed about Havens was his enthusiasm for He knew the precise moment, the exact down a brook in back of the theater -Woodstock, and the legacy that it pro- time that his hand lost the 'e' from its it's hard to imagine the person who wouldn't enjoy a visit to the Paper Mill.

Laura Theodore

came from cabaret singer Chris Barrett at The Manor. Barrett took the audience on an emotional roller coaster, leading them through a variety of experiences in life, with a song and a story to go along with each one. True, Barrett's performance might not resonate as well with a crowd of people predominantly under the age of 25, but for anyone who's me to sing one more song. The long to play music on the side, keeping their Finally, in the third act, "The Later done some living, Barrett's songs hit Years," the band takes on the hippie close to home, leaving listeners crying, laughing, and smiling, just the way life Another captivating performance does:

Church pipes ring with the majestic sounds of the holiday season

By Joan M. Devlin

The Clan Currie Society has done it the host and producer, but head of Clan again; the Friday night production of Currie worldwide. "The Pipes of Christmas" at Central in a word, magnificent,

pipes, full string orchestra, and the Solid Brass ensemble, and then later, the Summit Music Festival Chamber Choir, worked together to make this production a joy to hear and see.

ful organ felt like a different age - perhaps some Scottish castle, hundreds of

bagpipes. Its Celtic cross and wonder-

pipes, it became spectacular with the

"Since the musical evening had Reagan, it is fitting that our special hymns.

piece sung by the choir was dedicated to him. It was "Loch Lomond," sung At this fitting interlude, the surprise softly and then accompanied by the with a solemn drum arrangement.

Appropriately, the chorus then sang "America," and "Glory, Glory Halleluia," one of Reagan's favorite

piece was preceded by narration. Nar-pipe bands, but before this began, Cur- You have been an outstanding leader artistic director of the Solid Brass, was audience standing and application and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, was adding and application and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, was adding and applications and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, was adding and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, was adding and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, was adding and applications are supplied to the solid Brass, and applied to the solid Brass, was adding and applied to the solid Brass, was adding and applied to the solid Brass, was adding and applied to the solid Brass, and applied to the solid Brass are solid Brass. the arranger of the special tribute to the performers.

and wrote the words and music of this optimism ... he cared about people, all piano, collaborated on putting all of the people, and knew how to listen to parts together to make this amazing performance, putting bagpipes with Currie then noted that Reagan was orchestra," said Haislip. "That is what

He was right. The blending was

what made the performance unique and

wonderful - of that there was no

doubt. Orchestra, brass, organ, fiddler and pipers, complemented each other Sacred hymns such as "Silent Night," were sung with the chorus and the audience joining in, as well as "O Come All Ye Faithful," with pipes coming in.

Ending with the rousing "Scotland enthused and waiting for the second the Brave" as part of the finale could half of the program. Douglas Haislip, not have been better — it left all in the

This once-a-year Christmas special

Oh, those increasing nuisances

Here's my New Year list of things that drove me nuts in 2004. See how

my peeves compare with yours.

Peeve No. 1. You turn on the television to hear the news. The Talking Heads are doing what they get paid millions for - reading fluff from But below them at the bottom of the screen crawls the real news. Looking down you catch just the end of a sentence, reading: "... and was taken to the hospital today in critical condition. All Americans will be praying." "Who?" Putting the two together you wonder if cannot wait, go to our Web site at . eyes, the crawling news has jumped on: "the product can be found in most homes and should be treated with extreme caution when disposing of it." Now you are screaming: "Which product? Is it in my home? Are my kids playing with it right now?" No answer.

The type is on to spouting sport scores. Answerers. Those drive us all to cursing had a birthday, they announce gleefully. Alexander Graham Bell. Except his So? you ask. But off they go, spending idea was person-to-person communica- 10 minutes discussing how old this tion. Now when dialing a major corporation, do you reach a person? Of whether he looks it. You don't know course not. People have been down- him. Don't care how old he looks! You sized into one U.T.V. - or Universal Telephone Voice. It is a disembodied, automated female voice that drips with ersatz humanity. It's usual first remark been changed since the last time you Both blithely turn you into a wedding accessed us. To speak in English, press One." All this it says in English. Even so, you humor it and press One - twice But for this unknown couple, you are "We are unable to understand the number you want and will return you to the ting through 10 minutes weighing a main menu." "No" you shout, but it is choice of a two-tiered cake with bluetoo late. You're back to the beginning. iced butterflies crawling over it or a tations, Instead limit their ability to get None of the menu choices answer why three-tier chocolate cake with splatters to you by taking time outs. you've called. Finally, you give up and of fudge. You can't sleep at night trying are silent. That does the trick. A disapto decide: Two tiers or three? By mompointed voice says, "We are unable to ing you have made your critical deci- ist and playwright.

understand your choice. Please press a TelePrompTers and looking sincere. key If you would like the menu to be repeated, press 9." Still, you do nothing. The machine voice is getting desperate. "Please press or say 9." You stay silent and refuse to be intimidated into pressing anything. The robot cracks and says what you've been waiting for: "Would you scream. But the moving type you like to speak to a customer repremoves on. You assume the person hos- sentative." "Gotcha!" you cry. You've pitalized is American, since all Ameri- beaten the system. Or so you momencans will be praying. That narrows it tarily think. But no. The next sound is down to almost 300,000,000. Next, another automated voice: "All our repitem is rolling by: "A major volcanic resentatives are busy right now. Please explosion was reported today with lava hold for the next possible customer repcovering several miles." That's it, resentative. We value your call. If you him/her running and the lava catching your question, switches you to another up! You're shuddering, waiting for the department's Voice Mail and the same original item to roll back, but it never automated voice asks you to leave a message at the beep. You need an answer now. Desperate, you press another key that pushes you back to the

main menu. Automation has defeated comment on each other, turning their audience into eavesdroppers. The broth-Peeve No. 2: Automated Telephone er of a friend of their producer has just anonymous friend of theirs is and shout that at them, but they are off on another personal aside, blandly assuming your No. 1 interest in life is people you never heard of. This egoism reaches its utmost extreme on the morning shows featuring either Katy or Diane. planner for two strangers. A job you would not volunteer even for a relative. compelled to make a series of very personal decisions. Yes, there you are sit-

sion and, filled with self-importance. nish to your computer to vote. That means being late for work, but hey, what's more important? Your life? Or theirs? Theirs, of course. Katie and Diane want you to get your priorities

straight. So, obediently, the following morning, you wait to see if your vote counted, which means being late again for work. But then, the announcement comes: Yeah! The blue butterflies won! Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous will have their nets out and dine on crystallized lepidoptera. Your life is complete. Now, all you have to do is decide where they will honeymoon and what negligee the bride will wear on her wedding night. Good Grief! Is nothing personal any-Peeve number 4: Television shows that tell you how to improve your home. The host is always a burly guy holding a hammer. He assures you that with just the person in critical condition was Grinding you teeth, you wait. Finally, a few small repair jobs - that anyone felled by lava? You see images of finally, a person answers, but on hearing can do - your house will be transformed. Anxiously, you await Step One.

He looks you in your television eye and orders: "Assemble your tools!" That does it! The only tool you have is a slightly rusty screw driver with paint on the tip from the time you used it to open a paint can. But you assemble that. Next, he tells you to put on your safety goggles. "Hey," you insert, "is this mentators who forget the news and going to be dangerous? You said anybody could do it. Besides, I don't have safety goggles. Will sunglasses do? You put on your sunglasses, which makes it hard to see, but you press on. "Next," he orders, "pick up your handy drill and your laser leveling tool to set the exact straight line for the 10 holes you will be boring." So much for anyeling tool, you're finished before you've begun. Forgetaboutit!

Think ahead of all the peeves waiting for us in 2005. What to do about them? E-mail or snail mail to the company or television station would either be ignored or answered with a form postcard sounding in type as the automated voice does on the telephone: "Thank you for your interest. We are very concerned about your opinion and will take it into account." In other words, "Don't hold your breath," Let's be frank: You can't eliminate life's irri-

Helen Argers is an acclaimed novel-

By Bea Smith

Perhaps the reason veteran actress stage, screen and television Estelle Parsons continues to thrill people with her versatile roles onstage is because she has devoted er life to the theater.

During a break in the New York City rehearsals of the forthcoming Paper Mill Playhouse production "Harold and Maude: The Musical," Parsons happily confided that

stage has always been her life. "I've done other things through the years, but that was just to make money," she said: "My life is and always has been the stage. And I have been so lucky all of my life to have had such wonderful musicals and plays and such wonderful people

with whom to work." The distinguished actress, a fourtime Tony Award nominee, who also has an Oscar for her role in the film, "Bonnie and Clyde," and an Oscar nomination for the movie, "Rachel, Rachel," will be justifiably inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame at the Gershwin Theater on Broadway on

can happen for a lifetime of achieve- or three years ago," Parsons recalled.

People of all ages will be flocking hear from him in a long time."

Parsons brings enthusiasm the Paper Mill Playhouse during the

Musical," which will run Wednesday They will include theater-going

Broadway shows as "Happy Hunting," "Pirates of Penzance" and "And Miss Reardon Drinks A Little," movie fans of "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Rachel, Rachel," television fans of "Roseanne," in which she played

> Parsons has had a phenomenal career that even included a stint in Carol Channing and a host of great She was artistic director for the

Actors Studio and directed Oscar Wilde's "Salome" on Broadway with as a classical planist. Al Pacino, Marisa Tomei and Dianne Turning the film, "Harold and

"It was supposed to be a funny black comedy, stylized with a lot of jokes in it," she said, "and I think that Tom Jones, an amazing-writer, has captured the essence of it in this Paper Mill production. I've known Tom since we were kids. He called

Jones wrote the book and lyrics run of "Harold and Maude: The based on the film by Colin Higgins with music by Joseph Thaiken. He ultimately contacted Parsons,

and the finished project "is a wonfans, remembering Parsons in such derful piece of work." Parsons explained that "what's so wonderful about this show and the Paper Mill Playhouse is that we all get along so well. We're having a very happy time. It's nice that we're all having a good time here at the Mother Bey for nine years, and some Paper Mill. I was here once before, a

> performers. We ended the tour at the As a teenager, Parsons started out

tour with 'The Millionairess' with

But she changed professions and became an incredible actress.

ing material," she admitted, "But much of it doesn't come along very often. I'd really like to do Strindberg on Broadway next year. What I'd really like to do is a show like 'The

exclaimed. "It's the best thing that me about doing auditions for it two Fantasticks' that ran for 31 years." She added happily, "I'd like to do "I did some readings. But I didn't a play that will run for the next 31

Dance warms those winter nights Throughout January and February, guitar and Marnen Laibow-Koser,

the rage at the Ogden Memorial Church in Chatham. Jan. 15: Anniversary Dance The callers for an evening of contras and squares will be Barbara Gold-Cindy Harris from Pittsburgh will

stein, Don Flaherty, Donna Hunt, Melanie Axel-Lute, and Ridge Kennedy, Jam Bandits features Tom Gibney, Amy Zaker, John MacDonald, Jessie Fischer, Pete Soloway, and Richard Fischer playing, variously, fiddle. mandolin, tenor banjo, recorder, clarinet, guitar, bass, and

Feb. 5: Tori Barone and Contrazz Tori Barone from Delaware will present an evening of contra dances. Complementing her calls will be Contrazz featuring Joe DePaolo on percus- dancing done with long lines of cousion, Sam Zygmuntowicz on fiddle and mandolin, Bob Jones on bass and familiar to square dancers.

contra and square dancing will be all piano and flute. A Swing Dance Worship will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m., led by Ken caller's style.

Crawford, Workshop cost is \$4. Feb. 19: Cindy Harris and Forge Mountain Ramblers

call contras and squares. Providing live music will be the Forge Mountain Ramblers, with Cal Cizek, banjo; Rich Gilligan, bass and mandolin; Mark Schwartz, piano, and Sue Shumaker, Swingin' Tern Contra Dances is

presented by The Folk Project, a local non-profit music organization. The dance series offers both contra

and square dancing. Contra dancing is a form of country

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762-4947 or 973-635-1048. Non-dancing -children-must be supervised at all times. Parents can

call Melanie at 973-762-4947

country. The bands provide live music

Beginners are welcome at the dance and are encouraged to come to the beginner's workshop preceding

124, Chatham. The beginner's workshop starts at 7:30 p.m. with the dance following at 8 p.m. Admission is \$8 per adult and \$5 per student. Sneakers only are

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ples. It resembles the Virginia reel,

After the run of "Harold and Maude: The Musical, she would like to go back to the "Pirates of Pen-"I'm always looking for interest-

Maude," into a play with music took-

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'My One and Only' set for Wilkins

way musical "My One and Only" meets and falls in love with Edith "Amazingly delightful and endearwill delight audiences with the glori- Herbert. She is a star in an aquatic ing with winning originality," Jack ous music of the brothers Gershwin show, and happens to have swum the Kroll of Newsweek wrote, " 'My and the sensational choreography of English Channel. She's also under. One and Only splashes romance all Tommy Tune on Jan. 23, at 3 p.m. at the influence of her manager, Prince over the stage. Kean University's Wilkins Theatre. Nicolai, a Russian spy. As Candler. "Funny Face," the plot of "My One the world to claim his true love, are \$25 for the general public, \$21.

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ing her creative genius and influence process,

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who, while preparing to be the first tacular dance numbers along with ets, call 908-737-7469.

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the subject of a new exhibition display ations through the use of fine materi- Leiber. I made my first line in a

at The Newark Museum continuing als, including leather, antique fabrics, gray/green calf which was not that

through Ich. 27. A comprehensive and Swarovski crystals. Leiber's well received. Nevertheless, I was

survey of the designer's career and art, bags, still hand-beaded in the United determined to make my bags as beau-

"Fashioning Art: Handbags by Judith States, usually take two years to tiful and as well as I could and not to

Leiber" celebrates Leiber's extraordi- design. The hand of the artist is evi- compromise. I have never swerved

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of Leiber's unique handbags and ed, and beaded. Every design is company's crystals. In 1994, Stanley

The exhibition, organized by the - each crystal is picked up with a Leiber with the Lifetime Achievement

Corcoran Gallery in Washington, tweezer and individually glued onto Award from the Houston Museum of

D.C. and sponsored by the Nef Fund, the bag, where the design has already Fine Arts Costume Institute in 1991,

nary artistic achievement by showcas- dent at every step of the creative from that goal. Never."

For more than 30 years, a Judith such as Art Deco and Pop Art are rep- teaching them her expertise.

Loosely based on the musical follows the aquatic troupe around 1000 Morris Ave. in Union Tickets and Only" concerns a barnstorming many detours occur on the way to a for seniors and \$17 for children. For pilot, Captain Billy Buck Candler, happy ending, all illustrated by spec- more information or to reserve tick-

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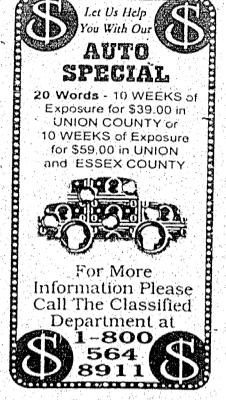
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Change is the rule of thumb and

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the monetary support you will need from a financial backer or willing partner. Avoid speculative or get-rich-quick CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Expand your social awareness through

and let a popular or outgoing individual LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22; Put diet and exercise on top of your list of concerns. It takes a wholesome discipline to yourself to go with the flow and keep Paul Revere, Carl Sandburg, Robert stick to the necessary regiment. Dig the peace.

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VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: Enthu- Exercise your creative imagination

stasm supports or translates into a fes- using puzzles or problem-solving tive mood. Put forth a lively and care-dilemmas free effort to make a big splash on the

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Be prepared to handle a domestic dilemma are likely to benefit from associating that involves emotional power plays, with powerful or influential individuals and manipulation. Stay positive and do this week not buy into blame or shame. SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21; Get to open doors,

focused and follow the instructions you are given to complete a specific task. an intense and transformational wave Slow down and take it one step at a to flow through your world during the 21: Avoid going over your budget.

contacts made in a club or group. Relax CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: well in personal relationships. Resign

spending and stop buying or shopping ing and growth, strive to maintain a sense of balance, normalcy and self-Flexibility and understanding work control.

Establish a safe cutoff amount for progressive manner.

Also born this week! Elvis Presley. Duvall, Dyan Cannon and J.R.R. AOUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18:

REUNIONS

The following schools will con-. Union High School, Class of reunion for alumni in Florida on Feb. duct reunions in the coming months: 1986, 20-year reunion, 2006. · Scotch Plains High School Class · Westfield High School, Class of Raton. of 1979, 25-year reunion, Friday. 1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

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of 1975, 30-year reunion. If anyone has information regard-. Union High School, Class of ing former students or would like to 1985, 20-year reunion, 2005. join the committee, contact Barry Zins at BZins1111@aol.com. Union High School, Class of

1995, 10-year reunion, 2005. · Hillside High School, class of . Union Hill High School, Class of 1955, is planning a reunion on May 1975, 30-year reunion, 2005. 20 at the Grand Summit Hotel in . Union High School, Class of

1976, 30-year reunion, 2006. Contact Paul Ladell at 973-715-Union High School, Class of

• Hillside High School will hold a Monday 5 p.m.

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Hughson named director of ballet company

the hiring of Barry C. Hughson as tion as we implement the plan." executive director.

Graham Lustig. "Not only does he tural organizations; bring a dance perspective to the job, forming arts administrator."

director for Complexions Contempo- Excellence in 2003, the only dance rary Ballet in New York, and as exec- company to be awarded both honors. utive director for the Warner Theater ARB's Princeton Ballet School in Torrington, Conn.

work with Graham Lusting and the sional company in the United States. ARB dancers and staff; Mary Pat - is the official school of ARB. worlds, and I am looking forward to students. such a rich history in both."

"We are very excited to have Barry." Jersey's leading dance company and

he also brings his background as a per- by the New Jersey State Council on gram, young actors performance Hughson has served as executive 1987. ARB received a Citation of one of the largest non-profit dance "I am thrilled at the opportunity to institutions affiliated with a profes-

Robertson and the faculty of the Founded in 1954, ARB's Princeton school; and the board of trustees," said Ballet School currently has studios in Hughson, "My passions have always Princeton, Cranbury, and New been in the ballet and education. Brunswick, serving more than 1,250 building

working with an organization with Funding for ARB is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Hughson was tapped for the posi- State Council on the Arts/Department tion after an extensive nationwide of State, a partner agency of the search conducted by the board of National Endowment of the Arts. Hughson joins American Repertory

Board Chairman Joseph Sobo said, Ballet after serving as executive directory Ballet in Washington, D.C., he per- Easter Regional Theatres, the League "The board is very much looking for- tor of the internationally recognized formed with the works of Goh, Balan- of Historic American Theatres and the ward to Barry's arrival in October. We Complexious Contemporary Ballet in chine, Tudor, and others in the United American Association of Community have recently been through a compre- New York City. Prior to that, he was States, Europe, Asia, Russia, and as a Theatre.

The board of trustees of the Amer- hensive long-range planning process, executive director of the Warner These resident company of the Kennedy ican Repertory Bullet and ARB's and he will bring a tresh energy and after in Torrington, Conn. Princeton Ballet School, announced arts industry insight to the organiza- ... He joined the Warner Theater staff. American male awarded a prize at the

in 1992 as director of education and New York International Ballet Com-American Repertory Ballet is New became executive director in 1997. joining us, said ARB artistic director, one of the state's most treasured culmunity school for arts, summer arts

andrences and master teaching residencies in the public schools. Under his leadership as executive enced significant growth, with the professional full-time staff growing from

three to 13, and the annual budget and programming more than doubling. His tenure there was capped with a and plays from "The King and I" to successful multi-million dollar campaign to restore the Warner Theater Hughson's background spans the

worlds of dance, theater and arts education. In 1979, he founded the Youth Theatre Ensemble, a non-profit organization that served young people of the greater Waterbury area for 20 years.

petition at Lincoln Center, and in As director of education, he was December of that year, performed in

the East Room of the White House. He also became a master teaching Designated a major arts institution camp, international exchange pro- artist serving as a guest instructor for a number of Connecticut organizations. the Arts Department of State since series, daytime programs for young Internationally, he has taught dance and theater in Norway and Hungary and as a master teacher of Very Snecial Arts International, he has conductdirector, the Warner Theater experi- ed workshops for people with disabilities in Connecticut, Idaho, and Guata-

He is an accomplished director, having directed numerous musicals A.R. Gumey's "Sylvia."

In 1995, he directed Emmy awardwinning actress Susan Saint James in "The Miracle Worker."

He holds a Certificate in Art versity, and is an active member of a number of industry consortiums, including the Association of Perform-As a member of the Washington ing Arts Presenters, the Consortium of

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feehouse/concert series run by The information on shows, call 973-335- effort including feature act Dave Bonnie Milner, and Deirdre Murtha -through February. The Galleries are history of New Jersey, but also by the Folk Project, a non-profit music and 9489 or visit. Web site at Kleiner on lead guitar and a panoply is a New York City-based primarily a of other musicians and singers. His cappella group performing traditional The Folk Project ackn. riedges material ranges from his own songs to and contemporary folk music with an sion's Cultural Center, 300 Mendham major financial support of the Minstrel jazz trio harmony numbers from the emphasis on sea chanteys and other • Jan. 14: Open Stage. This is an

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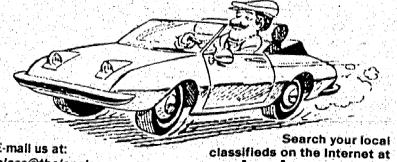
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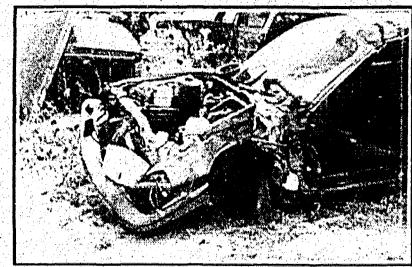
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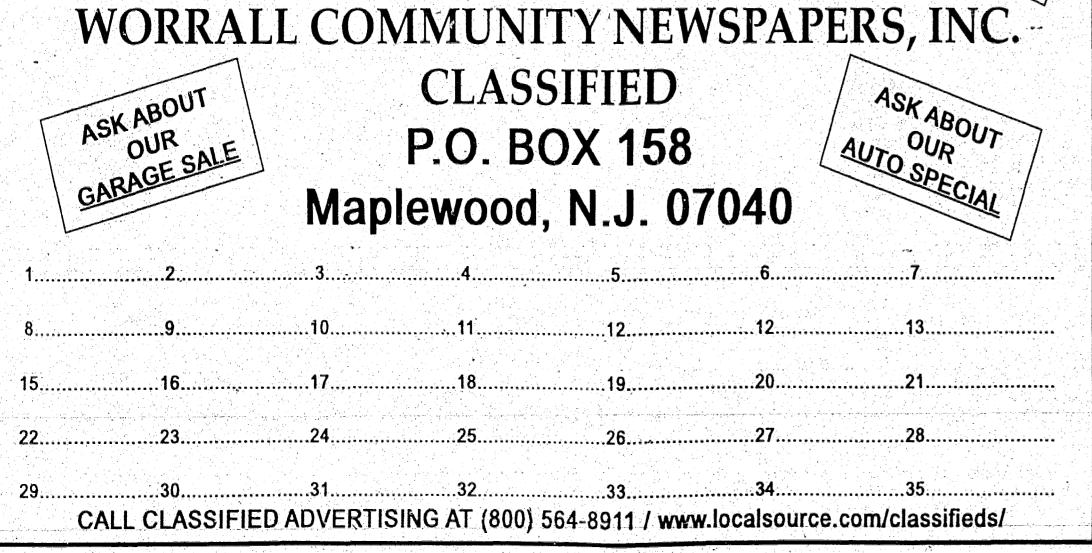
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But both Durango and Explorer room to feel, not to mention stretch, third-row seats offer 34 inches of their legs. Rear-seat entertainment "We examined IRS designs," says

Frank Klegon, truck design vice pres- ronment for the first time. ident. "But we found that we could save weight with our design, and still - a full load of seven passengers no achieve our ride targets, with the link- longer feels quite so intimate, and "Our rear-wheel geometry is wood can load flat on the floor

markedly better under load than with between the wheel housings. an IRS system, and that translates to a Dodge deserves kudos for extendmore settled trailer, and smoother han- ing the available side curtain air bags

no larger shares much of anything. The Durango's CVWR of 6,600 just the first two, as most competitors

were borrowed from the recent macho Power Box and Power Wagon con-"A revised engine lineup helps cepts, But it also has a few minivan or Pacifica-style touches, such a carlike bumper height and overhangs, a Big news is the availability of the steeply raked windshield and sleek

since its November launch.

2004 Dodge Durango And the Hemi gets better gas mileage, 14-19 mpg, will run on regu-The Durango starts with a stiff, lar unleaded, although midgrade is body-on-frame, sport utility vehicle.

optional four-wheel-drive

Horsepower: 210 at 5,200 rpm, 4,7 V-8, 230 at 4,600; 5.7 V-8, 335 at The 4.7-liter Magnum V-8 is also 5,400

Torque: 235 foot-pounds at 4,000 ndependent front suspension, com- ful as the V-6, is heavier and gets_ rpm, 4.7 V-8, 290 at 3,600; 5.7 V-8,

Transmission: four-speed automat-Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, V-6, For just \$895 more, guys, get a clue 10.2 seconds; 5.7 V-8, 9.1 seconds; Hemi, 8 seconds

A four-speed automatic comes EPA fuel economy estimates: 16 bility and payload capacity, but also mated to the V-6. A five-speed auto is mpg city, 21 highway; 4.7 V-8 2WD. facilitated a needed lowering of the standard with the V-8s. No manual 14/19, 4WD, 14/18; 5.7 V-8 2WD, 14/19, 4WD, 13/18

> Interior cargo volume: 20.1 cubic feet, behind third-row seat; 68.4 row seats folded

Front head/leg/shoulder room: 40.8/41.5/59.3 inches systems further occupy the occupants. Middle head/leg/shoulder room: And a sunroof can lighten up the envi-39.2/37.4/59.6 inches

Rear head/leg/shoulder room:

Wheelbase: 119.2 inches Curb weight: V6, 4,671 to 4,676 pounds; 4.7 V-8, 4,825 to 5,045; 5.7

New Durango is a winner for the customer

When the Dodge Durango debuted with the mut-size Dakota pickup, upon pounds, and towing capacity of 8,950, do. in the cit was heavy, show, cramped to which it was based originally. inside; handled rudely and 201 Durango actually shares quite a lot Mole in the France" IRS system limits truck-like feel and stance. Styling cues aby and tuel mileage. But other than to its mechanicals, such as suspension the Explorer to a 5.880-pound GVWR and brakes, with the full-size Rain and just a 7,000 towing capacity.

. The Durango actually has been a pickup now . relatively popular vehicle for Dogge ... It is 7 inches longer. 3 inches wider. Durango achieve some of its impresand a modest sales success. As the and rides on a wheelbase stretched 3 -sive hauling numbers. done sport utility vehicle in Chrysler's inches. otherwise minivan-laden lineup. (1997) Dodge calls it a full-size SUV, lovely sounding Hemi V-8. The highly aerodynamics. although the midsize Ford Explorer is touted 5.7-liter power plant boasts 335.

For 2004, Dodge has redestined still considered its archrival. The horsepower and 370 foot-pounds of \$26,565 base, \$38,875 loaded - has the Durango and addressed as short. Durango is actually I foot longer than torque. That's a 40 percent boost over helped Durango get a running start. test office Call 073-372-6192 form mass, comings in key areas, while offening the Explorer now, and spees up favor- the 5.9-liter Magnum it replaces: ably in some key areas against large So, the new Durango looks to be SUVs like Expedition. more of a win-win vehicle for the cushydro-formed, fully boxed frame. The recommended, and goes 0-60 in 8 sec-

The redesigned Durango, built in a frame ends are crushable, as on the onds flat returbished plant in Newark, Del. Ram pickup redesign two years ago,

> Major components, such as the Respectable fuel economy numbers, red Hemi V-8 steering box, were moved behind the 16/21, almost compensate for the lost crush zones for added crash protec- power.

Rack and pinion steering and an carried over, but it is barely as powerbined with the longer frame and worse gas mileage than the Hemi. So, 370 at 4,200 wheelbase: give the Durango we're not sure who would want it, improved handling, stability and steer- although Dodge expects a 50 percent ic; 5-speed automatic with V-8s

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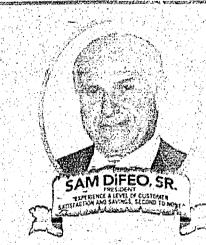




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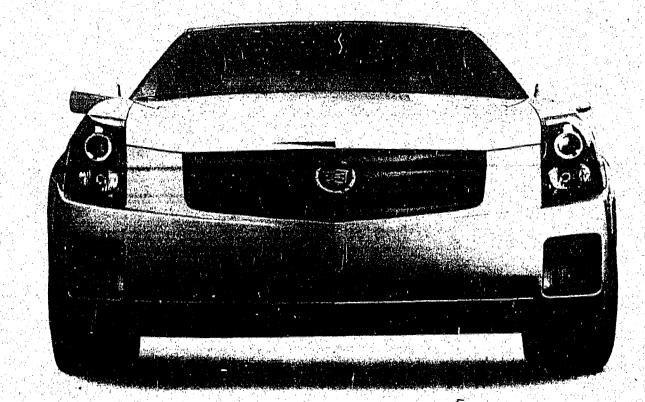
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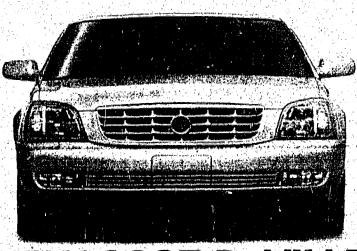
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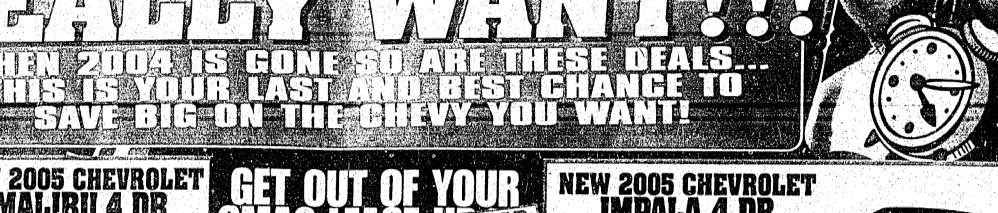


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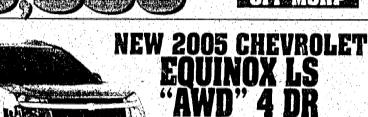
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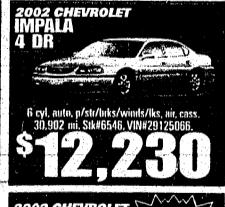
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