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### Mullman named new mayor

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By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

In Springfield, the new year is accompanied by a new mayor.

On Sunday, the Township Committee conducted its annual reorganization meeting, as 2004 Deputy Mayor Sy Mullman was named mayor for 2005. Steven Goldstein, who was reelected to the committee this year, was named deputy mayor.

"During this past year, we have faced many trials and tribulations," said Mullman at the meeting. "Some brought great pride and elation," he said, adding that still, "not everything has come up roses."

Mullman pointed toward the reopening of Meisel Avenue Park as one of the struggles that needs to reach completion. As, far as the Township Committee is concerned, he said, the park must open this system.

(a the better side of 2004, Mull-

man noted not only the completion of the \$3.5-million Bire Headquarters, but also the hiring of needed firefighters and police officers. Mailman also praised 2004 Mayor Chan Habitik for her effects in tackling the possible rise of insurance premisers due to what was incorrectly described as a lack of Fire Department staff

Harelik thanked the public for their support during the past year, adding that she found 2004 to be very produc-

"I found it an hunor and privilege to serve the town as mayor," Harelik

Harelik also made reference to the killed more than



Photo By Burton Kaking

As the new mayor of Springfield, Sy Multiniar properties stalls of the township address during his speech at the Township Committee reorganization meeting on Sunday.

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how, well they are protected. The downtown's need for improvement second year on the committee. and paving of roads, for example, seem minor when compared to sudden

"My immediate plan is to begin examining the bigdget." Politock said, noting the problem of rising property taxes as the main issue.

With all major appointments being made for township employees and volunteers, the five notable working committees within the Township Committee stayed the same.

molitrock is the chairman of the

Department of Administration. Ken Faigenbaum, who also has now completed his first full year on the Township Committee, heads the Department of Finance, while Mullman is chairman of the Department of Public Affairs. Goldstein is the chairman of the Department of Public Safety, while Harelik is head of the Department of Public Works.

With Township Attorney Bruce Bergen reappointed for a one-year term, the lineup at the Township Committee meetings is short of a township administrator, as Richard Sheola's three-year contract expired Dec. 31. He was not reappointed and interviews are ongoing for a replacement.

## PD project st planning stages

Staff Writer

After a professional services contract was awarded by the Springfield Township Committee to Cornerstone Architects for design services concerning the Police Department renovations at Town Hall, Mayor Sy Mullman said that the committee awaits a meeting on Jan. 24 to further discuss the project.

"At that meeting, we'll look over drawings," said Muliman. About a month ago, Cornerstone Architects came to Springfield with plans that would have cost upward of \$8 million. Mullman said those plans were not

going to be used.

Mulliman said that while it may be difficult, he'd like to keep the project less than \$3 or \$3.5 million.

The new Fire Headquarters cost \$3.5 million, and Mullman said that like the Fire Department, the Police Department should only used to be done one ti

as long as it gets done right. "This has to last a long, long time," Mullman said. "We're going to take our time and do it right."

Muliman said that by the time designs are finalized and a contract is signed,

construction probably won't begin for at least another year. The project is likely to take nine months to a year, though Muliman pointed out that unlike the Fire Department, the Police Department is undergoing interi-

or renovations. Therefore, it can still be used as it is being developed. "We're not knocking down the building," Mullman said. "They have to be able to function."

Drawings will center around concerns of parking and security, as well as the best use of space within the department itself. Currently, not all members are located under one roof, and it is unknown what will be considered the best way

to center the police force. The contractor did speak to both the Township Committee and all department heads that will be affected by the renovations.

Muliman said the drawings must be acceptable before the committee pro-

"We're still brainstorming," he said, noting that while progress is being

made, the project is still in its preliminary stages. Measurements for the necessary room needed for the Police Department have

Measurements for the necessary room needed for the Police Department have not been established yet. Being that the entire department is not currently centralized, but will be upon completion of the project, it is expected that more space will be used to acuse the officers than is available in the moment.

Another concern if the astisty of everyone in the building, which includes issues such as having the right number of offices and lighting cells, as well as a fully functioning dispects room. Like the finishment, includes for the Police Department renovations is expected to come from histories, although the Township Committee is continually looking for water to obtain light money that could go toward the necessary improvement, as well. The Police Dispersionant and Municipal Building are expected so be more segregated from effort to ensure the safety of municipal office workers.

#### ci welcomes in praise for progress

109th Borough of Mountainaide recording idents."

tion meeting consisted of reporting both will "it's easy to accept thanks when you're in a progress and problems of the municipality, as position such as mine." said Viglianti who is well as the burdens of being a resident in New Jersey.

Prior to his speech, Mayor Robert Viglianti was given a present by his fellow councilmen to honor his service. The ministure Borough." Hall not only led to a standing ovation, but prompted grateful words from both Vighanti and his council.

Werner Schon, council president for 2004,

ed Wigitanti with the gift, saying that it in recognition of more than 25 years of

starting his 26th year as elected official. "I: have them," he said, alluding to everyone suprounding him.

Councilman Keith Turner, however, joka ly told him to stop talking.

"Without Bob behind the council, we would be lost." Turner said. "It would be extremely difficult without him.

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After the swearing in of Glenn Mortimer,

tracedies such as the tsunamis.

renovate the area.

Still, Harelik and Mullman both

agreed that the downtown area is, in

fact, a major problem that will be tack-

led in 2005. The Township Committee

will be meeting with a prospective

contractor on Monday to further dis-

the plant that may be in the works to

with would later be appointed president of the incil for 2005, and Werner Schon, who ned Mortimer in being the elected this year Eiglianti began to speak atiout the past year's accomplishments and the fiscough's goals for the new year. While he called 2004 a "good year," he said that without that mandates, it may have been a "great year."

Viglianti used examples such as the need for a re-hispeing of sewer systems throughout New Markey municipalities to show the tax problems the suse is causing. The filtering and manuscratus project will coal wall more than 8500,000. Mallanti-also made mention of a New Jersey mandale which will the borough

how much must be donated to the public library. The irony, he pointed out, is that anothtributing too much to the rescue squad.

"It's frustrating," said Viglianti of state mandates. He said he wonders if the state even realizes the burden it places on taxpayers, adding that faceless people make the decisions that raise tax dollars, never having to confront residents and provide answers.

Within Mountainside, however, Viglianti was able to praise many organizations and individuals. Regarding the dissolution funds that the Board of Education is receiving fromfour surrounding communities after the breakup of the Union County Regional High School district, Viglianti said that it was Borough Attorney John Post's professionalism and dedication that led to the upheld decision of the amount of money owed.

Prior to Viglianti's speech, several police officers were given department commendations for their roles in various crime busts and safety measures. Being that the reorganization meeting draws the largest crowd all year, Viglianti noted that these awards are given at this time of the year in order to properly bonor those protecting the residents of Mountainside.

A standing ovation brought the meeting to a close, as Viglianti thanked the public.

# Dara Poltrock is railled on by fellow Buildogs at the start of their basketball game against Westfield High School on the third day of the Joseph Pepe III Holiday Tournament at Jonathan Dayton High School et Dec. 30. The teamwork paid off, as the Buildogs beat Westfield 57-48. For another look at the tournament, see our Sports section on Page 4.

### Library improvements virtually completed

By Rick Klittich Staff Writer

Several months ago, the Springfield Township Committee accepted a bid of \$321,700, by AB Designs in Summit, to begin renovations to the Springfield Public Library.

Now, after much construction throughout the entiry building, the most major part of the project that is left is the installation of two grounded lights that will be placed on either side of the entrance door.

"It's virtually finished," said Library Director Susan Permahos. "We'm besically just moving library materials around and patting every Permahos said the contractor still

has a punch list of small items that need a final touch, but that no major construction is needed anymore.

"It's fabulous," said Permahas of the new look to the library. "We're still tweeking where we're going to move

Permahor said that among the advantages of the paravested areas actuals the fact that videos seem to be flying off the shelf. It just goes to show, Permahos said, that the way something is thisplayed lies a lot to do with the public wanting it.

Permahos said the Teen Room. which curries bette delimited broke and magazines, is billing while friggioutly. and that the two quiet study rooms are being utilized every day.

Both of them are in use all the time," said Permahos. "Exams are proctored. BSL tutors use it, and Jonathan Dayton teachers have come in for special student testing." Even business people have used the rooms,

Permahos also said that she couldn't have been happier with the contractor, as he was always very conscious of the fact that he was in a public building.

"We've notten compliments from almost every member of the public that comes in," said Permehoe, noting the improved space, lighting and nest-

The project's bid, which is being completed without any major delays. was passed by a narrow 3-2 vote. Committeeman Harold Poltrock and Steven Goldstein both thought that the bid offered by AB Designs may be too low, and that delays and litigation foor could cause a rise in the amount of money spent on the library renova-

Two other bids, both rejected, were both over \$100,000 more than AB Designs.

Permahos said the reason the bid by AB Designs, marked low was that it is a small beginness and much of the overhead expenses associated with overhead expresses doesn't burden th

A Union County Community Development grant of \$21,200 is being used for two restrooms dist. were made handicap-accessible, while \$321,700 is being paid to AB Denient

Although there were no probl contractually with AB Designs, Page makes said it was decided the be rooms would be tiled, a project wi was paid through a fund already a aside for library improvements.

Also, the inconvenient location of beam cused extra construction. private donation paid for the nece

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The Springfield Recreation Depart-

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## Man arrested for theft by deception

Mountainside Watchung resident

Solomon, 39, was arrested at Borough Hall at 2:51 p.m. Friday. Solomon received four checks for payment of pool covers in July. The suspect failed to provide mer-

chandise and stole away with money.

Solomon was arrested and charged

with theft by deception. Reneau Saintlime, 34, of Irvington, was arrested at 9:29 a.m. Tuesday on Route 22 east after being involved in a motor vehicle accident. Saintlime was found to have two

14, was arrested at 2:24 a.m. Sunday

on Route 22 west after being stopped

Checo was then arrested for driv-

for failing to maintain a lane.

ing while intoxicated.

#### **POLICE BLOTTER** with a sticky substance that was believed to be glue.

• At 11:45 a.m. Dec. 30. it was outstanding warrants out of the reported that an unknown suspect had township of Union for \$315. · Plainfield resident Pedro Checo.

put five nails in the driver's side rear tire of a car parked on Colfax Road. • At 5:15 p.m. Dec. 20, it was reported that damage was done to two vehicles parked in the lot of a Morris

Avenue apartment complex. Heavy scratches to the hood, driver's side front fender, door and quar-On Sunday at 1:40 p.m., it was ter panel were found on both vehi-

### Firefighters respond to auto accident

At 4:23 a.m. Dec. 25, firefighters responded to Morris Avenue and Mountain Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with a spill. • On Saturday at 1:29 a.m., fire-

esidence for an activated fire alarm. • On Friday at 12:42 a.m., firefighters responded a ladder truck to Millburn fire headquarters on a request from County Mutual Aid.

fighters responded to a Fernhill Road

• At 8:35 p.m. Dec. 30, firefighters responded a pumper to the scene of a house fire in Millburn on a request from County Mutual Aid.

motor vehicle accident.

#### 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

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.

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

### for girls softball

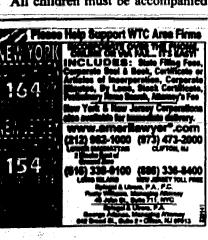
The Springfield Recreation Department will be offering a girls softball program for grades two to nine in the spring, with registration starting now provided when the supervisor is on at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, in Springfield from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Forms can be mailed in or

For information and a registration

ment offers bowling leagues for chil-

This is a weekly program offered to children ages 4 to 14. The program is conducted on Tuesday afternoons at Plaza Lanes in Madison. This 10-week program will begin on Tuesday and

All children must be accompanied





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### FIRE BLOTTER

• At 2:54 p.m. Dec. 29, firefighters responded to a Garden Oval residence

for a reported fire in the basement. • On Dec. 29 at 12:51 p.m., firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue apartment complex for an activated carbon monoxide detector. • At 10:32 a.m. Dec. 29, firefight-

ers responded to Shunpike Road for power lines down • Firefighters responded to Route 78 east for a motor vehicle accident Dec. 28 at 12:18 a.m.

by an adult and have their own transportation to and from bowling alley. • The Bumper Division is available for boys and girls in grades prekindergarten to one at 3:30 p.m.

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

for boys and girls in grades seven to eight at 4:30 p.m.

payable at the Bowling Center, and includes: two games of bowling and use of rental shoes and lightweight

Register at Sarah Bailey Civic

For information, call 973-467-4608.

open at Borough Hall

Mother Nature cooperates with cold The rink is on courts 3-4 and is lighted for night skating. A supervisor is on duty on Friday nights, Saturdays

through Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from 3:30 to 7 p.m., Sat-Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Rink hours may change due to weather conditions. They will also be open earlier in the day during the week if

weather and conditions permit. There are times that the rink must be closed for maintenance, so call the Recreation Office ICE Cold Line at 908-232-0015 for daily information. Children who are younger than 10 vears of age must have an adult pres-

• At 4:14 p.m. Dec. 27, firefighters responded to Ann Place for a broken water pipe in a residence.

• On Dec. 27 at 10:52 a.m., fire-

· Firefighters responded to Timber Acres Road for a smoking jacuzzi motor Dec. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

· Pre-teen Bowlers is available for boys and girls in grades five to six at

• Teen Bowling Club is available The weekly cost is \$7 per child,

Springfield of \$15 includes a T-shirt

Center, 37 Church Mall in Springfield.

The ice rink located on the municipal tennis courts at Borough Hall will be open for skating this winter if

and Sundays. A warming fire will be

The rink will be open Mondays urdays from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and

· Firefighters responded to a Forest Drive apartment complex for a broken

water pipe at 2:02 p.m. Dec. 27. fighters responded to Route 78 west for a motor vehicle accident with

• At 3:54 p.m. Dec. 26, firefighters responded to Route 78 west for a

#### Scrapbooking classes preserve memories

Sign up for a scrapbooking class and learn how to create a book that will preserve memories for genera-The one-night class will meet in the

Borough Hall Community Room, 1385 Route 22 east in Mountainside from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$12 per person. Classes will meet on Friday and

Feb. 11, same time and fees. Carolyn Williams will lead the class, Enrollment is limited, so don't delay. Call 908-232-0015, for information or a

> Learn how to create greeting cards

Learn to make your own greeting cards at the Mountainside Recreation Department's Greeting Card Stamp Camp. Make cards for birthdays, Christmas, Valentines Day, or any

The class will meet on Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 cast. Another class is set for Feb. 4. Classes are for adults, and the registration fee is \$14 per per-

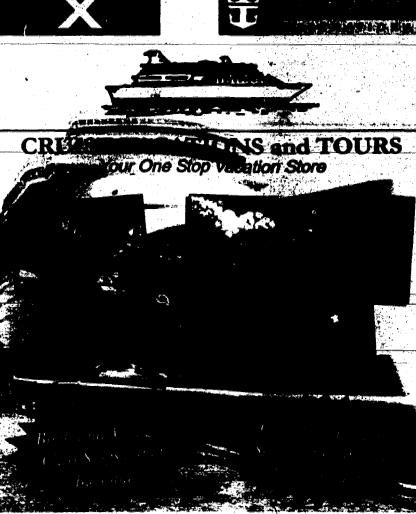
#### Adult softball info

Anyone interested in information bout the men's or women's softball leagues should call the Mountainside Recreation Office at 908-232-0015.

Youth Softball ....

registration conducted The Mountainside Recreation Department will again sponsor youth softball in the spring. The emphasis is on participation, fun, and team play. An instructional clinic will be conducted for grades one to two, the Junior Division is for grades three to five and Senior Division play is for

grades six to night. Registration will be conducted from Feb. 2 to Feb. 13. THE REST OF THE PARTY OF



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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform esidents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

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

copy of the book. • Essence bestselling author Carl Weber will be conducting a reading and signing of his newly released book, "The Preacher's Son," at the

Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 west, in Springfield, at 7 p.xa. For information, call 973-376-6581. · After conducting two flu inoculation programs, the Westfield Region-

al Health Department has a very limited supply of flu vaccine available. In an attempt to service as many of the eligible residents of the participation communities, an additional flu inoculation program will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Community Room, located on the first floor of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.

The program will be open to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mounainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield. Proof of residence will be required.

• Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland will be presenting a workshop 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 · The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional nedia 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 owl prowling grounds. This program is for children, ages 6 and older with an adult, and requires pre-registration. The fee is \$5 per person for Union County residents and \$6 per person for non-county residents. Call 908-789-3670 for information.

• The Mountainside Recreation Department's Greeting Card Stamp Camp allows participants to make cards 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 908-232-0015.

• The Bobster at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watching 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 be part of the Highlander Market, call Adrienne Trivella at 908-464-

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

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of Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave., at 8 p.m. · Marc Jaffe will be sharing personal anecdotes from his summer experience in Athens, where he served as the team chiropractor for the 540-

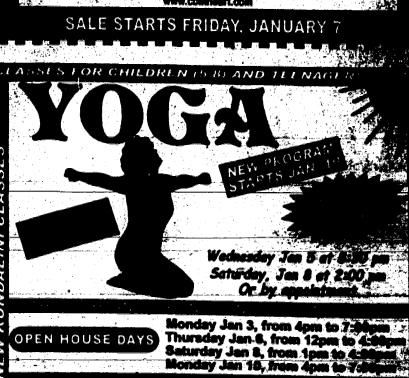
member USA Olympic Team at the 2004 Summer Olympics. The presentation takes place at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive. Springfield, at 8 p.m.

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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### Workshop eyes 'needs vs. wants'

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Lisa Athan and Scott Strickland will be presenting a workshop titled "Having What You Need, Knowing What You Want" from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday 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 lives.

Athan said people often struggle with the concept of "needs vs. wants." People wonder how come, even when they get what they want, they sometimes feel dissatisfied and begin to want something more or something different. They know they have basic physical needs for food, clothing and shelter, emotional needs for safety, companionship and love, and spiritual needs for hope and faith in something outside of themselves. That's fine, but how come people get caught up in fancy foods, fashions, toys and technologies that go way beyond these needs, and become the things people want, and even strive for with such energy? Topics to be covered in the workshop include:

"You Have All You Need." This profound statement is found in Neale Donald Walsch's book. "Communion with God." He goes on to say the simple proof of this is that a person is here today. "The fact that you are alive today is proof that all of your needs have been met to this point in your life."

2. "Do You Know What You Want?" One of the problems in getting what one wants is knowing what one wants. The process of being, doing and having what one wants begins with clear thought, intention and direction. The workshop will discuss ways to help people discover who they really are and to begin to move in the direction that will attract what they want to themselves. Coffee will be provided. The cost of the workshop is \$12.

Strickland is an industrial engineer by training and has been working professionally as a management consultant for more than 25 years. He has also been eading workshops in spiritual studies and encouragement for several years, most recently with The Center for Rising Heat, an organization dedicated to healing, encouragement, affirmation and teaching for men and women who are seeking to live more balanced and fulfilling lives.

He is also a poet and his work has been featured at the Dancing Goat in South Orange, Van Gogh's Ear in Union and the Spiral Bridge in Montclair. His book on business management, titled "A Woman's Guide to Bisiness," is scheduled to be released in early 2005.

Athan has a master's degree in counseling and is a motivational speaker. She is currently a discussion group leader and mental health counselor at Overlook

### Non-profit offers free corporate health fairs In observance of American Heart nev failure. It is usually symptomless

Month in February, Health Fairs Plus, and is often called a "silent killer." a non-profit agency, will offer no-cost health fairs to corporations in the Springfield area seeking to raise employees' awareness regarding heart health, fitness, nutrition and stress

mer indicated that at least 65 million Americans - or almost one-third of with mild pain or discomfort. Often, -"The Retreat," by Patrick Rambaud, adults - have high blood pressure. people affected aren't sure what's and "A Time of Angels," by Larry Those who have high blood pressure wrong and wait too long before get- Beinhart can be defined as anyone who has ting help. Here are signs that can mean consistent systolic pressure of 140 mm. a heart attack is happening.

He or higher or disstolic pressure of These include: chest discomfort. 90 mm Hg or greater, takes hyperten- ... Most heart attacks involve discomfort sive medicine or has been told at least in the center of the chest that lasts Cohen: "High Country Fall," by Martwice by a health care provider that he more than a few minutes or that goes garet Maron; "Live at 10:00, Dead at or she has high blood pressure. Sys- away and comes back. It can feel like tolic pressure is the top number and uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, the B-School," by Jeffrey Cruikdiastolic is the bottom number in o fullness or pain.

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VILLAGES.

Coronary heart disease is America's No. 1 killer. Stroke is No. 3 and a leading cause of serious disability. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happen-

But most heart attacks start slowly,

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### Flu vaccine available

After conducting two flu inoculation programs, the Westfield Regional Health Department has a very limited.

supply of fin vaccine available. In an attempt to service as many of the eligible residents of the participating communities, an additional flu inoculation program has been scheduled for today between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m. in the Community Room, located on the first floor of the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad St., Westfield.

The program will be open to residents of Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Roselle Park, Springfield and Westfield that meet the following CDC guidelines. Proof of residence will be required. • All children aged 6-23 months;

· Adults aged 50 years and older: all individuals 65 years of age and older must bring their Medicare Card. · Persons aged 2-64 with underlying chronic medical conditions; documentation from their physicians must be presented which states the medical

condition and the need for the flu

New releases arrive at Springfield library · All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season, presently The following new releases are by Liz Evans; "Sugar Cookie Mur- Toys." by Sue Schwartz; "The Perrithrough 2005:

· Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities; · Health care workers involved in direct nationt care, and

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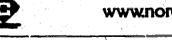
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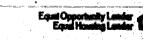
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Feb. 1 West Essex, 7 Feb. 3 at Dover, 7 Feb. 8 Parsippany Hills, 7 Feb. 10 at Chatham, 7 Feb. 15 Mendham, Feb. 17 at Hanover Park, 7 Feb. 22 Parsippany, 7

Jan. 27 Weequahic, 7

Summit Girls' Basketball

Jan. 7 Parsippany Hills, 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at Chatham, 7 Jan. 14 Mendham, 7 Jan. 18 at Hanover Park. Jan. 21 Parsippany, 7 Jan. 25 Morris Hills, 7 Jan. 27 at Weequahic, Feb. 1 at West Essex, 7 Feb. 3 Dover, 7 Feb. 8 at Parsippany Hills, 7 Feb. 10 Chatham, 7 Feb. 16 at Mendham, 7

Feb. 17 Hanover Park, 7

Feb. 22 at Parsippany, 7

Summit Ice Hockey

Jan. 7 at Bernards, 8 p.m Jan. 9 at Verona, 8:30 p.m Jan. 11 Westfield, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at Clifton, 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Chatham, 5:30 p.m Jan. 18 West Orange, 8:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Nutley, 9 p.m. Jan. 24 at Verona, 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at Westfield, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 29 at West Orange, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 1 Nutley, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 4 at Bayonne, 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Madison, 4:15 p.m Feb. 8 Bernards, 8:30 p.m.

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Feb. 9 at Johnson, 6 p.m.

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

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

Winter Track 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 Jan. 22 New Bal. Games-Armory, 9 Jan. 24 UCT Meet at Eliz., 6 p.m. Jan. 24 at Randolph Shot Put Invititational, 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 at Princeton, 11 a.m.

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Swimming Jan. 11 at Livingston, 3:30 p.m Jan. 18 Chatham, 3:30 Jan. 25 Parsippany, 3:30 Feb. I at Columbia, 4 p.m. Feb. 8 New Povidencce, 3:30 Feb. 10 at West Essex, 3:30

Summit Bowling

Montclair.

Jan. 6 at Plainfield, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Elizabeth, 3:30 Jan. 13 at Shabazz, 3:30 Jan. 18 at Cranford, 3:30 Jan. 20 at Seton Hall Prep, 3:30 Jan. 25 at Scotch Plains, 3:30

Dayton ice hockey

improves to 54 The Dayton High School ice hock-

before the Manasquan contest.

on 40 goals and 52 assists.

Rich Kolovyanski.

had six goals and 10 assists prior to

Mandel plays right wing on a line

with Paul Leokumovich and center

Dayton boys' triumph

The Dayton High School boys

basketball team beat Keyport 50-39

Dec. 28 in the Cardinal Classic at St.

Junior forward Joe Furnaguera

scored 12 points and freshman guard

David Steinman 10 on 10 of 11 free

Dayton's record was 2-1 as of the

The Bulldogs opened with a 51-48,

win at New Providence Dec. 18.

in Cardinal Classic

Peter's, New Brunswick.

win over Keyport.

In the first round of the tournament two days prior, Sumey team improved to 5-1 Monday with mit lost a 66-36 decision to Irvington. Freeden led the Tournament at Rahway Dec. 26-30 and went 1-2 to bring a 4-2 non-league win over Manasquan attack with 14 points, while Scott added 10. After opening the season with a 51-34 setback at Morris at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle.

Hills on Dec. 17, Summit bounced back three days later According to a published report. senior center Steve Mandel boosted with a 37-27 victory over visiting Weequahic. his four-year point total to 100 points. Senior co-captain and forward Allison Cahott paced the Mandel did it with three goals and attack with 16 points, nine rebounds and three steals, while sophomore forward Meghan Osmulski pumped in eight an assist in a 6-4 win over Passaic Valley Dec. 18 at Floyd Hall Arena in

II points.

The Hilltoppers then made it two straight after defeating \_\_Johnson chipped in with 19 points. visiting West Essex 56-42 on Dec. 22. That gave him 56 goals and 44

Staff Writer

teams are both off to respectable seasons

ence-Hills Division rival Dover.

burn Tournament last Thursday.

The Summit High School boys' and girls' basketball

The boys' team was 3-3, while the girls' squad was 3-2

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to face Parsippany Hills

The girls' team entered the new year coming off a 37-32

tomorrow night at 7, with the boys' away and girls' home.

victory over Millburn in the consolation game of the Mill-

Sophomore center Danielle Scott led the Hilltoppers

with 15 points, while junior forward Renee Freeden added

as of Tuesday's scheduled games against Iron Hills Confer-

assists prior to Monday's game. Mangame-high 17 points, Freeden 14, Osmulski 11 and senior del had seven goals and nine assists The boys' team has been consistent, but inconsistent as Junior defenseman Rob Carroll is closing in on 100 points as well. He

well, winning one game then losing one. That pattern has happened three times heading into the ham on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. Monday's game and 92 career points new year

Summit had four players in double digits as Scott had a

Summit opened its season with a 58-27 triumph over new year. Summit is scheduled to play at Chatham. Tuesvisiting Morris Hills on Dec. 17. Senior center Wellington day night at 7 and host Mendhem on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

Summit, GL girls' track athletes impress

excelled in the Union County Girls Relays held Monday at standing efforts of Sophie Mannaerts, Jodi Callendar, the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth. Heather Scudellari and Samantha Lee. Summit also cap-

The Dayton High School girls' basketball team captured the Joseph Pepe Memorial Tour-

nament at Dayton last week, sparked by the play of MVP Cristin Zavocki. The standout

senior point guard poured in a career-high 32 points in leading the Bulldogs past West-field 57-48 in last Thursday's final. Amanda DiCocco added nine points and 11 rebounds,

while Katelyn Viverito and Dara Poltrock had five points each, Valerie Upton four and

Nicole Corigliano two. Dayton also defeated St. Patrick's 70-13 the day before

Summit basketball squads

having respectable seasons

Hilltopper varsity teams began Jan. with 3 wins

Summit finished second to Westfield by a 44-36 count, tured the team high jump at 9-10 behind stellar performwhile GL was 11th with 10 points. GL was fifth in the 880- ances from Rachel Smith and Scudellari. GL was also second in the shuttle hurdles in 35.0, while lev relay in 4:45.4. The Hilltoppers captured the distance Summit was second in the team shot put at 59-6.5.

Smith got his season off in fine fashion as he had 23 points

and 15 rebounds. Junior guard James Johnson added 12

points, while senior forward Maurice Torres chipped in

in Newark on Dec. 20. Smith scored nine of his 24 points

in the fourth quarter to pace the attack. Torres contributed

13 points in the setback.

Johnson 10.

its mark to .500.

West Essex 60-53 in North Caldwell.

adding 13 points and nine rebounds.

had a fine outing, pumping in 16 points.

with a 62-56 setback to Rahway last Thursday.

a few wins together to open the new year.

The Hilltoppers then lost a 75-70 decision to Weequahic

Summit then bounced back two days later as it defeated

Torres had a team-high 15 points in the win, while Smith

The Hilltoppers also had two other players reach double

figures as senior forward Chris Conlon added 12 points and

scoring 18 points and hauling in 17 rebounds. Johnson also

Stevens 66-50 in a consolation game two days later. Smith

led the attack with 21 points and nine rebounds, while

Summit again responded to a loss as it defeated J.P.

The Hilltoppers then closed out their tournament play

The boys' team looks to be more consistent by stringing

The Hilltoppers will continue after tomorrow at home

against Chatham Tuesday night at 7 and then play at Mend-

The girls' hope to pick up where they left off to start the

MYBL registration commences Saturday

Mountainside Youth Baseball League registration is Saturday and Jan. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and Monday from 7- 2005. The program is for boys and girls ages 6-14 as of Aug.

yard relay in 2:03.3. Summit was second in the sprint med-

Introduction to baseball is for children age 6 by Aug. 1,

Eligible T-Ball players are age 7 by Aug. 2, 1005. More information may be obtained by calling Bill Giannone at

GL boys' making strides early on

MVP Amalfe leads tourney win By JR Parachini

Making strides in the early going. That's exactly what the Governor Livingston High School boys' basketball

Sports Editor

team is doing so far this year. The Highlanders began the January potion of their schedule with a 4-1 record that included a four-game winning streak, highlighted by capturing last week's

Brearley Bears Tournament in Kenilworth. GL topped Highland Park 60-41 and then knocked off host Brearley 70-52 Thursday in the championship game. Mountainside resident Thomas Amalfe earned the tournament's Most Valu-

able Player award as he netted 13 points against Highland Park and 33 vs. Brear-Amalfe's older brother, Mike, is now playing at Drew University. Mike helped GL finish 12-12 last year and qualify for the North 2, Group 2 playoffs.

Tom is now playing Mike's position, which is small forward. Also against Highland Park, Jason Hollowell netted 11 points for the Highlanders while teammates Tim Ringwood added nine, Matt Zimmerman and

Michael Tate six and Josh Dubinsky. Zimmerman, Tate and Dubinsky also hail from Mountainside. Amalfe was the only Highlander to score in double figures against Brearley.

which reached the Central Jersey, Group 1 semifinals last year en route to a superb record of 18-2. Brearley fell to 2-2 with the setback. Also scoring for the Highlanders against Brearley were Hollowell with eight. Sean Cox, Don Maxwell and Doug Schlicting with six and Ringwood with five. Zimmerman and Maxwell were also solid on the boards, each coming down

GL opened with a 50-49 setback at home to Rahway in Mountain Valley Con-

ference-Mountain Division play. The Highlanders then downed Roselle 57-49 in conference play in Roselle

GL's second win was a 63-27 home victory over non-conference foe Chad Academy on Dec. 22. Mountainside resident Evan Kaplan poured in 13 points. while Hollowell led the team with 14. Zimmerman added eight. Kaplan netted five points on five free throws in the victory against Highland

GL's off to a good start to qualify, once again, for the North 2, Group 2 field. The playoff cutoff date is four weeks from this Saturday - Feb. 5. The state playoffs will commence Feb. 28.

## GL wrestle champs: Coughlin and Reedy

Staff Writer

RAHWAY - Four local wrestlers excelled to take titles in the Rahway Tournament held Dec. 29 at the Earl H. Walter Gymnasium.

Governor Livingston High School produced back-to-back champions in Rob Coughlin at 119 pounds and Stove Reedy at 125, while Johnson had Anthony Priore win at 103 and Mike Coler triumph at 135.

"In the first couple rounds of the tournament we didn't look that good, but we picked it up at the end." Johnson head coach Nick Cilento said. "We had three guys reach the finals and two came away with wins." That late surge helped Johnson place sixth with 90 points. GL finished just

ahead in fifth place with 115 points. Host Rahway won the team title with 207.50 points, followed by Sayreville with 183.50. J.P. Stevens with 124 and Columbia with 123.

Priore, who finished with a very impressive 27-7 record last year as a freshman, started off the finals by squaring off against Greg Zannetti of J.P. Stevens. "Now that my name is out there and I'm not a freshman anymore, a lot of people know I'm coming," Priore said. "Sometimes, my opponent is going to clamp up just like he (Zannetti) did."

That's exactly what happened as Priore was only able to tally on a leg take-However, the standout sophomore was able to gain three more points in the

second period to take a 5-0 advantage heading into the final period. "My main weapon on offense was on the legs," Priore said. "I then just rode him out and took up time."

Priore scored on another leg takedown to give him a 7-0 lead that he held on to for the victory. "My main goal is to place in the top three in the state." Priore said. "Alling

the way. I want to win district and region titles." Last year. Priore finished second in District 11 and second in Region 3. After Rahway's Ryan Wilson won by a 17-0 technical fall count in 4:14 at

112 pounds, Coughlin defeated the Indians' Jonathan Santoni by a 16-9 margin After Santoni opened the scoring with an arm takedown, Coughlin responded with a reversal and back points to take a 5-2 lead after the first period.

After Santoni answered with an escape and takedown to tie the score at 5-5 early in the second period, Coughlin managed an escape to take a 6-5 edge. "He (Santoni) took me down early in the match and I needed to get out of it," Coughlin said. "Once he started running me up, I needed to start taking him Summit then participated in the John "Butch" Kowal

However, Santoni tallied on a reversal to regain the lead midway through the The Hilltoppers opened the tournament with a 64-57 setback to Cranford on Dec. 26. Smith had a monster game,

Coughlin, a sophomore who garnered Most Outstanding Wrestler honors for the lower weight division, countered with a move to take a 9-7 advantage heading into the final period.

"I was happy that I hit that roll in the middle of the second period," Coughlin said. "I think that turned the whole match around for me." Coughlin upped his lead to 10-7 early in the third period on an eacape before

Santoni countered on a leg takedown to close to within 10-9 midway through. However, that's as close as Santoni would get as Coughlin closed out the match with six straight points. "I just wanted to take the match move by move and use the skills my coach

(Rick Iacono) showed me, "Coughlin said." I thought we were pretty evenly matched up. I hope this starts my season by helping me win the districts and the Coughlin's teammate, Steve Reedy, then proceeded to win a title as he pinned

Rahway's Joe Andes in 3:24. Rahway's Darrion Caldwell, who won a state title at 119 pounds last year, then needed just 3:44 to pin J.P. Stevens' Hamilton Cook at 125 pounds. Johnson's Coler then battled Sayreville's Scott Poore to a 2-0 victory at 135

Springfield Minutemen 7th grade hoop team

begins season in New Providence Tourn. The Springfield 7th grade Minutemen basketball team opened its 2004-2005 season with close setbacks in the New Providence Tournament. Springfield fell to New Providence 44-35 and then to Berkeley Heights by a

Against New Providence, Springfield rallied behind the scoring of Jason Condon, Dan DuBeau and Dylan Prus. Outstanding hustle by Jordan Sack and Elliot Karp and late scoring by Kevin Kirk kept the game cluse to the end. Against Berkeley Heights, the winning team came out ahead after making a

Alex Popoloni led Springfield in scoring with 11 points and also in rehounds. Tommy Clark added several key baskets and Frankie Russo helped run the

Springfield was scheduled to play Madison last night in its home-opener

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offered Jan. 17 with events happening throughout the city. All are invited to volunteer for an hour, serve for a day and change for a lifetime.

All events are open to the public. teamwork, helpfulness, friendship, As part of the Day of Service, several drop-off sites will be in place to provide the needy with necessities. If possible, please drop-off items according to type and activity as follows: · Drop off blankets, sheets, towels,

travel-size toiletries - including small bottles of hand sanitizers - diapers and wipes, blue jeans and new large white T-shirts to Christ Church of Summit, 561 Springfield Ave. for BRIDGES Outreach Inc.

· Help build morale for U.S. troops. Drop off individual size packages of ter Book Club from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Kool-Aid or Crystal Light, Power Bars or granola bars — no chocolate garten through fifth grade can pick up boxes of individually wrapped "Heroes and Heroines" book lists and microwevable popcorn, new or good condition DVDs to the Summit Fire lic Library beginning Jan. 3. Department for Summit Supports Our Troops, 396 Broad St. library by 5 p.m. Jan. 12. Mayor Jor-

· Give a book and encourage literacy abroad. Drop off new or good conages to the Summit YMCA, 67 Maple St. English language and Spanish language books are appreciated. All donations of books will support the Global Literacy Project, which fosters community-based literacy initiatives throughout the world.

toys, clothing, coats and non-perishable food items to Mount Olive Tem- share some of her experiences grow- New Providence and the Summit-area ple, 217 Morris Ave., for local families ing up during the civil rights move- Red Cross.

Drop-off sites will be open from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 10 to 14 and Jan. 17. Many volunteer activities will take place for the community Jan. 17. Volunteers are needed Jan. 17 at each location. To participate in any of the in the arboretum's woodlands in following activities, register early at mlkdaysummit@aol.com or call Shaping Summit-Together at 908-277-

9 a.m. to noon at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave. Volunteer to sort lothing, linens and toiletries; decorate a brown bag with a caring mes-

ington.

From 9-to 11 a.m.; take a troop so detection and prelinder the movies at Calvary Epithopality garteders. Members of drantatic and Church, 31 Woodland Ave.

Assemble fun in a box with a new additionally invited to perform a DVD, the makings of a reflecting "skit" or age-appropriate recital for beverage and a spack to bring a couple the children that may inspire a love for and Afghanistan. Donations will be in "Strengthening Community Conpacked and shipped directly to troops overseas through the Summit-based organization, Summit Supports Our

From 9:30 to 11 a.m., The New. lersey Center for Visual Arts joins The weave and Janet Maulbeck of The Seniors' Art and Relaxation Workshop Summit YMCA. for an intergenerational art project at ..... Adults are encouraged to partici-12 Chestnut Ave. in the Summit

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Broad Street parking lot and behind ing the community in the areas of City Hall. Children and adults of all diversity and social justice. ages are welcome to participate in art • A community luncheon takes

studio instruction and exhibition. place from noon to 1 p.m. at Temple Themes will include multiculturalism. Sinai of Summit, 208 Summit Avc. Join volunteers and community respect and other ideals that Dr. King leaders for a free hot luncheon cooked

and served by volunteers.

Artwork will be donated to home-• From 1 to 2:15 p.m., a "Celebrabound seniors, homeless neighbors, tion of Community Service" takes and families in need through programs place at Temple Sinai of Summit, 208 as SAGE's Meals-On-Wheels, Spend-A-Day. BRIDGES and other

Join them for a festival of music and song featuring: Mayor Jordan outreach programs. Space is limited so Glatt and Councilman Andy Lark presenting The Martin Luther King Jr. · Participate in a "Heroes and Heroines Family Read-a-Thon" spon- Day of Service Committee's "Keeper sored by the Summit Public Library of the Dream" Award, Honorees will and a Brayton School Mother-Daugh- be Esther Toney and Geoff and Ginger Worden in recognition of their many Summit children in prekinderyears of service to the community.

Also included will be a keynote speech by the Rev. Robert Morris of reading time logs at the Summit Pub- Interweave, titled "Renewed Divisiveness? The Challenge Ahead." followed by music and song orchestrated by Bill Robinson

A presentation of the "Hero' dan Glatt will present a special book essays written by Summit Middle prize and framed certificate to the child in each grade who spent the most school sixth-graders will also be featured in the program. The presentation is sponsored by the Character Counts! time reading during the read-a-thon. The awards ceremony will be conprogram of the Summit Municipal ducted at City Hall's Council Cham-Alliance To Prevent Substance Abuse bers on MLK Jr. Day of Service, Jan.

· From 1 to 6:30 p.m., the public can participate in the community blood drive at the Grand Summi dren's librarian at the Summit library Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. Sponsored for many years and now director of the Saddle Brook Public Library, will by the Rotary Club of Summit and

ment and talk about some of her • Help the Summit-area Red Cress prepare for disaster relief at the Summit area Red Cross Chapter House. • From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., help prepare a woodland path for spring at 695 Springfield Ave., from 2:30 to Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart 3:30 p.m. In the event of fire, emer-Ave. Volunteer to lay down chip trails gency and disaster, the Summit-area preparation for a new Spring Wood- provide programs, services and neces-. land Field Guide. The activity is sities to families in need. On a regular weather-dependent. Call the arbore- day, the Summit-area Red Cross helps turn at 908-273-8787 during the mornresidents of all ages in Summit, New Providence. Berkeley Heights and ing of Jan. 17 to confirm conditions. Volunteers must be able to handle Long Hill Township with transportation, medical equipment, services and • From 11 a.m. to noon, set the

stage for a day in the life of a child at sage; prepare brown beg meals to be. The Learning Circle, 95 Morris Ave. year, the Summit-area Red Cross transported on a BRIDGES Run to Volunteer to be a teacher's helper in sponsored "Project Video Connect," nomeless friends in Newark and ity- the classroom as you participate in the which enabled people to stop by and record a personal video message to be sent to the nation's armed forests.

musical performances or clubs are will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Summit Senior Housing Complex, 12 Chestnut Ave., sponsored by Burgdorff Realtors ERA. From 11 a.m. to noon, participate

old, in celebrating Dr. King's life and accomplishments with Feynote speakversations: Discussions of Diversity" at Temple Sinai of Summit, 208 Sumer the Rev. Gregory Davis of Fountain Baptist Church. The program is gramit Ave. Sample a session of the Summit Study Circles initiative facilitated ciously orchestrated by Olivia by the Rev. Robert Morris of Inter-



Christopher Magovern, a cardiothoracic surgeon with Morristown Memorial Hospital and a Summit resident, speaks during the dinner awards program at the recent sixth annual American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic at Baltusrol Golf Club In Springfield.

### Magovern co-chairs golf outing

teer and board member Dr. Christo pher Magovern, a cardiothoracic surgeon with Morristown Memorial Hospital and a Summit resident, spoke during the dinner awards program at the recent sixth annual American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic at Baltusrol Golf Club in Spring-

As co-chairman of the event Magovern helped the American Heart Association Cardiac Golf Classic score a hole in one, raising a record \$80,000 to support the mission and work of the AHA.

### Concord Singers offer rehearsals

women's community chorus, seeks new members as its spring 2005 season begins.

Rehearsals are Mondays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit. The first rehearsal is on dy. fonday. The Spring Concert will be presented in May at

Calvary Church. The Concord Singers' repertoire is varied, including sacred and secular music. Composers range from classics such as Beethoven, Mozart, Mendelssohn and Porpora to performances with the Summit Symphony. more modern ones such as Randall Thompson, George Gershwin, Kirke Mechem and Benjamin Britten. New nembers are always welcome. Requirements are a love of singing, a keen ear, willingness to attend rehearsals reguuly and practice the pieces diligently — all this while enjoying camaraderie as music is created.

Founded in 1977, the Concord Singers are a non-auditioning women's community chorus that strives to achieve high quality musical performance through dedication and

professions, nationalities and ethnicities, many of whom also sing with other groups. They are under the direction of Michael Sanflippo, and their accompanist is Caroline Paro-

Two main concerts are presented yearly: a spring cor cert in May and a holiday concert in December, often with other local groups, soloists and/or instruments. Local performances have been numerous and varied, including two

Every other year a Choral Arts Award is presented to a promising high school junior or senior, whose life has been and will continue to be strongly influenced by music.

The Concord Singers' fifth popular Women's Choral Workshop, offered every other year and open to all local women, will take place on Jan. 22, under the direction of Noel Werner.

For information, call Debra Boyman at 908-771-0978 or visit their Web site: www.concordsingers.org.

## Organist performs all-Bach concert

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students attend free. A reception will be conducted following

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School of Music in Rochester in 1979. Brillhart spent a five-month study

Jeffrey Brillhart will perform an improvisation and performance. The organ, which was refurbished in 1997 all-Bach concert at 4 p.m. Jan. 23, at next year, he won first place in the Flentrop organs, designed with "track-The Unitarian Church in Summit, 4 American Guild of Organists' national er action," are highly responsive to a Waldron Ave. The program, part of the competition in organ improvisation. performer's touch because of a system Afternoon Music series, features the Since then, he has performed organ of levers directly connecting key and church's Flentrop organ, which was recitals and presented master classes pipe specially designed for the sanctuary in across the country. For the month of

As well-known for choral conducting as for his keyboard skills. Brillhart has been music director of Philadelit 908-273-3245. phila's Singing City Onon for the

A native of Iowa, Brillhart has been director of music and fine arts at the he conducts two adult choirs and over- Mozart quintet, and on May 1, "Old Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church since sees the youth choirs and the fine arts Friends," a revue of American popular 1983. He began piano lessons at age 5 program. This summer, he is sched-song with cabaret singers Phillip Offiand was given his first position as a uled to present choral reading work- cer and Marieann Meringolo. Pianist bachelor of church music degree from Drake University in Des Moines and was granted a masters in performance and literature from the Eastman

five years. At the Bryn Mawr church.

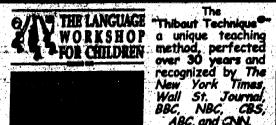
Atlanta, Philadelphia and Seattle.

Prize-winning Philadelphia organ- leave in Paris in 1993, studying organ cases the Summit church's 1,639-pip

Wind pressures in the pipes are January 2005, he has been invited to kept low to create a pure, unforced Yale as a visiting lecturer in improvi- sound, ideal for the compact, New England-style of the Unitarian sanctu-

more concert) in its 2004-2005 season-on March 13. Music for Piano and Winds, including a performance of the

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**EDITORIALS** 

### Perfect timing

We can think of no better way for local governing bodies to ring in a new year of serving the people by adopting local pay-to-play measures. State legislators have been wringing their hands regarding this issue since former Gov. James McGreevey "promised" to end pay-to-play on one hand, while the other was raking in campaign contri-

But the state's elected officials lack any political courage to enact serious reforms, for that would only hamper their own campaign and influence-peddling efforts. The legislation the state passed has been roundly criticized as being full of loopholes. Whether it's because of the press' inquiries regarding indictments and fallout from corruption cases, elected officials in some cases seem to be falling over themselves to create positions such as ethics boards and independent ethics panels.

After decades in the state Senate, Acting Gov. Richard Codey got into the act once he took office, announcing the creation of state inspector general to find waste, mismanagement and fraud in government spending. So, what have our elected officials been up to all this time?

One saving grace to the state's pay-to-play efforts is that the measures allow local municipal and county governing bodies to enact their own ordinances against pay-to-play, a practice of rewarding campaign contributors by awarding them no-bid contracts.

After the kind of year New Jersey had, citizens deserve some type of promise that such shenanigans won't be tolerated. For the most part, many local governing bodies are not as mired in the muck of campaign contributions and pay-to-play as those at the state level. Elected officials in certain towns might say, "But we don't have a problem with pay-to-play..." Simply because it's not a problem now is just not a good enough reason to ignore enacting a local ordinance or some type of local limits on campaign contributions or contract awards. Constituents deserve it.

### A sensible bill

A bill has recently been passed by the General Assembly that would raise the age limit for children to wear helmets when they ride bicycles, use skateboards or strap on roller skates. The current law states that children below the age of 14 must wear a helmet when they venture forth on wheels; the proposed law would make the requirement apply to children below the age of 17.

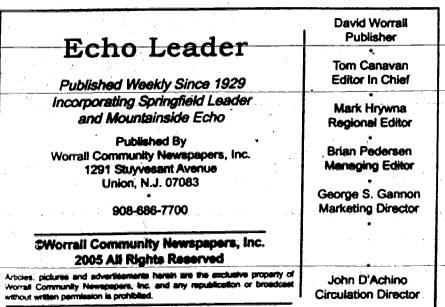
The bill was proposed in the Assembly by Assemblyman John McKeon, D-Essex, and Assemblywoman Upendra Chivulula, D-Somerset. It now goes to the Senate.

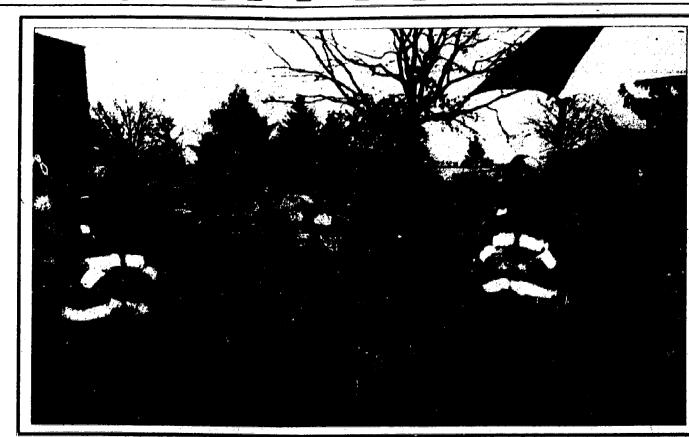
This bill makes good sense. Studies generally agree that helmets lower the incidence of head injury during a bike accident by anywhere from 45 percent to 85 percent. A helmet advocacy group has estimated that each year, approximately 67,000 hospital visits are needed to treat bicycleaccident head injuries and that two-thirds of all deaths of cyclists are caused by head injuries. And regarding the cost of head injuries, the California Department of Health Services has calculated that the lifetime cost of treating an individual with a serious head injury is \$4.6 million.

Studies also indicate that the usage of helmets by children increases when two factors coincide: the children are provided education regarding bike safety, and the prevailing law mandates that helmets be worn. We feel the proposed legislation reinforces the second point and expands its scope to include additional children. That's good.

Although kids can be finicky, we believe that helmets become second nature after being worn for a short while. Auto seat belts, before a law made them mandatory, were once considered by many people to be a nuisance. But today, most drivers automatically buckle up as they go through the motions of starting their car. We believe efforts should be made to have children consider donning a helmet to be a natural part of biking. And again, this bill would help, and possibly provide children with a safety habit that could last a lifetime. Enforcement of the law is of utmost importance. The current law is not enforced by local police in all of our communities, and the only way this can really be an effective law is if police take it seriously.

One other point is important, and that's the cost of a helmet. While top models can easily exceed \$100, discount stores offer them for as little as \$15, which still might be difficult for some families. If a community has many families that can't afford helmets, police will know, and hopefully might reach out to charitable groups and inform them of the need for donations prior to the annual bike safety rodeo events normally scheduled for the spring.





HARBOR — Despite a steady rain, a large contingent of veterans, augmented by a squad of Springfield firefighters, led by Chief Wayne Masiello. honored the servicemen who fought and died during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Represented at the ceremony at Veterans Memoria) Park in Springfield American Legion Post 228, Jewish War Veterans Post 273 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7683. The programwas led by American Legion Vice Commander Ethel Smith, center.

REMEMBER PEARL

### Springfield faces exciting challenges in '05

Congratulations to Steve and Clara on their re-election to Springfield's Township Committee for another three years. The voters undoubtedly have made a very wise decision and Springfield will benefit from their determination and dedication to make Springfield a better place in which to

live and work.

During this past year, we have faced many trials and tribulations. Some brought great pride and elation, such as the opening of our new firehouse, the remodeling and updating of our library and the hiring of more police officers and firemen. We would also like to thank Clara for her outstanding job in handling and achieving the reversal of our ISO classification. Everyone owes her a pat on the back for a job well done.

This past year, not everything has

— the day that the news broke. First

there were 21,000 casualties, Ten sec-

onds later on another Web site there

were 22,000. And then 23,000 five

It was the tsunami, of course. A

natural disaster of the worst kind. The By Seth Augenstein

seconds after that, elsewhere.

its path clean.

### I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and State Of The Township

the work would begin this spring on the rebuilding and reopening of Meisel Field. As far as this committee is concerned, there will be no compromises or excuses: the park must

Our biggest challenge is the rebuilding of our downtown. For at least 30 years, there has been talk about restoring our business district. Although talks have been stalled in the past, your Township Committee is dedicated to moving this project for-

The old Perelli's gas station, which come up roses. I regret to say that the has been an eyesore for years, has problems continue with the county on been purchased and, hopefully, this the land swap and the renovation and renovation will lead to the beginning reopening of Meisel Field. Last year, I of our downtown's redevelopment. formed a committee, which consisted Also, we have been working with an of members of the Board of Educator architect on a plan to renovate Town tion, Township Committee and con- Hall and our current Police DepartThese projects have been long Residents on Evergreen Avenue

for Springfield. In June, we will cele-tened and, hopefully, solved their brate the 225th anniversary of the Bat-problems, which has made their neightle of Springfield and we are moving borhood a safer place to live and raise our fireworks display up one week to their children. make this one spectacular weekend. Springfield will be getting worldwide sworn in as volunteers to serve on varexposure in August when Baltusrol ious committees. A philosopher once Golf Club will host the PGA Champi- said: "If I am for myself, who is for onship, which will be telecast in more me? If I am only for myself, what am

we promise never to give up. In every election campaign, the amount of money to improve our volunteers, which include the Volunfacilities, we continue to apply for teer Fire Department, Police Auxilgrants to improve our parks. In addi- iary, Emergency Management, First

reopening of the M&E Railroad, and

dents on Short Hills Avenue and acted coming year, to alleviate parking and traffic prob-

and Smithfield Drive were concerned This year will be an exciting one about speeding traffic. Again, we lis-

> ? If not now, when?" This is so true. Although we all

lead busy lives, some of us still make time to volunteer to help make this township a better place to live and challenger always says our parks and work. I coined the phrase "Take pride recreation programs need upgrading. in Springfield," and everyone on the Although we have spent a tremendous governing body wants to thank those tion, we are adding lights to Roessner - Aid Squad and all those who serve on Field and, hopefully, the two softball the various appointed boards, for their commitment to help make Springfield We encourage our residents to a better community tomorrow than it inform us of neighborhood problems is today. Once again, I wish everyone and concerns. We listened to the resi- the best of health and happiness in the

lems caused by a medical practice, Sy Muliman is the mayor of Spring-

body on an entire continent to move a

couple miles inland for a few hours.

Bush gave his reactions to these

claims; and for once, I agree with the

president. The only people less gener-

### includes in-depth meetings with polit- parents at an honors breakfast.

Students receive sensitivity training

Zabludovsky selected for political program

call Bill Giannone at 908-789-8692.

only if space exists on a team.

The Eagleton Institute of Politics ecently announced that Shira Zabludovsky of Springfield has boom

selected as a candidate to partici-bate in its Under-aduate Associ-

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ants" after an exhaustive process fror to acceptance. The agenda

Mountainside Youth Baseball will host registration for

The program is for boys and girls 6-14 years of age as

the 2005 season from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Jan. 15

and from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at Deerfield School, 302 Cen-

of Aug. 1, 2005. Introduction to Baseball is for children

who are 6 years old by Aug. 1; T-ball players are eligible if

they are age 7 by Aug. 1. American League is for 8- to 9-

year-olds, Major League for 10- to 12-year-olds, and Pony

League is for 13- to 14-year-olds. Anyone signing up after Jan. 15 will be placed on a waiting list and allowed to play

poration that sponsors these programs. For information,

intainside Youth Baseball is a private non-profit cor-

ical science faculty at Rutgers University, as well as individuals active in the political arena. Zabłudovsky, a consistent dean's

STUDENT UPDATE

On Dec. 20. Springfield third- and fourth-grade students visited Children's Specialized Heapital's Mountainside facility for a sensitivity training program to raise awareness of children with disabilities. Trisha Yurochko, head coach of the Wheelchair Sports station

at the hospital, shows two students how to rotate the wheels on a racing wheelchair.

Registration opens for Youth Baseball

list student, is a junior at Rutgers University. She is the daughter of Shraga and Linda Zabludovsky of Springefield.

Honors for Geislinger side, a junior at Union Catholic echieved first honors for the first marking period. The announcement

First honor students must attain a grade point average of 3.75 with no grade below a B.

Attention churches and social clubs

with the Berkeley Heights-New Providence Iscrosse clubs.

The Chiefs Lacrosse Club sponsors team play for boys

in grades three to eight. The season runs from mid-March

through the end of May. Registration will be conducted this

week. New players can check the Web site www.c/niefs-

lacrosse for grades five to eight. Registration is currently

The New Providence-Lacrosse Club sponsors girls

Berkeley Heights Recreation is offering lacrosse clinics

for 4-year-olds, grades one to two and grades three to four.

Registration has begun and information is available from

the Berkeley Heights Recreation Office at 908-464-0550.

lacrosse.org for sign-up information.

site www.nplax.com for information.

This newspaper encourages con-gregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, doublespaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached

tor, P. O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

#### **EVENTS** Author appears for

book signing, reading

Essence bestselling author Carl Weber will be conducting a reading and signing of his newly released book, "The Preacher's Son," at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 240 Route 22 west, in Springfield, at

Booklist calls his latest work "Compelling." Highly-acclaimed, national bestselling author Carl Weber has won over readers and critics with his tales of family drama; including "Married Men," "Player Haters" and "Baby Momma Drama." His Intest book. "The Preacher's Son," turns family values on edge with the tale of a popular Queens, N.Y. pastor's 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 do..." For information, call 973-376-

#### Nocturnal hikers embark on 'Owl Prowl

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. Wednesday.

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

Trailside is a facility of the Union County Department of Parks & Recreation and is located at 452 New Provunder way and interested players should go to their Web idence Road in Mountainside. For nformation, call 908-789-3670.

#### Pat Cooper concert offered by Knights Springfield Knights of Columbus

will present "Pat Cooper in Concert," Feb. 26, at a cost of \$72.50 per person. ransportation and all taxes and gratuities. Seats are limited on a first come, first served basis.

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

#### GL Booster plans Super Saturday

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The Booster at Governor Livingston High School, 175 Watchung Blvd., Berkeley Heights, invites the public to Super Saturday on Jan. 22. Highlander Market, featuring many.

Irene Green of Springfield, or 'Nana' as the students in

Joan Magee's class at the Edward V. Walton School know her, enjoys being the 'queen of the day' when she stops by to celebrate her 100th birthday during a special party with the students.

### **Walton School establishes** upcoming registration dates

Registration for children eligible Ave., Springfield. Parents are for the 2005-06 prekindergarten pro- requested to call the school at 973gram in the Springfield public 376-1304, if necessary, to schedule schools, as well as for those children an alternate registration session. eligible for kindergarten in Scotember, who are not currently enrolled in the Walton School Early Childhood Center prekindergarten program will be conducted on the following days:

with A-E from 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 before Dec. 1, 2005. Jan. 14, last names beginning following materials to the registra-

Jan. 13, last name beginning

with: F.K from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or. . Jan. 18, last names beginning

with: L-Q; 10 to 11 a.m. or 1:45 to - Jan. 19, last names beginning

The day kicks off with a Family Pan- with R-Z; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 1:45

• Two proofs of residency New Jersey driver's license · Utility bill, lease or contract

· Child's birth certificate

To be eligible for prekindergarten

Children entering kindergarten

Parents are requested to bring the

Current immunization records

must reach their fifth birthday on or

a child must be a resident of Spring-

field, and be 4 years old on or before

A child's registration will be offi-Registration will be conducted at ate vaccines and two proofs of resi-Edward V. Walton School, Early dency are submitted at the time of

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#### kind that makes our American natural Staff Writer disasters — Florida hurricane, Midwest flood, California earthquake seem like excuses for school closings. The earthquake, which was measured at a terrifying 9.0 on the Richter scale, makes even the worst rumblings of the

Troops can be deployed for relief effort

Never in the history of the planet Earth has there ever been such a horrific

natural disaster as there was when the tsunami devastated 11 nations in South-

east Asia and the western shores of Africa. The current count of lost lives is more

than 130,000 persons, and the survivors, many of whom lost their children, rel-

atives and friends, plus all of their possessions, are in desperate need of clean

\$35 million. According to reports on NBC-TV Channel 4, \$35,000,000 is

approximately the amount that it would take to finance four hours of one day in

the Iraqi War... with the added comment that it is currently estimated that one

whole day's cost to American taxpayers is one billion to maintain and supply

troops and equipment for a 24-hour period. America is now giving \$350 million.

The Bush Administration had no exit plan when it invaded Iraq with the

Here is an opportunity for the Washington, D.C. politicians to create a face-

saving exit plan by having the coalition forces leave Iraq immediately. They

excuse of seeking weapons of mass destruction and a facilitation of the task to

create that country into a democracy by eliminating Saddam Hussein.

President George W. Bush and the U.S. Congress initially pledged a measly

my homepage; each and all of them San Andreas Fault seem like driving being horrible, if quick, deaths. There over a winter pothole. At the speed limit. And the whole account of the spectacle of the tsunami is literally awesome and unbelievably awful. The Some people escaped by scrambling up to the higher floors of coastal buildings which remained standing. dying fish flopping on the suddenlybare seabed. The horizon rices. Sud-

denly it's the wave - 500 miles per hour and several stories high. It swoops on land and crashes, sweeping

communities were caught in the tide. able to save hundreds of thousands of The last ticker just reached 117,000 on people. It's an admirable use of the

We need to try to empathize with tragedy's victims

Scuba divers out at sea knew nothing

cases and shortages due to the afterquickly warning anybody and everyeffects of the catastrophe. Typhoid, cholera, malaria, hepatitis, and diarrhea are all going to spread throughout Asia's southern basin, piling higher the mounds of diseased corpses. New sources throughout the Western world are directing possible donathe people of every other country on

press. But a page later there's news life whether they plan to donate, they about Paris Hilton and her boyfriend just shrug and say, not really -- didn't of the hour, begging a moment's distraction from the tragedy at hand. And "then, there — there's the skinny on the newest reality television show starring a boozed-up ex-rock star trying to 117,000 is just a statistic again, to paraphrase that old Joe Stalin.

Meanwhile the international com-But, as is so often the case, the sur- munity — i.e. Europe — is chastising vivors may not necessarily be the the rich nations of the world - i.e. the lucky ones. The Red Cross estimated United States — for not contributing

Perhaps I'm not as attuned to the harsh realities of mass death as others, stumble through college. Somehow but something of this magnitude affects me. For anybody else of like nind, donations can be sent to the ly provided; the organizations are too

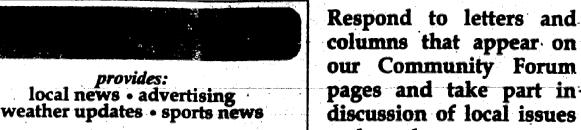
numerous to list here. Doctors Without

Borders might be a suitable choice. LETTER TO THE EDITOR could allow the National Guard members, who make up more than 40 percent of the current fighting force there, to go home to their families, and deploy the reg-

> gigantic tsunami. The construction workers and equipment could remain in Iraq with a few American troops to protect them together with a promise of cash for rebuilding communities. Instead of wreaking havoc and political turmoil in the Near East area, the billions of dollars now allocated by the U.S. government to be spent on military personnel, logistical support, firearms and other destructive mechanisms in Iraq could be diverted to nations hit by the tsunami who are in dire need of the basic items for survival, with an extra sum to ward off starvation and disease plus the restoration of governmental offices, medical care and hospitals, fire and police

> ular American troops and equipment to help the millions of people struck by the

stations, school systems, roads and bridges, etc. It is estimated that, in the next few days, the total lives lost will exceed 150,000, not to mention about five million homeless persons. These are innocent people who have experienced a great, unforeseen tragedy who deserve much more help than the quagmired warring efforts now going on in Iraq, hampered insurgents' constant hombings and sniper shootings.



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tion concerns the meaning of these

named John Mark, a relatively obscure

person, so far as New Testament

records indicate. Believed to have

been a relative of Barnabas, who was

one of the leaders of the church in

Antioch, Mark accompanied Paul and

Barnabas on one of their missionary

journeys and was a companion of

Peter during the time when that disci-

ple spent his last years in the city of

as much accuracy as possible the main

duced in the Gospels that were written

later. The authors of both Matthew and

Luke appear to have included in each

of their gospels all that was necessary

to be remembered from Mark, in

which case the oldest of the Gospels

would be replaced by later and more

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gospel of Mark records with

The author of Mark was a Christian

Children enjoy making crafts for the holidays at the 'Make a Craft' fair at the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield on Dec. 4. At the fair, new Walton School Principal Susle Hung has a fun-filled time with her siblings.

### Temple Beth Ahm offers winter events

Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, will offer new programs this winter. For information on any of political outreach and development efforts in the northeast the following, call 973-376-0539 ext. 11.

. Temple Beth Ahm presents "Shabbat, an Island in Time..." The program invites participants to take a spiritual cruise at 6:30 p.m. Friday. This program features the tem- Jan. 28 Shabbat Service. The guest speaker is Dr. Marc ple's Youth Klezmer Orchestra and their Kita Vav class. Jaffe, who will be speaking on his experience as an official who will join Cantor Nadel in leading the service. A traditional Shabbat Dinner will follow, featuring mer.

Israeli singing and dancing led by Tuvia. The cost for the dinner is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children Admission is free for Kitah Vav students. Call for din- to represent the United States at an Olympic event in an ner reservations.

The 6:30 p.m. service is open to all.

• Temple Beth Ahm will offer the Friday Night speaker series, starting on Jan. 14. These programs have been gencrously underwritten by Felsen Insurance Services Inc., whom the temple would like to publicly thank for their sup-

On Jan. 14 at the 8 p.m. Shabbat Service, the first guest speaker will be Michael Sachs of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. Sachs is the Northeast regional director for AIPAC and manages AIPAC's largest staff outside of Washington, D.C.

### Musician performs for family service at Sha'arey Shalom

cian in Jewish music, will bring his heritage," Recht "Shabbat Alive!" service to Temple added. Sha'arey Shalom, 78 South Springfield Ave., Springfield, at 8 p.m. Jan. Recht Band is 21. This program is sponsored by the the top-touring Rita and Ed Fink Family Foundation. group in Jewish Rick Recht's "Shabbat Alive!" music today, perspiritual, musical sabbath service than 125 con-

unique spiritual feeling. "It's amazing to join a community English, based on Jewish text and in a beautiful Shabbat setting which is themes of social responsibility. Recht so inspiring to Jewish youth and is known for his interactive performadults," said Recht. "This is what ances that have earned him a strong, Judaism is all about. I love the music. loval national fan base of all ages. the interaction and the talented con- Recht has become an icon for Jewish gregants that participate during the youth in the United States, elevating sage by e-mail to office@shaarev.org.

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ple Youth Groups and Junior Choir.

official capacity.

tor, Rabbi Lisa Vernon.

out to Temple Beth Ahm.

involving the participation of the Tem- certs each year from coast to coast. Recht's musical contributions mark "Shabbat Alive!" services have a the birth of a unique blend of pop, radio-friendly music in Hebrew and

oping Jewish pride and identity among

part of the country. Sachs will discusses the mission of this

The second date of their series continues at the 8 a.m.

chiropractor to the US Olympic Team in Athens last sum-

icine and was one of only eight chiropractors ever selected

A Summit chiropractor, Jaffe specializes in sports med-

· Participants are invited to sign up for fun-filled Israeli

The classes will be taught by a certified dance instruc-

The cost for the eight weeks is \$80, with a check made

The class will be limited to 25 people, so if interested.

day night, for eight weeks, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

"Rick's music is part of our Jewish renaissance," said Rob Goldberg, vice president for campus strategic services day hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. of Hillel's Schusterman International Center in Washington, D.C.

melodies engage all denominations and generations."

The temple serves as a social, edu cational and religious focal center for the communities, with an outreach program, active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Group and a strong Social Action Program.

The community is invited to the "Shabbat Alive!" service.

For information, call the temple office at 973-379-5387 or send a messervice." "Right away, everyone feels the medium of Jewish music as a Information is also available on the aligned and connected to each other powerful and effective tool for devel-temple Web site, www.shaarey.org.

The Good Books Discussion Group of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. will meet at 7 p.m. today to discuss "The Human

"The Human Stain" is the third of Philip Roth's trilogy of novels that explore the relationship between public 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 ext. 228.

"Only in New York!" is an expres sion most people hear all the time. Often, there is a store for every want and desire, and they never close. The individual is the rule, not the excep-

An exhibit of David J. Lipman's York, can be viewed at The Donald B. Free Public Library, 66 Mountain

"Everyone is surprised by the strange or the unexpected except in New York City, where it's considered

"N.Y.C. Lite" is a photographic journal of a "normal" series of days in New York City, Lipman has tried to capture the unique and diverse qualities of the city.

Lipman is a commercial and fine art photographer, born and educated in London, England. He entered the advertising field, specializing in traditional and then digital photography and image manipulation. He also is an

Hours of the exhibit are from 10 folk dancing classes at Temple Beth Ahm, Israeli folk dance a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesclasses will be offered at Temple Beth Ahm every Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. For information, call 973-376-

#### **Donations sought**

The Friends of the Springfield Publie Library would like donations of 9676 or sending a message by e-mail to Genya2@aol.com. used paperback novels. Also welcome would be magazines within a years date and costume jewelry.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Sun-For information, call 973-376-

### a seashore escape

Heat up for winter and dream of warmer times with an exhibit of oil paintings titled "The Beach Show." by

The show will be displayed at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., from Jan, 18 through Feb. 24. A reception to meet the artist will be conducted from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 23.

abstract paintings, titled "Underwater

#### AT THE LIBRARY

Fire," along with paintings of under- that it records but that less interpretawater flowers, bubbles and assorted The Human Stain creatures. Included in the show is a events than in the other Gospels.

series of paintings titled "Beach." Fuess has had more than 100 group Stain" by Philip Roth.

#### Lipman exhibit unveils unusual side of NYC

photography called "N.Y.C. Lite," capturing the whimsical side of New Palmer Museum of the Springfield Ave., through Jan. 13.

'normal,'" said Lipman.

illustrator and watercolorist.

### Exhibit offers viewers

The show will feature a series of

Group discusses

shows and 35 solo shows in his career. He is former curator at the Watchung Arts Center and the founder and director of the 10-year-old New Art Group. His Web site is www.jim-As of January 1999, Jim Fuess had

curated or been responsible for 94 art shows at the Watchung Arts Center and 27 shows for the New Art Group. He was the curator for art shows in his home town at the Berkeley Heights

events of the life and teachings of Jesus. A record of this kind furnished evidence to support the belief that a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. Jesus was the true Messiah; by believto 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and ing in Jesus, people could obtain sal-Saturdays. Sunday hours are from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call 973-A relatively short gospel, most of the material contained in it, is repro-376-4930

#### 'Gospel of Mark' gets discussed on Jan. 20

Once a month, the Great Books Discussion Group meets to examine the great books of Western civilization. The spring selections range from essays to fiction. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. at 10 a.m.

The King James Version of the Gospel of Mark will be discussed on Jan. 20. From a historical point of view, Mark, being the oldest of the Gospels, is the most reliable. The reason for which is not merely that it is

closer in point of time to the events

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ruth M. Rees, Secretary U98527 ECL Jan. 8, 2005 (\$5.25)

Pursuant to the New Jersey Public Meetings Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, the Regular Meetings of the Township Committee are held in the Committee Room, Municipal Building, the Monday Workshop Meetings are hald in the Municipal Annex Building.

The year 2005 Meeting Dates	are as follows:	and the second
JANUARY 10th Monday 11th Tuesday 24th Monday 25th Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 7th Monday 8th Tuesday 22nd Tuesday 22nd Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
MARCH 7th Monday 8th Tues lay 21st Monday 22nd Tuesday.	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
April 11th Monday 12th Tuesday 25th Monday 26th Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
9th Monday 10th Tuesday 23rd Monday 24th Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
JUNE 13th Monday 14th Tuesday 27th Monday 28th Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
JULY 11h Monday 12th Tuesday 25th Monday 26th Tuesday	Work Shop Session (tegular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
AUGUST- 8th Monday 9th Tuesday 22nd Monday 23rd Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
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NOVEMBER 7th Monday 8th Tuesday 21st Monday 22nd Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
DECEMBER 12th Monday 13th Tuesday 27th Tuesday	Work Shop Session Regular Meeting Work Shop Session	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI (\$133.50)



## said "I see diversity and strength

here today. It's the reason Plainfield is moving forward." --- Plainfield Council Presider Linds Carter at the swearing in o

Ray Blanco, the first Hispani councilman in the city. "We believe that when we get chance to tell our story in court, will be clear that Merck did th longest-serving sheriff. right thing in terms of its study of

the drug and the actions it took." - Ted Mayer, an attorney for Rahway's Merck & Co., regarding he lawsuits over their drug Vioxx.

### Left By Frank Capece

"The juvenile detention center will be among several projects that will witness a ground breaking or a ribbon cutting this New Year." - Freeholder Chairman Rick

"Hey ref, what are you trying to be the show?"

- An angry, unnamed fan after referee called a technical foul on Hillside center Antione Brinson for hanging on the rim during the Joe Silver Holiday Basketball

"This transaction is a great victory for the City of Suspenit and meets both Calances, and Calagrane Corporation's business

- Jeffrey Garibaldi represent ing the sale of Celanton site to permenters to be located in Spendill.

growth, but not a new boom in any shape or form." - Richard Berner Chief econ-

omist of Morgan Stanley on consumer confidence in the New Year.
No talking Jason, we are closing in an hour for New Year's and you haven't restocked the notato

-A Kings of Garwood manage er speaking to a store clerk at p.m. on New Year's Evo.

"As we continue to transform our E'Port area, new citywide construction continues to flourish: 1,702 building permits were issued., 209 permits were issued for two-family homes. Seven multi-dwelling permits were issued for a total of 96 new rental units. And holding true to our commitment of revitalizing neigh-

- Blizabeth Mayor Christian Bollwage on Jan. 1. "In 2003 rates of violen

property crime revealed the lowest level since the government began surveying crime victims 30 years ago. Still in 2003 the number of state immates tres 375 percent higher then 1980."

--- Report of the State Commi

tion to review criminal sentencin on the impact of mandatory mi nums on sentencing. "You have the stereotype of an old woman with glasses and a bun elling people to shush. I know

nany people who are librarians

- Karen Novick. head Library Studies at Rutgers Univertity, speaking about the statewide hortage of librarians.

few of them are like

in attorney, Frank Capece is a esident of Cranford.

> Barry said the case involved "a director of the academy, written a "the training procedures utilized by March said that as a result of the known as the "hall crawl" in which recruits must crawl down the hall.

around a corner, run up four flights and then down four flights of stairs.

flight of stairs.

liability issue," which is why he rec- week later, states that he fell though the Union County Police Academy, County, the academy, D'Alessio's

tlement phase, said there are navally

who witnessed the incident con-dated February 1998, said the acade- to say that it was the county's "over- ney returned telephone calls seeking



## County aims to expand recreational initiatives

Freeholders look to open space trust fund for funding

By A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer In front of a crowded courtroom. five Union County officials took their

terms and the new year. Ralph Froehlich of Union started his 10th term as Union County sheriff. continuing his run as the state's tor, introducing the year's theme. "I

oaths of office, starting their new

"You may not realize it, but I was supposed to be a one-term sheriff." he told the crowd, reminding them of his first election 28 years ago.

Froehlich was joined by county Surrogate James LaCorte, and Free- Park in Union was an action the counholders Daniel Sullivan. Bette Jane ty plans to continue this year. Proctor ty" initiative. Kowalski and Adrian Mapp, who were also sworn in Sunday at the Union County Courthouse.

The three freeholders then joined their fellow board members for the municipalities that wish to build a reorganization meeting, the first meeting of the year, where their first actions were to officially elect Rick designed so that children with disabil-Proctor of Rahway as chairman and vice chairman.

Proctor, who will be completing said Proctor.

Boundless playgrounds The construction and opening announced that \$500,000 in matching funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund would be made available to

"Our freeholder team is to provide

believe this set of initiatives for 2005

for the next year."

boundless playeround. "Boundless playgrounds ities can enjoy outdoor recreation. Alexander Mirabella of Fanwood as while encouraging children without disabilities to play alongside them,"

He also announced the creation of vear, introduced five initiatives for a new boundless playground at the 2005 that sim to serve Union County 13-acre Esposito Farm in Clark. The county had helped preserve the farm residents, from the oldest to the through the trust fund in 2003, and the plan for the property adopted that fall safety, services and results for all of had included soccer and softball Union County's residents," said Proc- fields, a walking path, two tennis courts, a skateboard park, and a band-

meets that standard, and raises the bar actions for 2004, which included the preservation of a 17-acre property in Berkeley Heights, the preservation of the boundless playground at Rizzuto the 19-acre Peterson Farm in Plainfield, and the "Greening Union Coun-

approved by voters in 2000 and is raised through a dedicated property ment. This year, the coard would like tax of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed to make sure kids have access to them. mation in an emergency situation, but value; approximately \$40 annually for the average Union County home. The est needs was to transport children to fund raises about \$8 million each year. the recreational activities they partici-

Citing the success of last year" Kids Recreation Trust Fund initiative. Proctor announced an expansion o the county's programs that deal with

Kids Recreation Trust Fund

\$500,000 in matching funds from the trust fund for municipalities that wish to install or upgrade lighting for playing fields "This program will build upon the an existing van in the county fleet success of our Field of Dreams initia- which would be modified to contain

Kids in Motion program.

approximately \$1 million in scholar-

ships, field improvements, and equip-

nate in." said Proctor, announcing the

Kids in Motion is modeled after the

and allows municipalities to apply for

The county will also provide

participate in recreational programs.

used to transport children who wish to sense.

"We soon realized one of the great-

tive," said Proctor. Reserve medical corps The third initiative Proctor proposed involves public safety and

entergency management.

"Ity will work to create a countywide reserve medical corps utilizing
retired doctors and nurses." Proctor an extra layer of emergency preparedness and response."

health profession students as well as **Emergency Response Teams.** These teams will be made

especially seniors," Proctor said. "We doctors and nurses, who will work to Development Block Grant program develop and organize Community the up-to-\$5,000 grants can be used to

· Arts

Entertainment

county officials in the event of an

trained to organize volunteers at disas

ter sites, aid victims, and collect infor-

hopefully be able to implement the

idea of a CERT team in municipalities

Traveling Trailside

ence Center renovation is nearing

Freeholders will continue expanding

traveling exhibit. Described as "a

mobile eco-lab." the exhibit would

provide a mobile educational experi-

ence similar to that of the stationary

museum. The lab will be created from

computers, microscopes, binoculars and other audio and visual aids.

Senjer citizen heme

Improvement program
The final initiative amounced Sun-

obtain through the county to help pay

is difficult enough for anyone, and

"Maintaining a home or residence

for maintenance on their property.

As the Trailside Nature and Sci-

across the county as well.

Surrogate James LaCorte was sworn in to another live-

Seniors in Motion program of 2000, completion, the Board of Chosen

a vehicle from the county that will be services at that location, at least in a

year term on Sunday after winning election in November

· Classified

· Real Estate

Automotive

fix a roof, upgrade plumbing or electrical systems, or for other maintecounty employees that work in facili- nance activities. The grants will be ties spread throughout the county that allocated as forgivable loans to will receive 20 hours of training in income-eligible seniors as long as they various aspects of disaster and emer-remain on the property for three years gency management in order to provide or more.

Guzzo pointed to the home detention pro-

Team, which works to speed the legal process, as

examples of county initiatives to lower the pop-

important step in main-

aining and lowering

Overflow at detention center costs \$1.5 million

family as he is given the oath of office by Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.

Rules Sufficen of Elizabeth is the longest-serving (reenolder on the board, having first seen appointed 10 years ago. At Sunday's reorganization meeting, he is surrounded by his

As the county gears up to work on the site of \$1.2 million in 2005 to house juveniles at other ...... Sussex County also house some of the over- gram, which provides an alternative to deten a new county juvenile detention facility, the cap county facilities. on the current facility remains, and so does the question: what does the county do with the over- commission, according to the director of juvenile

According to Frank Guzzo, director of the Union County Division of Human Services, there are currently several options in place. "We've worked really hard to put supports in place to keep this population low," Guzzo said. "We are one of the lowest centers in the state as

dated a 34-inmate cap on the number of juveniles that could be detained at the Union Coun-more than five Union detainees at a time, Pollio ty facility in 2003, Union County contracted said. with other counties around the state to handle

Morris, Middlesex, Bergen and Sussex counties accept Union County's juvenile inmates. "We've averaged in 2004 around 20 to 22

kids out on an average day," Guzzo said. "Today, I've got six kids out," he said Tuesday. The contracts state that the other counties are paid for detainees on a per-person, per-diem basis, an amount Guzzo said averaged \$158.50. said, citing a number of contributing for stors that On a day when six juveniles are being held out were internal issues and he could not a vulge. of county, the county would pay the other facili-

The county budged \$1.5 million last year and The contracts were arranged through the state

facilities for Morris County, Tom Pollio. "The JJC had administratively ordered other counties to take them," ha said, stating that contracts were negotiated between the counties as to the amount of money.

"We're at 50 to 60 percent capacity." Pollio said. "That's one of the reasons the JJC chose use as one of the counties to handle the overflow." Union County's contract with Morris County stipulates that the Morris facility will take no

inmates from Union County," he said. While Warren County was listed as one of the places that had taken overflow detainees from

Union County, Lt. Robert Castner, the director of the Warren facility, said that they had ended the contract in November. "We did have a contract with them, but we no

longer take inmates from Union County," he

Warren County had been taking a maximum

of four inmates, he said, but would not discuss through a number of programs, not just through why the county had discontinued the practice or the contracts with different counties. the amount of money involved in the contract.

"Our job is to take care of the children," Sta-

pleton said. "It doesn't matter whether they're

from Sussex county or Union county. We just try

The contracts for all the counties are tempo-

Guzzo also stated that Union County is

rary, and will likely end once the new Union

County facility is complete, according to Frank

to provide the best services we can."

flow population from Union County, Superintenin a facility, and the Union Juvenile Expediting dent Joseph Stapleton confirmed. "We take around five, one over, one under," he said, stating that Union County was the only county from which they received detainees "for

about a year and a half.

"Giving those tools to the judiciary is an ties. Sussex is not at 'We've worked really hard juvenile populations,' capacity and was to put supports in place to he said. "Providing we approached by the JJC

approached by the JJC keep this population low. put money in the front to receive inmates. keep this population low. of this system as well as According to Stapleton. the contracts and pay-

- Frank Guzzo the back, we should be able to maintain a stable ments are handled through Sussex County gov-That stable population will soon get a permaernment and not through their juvenile facility. nent home, as the Union County Improvement and their facility has also been contracted for

Authority recently approved several resolutions for the next phase of the construction process and for the purchase of Conrail property, a strip of land that adjoins the current property in Linden. "Within a few weeks we should have people on site to do the demolition, which is the first

phase of the construction process," Guzzo said. referring to the 80,000-square-foot warehouse that currently stands on the Linden property, a structure that Guzzo said could not be converted

## ormer police recruit is awarded \$190,000 in court settlement

Staff Writer

A lawsuit stemming from a back ajury sustained in 1998 by a recruit John H. Stamler Police Academy as finally resulted in a settlement of most \$200,000 in favor of the

for \$190,000 at the advice of ounty Counsel Robert Barry.

Court documents state that during stairs after he was pushed from contrary to laws, regulations, and chising D'Alessio to suffer "great dropped from the suit during the settraining on Jan. 30, 1998, D'Alessio behind, and then was stepped on, standards which govern police train-physical and mental pain," which was injured at the Scotch Plains causing him to fall down a second ing in the State of New Jersey." facility during a training activity

firmed D'Alessio's fall, none report- my had discontinued use of the train- all evaluation after thorough negotia- comment. of stairs, run along another hallway, ed a push or a step.

The initial claim for damages, had fallen. filed in March of that year, states that

A memo from the director of the While other statements from those police academy, Anthony Parenti, particulars of the lawsuit other than

A complaint filed the following

ing activity during which D'Alessio tions" that it was "a reasonable settle-

ommended a settlement to the board. a door and down the first flight of and its agents were improper and fliatructor and others actions of the case. One, whose client had been

ment." and included money for med- they become too expensive to fight.



EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH Mackey, Sr. Pastor. Sundays: 9:30 AM Bible NCSY chapters for pre-teens. Our Sisterhood School for all ages - Nursery through Seniors: Adult Education and Youth groups provide 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 Children ages 4-11; 6:00 PM Evening Service & Nursery care. Wednesday .: 7:15 PM Prayer TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 79 4 Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High 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-

179-4351. Mondays - 7:00 pm - FNGLISH AS - Presidents, Temple Sha'arev Shajom is a Reform JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at LEMPLE BETH AHM 60 Temple Drive, 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Springfield 973-376-0539 Mark Mallach 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 egalitarian, 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 3-7; and Tuesday Thurs. 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-\$ 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 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. and pre-Religious School aged children. The For more information, call the Temple office, ynagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's (973) 379-5387. cague. Men's Club, youth groups for sixth **LUTHER'AN** brough twelfth graders, and a busy Adult

#### 1 ducation program. For more information, please HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 contact our office during office hours. JEWISH-ORTHODOX

Sprinefield, 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 Comperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Modern Orthodox synagogue There are two Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor., (908) 232-1517. skuly weekday morning Minyans at 6.15 a m. and Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship (ii) a.m. Daily weekday Mincha Maariy
Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services. conducts classes for children aged 2.1.2 to 4. A handicapped accessible.

#### 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.

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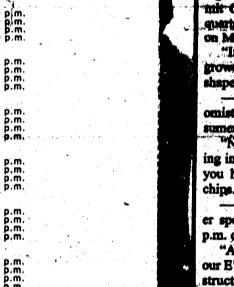
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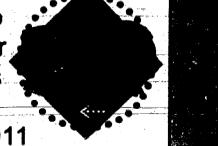
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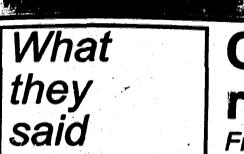
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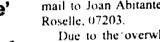
#### Women of Excellence nominations deadline

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

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

For an official nomination form, call Scan Faughnan at 908-527-4107 or go to www.ucnj.org to download the form. Once the form is completed,



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n this annual event, the Union Coun-Women is encouraging all nominations to be submitted as soon as possi-For more information, call Abitante

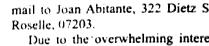
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#### Winter luncheon set for Tuesday

The Union County Retired Education Association winter luncheon will be Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut

A professor from Rutgers Cooperative Extension Services will speak on "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?" For more information, call Grace Kingsbury at 908-272-5428.

#### Registration for riding lessons to begin

Spring will be here before you · Wednesday, 4 to 8:30 p.m., Linknow it, and Union County's Watchung Stable is busy preparing for the start of riding lessons.

Applicants with previous experience may be asked to demonstrate their riding ability in order to be placed in the

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

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

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

Registration forms and fees must live or work in Union County are age or older. Class and troop assign- be submitted in-person beginning Jan. ments are based upon riding ability as 4 at Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit determined by the stable management. 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-

#### Legal professionals' dinner meeting Jan. 25

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals, will hold its regular

Members and guests are encouraged to begin gathering at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m., and the guest speaker immediately following the dinner will be Union County Assistant Prosecutor Robert O'Leary.

For reservations or more information, call Judy Reed at 908 355-4892 or send an e-mail to j.reed1@att.net. All legal professionals who either

UCLSA provides legal education and networking opportunities and presents an annual scholarship to a qualified individual living in Union County who is pursuing a law related career at its annual installation of officers banquet in May of each year.

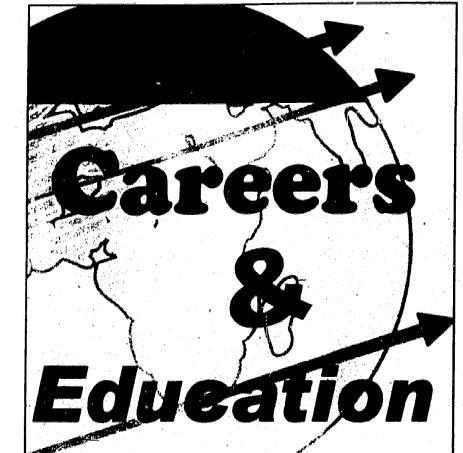
invited to attend UCLSA meetings.

#### Correction

In "Freeholders adopt lead ban at range" in the Dec. 23 edition, the monthly dinner meeting Jan. 25 at the County Board of Chosen Freeholders Wei's Buffet, 711 E. First Ave., ask the EPA to show scientific proof of lead leaching into the water or back off," should have been attributed to Elizabeth resident Jerry Goldman.

> It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made

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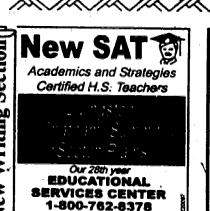
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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## flourish in program

By Jeff Cummins **Associate Editor** 

Logan Takahashi was asker what drew him to the violin, and he took a few moments to ponder the

> Then, suddenly, he responded by saying, "There are just things that music can express that words Seldom has one quote capture

omething so accurately. Takahashi, of South Orange, an olleague Denise Paccagnini Fairfield, are both members of th Youth Orchestras of Essex County which will has been honing the musical skills of area youth since

Takahashi plays the viol while Paccagnini plays the viols which she said produces a mor mellow sound than a violin. Both will be practicing through-

out the winter to prepare for th chamber music concert, which scheduled for April 11 at 6 p.m and the spring concert, which scheduled for May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Both events are planned to be held at Sterling Hall, South Orange Middle School, 70 N. Ridgewoo

Road in South Orange. Takahashi was led to the orches ra through his sister's involvemen "My sister Alli played the flute with the Youth Orchestras of Essex County," he said, "and I used to pick her up with my mom from

rehearsals. It looked appealing." Often, when you hear of a student excelling so quickly at music, there's a temptation to think that there's a musical tradition within the family, but Takahashi maintained that wasn't the case with his

nusical instruments, but there's not much tradition involved." he said. Still, seeing his sister involved with the orchestra proved to b

"My parents kind of played

enough to gain his attention.

So Takahashi took up the viol in the fourth grade, and joined th Youth Orchestras the following

High School now, with a healthy, six-plus years of orchestral work under his belt. Paccagnino, a junior at Moun t. Dominic's, has seven years vested in the orchestral program, hav-

ing first begun her career with a pri-It didn't take long before th nstructor took note of Paccagnino's musical talents.

"I was taking private lessons and he teacher told me to audition, and did." said Paccagnino One point stressed by both musi

cians is that playing in an orchestra taught them about playing in group, about how their parts fit with the greater whole. Not that playing in a group better than playing solo, just diffe

group as opposed to playing by yourself," said Paccagnino. "It helps you listen to other parts of the rchestra, and makes your

stronger for music."
"You don't want to stand out ll." said Takahashi. "You listen what your sections sound like. It's being aware of different things." One of many things that separate

students like Paccarnino and Takahashi from many other music stuperformed well before their era. These students revel in playing usic that their peers may no

"It's a real honor to be playin ple who were there when a gay college usic that's been around for years," said Paccagnino

Takahashi echoed her nents, saying, "It was more of chore early on, but now it's more of an opportunity to play cool differ-Among the benefits of playin

an environment where you're provided with expert-level instruc tion is the chance to travel and experience new venues with the group, an advantage one might no ave while practicing alone. Takahashi acknowledged he

een on many trips with the orchestras, going to several East Coast cities, including Boston and Baltimore, though he lamented the fact that he did not participate in the group's European trip.

Takahashi noted that he actuall prefers to play in a smaller group like a chamber group or a quartet.

### Musicians Ten years went like a dream for theater group And it's that quality of performer

### Associate Editor As suburban theater troupes go,

there really aren't too many things for of productions, enabling them to show Dreamcatcher left to prove. The professional actors' troupe based in South Orange has plenty of notches on its belt in terms of artistic develop-

that enables Dreamcatcher to chal-

lenge its members with a wide variety

So Dreamcatcher has only 11

"One thing is that I really believe

actors, but in Ekstrand's opinion,

in these people, and I really want to

see them on stage," said Ekstrand. "I

body in group can improv, which is a

kinds of plays and I know that this

called 'Personals,' about single peo-

where everyone changes characters

talents of the company, it had all those

they could be funny. That's pretty

much what I look for in shows, not

necessarily funny, that they can be

human, that they have a personal con-

improv. Ekstrand noted the influence

of the TV show. "Whose Line Is It

Anyway," and pointed out that "Mul-

tiple Personality Disorder," which she

said is akin to a subset of the resident

acting company, will perform at the

Tickets are \$10 and can be pur

"Multiple Personality Disorder'

"One of our members is a profes-

sional improv comedian, and he has a

troupe in New York City as well," said

"Multiple Personality Disorder"

includes a rotating cast of regular

Dreamcatcher performers, including

Carmicheel, Harry Patrick Christian,

Ekstrand, Noreen Farley, Melissa Jane

Martin, Dave Maulbeck, Janet Sales

Performers use unusual circum-

also performed at First Night of

Maplewood/South Orange.

Ekstrand.

chased by calling 973-378-7754, ext.

Baird Center on Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

Oh yes, Ekstrand mentioned

"One of the first things we did was

off every skill in their repertoire.

those actors are aces.

group can handle it.

nection in the story."

Yet, rather than use those accomplishments as excuses for expansion, the folks at Dreamcatcher prefer to don't want to commit to more people stay reasonably small — and maintain than I can really keep busy, so the peothe quality and personal touch that ple I've asked to be members have a people are used to when they think of really wide range and a lot of different the 10-year-old professional theater abilities. With improv, almost every-

a pro group on the level of groups that body is a singer. They're just dextrous 'are well known," said Laura actors, so I can choose lots of different Ekstrand, artistic director of Dreamcatcher. "We've learned that we really like the size we are because it allows us to get our hands on all aspects of the business and still get close to our ple. It's a review of sketches and songs audiences. What we've realized over the 10 years we've been in existence throughout. It really encapsulated the is that what makes us special is the group of actors who are Dreamcatch- things, they could sing, they could act,

Admittedly, with the arts being so strong in the South Orange/Maplewood area, it's no small accomplishment to start a professional theater troupe that will stand out, but the people at Dreamcatcher clearly had the recipe for success.

Truth is, there's no magic potion to Dreamcatcher's approach, just common sense: Bring in good people who are dedicated to their craft.

"They're my friends and they're good people," said Ekstrand. "(Thev are) talented actors, and they really love what they do. No one is getting rich in the company, but they want to share what they do with the audience. It's not about ego."

Of course, there is that matter of economic survival, hence the reason that Ekstrand noted that many members of the troupe still work in TV and film when the opportunity arises. Some, like Clark Carmichael who

performed with Dreamcatcher in "Laughing Wild," have had success on Broadway. Carmichael performed on Broadway in "Jumpers," written by Tom Stoppard. And Carmichael and Harriett Trangucci. In addition, isn't the only member of Dreamcatch- guest performers from the New York

City improv scene frequently stop in er to achieve success on Broadway. "One of our directors, Rob Decina, is now the casting director of 'The Refin did two shows with us, and she day objects to think of brief skits that performed in the Broadway tour of appear and disappear in a matter of 'Tale of the Allergist's Wife.' Before minutes. Scenes and actors' roles dancer, in 'A Chorus Line,' and topics. 'Nine,' the Raul Julia version, not the Antonio Banderas version."

drawn to it in a different way than appear, as well as Newark native market our work better. I could do a they're usually drawn to theater. that she had a Broadway career as a change rapidly based on the changing betting that will benefit their organiza-

For Dreamcatcher, the improv

with the audience, people will be "Seinfeld" star Jeson Alexander to paid staff, and we need the ability to Melba Moore. This year, Dreamcatch- play with \$10, but to get people to And the folks at Dreamcatcher are er is placing its faith in the improve come to the play, we need more people

Pictured above are members of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, which is celebrating its

10th anniversary. Below, company member Clark Carmichael, performing in a recent pro-

Before this, Dreamcatcher went the toward more stability," Ekstrand said. just getting them there the first time

small-town feeling while being geographically close to an otherwise

healthy appetite for edgy theater, theater that can push the envelope. mentioned when discussing the Nutley even managed to do two shows a year Little Theater recently. In spite of the

community's rather bucolic image, the Little Theater's audience has a pretty open mind when it comes to theater. "Our season-planning committee works carefully to find what our audience will like," said Daily. "We've done things with partial and brief

nudity, and we've been stunned to find that our audiences are very sophistiformed "Laramie Project," a play based on personal interviews of peo-

student was murdered. It's that kind of support that's enabled the Nutley Little Theater to thrive for 70 years, through economic downturns, changing demographics, changing tastes in theater - in short. the kind of change one would expect in the course of 70 years.

hemselves family in many ways. "They (the members of the Nutley Little Theater) have been here for 70 veers and now I've been with them over 20 years and I'm one of the grand

dames." said Daily, the theater's busi-

ness man.ger. "I'm an old-timer."

Part of the theater's strength comes

Throughout its history, the Nutley Little Theater has also served as a springboard for performers with served up its share of serious theater. "People might know the name of

Among the many charms of Nutley said Daily, adding that the Little The-name with a capacity of just 48 seats. ly unpretentious feel. ater did a world premier of a show "The front row is so close we have enabling the community to retain a called "Dragons," written by Sheldon trouble with people putting their feet 'Some times you get to be the presi-inner conflicts. All performers inter-Harnick, who wrote "Fiddler On the on the stage," said Daily. The Little dent, and some times you get to bring ested should be prepared to read a "There are a number of little the- a benefit performed by an improv Nutley are remarkably non-interested utes in duration. The cast requires aters who claim to be the oldest little group, Lunatic Fringe, on Jan. 15. The in things like who has the most power-

eration, the last thing you're thinking theater in existence, and we're one of is that this is a place, that would have a them," noted Daily. "We've been in performance that's suitable for fami-floor. We all just pitch in and get it continuous existence for 70 years, lies, and a 10 p.m. performance that done." doing at least two shows a year, with Daily said was "a little over the top: Still, that's exactly what Kate Daily five per year for the last 20 years. We strictly for grown-ups."

represent various age groups, profes-

The Concord Singers are under the

direction of Michael Sanflippo, and

their accompanist is Caroline Paroty.

Two main concerts are presented year-

ly: a Spring Concert in May and a Hol-

iday Concert in December, often with

other local groups, soloists and/or

Local performances have been

numerous and varied, including two

performances with the Summit Sym-

phony. Every other year a Choral Arts

high school junior or senior, whose

life has been, and will continue to be.

The fifth very popular Women's

year and inviting all local women, will

For further information, contact

plished direction of Noel Werner.

strongly influenced by music.

sions, nationalities and ethnicities

### Singers encouraged to join local chorus

non-auditioning women's community hard work. chorus, seeks new members as its spring 2005 season begins. Rehearsals are Mondays from 7:30

to 10 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal many of whom also sing with other The first rehearsal is on Monday. The Spring Concert will be pre-

ented in May at Calvary Church.

The Concord Singers' repertoire is varied, including sacred and secular such as Beethoven, Mozart, modern ones such as Randall Thompson, George Gershwin, Kirke Meehem

keen ear, willingness to attend rehearsals regularly and practice the

pieces diligently - all this while enjoying camaraderie as great music is A few historical notes to remember

about the Concord Singers: Founded in 1977, the Concord Singers group is a non-auditioning. Debra Boyman at 908-771-0978 or women's community chorus that visit the Web site: www.constrives to achieve high-quality musical cordsingers.org.

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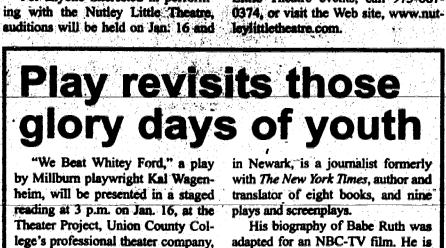
The script-in-hand performance of "We Beat Whitey Ford" is one of Theater Project's Playwright's Work-Choral Workshop, offered every other shop for New Jersey-based authors. Those in attendance will be take place on Jan. 22, under the accom-

Playwright Kal Wagenheim, born Project.com.

adapted for an NBC-TV film. He is also adjunct associate professor at Columbia University's Writing Divi-The presentation will be followed sion. School of the Arts, and directs a monthly creative writing workshop at The State Prison in Trenton.

- meet 20 years later at Newark support of the New Jersey State Airport, and seek to restore what Council on the Arts, Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. chasm between youthful dreams and The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation The Union County College Foundation, a HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freehold-

ers, and by the generosity of J. the new plays being generated by the Edward Cecala and Marion Curks. For further information, contact Mark Spina, The Theater Project Union County College's Professional incouraged to share their feedback. Theater Company, 1033, Springfield with the playwright and fellow audi- Ave., Cranford, 07016, or call 908-659-5189, or visit www.The Themer-



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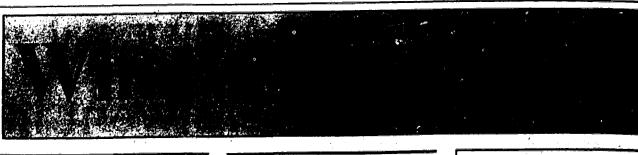
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Elders or parents play a guiding

Success or happiness in relation-

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SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 21:

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Get focused to become much more

idea that meets your budgetary needs.

lent and effective way to give back.

younger siblings or associates.

Protect your heart.

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Quiet your mind in an attempt to gain Pay attention and learn your lessons

Apply yourself to a moneymaking ships will require extra work or a

Sharing your experiences is an excel- mise whenever possible or necessary.

Enjoy playing a leadership role for role. Heed their advice and benefit

AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18: Also born this week; Dr. Martin

Play your cards close to your vest this Luther King Jr., Benedict Arnold,

week, and disclose your feelings only Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Rusa Limbaugh,

to people you know you can trust. Alexander Hamilton and Rod Stew-

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Jan. 10 to 16

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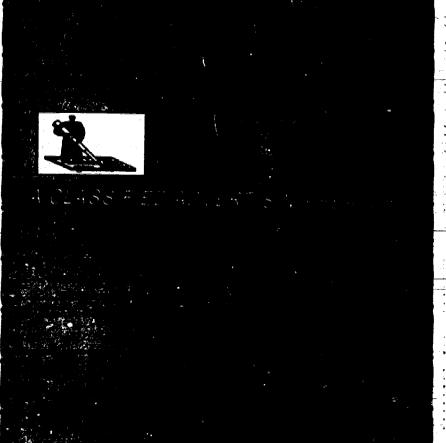
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Self-described "travelling hoodoo man" Paul Geremia has spent the last 35 and juke joints of the rural South in the as well as those of Lightnin' Hopkins, years carrying on the red-dirt tradition 1920's ... Geremia is something of a Blind Willie McTell, and Mance Lip-electric Chicago-style blues in the style of the Delta blues, the raw-edged, deep-national treasure," said one reviewer. scomb. As Maria Muldaur put it, "Emie of Howlin' Wolf or Stevie Ray Vaugh-South style that Robert Johnson, Tampa Red, and Willie McTell played.

soon and alto sexophone, with guest

man, Node and Wiedoeft.

played by the guitarists and piano play- series of videotapes that instruct stuers who frequented the street corners dents on the blues styles of Rev. Davis,

Ernie Hawkins is the country's fore- Hawkins is a true living apostle of the an. most interpreter of the Piedmont blues, true living blues."

'Sundays at Three'

concert series returns A new season for the popular Sun- SCMC's cello faculty members, Joycedays at Three concert series will begin lyn Jolly, Suji Kim and Alice Hamlet. Sunday at SCMC Suburban Communi- The season finale will take place on ty Music Center's Burgdorff Hall, fea- April 10 with a recital featuring faculty turing woodwind specialist, Chad violinists Agnes Kwasnicwaka and

Smith, in works for flute, clarinet, bas- Misha Kuchuk. The Sundays at Three series showartists: planists, Lub Vasilyeva and Vin- cases the talented Suburban Communicense Avella; oboist, Dr. Henry Grabb; ty Music Center faculty and distinlinista, Elizbieta Winnicki and Eric guished guest artists. The series pro-Salazar; violist, Effie Yuen; and, cellist, vides chamber music performances by Suji Kim. The program will include some of the most talented performers in Morceau de Concours" by Faure, the the region in a convenient venue with Quintet in B-flat Major for Clarinet and wonderful acoustics, Sundays at Three String Quartet by Weber, the Trio for also demonstrates how many faculty at Obco, Bassoon, and Piano by Poulenc, the Music Center combine an active and works for saxophone by Demersse-performing career with their work as

Three additional programs are Series tickets for all four concerts scheduled for the 2004-05 Sundays at are \$36 for adult; \$18 students or senior Three series: on Feb. 6. Sundays at citizens. Individual admissions are \$12 Three sudjences will be treated to a per- adults, and \$6 for students and senior formance by pianist Crysti Baltazar. citizens. For information, call 908-790-The Feb. 27 concert will feature a trio of 0700.

### **Springfield Library** to show oil paintings

paintings titled "The Beach Show" by im Fuess. The show will be displayed

from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The show will feature a series of abstract paintings titled "Underwater Fire" along with paintings of underwater

www.jimfuessart.com.

As of January 1999 Jim Fuess had at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the curated or been responsible for 94 art Springfield Free Public Library from shows at the Watchung Arts Center and Jan. 18 through Feb. 24. A reception to 27 shows for the New Art Group. He meet the artist will be held on Jan. 23 was the curator for art shows, in his home town, at the Berkeley Heights

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public flowers, bubbles and assorted creatures. Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. included in the show is a series of paint. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, ings titled "Beach." Jim Fuest has had Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. to more then 100 secure shows and 35 colo ... \$130 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Sec unday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday He is former curator at the Wandama hours are from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For Arts Contai and the sounder and miscour. Information, call 973-376-4930.

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Selections abound the full dinner menu. About five specials change sessonally and anything can be cooked to order. None of the almost 20 appetizer and saled selections cost more than \$10, of which the best choices are the tender fried calameri, \$7, and the heaping stuffed

The Linguini ala Vodka offers the best of both poultry and seafood. This dish, \$14.95, combines chicken and butterfly shrimp in a creamy pink vodka sauca served over perfectly cooked linguini. For those preferring more meat, the Veal Oscar, \$14.95, simmers in

accompaniments are just as plantiful as the year anchor. Hearty portions are the staple at II Glardino and you won't leave hungry. With more than 15 pasts selections, and at least seven of each veal, poultry and seafood dishes, patrons can sure find reasons for

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Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-928-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org.

On Jan. 8, Mindy Simmons. On April 9, Amy Carol Webb. Sign-up is at 7:30 p.m. and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$4. THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE CONCERT SERIES OF WESTFIELD will take place at First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad St...

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations. 908-522-1501 or send an email to concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit the Web site

http://www.coffeewithconscience.com. On Jan. 15. Modern Man. On Feb. 19, Tom Kimmel. On March 19, Peter Mayer. On April 16, Lowen & Navarro. On May 21, the Kennedys. On June 18, the Dreamsicles

### **CRAFTS**

THE MILLER-CORY MUSEUM will reopen on Sunday at 2 p.m. with The Legend of La Befana-Italy's Santa Claus. For information about the museum, its winter schedule of events or volunteer opportunities, call the museum office at 908-232-1776.

#### DANCE **CONCERTS**

ley Heights will present musical acts in club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnly School, Raritan Road Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. Concerts are presented at Union

Village Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. For more information, call 973-376-4946, or visit the Web site, www.sanctuarycon-**MEET THE ORCHESTRA** concert

series continues at the Suburban Community Music Center, 570 Central Ave., Murray Hill. For the 18th year, the Suburban Community Music Center, in cooperation with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, will host the Meet the Orchestra series for children ages 3 to 8. For more information, call 908-790-

**BLUES LEGENDS** Paul Geremia and Emie Hawkins will perform as part of the Sanctuary Concert Series on Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the Union VIIlage Methodist Church, 1130 Mountain Ave., Berkeley Heights. Tickets are www.sanctuaryconcerts.org. Admission includes dessert and coffee at

"A NIGHT WITH THE STARS OF ROCK & ROLL," featuring Speedo & The Cadillacs, Frankie Lymon's Teenagers, The Del Vikings, Charlie Thomas' Drifters, The Chantels, Emil Stucchio & the Classics, will be presented by LAR Enterprises on Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center. Tickets are \$35. For information call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

LOU RAWLS will play at the Union County Arts Center on Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and \$50. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site. www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS will perform on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Jnion County Arts Center. Cavaliere founded The Rascals and had hit songs, including "A Beautiful Morning" and "Good Lovin"." Tickets are \$40 and \$30. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

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http://www.watchungarts.org/Afolk.ht.

On Feb. 5. Kristy Jackson On March 5, Kim & Reggie Harris.

On May 7, John Flynn, On June 4, Dave's True Story. "THE GREAT ESCAPE." starring Steve McQueen, James Garner and Richard Attenborough, will be shown on Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Union Couninformation, visit the Web site,

www.ucac.org. "FROM HERE TO ETERNITY," starring Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, beborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra and Donna Reed, will be shown on Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, All

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For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492. POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 Feb. 5 at 8 .m. A steamy Havana night- urdays.org.

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JOURNAL WRITING GROUP, led by professional life coach Jami Novak, meets the fourth Thursday of each month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark, For information, call

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every other Monday at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544. THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and cholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County REART - History. Education, Arts Reaching Thousands -- Grant program. Recognizing the mportance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts, and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County. "The response to the **HEART Grant program in past years** has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. To request HEART Grant information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202; call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711; or send inquiries via email to culturalinfo@ucri.org.

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Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving 973-376-8544. place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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ty Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION All tickets are \$5. For ticket informa- will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third tion, call 732-499-8226. For general Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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### VARIETY

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, a disc jockey every Friday night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long rulend loed tees. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot soecials, \$2 Corones, \$2 margarites and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

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Presented each January since 1998, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra's Winter Festival has been declared an "exceptionally creative enterprise" by the American Symphony Orchestra League for its revolutionary approach to programming, but also for the numer-ous ancillary and outreach events that surround the festival each year. This year's ancillary events pertain to sources of inspiration. In addition, these events will feature presentations of ensemble and solo repertoire by these composers, as played by members of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Renowned music scholar Joseph Horowitz, the festival consultant and humanities coordinator, is overseeing these events. Specific details on these events is as

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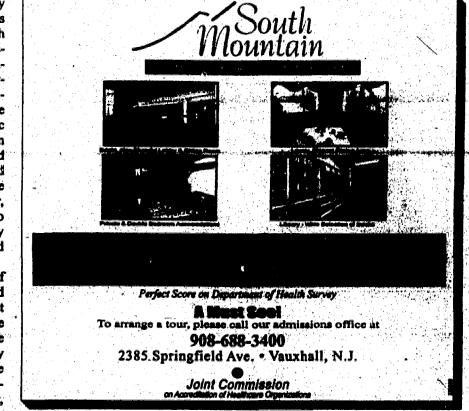
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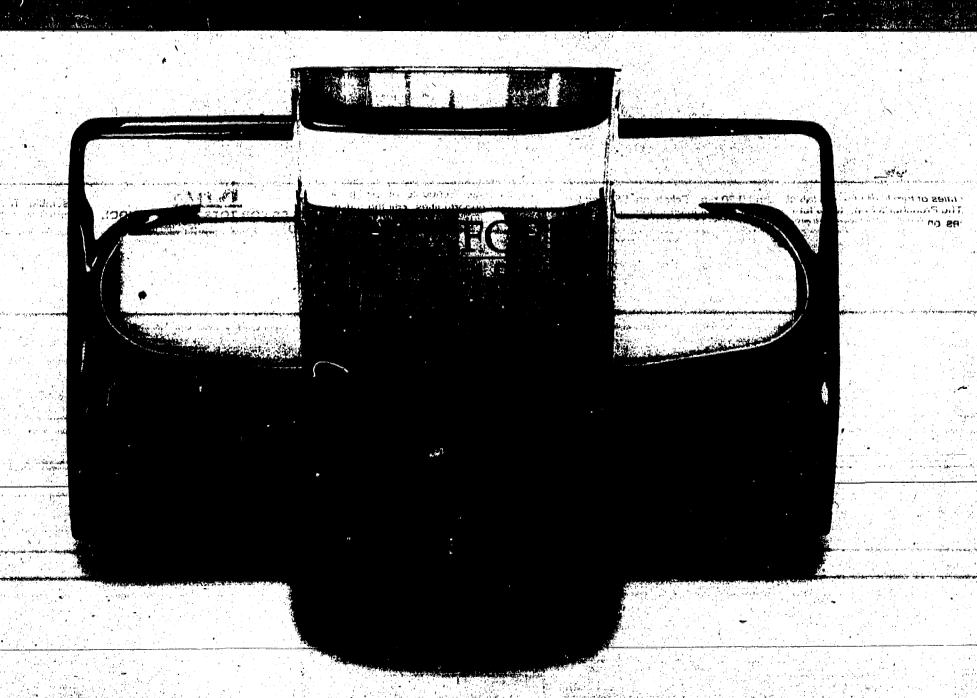
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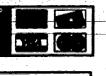
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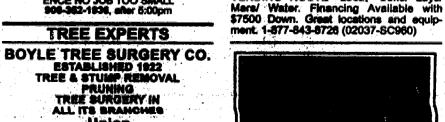
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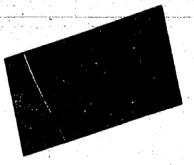
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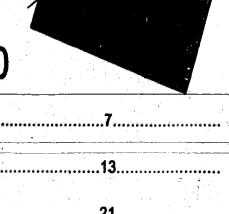
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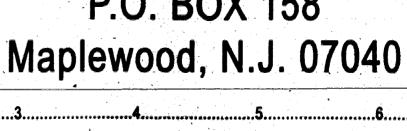
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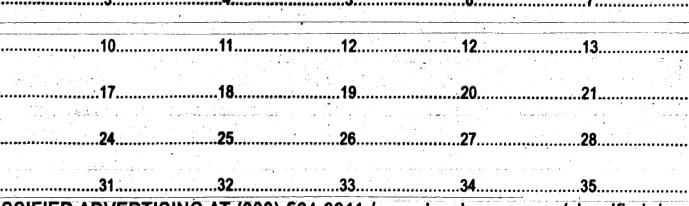
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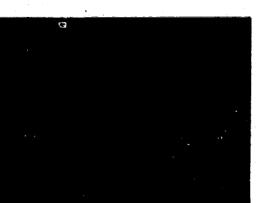
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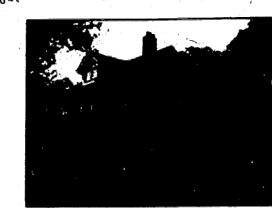
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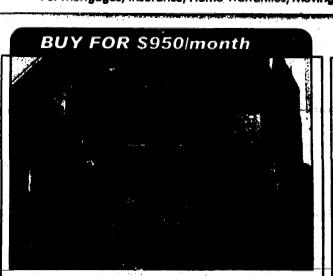
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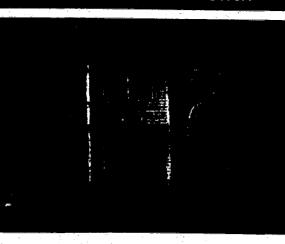
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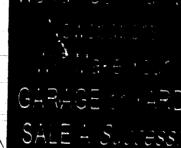
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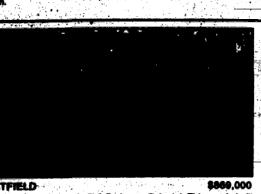
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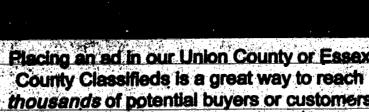
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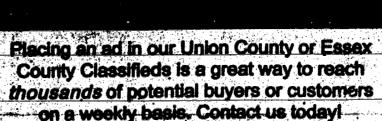
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The Chrysler Crossfire was the first car from DaimlerChrysler to show the potential of the corporate union. With Chrysler styling and Mercedes mechanicals, Crossfire is a beauty mark on the highway, as pleasurable to drive as it is to look at.

Using the foundation of the Mercedes-Benz SLK sports car, the first Crossfire went on sale in spring of 2003. A year later the roadster came out, and now there's the high-performance SRT-6 coupe and convertible.

This newest two-seater from SRT. or Street and Racing Technology, is set off by a hand-built, 320-horsepower, 3.2-liter supercharged engine.

Other SRT tweaks include performance-tuned ride and handling characteristics, bigger vented brakes, a gutsy exhaust tone, fixed decklid wing

and race-inspired seats.

Pricing for the SRT-6 Coupe starts af \$45,695 and \$49,995 for the roadster, both of which have all the standard amenities of the top-level Limited model. The only factory options are the navigation system with uplevel radio, \$1,200, and all-season tires,

This is a screaming-fast sports car for "the most passionate enthusiast," Chrysler warns. Heavy-handed inputs yield some darty behavior. The stiffened suspension can be rugged on concrete highways, but it also handles the mundane morning commute in comfort.

It will do 0-to-60 mph in about five seconds, and stop as well as it goes at 60-to-0 in about 115 feet.

The automatic has a sport mode for a consistent flow of power, not the driver-adaptive electronics that can be frustratingly slow to respond to a tromp on the pedal if you've been puttering about in traffic.

As gratifying as the performance numbers can be, the Crossfire dimensions limit its popularity.

It has a classic long hood, short deck design and a snug cockpit of a cabin. Those taller than 6 foot 2 inches might not be happy with the elbow or headroom.

And the doors are large, further complicating entry and exit in tight parking situations. Over-the-shoulder views are impossible.

Maybe it was the test car's aero blue pearl paint or the forceful voice of the engine or the rear spoiler that seems to enhance the rear end, but this car pulled in admiring looks at every stoplight and crosswalk.

For any expensive performance car. all it takes is one feature well done to make it a good buy. Crossfire SRT-6 feeds the ego from inside and out, which helps its owner forgive those big doors and rear blind spots.

For 2005, the standard Crossfire with a six-speed manual starts at \$29,920 and comes with such amenities as power windows, cruise control. dual-zone temperature control, fourwheel anti-lock brakes with brake assist, electronic stability program, all-speed traction control and a 7/70

with a 215-hp, single overhead cam, 3.2-liter V-6 with a six-speed manual or optional five-speed Autostick auto-

The Limited, at 3,060 pounds, also includes an independent suspension, 12-inch disc brakes, electronic stability, all-speed traction control and staggered 18-inch Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires on the front and 19-inchers rear.

The V-6 convertible with manual shifter starts at \$34,960 and includes a power convertible fabric top, a power tonneau, heated glass back light, power windows, speed control, dualzone temperature control and fourwheel anti-lock brakes with brake

It also has an Electronic Stability Program, all-speed traction control and Chrysler's 7/70 powertrain war-

The uplevel Limited roadster with six-speed manual at \$38,920 adds heated leather power seats, tire pressure monitoring system, touring gear, heated mirrors, fog lamps and universal garage door opener. The Limited with five-speed Autostick is \$39,995.

2005 Chrysler Crossfire SRT-6 Body style: Compact, two-passenger, rear-wheel-drive coupe or convertible

Engine: Supercharged 3.2-liter V-6 with intercooler

Horsepower: 330 at 6,100 rpm Torque: 310 foot-pounds at 3,500 to 4,800 rpm

Transmission: five-speed Autostick automatic

Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, five EPA fuel economy estimates: 17

mpg city, 24 highway; premium unleaded recommended Fuel capacity: 15.9 gallons

Cargo space: 6.52 cubic feet Front head/leg/shoulder room: 37.3/42.7/52.7 inches

Length: 159.8 inches Wheelbase: 94.5 inches Curb weight: 3,060 pounds

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