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Sandmeier library project completed

By Rick Klittich

Five years after she began working at Springfield's Thelma L. Sandmeine School Ellingian Susan Bal-been renovated, improved and, best of all, expanded.

Monday night's Board of Education meeting, conducted at the elementary school, began with a ribboncutting ceremony that marked the opening of the new media center, which was part of the district's 2003 referencium, Standing between Board of Education President Irwin Sablosky, Vice President Patricia Venezia, Sandmeier Principal Michael Antolino and Superintendent of Schools Michael Davino, Baldassano cut the ribbon with a mille.

"We all can be proud of what's happened here," said Sablosky to the crowd of parents and children. "Our referendum dollars have been wellused and the students will be wellserved."

The new media center replaces a library that was previously just larger than a kinderparten class

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square-foot media center, filled with spacious shelving units that aren't completely filled as of yet, along with space for twelve computers that the school hopes to eventually acquire, Baldassano is eager to allow students to use the facility.

"This really makes it casier for them to truly use the library," she said. Now, they can learn the life skill of finding information in any library."

Baldasiano also noted the importance of having access to more information, especially via the internet, because of the grade shift that is going to accompany the end of the Edward V. Walton construction.

With a fifth-grade coming to Sandmeier, a more research-oriented curriculum will demand much more use of the media center.

The library will include videos and software, including an area for digital video disks and a projection screen. With places to store all the resources, and better solvessibility to books, stu-dents may have more fun finding themselves and less trouble finding information.

"The students get to find out who they are," said Baldassano of the efforts of reading. What they like. what their blents are. When they're childrent books fin a few minutes. an the second second



The renovations to the new media center have now been completed. The previously 900square foot room was transformed into a 4,000-square foot facility as part of the 2003 construction referendum.

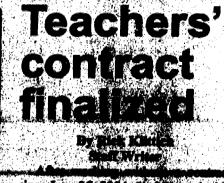
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while reading to students. In the end, she said, it's all about the children.

"They've been so excited." Beldessano said. "and so unset that they haven't been able to take out a book the past week or two."



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since may 30, 2004, the Maxaminale school district sectoric decretation assistants and costodiant restricted the end to a long negotistion process when the Board of Education recently voted to approve the contractual changes.

The most negotiated item was in regards to salary increases, which were set at 4.3 percent for the next three years. The contract is retroactive to July 2004.

The Mountainside Education Association voted to approve the most recently regotiated contracts Jan. 4, while the board agreed on the terms at their Jan. 11 meeting.

"I think we got the best that we could get under the circumstances," said MEA President and Deerfield School music teacher Jeannette Maraffi, emphasizing that the contract was fair.

Maraffi said she wishes she knew how the long negotiation process could be avoided.

"I think when society, in general, decides that education should be at the top of the list," she said, "putting the education of the children at the top ad not the bottom," then the process milities of the bouldary of the priority

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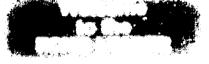
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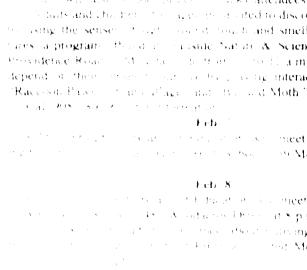
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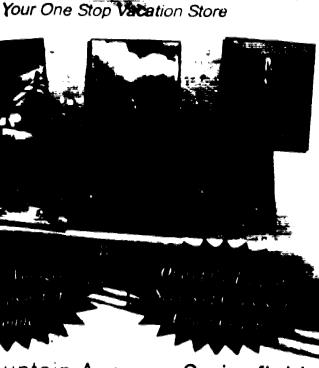
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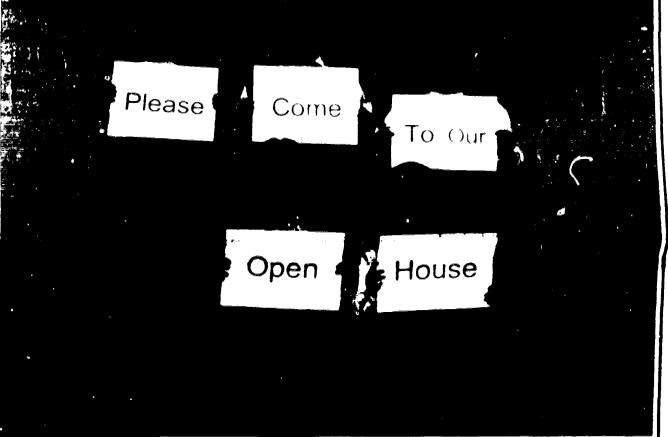
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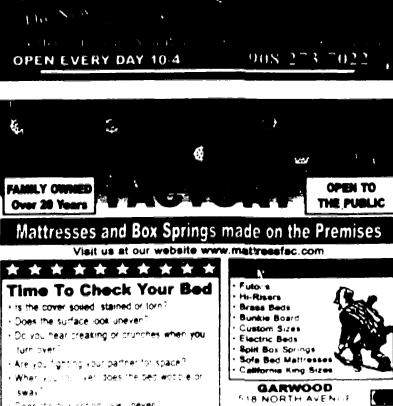
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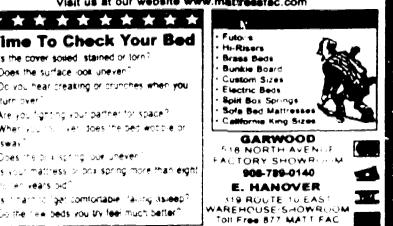


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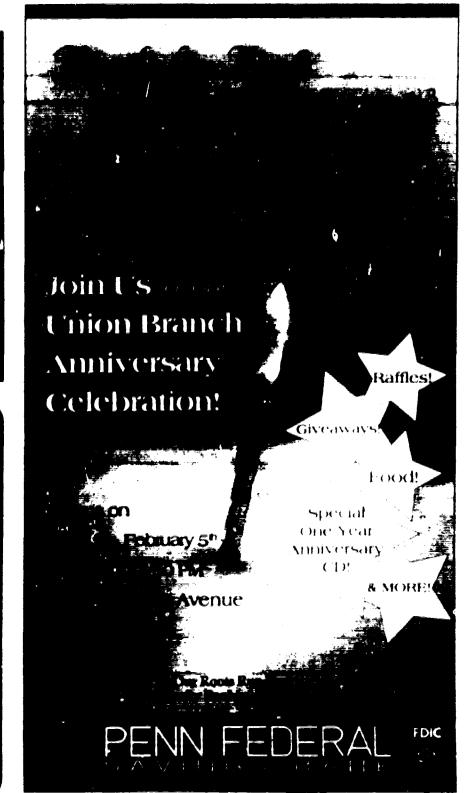
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ers responded to a Route 22 east business for smoke coming from a vehicle. • At 4:20 p.m. Friday, firefighters responded to Route 22 east for a motor vehicle accident with a spill.

• Furtighters responded to a Silver Court business for a medical service. call at 8:24 a.m. Friday.

 At 11:2^m a.m. Jan. 20, firefighters responded to an Independence Way ical service call.

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• On Jan. 18 at 9:03 a.m., firefight-

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• At 11:49 a.m. Jan. 15, firefighters responded to a Morris Avenue business for an activated fire alarm.

Morris Ave. business burglarized · A Summit resident's locker was

+ At 2:30 a.m. Jan. 27, it was attempted to steal a pair of Chippewa tar Center lot was reportedly burglarreported that the front door, front win- work boots, valued between \$75 and ized Jan. 18 at 4:59 p.m. A Pioneer

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to be placed in cardboard boxes no more than 15 to 25 during worship hour from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The public is welcome to help by coming to Fellowship Hail at the church to help assemble the items on Feb. 13. inches up to 17 inches x 27 inches in size, one washcloth, Call the office for a specific time during the afternoon.

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Friday

• Marc Jaffe will share 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 during a presentation 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. Jaffe will tell his perspective of the Jewish athletes with whom he interacted. For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539, ext. 11.

Saturday · Boy Scouts from troops in Summit, New Providence, Berkelev Heights, Gillette and Stirling will join with other Scouts of the Patriot District of the Patriot's Path Council in their 48th Klondike Derby sled race and scout-skill contest at 8:30 a.m. at the playground area above Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside. The public is welcome to visit at any time. The awards are presented around 2 p.m., when the last waves have completed the race. Wednesday

• The Springfield Planning Board will meet in the Committee Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m. Upcoming

Feb. 3

• The Foothill Club luncheon will be at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield, Carolyn Williams, a Mountainside resident, will present a program on "Scrapbooking." New members and guests are always welcome.

For a reservation, call Genevieve at 908-232-3626. Feb. 5 · The Mountainside PTA invites the public to a Community Pancake Breakfast at the Deerfield School Cafeteria, 302 Central Ave. from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The snow date is Feb. 12.

Tickets may be purchased at the door, and prices range from \$2.50 to \$5. There will also be door prizes for lucky attendees.

· Adults and children of all ages are invited to discover the natural world by using the senses of sight, sound, touch and smell in Outdoor Adventures, a program offered at Trailside Nature & Science Center, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside from 10 to 11 a.m. Learn how animals depend on their senses to survive by playing interactive games such as "Raccoon Paws," "Camouflage" and "Bat and Moth."

Call 908-789-3670 for information. Feb. 7

• The Springfield Board of Education will meet in the instructional media center of Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mourtain Ave., at 7:30 D.m. Feb. 8

• The Mountainside Board of Education will meet in the media center of Beechwood School, 1487 Woodacres Drive, at 8 p.m. • • A workshop for adults concerned about bullying will take place on from 7 to 8 p.m. at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40

Church Mall, Springfield. Linda Van Fossen, executive director of the Counseling Centers for Human Development will facilitate the workshop. For information, call 973-376-1695.

Feb. 9 • SNAP - Special Needs Advocate for Parents - is a national non-

profit public benefit corporation which will be hosting a workshop on "Planning for the Future of Your Child or Dependent with Special Need from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Children's Specialized Hospital Auditorium at the Mountainside facility, 150 New Provide Hospital Auditorium or to register, call Sue Driscoll at 908-301-54-54-54-54

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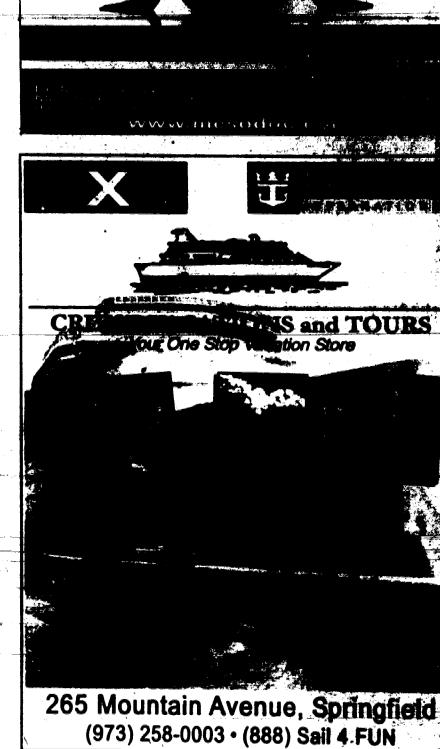
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The church is assembling health kits through Feb. 13 for

Each health kit contains basic hygiene items needed to

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The kits contain: one hand towel 15 inches x 25

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Church continues to assemble health kits

dows and wall of a Mountain Avenue _ \$140, from a Route 22 west business. _ radio head unit was stolen.

reportedly broken into at Bally's fitness club at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 20. Among the items taken were a hat, towel, jacket, jeans, keys and a cell phone. • A car parked in the Route 22 Gui-

POLICE BLOTTER Morris Avenue business and took building were damaged when a vehiapproximately \$300 in each and a cle backed into it. • At 9:30 p.m. Jan. 20. a man



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again find themselves in the crosshairs drug called "Soma" are the cornerof Jason's former employer, the shad- stones of the new society. Reproducowy intelligence agency that molded tion has been removed from the womb him into an elite assassin. Hunted for a crime he did not com-

Successful Business: Special Tips mit. Bourne is drawn into a cat-andfrom the Experts" will be Monday, at mouse game with feuding CIA opera-7 p.m. at Springfield Free Public tives Pamela Landry and Ward Abbott Library, 66 Mountain Ave. In case of and former handler Nicky. snow, the workshop will be conducted The stakes are higher than ever for Small business owners wear many different hats. On any given day, they

Bourne, who must untangle a deadly web of international intrigue, replete with CIA plots, turncoat agents and ever-shifting covert alliances, while ing, sales, operations, personnel and desperately searching for the truth pehind the memories of his former life that continue to haunt him.

> The series will continue on Tuesdays, Feb. 15, March 1, March 15, March 29, April 12 and April 26.

> Bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be pro-

For information, call 973-376-4930

Book group explores 'Brave New World'

The Good Books Discussion Group of Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will meet Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Brave New Norld" by Aldous Huxley.

In the "brave new world" of 632 A. . — After Ford, universal human happiness has been achieved. Well,

In this action-packed sequel to the Control of reproduction, genetic 2002 blockbuster "The Bourne Identiengineering, conditioning --- especialty." Jason and Marie are jolted out of ly via repetitive messages delivered their idyllic life in self-exile and once during sleep --- and a perfect pleasure

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and placed on the conveyor belt, where reproductive workers tinker with the embryos to produce various grades of human beings, ranging from the super-intelligent Alpha Pluses down to the dwarfed semi-moron Epsilons. Each class is conditioned to love its type of work and its place in society.

Outside of their work, people spend their lives in constant pleasure, and love marriage, and parenthood are viewed as obscene.

The story concerns Bernard, an alpha whose programming is a bit off --- he is discontented and desires to spend time alone just thinking or looking at the stars.

On a trip to a reservation, he discovers John - the Savage son of Linda, who had visited the reservation more than 20 years previously and was accidentally left behind. Call the reference department at 973-376-4930 ext. 228 to reserve a copy of the book.

Youth activities planned

Mountainside Public Library has a variety of activities planned for the. pcoming winter months for children

in the community. Preschool Storytime will be conducted on Thursdays, from today through March 3, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Toddler Storytime will be conducted on Wednesday mornings, from Jan. 26 through Feb. 16 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 908-233-0115.



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Several students from Saint James the Apostle School in Springfield take part in the service honoring the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church in Springfield on Jan. 17. The students performed a choral reading of the original poems written by two of the students present.

Beirne earns honor from HFHN

Tom Beime of Springfield was named the Habitat For at the same time doing some good things for other people. Humanity Newark Volunteer of the Year at the annual meet- Beirne worked many years with the Bell System, AT&T ing recently conducted at headquarters. In the framed cita- and New Jersey Bell including a time building military tion given to him, Beirne was praised for his dedicated telecommunications systems in the Middle East. services in support of HFHN goals and standards. After that he held a position in warehouse management

Mike Moran was in charge of a special project for Saint with FTI Corporation in Virginia. The skills he learned Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills that was building a there have proved to be a major asset at HFHN. The basement of the headquarters building in Newark is home in Newark. Every Saturday morning, Moran needed to organize a crew to go into the city and work on the the storage area for many supplies critical to building house

"In the beginning it was easy to get people." said Moran. we could count on " said Moran.

Beime single-handedly has solved the problem. The When the project by St. Rose was completed about two basement is now an exemplary storage area where staff can years ago, Beime stuck with the Habitat program and volfind what they need and find it immediately. unteers his time every Wednesday and Saturday doing "I had to do this pretty much on my own; because of the whatever needs to be done. Since Beime had been an electrical engineer with the Bell System for many years, it was height of the ceiling and the vast amount of supplies, there natural the he started out working primarily with electrical wasn't room for more than one person. That was OK with me because I like working along and getting things done," a u o e la tre a a

"Beime said he also enjoys outside work. "Actually, my .: concluded Beime. wife Numby urged me to get involved in Habins für Numan-น มีสถางแรงขึ้นหรือเป็น แต่สาวแก่ และเป็นเป็นไปได้

involved on a regular basis, but "after I grew to know the he has made to the success of this program. people who work here I found I really enjoyed it. They are Beirne has two grown children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. a great bunch of guys and we have a real good time while

Library offers new technology resource

The Web site is www.springfield- libraries at a time, locate magazine The Springfield Free Public publiclibrary.com. Patrons can access and newspaper collections by select-Library Web site is a resource for a the collections of public; school and ing the New Jersey Union List of Serinumber of databases, including academic libraries throughout New als on the JerseyCat menu, and submit AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive and Jersey by searching JerseyCat. They requests for interlibrary loan materials CountryWatch, a link to JerseyClicks can search the collections of 15 from home. and to JerseyCat, which gives library patronit access to interlibrary loan service from their homes.

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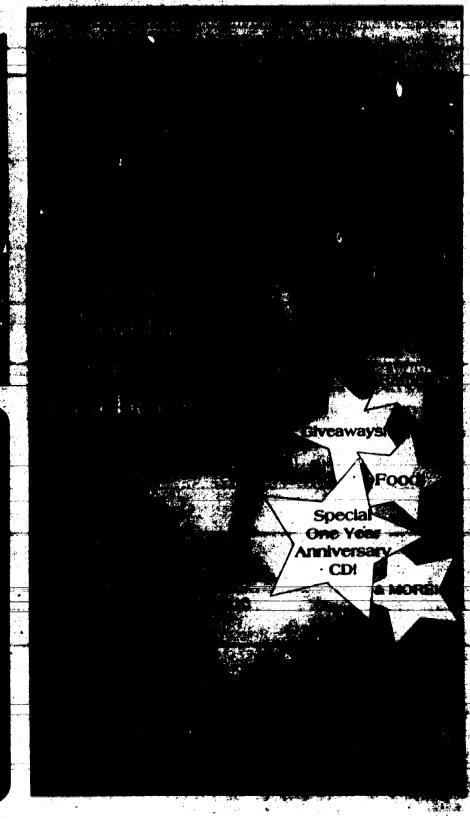
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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr. الأربيب المعتر المعتر

"The place was a mess," said Beime. "There was stuff "Tom was always one of the first in line to help. Then when scattered all over the place with no uniform, organized way the newness wore off, it was much harder to enlist help. of storing materials. Nobody could ever be sure what we Tom stuck with us and was always there, always someone had and did not have and often we did not have the right thing at the right time."



COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

Be a lifesaver

Just about everyone would like to think that in an emergency, someone will be there to help. Unfortunately, it's often all too easy to think that it's always a job for someone else. But if everyone thought this way, then nobody would ever come to the rescue of another

person. The diminishing membership that the Mountainside First Aid Squad has been experiencing is symptomatic of many rescue squads in towns throughout the state. Many people feel like they just don't have the time to devote to be a mem-

ber. But what many people don't realize is that even just a few hours can make a big difference. It doesn't take a lot of time to learn the necessary training either. One doesn't need to be a medical expert to be a member of the squad. All one really needs is a desire to learn and help.

The training requirements have changed since the squad has been in existence. Instead of needing to be a certified medical technician, volunteers need to become first responders, which takes about half the amount of hours of training time as EMT tests.

Members can also respond to calls through their pagers while staying at home. While shifts typically range from 6 n.m. to 6 a.m., volunteers are free to contribute whatever amount of time they can.

Time and time again, the one thing members always take away from their experience serving on the squad is the joy they feel in helping other members of the community. Often, when someone is in need of medical assistance, just seeing a familiar face can ease the tension of the situation and make patients feel more at ease.

While the Mountainside First Aid Squad continues to reach out to the community as members of a first response team, once in a while, they need help too. Now is definitely one of those times.

To find out how you can help, call 908-232-8100.

The Springfield First Aid Squad is also in need of volunteers to help them continue to offer their services to the community. To find out how to join, call 973-376-0400.

Start planning

One look at the downtown business district on Morris Avenue between Mountain Avenue and James Caldwell Place in Springfield shows that commercial retail just doesn't work.

While Springfield will never have a Summit or Millburn downtown atmosphere, this stretch of Morris Avenue is at the heart of the township, since it is located near the historic Church Mall section, the public library, and the municipation building. This section is one of the first areas that outsiders notice after driving through the township and its very nature and aesthetic look is characteristic of what people perceive the township to be.

Talk of a downtown redevelopment plan is still under way, but at this point, it's just that -- talk. No drawings of possible plans have been presented to the Township Committee to give township officials a visual description of what may someday replace the outdated, dilapidated and dirtylooking storefronts dominating this section of the township.

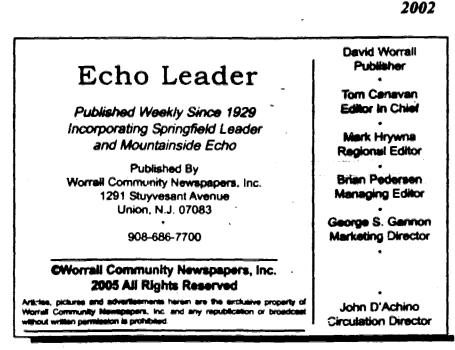
Plans should start to be developed immediately. For far too long, the majority of these businesses have drained the vitality out of this district and what it could be. Since the area has more of a pass-through atmosphere than one that encourages people to stop and shop the area, perhaps it would be best to look into the possibility of placing condominiums or some other type of housing complex in that district. The nearby jitney bus and the proximity of several houses of worship, the public library, high school, and a shopping center may provide an added attraction for people looking to move into Springfield.

Rather than trying to take control of the project, the Township Committee should allow and encourage the private developer who has already purchased many of these properties to develop his plans for the area, ensuring that they comply with the proper planning and zoning board requirements.

Some type of reasonable, unobtrusive development would be a big improvement versus what is already there.

"The more a government chooses to provide information to its citizens on a 'need to know' basis, the more citizens probably need to know what their government is up to."

> - Editorial Detroit Free Press





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Downtown plans leave me in the dark To the Editor:

The Jan. 13 article, "Downtown plan to be revealed," based on the Springfield Township Committee's recent meeting, leaves me in the dark. A --- Who is the mystery buyer that has purchased much of the downtown

property? B -- What specific properties are we talking about?

C — Is this person the guiding light to a potential downtown redevelopment? If so, why? Although I was not at this meeting, I think we as taxpayers are entitled to have these questions answered.

> Theresa De Santis . Springfield

An out-of-control spending mentality To the Editor:

The Board of Chosen Freeholders think that it's a wonderful thing to ask a citizen who wants information on how the county spends our money to have to pay over a thousand dollars to get it. Only a bloated out-of-control group of spenders would think that way. With

the level of inflation around 2 percent, why do we have to have 10-percent increases in the county's portion of our tax bill? Maybe if so many Democratic chairs were not on the county payroll and so

many friends and family members also on the payroll it would not be so high, and our tax increase would not go through the roof. Thank goodness there are people like Mrs. Tina Renna to speak out about the abuse of out tax money.

Chris Sands

Reform property tax in Legislature

No one disputes that New Jersey needs real property tax reform now, but a Constitutional Convention is not the answer. The job of reforming property taxes belongs in the Legislature, not in a Constitutional Convention that could turn into a free-for-all. In the Legislature, property tax reform entries done now, not three years from now.

New Jersey's poorest school districts are seeing exceptional improvements; they are safer and cleaner; more parents are involved in their children's education; and test scores show outstanding improvements in math and reading, espe-cially at the fourth-grade level. For the first time, the children in these districts are getting a fair shot at a quality education. Every New Jerseyan can be proud of that victory

The idea of "runaway school spending" is a myth. Lack of state aid is the problem. New Jersey ranks 45th in the nation in the percentage of school costs paid by the state - 36 percent - compared to 49.7 nationally. Additionally, New Jersey's annual increase in school spending between 1997 and 2002 was 4.56 percent, while the national average was 4.72 percent.

New Jersey invests in education, and it has seen a powerful return on that nvestment. When the rest of the country way diding into economic distress,

New Jersey's strong economy — furled by the high-quality workforce — was adding more jobs than New York and Furley round, combined. New Jersey's commitment to education also has resulted in our state being named the richest in the nation. It also was named one of the five "smartest states" in the country based on the quality of its elementary and secondary schools.

Ultimately, New Jersey is a state interested in the bottom line. And the bottom line on the Constitutional Convention in there is delays real reform for years while potentially jeopardizing the exception officiation region New Jersey has worked so hard to build and of which we are all and the Fulton, president New Jacoby Education Association

Writer owes train fighters an apology To the Editor:

A highly inflammatory and vitriolic letter from a William Wright appeared in your paper on Dec. 30, 2004. In it, he ridicules three Union County residents and makes an accusation of their coming "close to treates." How bizant.

In light of the freight train derailment in Graniteville, S.C., on Jan. 6, Wright owes Mr. Bill Fidurski, Ms. Carol Westervelt and Dr. Bric Munoz an apology. These people are concerned with the safety issues that arise from the Morristown & Eric Railway's freight trains hauling chemicals and other toxic materials through eight Union County towns.

Leaking chlorine gas from the derailed freight train in Granitesville took nine lives and forced evacuation of 5,400 residents from nearby homes. The Union County towns along the freight track are 38 times more populated than the areas near Granitesville, S.C., according to the US Census 2000.

In the South Carolina accident, a manually operated track switch was left open, causing a main line freight train to veer onto a siding and crash into the rear of a parked freight. A similar accident occurred earlier this month involving a manual switch that injured two workers and derailed appen engines and 14 cars of a freight train in California.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation Dis Devot a diagnostic report



a primary school in Roselle.

Diverse views can bring us together To the Editor:

not passengers

Freedom of Speech, as stated in the First Amendment in the United States Constitution, is a treasured right for all Americans. In recent months, I have write ten letters to the editor with comments, mostly in relation to elective and appointive governmental agencies, giving tax-saving suggestions, and/or expounding direct criticisms. The letters were written so that, hopefully, some improvements and/or spending cuts might be forthcoming.

I am happy when anyone agrees with my thoughts, and I am delighted when a person disagrees with my opinions. I welcome the dialogues which indicate that all of these alert people have taken a little time to read and consider the facts of a current or controversial issue as printed in the Echo Leader or elsewhere. I would encourage others to express their viewpoints by writing letters to the editor or talking to their friends.

I would also encourage all voters/taxpayers to set aside some time to attend planning boards, library boards, first aid squads, etc. or actively participate by serving as a member of one or more of them. In addition to helping with reli-, Girls Scouts plus artistic, literary, and recreational activities... Incidentally, if you think that your taxes could be reduced, the budgets are

one or more meetings of their municipal governments, boards of education, gious, civic, and social groups, volunteers are always welcomed for the Boy larly with the sports programs offered by their communities and school systems. now being formulated by most of the groups mentioned in the above necessarily. Now is the time to say whether you would recommend an increase or decret on specific line items of these yearly calculations which will be approved in March or April.

I would certainly like to meet with some of these pro and con people for a cup of coffee and I will buy the coffee and even a bun or a bagel. If there should be a large enough group, we might be able to form a club for some interesting and diverse discussions.

Thanks for the memories To the Editor

In 1998, the Plainfield and Union County Democratic parties entrusted me to wear the party's banner. You, the residents of the City of Plainfield and Union County, then entrusted me to represent you on the Union County Board of Choan Freeholders by electing me in 1998 and re-electing me in 2001. With very little practical political experience, this awesome responsibility became one of the most challenging and rewarding opportunities ever alforded me. When I asked both of my chairpersons, Assemblyman Jerry Green and the Honorable Charlotte DeFilippo, what was expected of me, they informed me that I was charged with assisting my fellow freeholders with setting policies, establishing directions, and governing the administration of Union County government. As a part-time elected official, I could do as much, or as little, as I felt was necessary to accomplish those objectives. Because I was retired and had the time to give and an unfulfilled desire to serve, I chose to be a full-time freeholder. I will

never regret it. In 2003, the leadership of my local Democratic party changed and had a desire to go in a different direction. As a result, I made a decision to not run for re-election in 2004. Again, I have no regrets. Seven years on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders provided me with the opportunity to serve people in a manner I seriously doubt I would ever have had under any other circum-

Early in my tenure, I made a conscious decision to use my position in couny government to be a servant of the people. I worked very hard to do just that, and whether or not I accomplished my goal to make a difference in people's lives, I have personally grown and benefited immensely from the relationships that I developed with the people I met and was permitted to serve.

I am more than grateful that I had the chance to be a Union County freeholder. I am so proud of the many initiatives that were accomplished during my tenure. I am a firm believer that the measure of a people can be viewed in the manner in which they care for their young people and their seniors.

Again, I wish to thank all of the residents of the County of Union for permitting me to serve you for the past seven years. I also wish to thank Assemblyman Green and Chairwoman DeFilippo for their support and mersorship. will always cherish and nurture my memories of this very special experience. was truly "blessed" by it and I hope all of you were also. My wife, Pansy, and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and "blessed" new year.

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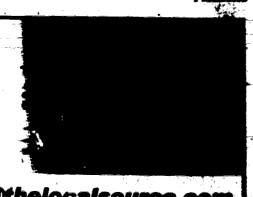
BOOSTING SUPPORT - At the annual Super Saturday, Susan Winter Highlander of the Booster Club at Governor Livingston High School in Berkelev Heights sells sweat shirts to the Whyte family of Mountainside. At the sale are, from left. father Gary, sons Eric, 12. Jeffrey, 8, and mother Debbie. The day also offered indoor athletic match-ups, games, and community events, with all proceeds from the activities going to support the many athletic programs at GL.

for similar trackage in Roselle. It does not mention anything about the type of switching that needs to be installed where the siding begins. This tracking, similar to the South Carolina set-up, is in close proximity to a Girl Scout camp and

I am grateful for people like Fidurski, Westervelt and Munoz for their attempts to safeguard us against a tragedy similar to the recent ones in California and South Carolina. Wright has to put the safety needs of human beings before his immature and antiquated obsession with trains. I would also like to publicly inform Wright that M&E is shipping freight through Union County ---

Arlene Murphy

Hazel Hardgrove Springfield



ECHO LEADER

Workshop targets bullying A workshop for adults concerned

about bullying will take place on Feb. 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield.

An estimated 160,000 children stay home from school every day because they are being bullied.

According to the Rev. Elaine Wing, as parents, educators, clergy and mental health professionals, we have an obligation to create an ongoing dialogue with our children about bullying. Frequently, adults minimize the damage --- the pain, humiliation and fear that victims of bullying experi-

The short- and long-term effects of bullying on children and teenagers are chronic and serious. The Internet has expanded the dangers; cyberbullying is becoming more pervasive. As parents and educators, we need to recognize the symptoms of bullying and be strong advocates for our children, said Linda Van Fossen, executive direc-

tor of the Counseling Centers for Human Development, frequently writes and presents workshops on this critical subject and will facilitate the Feb. 8 workshop.

The Counseling Center now has a satellite office on the second floor of the Springfield Emanual United Methodist Church. CCHD is an association of non-profit, interfaith and interdisciplinary counseling centers. Services are provided regardless of age, gender, ethnic background or religious affiliation.

needs basis. All services are confiden-

For information, call 973-376-1695

St. James conducts open house

on Sunday at St. James the Anostle School located at 41 Suppringfield Ave in Springfalde to un sinter dent's opening Many al long a ames the Apostie Church, celebrating the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The mast will be followed by

This year commonorites 100 years of Catholic Education with the thome of "Faith -- In Every Student." In celebration, St. James is planning a week of fun and sames and educational information, with a different theme each day.

For information on each day's events, call the school office at 973-" 376-5194, or visit the school's Web site at saintjamesparish.org."

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Church offers free winter concert

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Society offers evening

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church, 300 Central Ave. in Mountainside, invites the public to an evening of "That's Entertainment" on Feb. 7.

The recitation of the Rosary and Novena will begin at 7 p.m. The program will start about 7:45

p.m. All are welcomed. Bring a friend. For information, call 908-232-1162

Explore your senses

Adults and children of all ages a invited to discover the natural world by using the senses of sight, sound, touch and smell from 10 to 11 a.m. Web 3 in Outdoor Advistures, a pro-gram of Traligide Nature & Science Center, 402 New Providence Road in

Learn how animals depend on their senses to survive by playing interac tive games such as "Reccoon, Paws,"

guest speaker is Dr. Marc Jaffe, who will be speaking on his experience as an official chiropractor to the US County Department of Parks & Recre- Olympic Team in Athens last summer. 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

For information on any of the following, call 973-376-0539 ext. 11.

capacity.

Israeli folk dancing offered at Beth Ahm

Participants are invited to sign up for fun-filled Israeli folk dancing classes at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield. Israeli folk dance classes will be offered at every Wednesday night, for eight weeks, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The classes will be taught by a certified dance instructor, Rabbi Lisa Vernon.The cost for the eight weeks is \$80, with a check made out to Temple

Beth Ahm. The class will be limited to 25 people, so if interested, respond promptly

9676 or sending a message by e-mail Genya2@aol.com

Speaker explores NJ's role in Civil War Trailside Nature & Science Center

will kick off their adult winter workshop series on Feb. 18, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. when William Gillette, an awardwinning author and professor of history at Rutgers University presents a lecture on the role of New Jersey during the Civil War.

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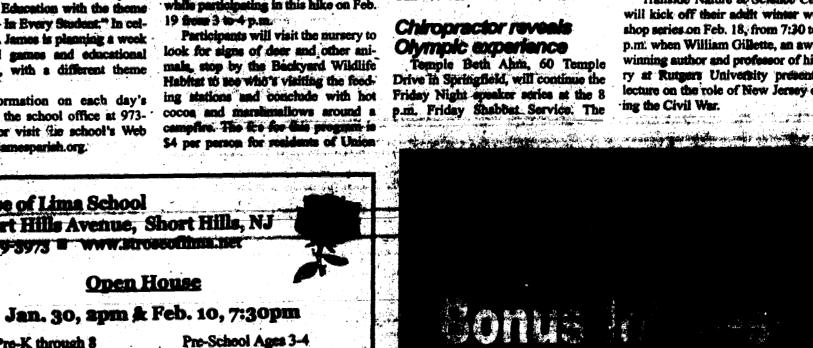
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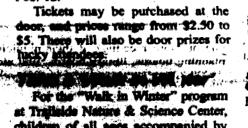
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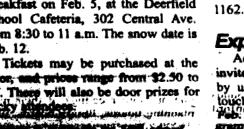


"Camouflage" and "Bat and Moth." Call 908-789-3670 for information. 19 from 3 to 4 p.m. \$4 per person for residents of Union

Foothill Club conducts luncheon Feb. 3 The Foothill Club luncheon will be conducted on Feb. 3 at noon at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield. Carolyn Williams, a Mountainside resident, will present a program on "Scrapbooking." New members and guests are always welcome. of entertainment For a reservation, call Genevieve at 938-232-3626. A sliding scale is available on The Foothill Club, a service organization, is committed to serving the community of Mountainside. Community Pancake

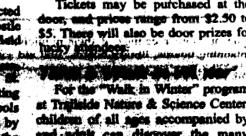
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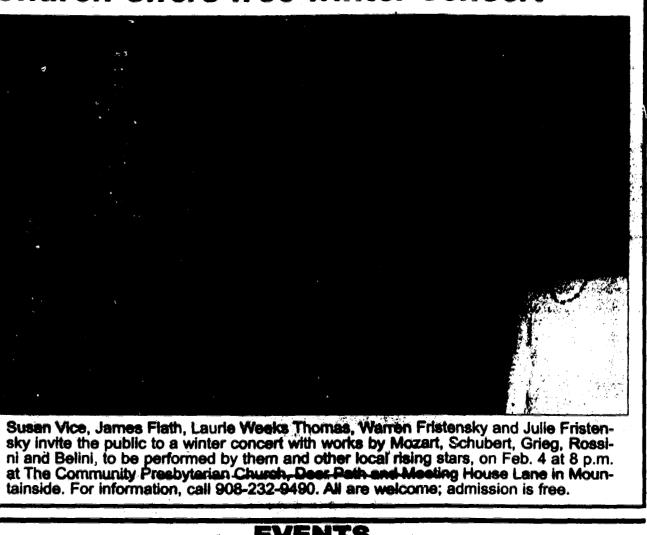


Breekfast planned The Mountainside PTA invites the Breakfast on Feb. 5, at the Deerfield

from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The snow date is Feb. 12.



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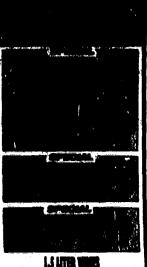
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Chretien selected for **National Youth Forum**

Andv Chretien of Mountainside the examples set was recently selected to participate by previous genin the National Youth Leadership erations of lead-Forum on Defense, Intelligence and ers and encour-Diplomacy from Feb 22 to Feb. 27 aging them to in Washington, D.C. Having demon- develop a perstrated academic achievement and spective and an interest in a career related to tenacity unique national security. Chretien will join to upcoming genapproximately 400 outstanding high erations of leadschool juniors and seniors from ers. Throughout across the United States at the the forum, stuforum

"Imagine being 16 or 17 years old plans for peace and prepares for criand the responsibility of securing the sis. Students will meet with leaders United States at home and abroad from key agencies and institutions. rests on your shoulders. Through In the past, NYLF/DID has visitspecialized simulations, the National ed several government institutions Youth Leadership Forum on and military installations, including Defense, Intelligence and Diploma- the U.S. Department of State, the cy strives to put students like Chre- U.S. Marine Corps Combat Developtien in the driver's seat of building a ment Command at Quantico, Va., the strategy that will uphold our nation- Defense Intelligence Agency, the al security," said Donna Snyder, U.S. Naval Academy, a variety of executive director of NYLF. "The embassies and many others. combination of interacting with pro- NYLF is a nonprofit, educational fessionals and with other students in organization committed to empowerthis setting ensures that leaders are ing young people to make wellbeing developed so the future of our informed career choices. Since being country will remain very bright." founded in 1992, more than 100,000

The curriculum for the Forum on young leaders have taken advantage Defense, Intelligence and Diploma- of the programs offered by NYLF. cy is based on actual world events. For additional information, visit allowing participants to learn from them at www.nylf.org.

Mountainside Newcomers meet

The Mountainside Newcomers Club announces the following activities: The annual Mommy and Me Newcomers Valentine's Day Party will be conducted on Feb. 12. Join the Ladies Night Out at L'Affaire when they attend the

annual Mountainside PTA dinner/auction/fashion show on March 3. PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union. State of New Jersey, held on the 18th day of January 2005 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 15th day of February 2005 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk ORDINANCE 1084-2005 AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER X OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, COMMUNITY POOL REGULATIONS AND FEES

CHAPTER X MUNICIPAL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND POOLS

(N.J.S.A. 40 61-1)

- -1 MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL -1.1 Purpose. There is hereby established rules and regulations for the use and operation of the Mountainside Community Pool, b Use of the swimming facilities and appurtenances thereof shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be promuldated by the Recression Department and the ordinances and resolution and the promuldated by the Recression Department and the 10-1 2 Definitions. As used in this section: A just of the shall mean the size of concrete immediately surrounding the pools. Pool grounds' shall mean the entire fenced area surrounding the pools. Pool grounds' shall mean the entire fenced area surrounding the pool facilities, providing networking and regressional area.
- "Doing parking and recreational area. "Diving well" shall mean the designated area of the swimming pool at which the diving boards are located and normally devoted to diving purposes only. "Wading pool enclosure" shall mean the fenced area of the wading pool and wading-pool deck. "Management" shall mean the Recreation Department of the borough and its authorized personnel responsible for the use and operation of the Mountainside
- authorized personnel responsible for the use and operation of the mountaineloc Community Pool. g. "Child" shall mean any person under 18 years of age on May 31 of each season. h. "Adult" shall mean any person 18 years of age or older on June 1 of each season. i. "Chapernet" shall mean a member in charge of a child as described in subsection for the
- Child? Use in the person under 18 years of age on May 31 of each eason.
 'Adult' shall mean any person 18 years of age of May on June 1 of each eason.
 'Chaperone' shall mean a member in charge of a child as described in subsection 10-16.
 10-13. Membership is limited to relation to the borough, full time employees of the borough, and to non-residents who are sponsored by a borough realisation who is a member of the borough, and to non-resident membership. Whether single or tamily. Membership is limited to relation to a sponsored by a borough realisation who is a member of the pool, provided, however, realisent membership is limited to relation to a sponsored by a borough realisation who is a member of the pool, provided, however, realisent membership is limited to 246 per season.
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- hours, or for scheduled events. Violetide of this rule will subject the person of persons to loss of swimming privileges for the sesson and/or liability to legal prosecution.
 Admission to events scheduled outside the regular pool hours will be subject to special regulations which will be posted.
 In case of smargency, notify the nearest ilfeguard and follow his/her instructions. Do not talk to the lifeguard except in case of smargency. Lifeguard stations, gate control, and offices are off limits to all but authorized personnel.
 Food and drink shell not be permitted except in designated areas.
 Only one person at a time shall be permitted on a diving board or ladder affording access to a diving board.
 Divers shall not dive until the previous diver has cleared the pool area below the boards.
 Biving shall not be permitted from the side of a board.
 Excessive bounding and the begarmitted persons.
 No diving shall be permitted from the side of shoard.
 Running dives from pool desk are prohibited.
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 Running shall not be permitted in the diving well unless he/she is capable of pool area permitted in the diving well except during designates.
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 I. General Rules.
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- operating hours, Persons under the influence of sloohol shall be refused admittance.
 Abusive language will not be permitted.
 Members shall drive slowly and carefully and not in excess of 15 miles per hour on access roads and in the perting area. No parking is slowed on access roads.
 All bicycles shall be placed in deplaneted areas. The management assumes no responsibility for demage or their of bicycles.
 All persons using the sol facilities do so at their own risk. The Mountainside Community Pool will not be responsible for any accident or injury in connection with such use.
 Any individual responsible for theft, destruction of or damage to property shall be itable and prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 16-1.7 Hours of Operation shall be established by the Governing Body by resolution.
 16-1.8 Admission establishes and at no time shall a child be left unattended while in the wading pool enclosure and at no time shall a child be left unattended while in the wading enclosure. A responsible chaperone is a responsible person 14 years of age or older.
 b infants must waar weisteproof pents and bathing suits.
 c All children under 14 shall take the required awimming test shall remain in designated areas unless accompanied by an adult.
 d All children under the sumervision (a person age 14 or older). Children 10 years of age of a desting the system by authorized pool personnet.

Beechwood School registration begins

seechwood School announces its

registration for 2005-2006 kindergarten classes. Registration and screening will be

conducted by appointment Feb. 22. Feb. 23 and Feb. 24. Appointments for registration and screening will begin at 8:45 a.m. The screening will be conducted by

kindergarten teachers, a speech therapist and an occupational therapist. Barbara Komoroski, the Mountainside school district's guidance counselor, will assist with screening.

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Parents should call Lynne Ciasulli at 908-301-9104 ext. 100 to make an appointment and to receive forms that should be completed and returned at registration. Children being registered should be five years of age by Oct. 1,

A birth certificate and proof of residency needs to be presented to Ciasulli at the time of the appointment.

District offers Project Child Find program

The Mountainside school district recognizes the importance of providing services to children with special needs through its involvement in the statewide Project Child Find efforts.

The district can provide screening and evaluation for children 3-21 years old who appear to have problems in communication. motor. social-emotional or learning areas.

Children found to be eligible are entitled to free and appropriate education programming and related servic-

PUBLIC NOTICE

EDUCATION

Information is provided to parents of children from birth through age 3 regarding early intervention services. Some signs which may indicate a possible area of concern are:

• significant delays in acquiring language or significant speech prob-

• significant difficulty walking. running or manipulating small objects; · frequent health problems or birth handicaps consistent trouble seeing or hearing;

 tendency toward temper tantrums or excessive anxiety or shyness, and significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children and/or significant problems paying attention or listening.

If your child appears to have one or more of the following signs or for more information about Mountainside school district's evaluation procedures and special education programs, call the Office of Special Services at 908-

232-8828 ext. 219 or 221. All information about such

requests will be kept confidential.

PEAK program continues in district

The Mountainside school district has announced continuation of the PEAK program.

The PEAK -- Preschool Education for All Kids program will be available to Mountainside residents who will be age 4 on or before Oct. 1, 2005 date of birth Oct. 1, 2001. The pro-

gram will run five days per week. 21/2 hours per day. The PEAK program will be made

available to both typically developing PUBLIC NOTICE

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person age 14 or older).
10-1.5 Swimming and Diving Instructions.
Swimming instructions and diving instructions will be provided at designated times and within the limits of time, space and evailable teaching personnel; fees shall be posted and payable in advance.
10-1.10 Use of Membership identification.
a No member will be admitted to the pool unless membership identification is presented to the admitted to the pool unless membership identification is and will be replaced upon the payment of a fee of five (\$5.00) dollars. If found after the issuance of new identification, the original identification and will be replaced upon the payment of a fee of five (\$5.00) dollars. If found after the issuance of new identification by a person other than the person to whom it is issued shall result in confiscation of the identification and revocation of membership identifications.
c improper use of membership identification.
d if membership is obtained by a fraudulent statement in the application, the membership of the entire family will be cancelled without refund.
10-1.11 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations.
a The foregoing rules and regulations shall be posted at the pool site and strictly enforced.
b The borough council, the Recreation Department or personnal authorized may close or limit the use of the aveinand necessary or desirable for the protection of the health or asfety of the persons using the facilities.
c Violations of the rules and regulations set forth herein may be punishable by explaision for the pool grounds, suspension or revocation of pool membership.
10-1.12 Code incorporated by Reference.
The Swimping Pool Code of the New Jersey State Department of Health is hereby incorporated into this chapter by reference and becomes a part hereof.
10-1.13 Rules and Regulations net Exclusive.
The Swimping Pool Code of the New Jersey State Department of Health is hereby incorporat include estate planning, guardianship, letters of intent, will vs. special needs trust, funding issues and changing

- d. i Fees Established. resident and full time employee membership fees and guest fees shall be The resident and full time employee membership reev.
 as follows:
 1. Family Membership:

 (i) Family Membership
 (ii) Family Membership
 (ii) Each unmarried child over 21 living at home or parent living with the family

 \$235.00 75.00
- 2. Single Membership 16 years of age or older
- 3. Senior Citizen Membership: 62 years
- 4. A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a family, single or senior citizen membership of a relative, if both the child and the membership are readent.
- 5. A resident person age 14 or 15 employed by a family as a parent's helper joining the family's membership
- Weekend/Holidaya Weekdaya . Guest daily fee: (i) Adult (ii) Under 18 years of age
- 7. House guest weekly fee (non-resident eating and eleeping in member's home: (i) 18 years of age or younger (ii) Over 18 years of age
- 8. Individuals on active military duty who are residents shall be
- 9. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests. 10. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.
- 11. A senior citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary

12. A family or single membership shall receive two complementary guest passes if the membership free paid in full on or before April 15 of the membership year

April 10 01 the membership	year.	
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parent living with family		78.00
2. Single Membership: 16 year	rs of age or older	220.00
3. Senior Citizen membership:	62 years of age or older	180.00

A child under the age of 16 joining as part of a territy, single or senior citizen membership of a reliave, if both the child and membership are non-resident.

- 220.00 5. A non-resident person age 14 or 16 employed for a family as a parent's helper joining that family a management
- 6. Non-resident registration fee payable for first year
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- 18-2 USE OF POOL AFTER HOURS PROHIBITED The 2 USE OF FOOL AFTER HOURS PROHIBITED Any person who shall enter upon or use the grounds excupied by the Elevation of Community Pool or any facility appurtenant theraof outside the heurs of Operation (the pool which have been duly promulgated by the Recreation Department of the be ough shall be deemed and adjudged a disorderly person.
- 18-3 TENNIS PERMIT REQUIRED No person shell play tennis or otherwise use the tennie courts owned by the borough without first obtaining, in accordance with the terms of this section, a permit to do so. Such permits chall be issued upon payment of a permit fee as follows to be changed at the discretion of the Recreation Department.
 - Resident adult (ages 18-61) Resident teens (ages 13-17) Resident senior (ages 62 or older) Childron under age 13 1:0 charge Non-resident (ages 13 & above) \$15.09 \$10.00 \$10.00
- \$30.00 Any person who plays upon or uses the tennis courts without first having obtained such a permit, or plays upon or uses the courts in violation of the rules and regula-tions governing the use thereof promulgated by the Recreation Department shall be a disorderly person. in person. In ance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final Dessage. U100499 ECL January 27, 2005 (\$240.00)

with special education needs. The district would like to open the class with no more than 12 students. One-third to one-half of the students may have special needs. The Mountainside school district has identified some preschoolers who are presently receiving education services through the MOPPET program as potentially appropriate for the new class. They are looking for families who may be interested in voluntarily placing their typically developing children in the district's innovative program. If the number of applicants exceeds the slots available, non-disabled students will be selected by a lettery system. There

is no cost for the program. Parents will

The lottery will be conducted on

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Program addresses

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Providence Road.

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special needs planning

for Parents ---- is a national non-profit

public benefit corporation which will

be hosting a workshop on "Planning

for the Future of Your Child or Depen-

SNAP is an organization founded

by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Vogel who have

a child that requires special needs. The

workshop will be conducted Feb. 9

from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Children's

Specialized Hospital Auditorium at

the Mountainside facility, 150 New

educate both families and profession-

als on the many faceted legal and

financial issues as they pertain to plan-

ning for the future of a disabled per-

Topics that will be addressed

This is a free workshop open to all

parents/caregivers of children and

dependents of all ages and disabilities.

For information or to register, call Sue

Driscoll at 908-301-5478 or 888-

PUBLIC NOTICE

WELLE BOARD TO ADJUSTMENT

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Please take notice that the following scision was made at the regular meeting i the Board of Adjustment field on Tues-ay, January 18, 2005.

Applicant: Front & Center for Perform ing Arts

Site Location: 95 Victory Road

CHILDREN ext. 5478.

Application # 2004-14

Block: 301, Lot: 5'E 6"

The purpose of this workshop is to

SNAP --- Special Needs Advocate

child to school.

Feb. 17 at 9 a.m.

pre-kindergarten students and children

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDIMAMCS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fol-lowing proposed ordinance was intro-duced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 18th day of January 2005 and thet said ordinance will be talsen up for further con-sideration for final passage at the meet-in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22. Mountainside, New Jersey on the 18th day of February 2005 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereatler as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all per-sons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard con-cerning the same. Judith E. Osty, RMC, CMR CORDINANCE 1063-7668 AM GREMANCE TO AMUND ORDI-MANGE 1041-675 MOUNTAINSIDE BY ANENDING FEB FOR COPIES OF VIXA, STATIETICS RECORD For: Minor site plan; A use variance and variances for parking, drive alsie width and sign variances. Wes: Approved Said application is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, 100 Mountain Avenue, Annex Building, Township of Springfield, NJ and is avail-able for public inspection. Robert C. Kirkpatrick Board of Adjustment Secretary U100525 ECL Jan. 27, 2005 (\$12.38) PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS MEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on Feb-ruary 10, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. on the follow-ing applications: BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside County of Union, State of New Jersey that Ordinance 1081-2002, Section II of the Code of the Borough of Mountainside SECTION II: Ordinance -1051-2002 reparding vital statistic records is hereby Death and Marriage Records by Increas-ing the fee to Fifteen Dollers (\$15.00) per record. Ciani, 1380 Mohawk Drive, Block 15.D. Lot 15 - New onvered front porch coaling to Sections 1009(c)(8) excessive ground projection, 1009(c)(5) Existing insufficient lot wight and 1009(c)(5) Existing insufficient Nextel Communications, Inc., Proposed Wireless Monopole, 1193 Route 22, Block 23C, Lot SA. Monopole contrary to Sec-tion 1013(b) non-permitted use, Section 1013(c)(1) exgessive height, Section 1013(c)(4) insufficient rear yard, Section This ordinance shall take effect after pas-sage and publication in the manner persage and publication in the manner pr mitted by law. U100495 ECL Jan. 27, 2005 (\$18.38) (hitopractor



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800-564-891

ECHO LEADER

Scouts prepare for derby

Boy Scouts from troops in Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Gillette and Stirling will join with other Scouts of the Patriot District of the Patriot's Path Council in their 48th Klondike Derby sled race and scoutskill contest Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the playground area above Surprise Lake in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside

Bruce Monticello of North Plainfield, a longtime leader of many Scouting activities, will serve as derby governor, and about 100 adult leaders and volunteers from various scout troops will assist in conducting the event

On Derby Day, the Reservation will be transformed into the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, and the spots where different skill events occur will take on the names of Klondike towns. Scout patrols in timed waves will use compass directions to map out their performance of different scout-skill problems, such as first aid, lashings and knots, measuring and fire-building. Each team's test cores and elapsed times are relayed to central scoreboard and determine the winners in each age group.

If there is too little snow for sleds. the patrols will use backpacks loaded with the required equipment to hike around the course, but only severe rain mud conditions will cause a cancellation or postponement.

The public is welcome to visit at any time. The awards are presented round 2 p.m., when the last waves have completed the race.

The Patriot District includes towns the area extending from Garwood through Westfield, Scotch Plains. North Plainfield and Watchung, and from Millington to Summit and Mountainside.

PUBLIC NOTICE 1003(f)(1) more than one principal use. Section 1013(c)(6) insufficient floor area of a principal Building, other variances that may be required.

Gregory Criscitello, 1041 Prospect Ave. -Construction of an accessory structure (cabana) contrary to Section 1003 (e)(1) (A) excessive accessory structure floor eres, Bection 1003(e)(1)(E) insufficient ideverd setback, other veriances that hay be required. All applications are subject to the Moun

ject to bulk variances, if required. Other larges may be discussed and scilon may be taken. Ruth M. Rees U100815 ECL Jan. 27, 2005 (\$16.13)

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE





SUMMIT OBSERVER - ECHO LEADER

Overlook offers heart-healthy programming

To celebrate February as National ing several additional community Heart Month, Overlook Hospital will screenings and educational programs host several heart-healthy and educa- for heart month throughout February tional programs, including its 15th and March. annual Cardiac Health Fair, scheduled for Feb. 5.

Cardiac disease is one of the top causes of death among American men fasting finger stick for immediate and women, but also has proven to be results. Receive individual counseling a preventable condition. Lifestyle fac- and educational materials. No registors, such as a diet high in fat and sodium, lack of exercise, elevated stress levels and smoking, put people at high risk for cardiac disease.

Join Overlook Hospital throughout the month of Eebruary to learn how to reduce these factors and improve the health of one's heart.

"Our programs aim toward making the community aware of healthier choices and lifestyle modification. which can be instrumental in lowering cardiac risk factors," said Joyce

Passen, manager of community health at Overlook Hoepital. "We also will provide participants

with information should they or a loved one experience heart disease." The annual Cardiec Health Fair

will offer its first screening session and exhibits on Feb. 5 from 7:30 to Roselle. 8:45 a.m. T.

he first 100 people to register for the full morning program will receive are measured using a finger stick. free screenings

At 9 a.m., Dr. William Tansey will present. "Clinical Cardiology, An incredible Journey," followed by Dr. Steven Sheris, who will facilitate a program called "Choiesterol Count-

At 11 a.m., Tansey, Sheris, Dr. Mark Kreil, Dr. David Powell and Dr. Michael Alexander will host a panel discussion to provide participants with an opportunity to ask questions of the physicians.

The second screening session will take place at noon. For information or to register, call 800-247-9520.

The Health Fair will take place in Overlook Hospital's Wallace Auditorium, located in the main lobby, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

Overlook Hospital also is sponsor-

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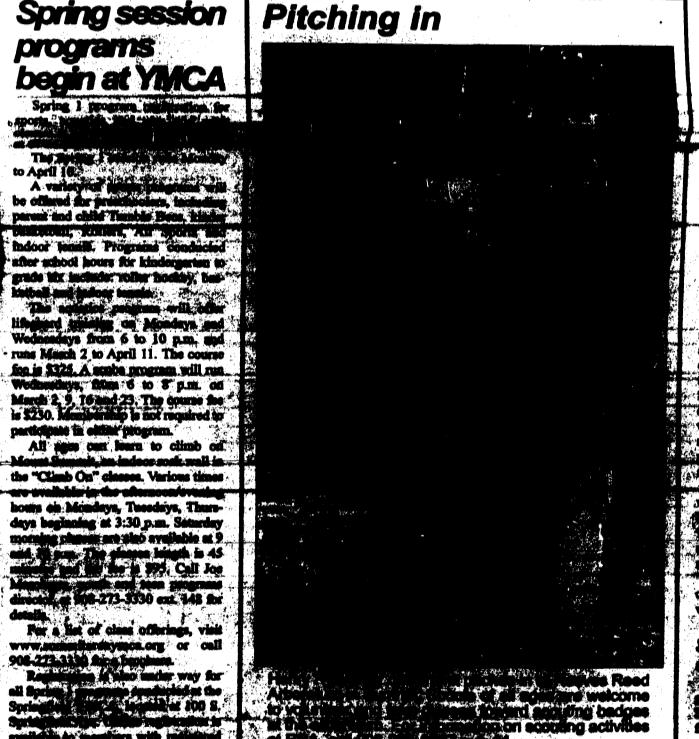
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Father Cummings director of campus ministry at Saint Michael's, a liberal arts residential Catholic college located in Burlington, Vermont, will celebrate Mass and the choir will sing Attention churches at St. Theresa of Avila Church in Summit on Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

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Year of the Eucharist The public is invited to gather in praise and thankseiving to celebrate the Eucharist with the Rev. Peter-Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus of takes place at 7:30 p.m. followed by a

reception in the school hall For information, call 908-232-

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gregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors

about scheduled events and activities.

Releases should include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Roman Catholic Church: 300 Central L. Kretzmer-Lucarelli

Lorraine Kretzmer-Lucarelli, 45, of Metuchen, formerly of Mountainside and Linden, died Jan, 11 in Frank Racioppi

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. Kretzmer- tal, Summit. Lucarelli lived in Mountainside, Hope Born in Newark, Mr. Racioppi and Linden before moving to lived in Springfield for 40 years. He Metuchen five years ago. She was a was a real estate developer with Edgesign language interpreter at Governor mont Realty, Springfield, for 40 years. Newark. The Eucharist celebration Livingston High School, Berkeley Heights, for 11 years.

> an associate's degree from Union Mooney: a sister, Phyllis Altamonte, County College. She was a choir and six grandchildren. member at St. Matthews the Apostle Church, Edison

Surviving are her husband, Marco ucarelli; a son, Andrew Paul Kret- died Jan. 14 in Overlook Hospital, zmer; a daughter, Laren P., Kretzmer; Summit two stepsons, Brian David and Andrew Lucarelli; her parents. Edward and Louise Hanbicki; a broth-

Theresa Schmedel

Frank A. Racioppi, 80, of Spring-

field died Jan. 14 in Overlook Hospi-

Surviving are his wife, Bernadette: two stepsons, Joseph and James Mrs. Kretzmer-Lucarelli received Mooney; a stepdaughter, Natalie

Doris Kozub

Doris Kozub, 76, of Springfield

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kozub lived

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JEWISH - REFORM

Praise and Bible Study: Junior/Senior High TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 Ministry, Active Youth Ministry; Wide-Range Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387 Music Program. Ample Parking Chair Lift Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi, Amy Daniels, Cantorprovided with assistance. All are invited and Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School welcomed to participate in worship with us. For Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator, further information contact church office (973) Edward Fink and Hank Rottenberg, Co-379-4351 Mondays - 7:00 pm - ENGLISH AS Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, Shabbat worship, enhanced by IEWISH-CONSERVATIVE volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at TEMPLE 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 4-7; and Tuesday Thurs 7:45 PM Shabbat (Friday) 6:00 PM & evenings for post bar/bat mitzyah students. Pre-8:30 PM Shabbat day 9:30 AM & sunset: school, classes are available for children ages 2 Sundays, 8:30 AM. Festival & Holiday mornings 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an 9.00 AM. Family and children services are active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance conducted regularly. Our Religious School (third- Group and Youth Group. A wide range of seventh grade) meets on Sunday and Tuesday. programs include Adult Education, Social There are formal classes for both High School Action, Interfaith Outreach, Singles and Seniors. and pre-Religious School aged children. The For more information, call the Temple office. synagogue also sponsors a Pre-School Women's (973) 379-5387

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Education program. For more information, please HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887, Remo Madsen, Pastor Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF children, teen, and adult programs, contact the SPRINGEITED 339 Mountain Avenue Church Office Monday through Thursday 8:30-1.00 pm

daily weekday morning Minyans at 6:15 a.m. and Beginning Sunday, July Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery indices classes for children aged 2 1/2 to 4. A handicapped accessible.

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corner of Kont Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue. Church School and Bible Study is held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.; the emphasis of which is to always have a 'good week" because of Paul's reminder to us in his letter to the Romans "that ALL things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose". The sermons are uplifting, Biblically sound and guaranteed to keep you awake. The music and children's message are memorable. All are welcome to hear the Good News of God's love and salvation through Jesus Christ. Our church also offers nursery care, after worship refreshments and fellowship, and many lively programs for everyone. Come worship with us and find out how you too can have a "good week". Call the church office or Pastors Gina or Rich Hendrickson, Senior Co-Pastors for more information at 908 277-1700

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

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er, Edward J. Hanbicki III, and a sister, Springfield in 1947. She was a for 25 years before retiring in 1988. teacher's aide with the Springfield Prior to that. Mr. Klein was a tool and Board of Education for many years die maker at Hyatt Roller Bearing, Harrison, for 10 years. He served in before retiring in 1984. Surviving are her husband, Walter: the Navy during peacetime. Surviving are his wife of 43 years.

two daughters. Linda Kozub and Karen Bassillo, and three grandchil-

Dr. Stuart Baron

Dr. Stuart Baron, 73, of Springfield, formerly of Mountainside, died Jan. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Dr. Baron lived in Mountainside for many years before moving to Springfield 29 years ago. He was a family practitioner with offices in Mountainside and, later, Springfield, for 40 years before retirmedical staff of Overlook Hospital, St. his brother, Phil Hernandez. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston in Maplewood before moving to and Union Hospital. At Overlook Hospital, he was the first doctor to be elected to two terms as chief of family practice and also served two terms as vice chief of family practice.

> Additionally, Dr. Baron served as the doctor for the Mountainside Police Department, the Mountainside Fire Department and the Pop Warner Football squads. He graduated from Tulane University, where he received a bachelor's degree, and from Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, where he received a medical degree. Dr. Baron was a member of the Model A. Ford Club of New Jersey, the Modal A. Ford Club of America and a member of the Union and Mercer Model Air Plane clubs. He also was a life member of the National Rifle Association and the Kiwanis Club of Mountainside and was a member of

the Sigma Sigma Phi, a national osteopathic fraternity. Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Sandra, and two sons, Jonathan and

Caroline Erskine

Caroline P. Erskine, 85, of Richmond Hill, Ga., formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 13 in the Heritage Park Nursing Home, Savannah, Ga.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Erskine lived in Irvington and Springfield two grandchildren. before moving to Georgia six months ago. She was a member of the Springfield Seniors and the Garden Club in Springfield.

Surviving are two sons, Edwin and Ernest; a sister, Hazel Tauber; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Allen G. Klein

Allen G. Klein, 71, of Springfield died Jan. 17 Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Mr. Klein lived in Union before moving to Springfield Miller Pontiac and Cadillac, Rahway, accept obituaries by telephone.

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Michael Armao

Michael Armao, 34, of Mountainside died Jan. 17 in Overlook Hospital. Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Armao moved to Mountainside 14 years ago. Surviving are his mother and steping in 1999. Dr. Baron served on the father. Mary and Jose Hernandez, and

Mennato Palumbo

Mennato Palumbo, 79, of Summit died Jan. 20 at home.

Born in Province of Benevento, Italy, Mr. Palumbo moved to Summit in 1956. He was a road mechanic for Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Summit, for 34 years before retiring in 1990. The company gave him an Award of Valor for recognition of an outstanding act of courage and resourcefulness for his part in rescuing a person that was injured in a car accident. Surviving are two sons, Carmen Sr. and James; a daughter, Toni, and two grandchildren.

Helen Huntley

Helen Huntley, 74, of Colts Neck, formerly of Springfield, died Jan. 21 in Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank.

Born in Little Ferry, Mrs. Huntley lived in Springfield before moving to Colts Neck 38 years ago. She was a teacher at St. Rose of Lima Grammar School, Freehold, before retiring in 1973. Mrs. Huntley was a graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary's Church, Colts Neck. Surviving are her husband. William; a son, William; two sisters, Jean VanSavage and Joan Klein, and

Erin Ann Forte

Erin Ann Forte of Summit died Jan. I in the Neonatal Unit at Morristown

Memorial Hospital. Surviving are her parents, Kathleen and Richard Forte, and her grandparents, Ann Marie and Jay Roake, Julie and Michael Munsinger and Christine and Richard Forte Sr.

Obituary policy

Obituary notices submitted by local funeral homes or families must 43 years ago. He was a salesman at be in writing. This newspaper cannot



Suarez nets career-high for O. Prep 35 includes 9 3-pointers

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ECHO LEADER

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD - Feeling it early. That's what Oratory Prep High School basketball standout Stephen Suarez was doing in the first quarter of his team's 75-66 loss at Dayton last Friday night.

Suareze who finished with a careerhigh 35 points, made nine of 18 threepoint attempts, including five in the first quarter to help the Rams jump out to a 21-16 first period lead.

"I was definitely on tonight," Suarez said moments after his spectacular effort. "I felt good coming into the game and got hot from the beginning, so I just kept trying to shoot."

Suarcz, a junior guard, hails from Springfield. After Dayton's Eson Jenkins

opened the game with a driving layup to make it 2-0. Suarez quickly gave his team a 3-2 edge when he drilled a "trey" from the right corner.

Even though the Buildogs went up 6-3 minutes later, Suarez helpod tie the game at 6-6 by draining a "three" from op of the key.

Dayton went on a 6-0 run to take a 12-6 lead before Suarez, once again, brought the Rams back when he connected on back-to-back three-pointers to lead a 10-0 run, giving Oratory a 16-12 lead.

Suarez capped the surge when he stopped and popped a 15-footes from the right wing.

After Dayton cut the deficit to a score of 18-16 with seconds left in the period, Suarez finished his brilliant 17-point first-quarter run when he nefted a "three" from just above the halfcourt line just as the buzzer sounded to give Oratory a five-point cushion.

"I definitely had some added ncentive entering the game," Sugrez. said. "I wanted to come home and play, well against some of the kids I grew up with "

Suards definiteds Timed not state former pours outly is the mount of the second secon give his seems a dividing to at 31-29 minute to an hofers helf ime before Succes drained a "trey" from top of the key to give the Rams a

32-31 edge. in the waning seconds However, before intermission, Dayton senior center Mike Mason followed his own shot right before the burzer to give the

Bulldogs a 33-32 halftime load. "Davion never lot us get away after we took the lead." Sumer said. "They

kept on making runs at us." That trend didn't end in the thi quarter as Orntory trailed 39-34 with 5:44 left in the period before consecutive three-pointers by Suarez gave the Rams a 40-39 edge.

However, a Davion 5-0 run with under two minutes left in the quarter gave the Buildogs a 51-44 advantage before an Oratory 5-2 surge cut the deficit to 53-49 at the end of the peri-

od, Summi started the drive by nailing a 20-forther from the right corner. "I trans "can open in the second half as I was in the first," Search sold

"However, I still shot the ball well." Device started to take away the open "three" in the final period opes of stopping Sustal.

The strategy paid off some as the Buildogs held Susret to only one three-pointer and one 20-footer in the fourth minister a they went on to wh

by a nime po.at margin. With the wie, Dayton improved to 6-5, minite Destroy despend to 5-7. "The team's having a doorat your Sunner said. "We can't pull everything

together in just one night, though." Dayton girls' out to

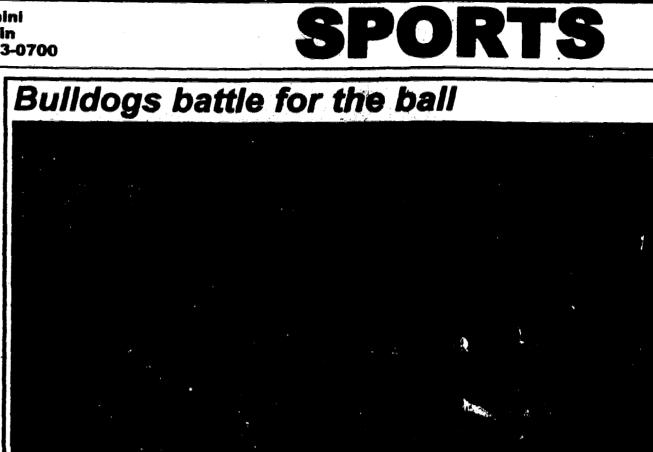
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Kaoli Feb. 4 at 7. Saturday's game at Gov. Livingston was snowed out. Dayton already owns with over St. Patrick's and South Amboy, so making

it back to the states looks pretty good





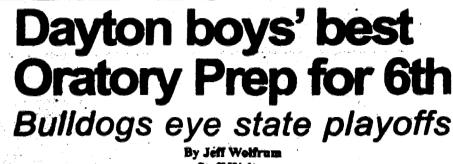
Thereine by Barris Harry Street The Dayton High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of Katelyn Viverito (No. 5) at left and Cristin Zavocki (No. 14), began the week with a 9-6 record after last Saturday's scheduled game at Governor Livingston was snowed out. The Buildors, second to outly spain for the Central Jersey, Group 1 playoffs, were scheduled to play



Park player in a 47-57 road victory earlier this month. Kennedy scored four points in Day-ton's 59-39 home win over North Plainfield last Thursday. Also in that contest, standout senior Cristin Zavocid made a school record seven 3-point baskets on route to a 27-point effort. Teammates Amanda DiCocco and-Dara Politock added nine and eight points. Davton is scheduled to play at Newark Central tonight at 7

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Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD - A magic number of three. That's what Dayton High School first-year head basketball coach Dave Nash fiels is the number of wins his team needs to qualify for the Central Jersey. Group 1 playoffs.

Teams must be .500 or better through the Feb. 5 cutoff date.

Deyton, which stood at 6-5 as of last Friday night's 75-66 victory over Oratory Prep, had six scheduled games before the cutoff date. "Our goal is to qualify for the state playoffs," Nash said. "Three wins by us should get the job done."

The Bulldogs got the job done in the final period against Oratory, outscoring the Summit school by a margin of 22-17.

Trailing 53-49 entering the fourth quarter, Oratory, which had its record drop to 5-7, cut the lead to 53-51 when senior guard Mike Maolucci made a pair of free throws. However, Dayton senior center Mike Mason answered with a "trey" from the

right wing to make it 56-51. Maolucci, who finished with 15 points, added another pair of free throws to

bring the score to 56-53 before Dayton went on a 5-0 run to up its lead to 61-53 michway through the period star sector and sector and Junior forward Joe Furnaguera netted four of his team-high 23 points in the

FLITZC. "Joe's older brother, Raul, (a senior forward) suffered a high ankle sprain two weeks ago in a game against Brearley," Nash said. "We didn't respond in our next few games and the guys were a little down because Raul is such a big part of what we like to do."

Even though Dayton won at Brearley 63-59 on Jan. 11, it dropped a 62-53 decision at Roselle Park two days later after leading by 17 points in the second quarter. The Bulldogs then lost their bite in a 60-35 setback to Union Catholic in

Scotch Plains on Jan. 14 before bouncing back four days later with a 65-58 triumph over visiting Bound Brook. Last Thursday, Dayton had its record evened at 5-5 when it dropped a 69-56

decision to Technology in Newark. "Even though Raul scores only 7-8 points a game for us, he still fills up the

stats sheet in other areas," Nash said. "The coaching staff didn't ask one person to fill-in those numbers, but asked each player to get one more point or one more rebound or one more assist." The Dayton starting five of Furnaguera, Mason, senior guards Eson Jenkins

and Jesse Fischbein and freshman guard David Steinman did just that down the stretch for the Bulldogs as they outscored Oratory 14-13 to win by the nine-point

"This was our fifth game without Raul," Nash said. "This was the first time in that span that everything really clicked." Clicking in the first quarter for Oratory was junior guard Stephen Suarez,

who had 17 points in the period to help the Rams take a 21-16 lead. Suarez, a Springfield resident, finished with a career-high 35 points, which included nine three-pointers.

"I felt good coming into the game and got hot from the beginning, so I kept trying to shoot," Suarez said. "I had a little added incentive because I wanted to come back home and play well against kids I grew up with."

Playing well was what Mason did in the second quarter as he led the Bulldogs to a 17-11 surge that helped the Bulldogs take a 33-32 helftime advant The third quarter was a nip-and-tuck affair, with neither team taking more

than a four-point lead up until the two-minute mark when Jenkins tallied on a five-footer while being fouled points, also added three steals. mailed a 20-fee

score of 51-46. Jenkins made a pair of free throws to push the Bulldog lead to a ocunt of 53-46.

However, Oratory closed out the guarter with a 3-0 run to bring the to 53-49.

"We wanted to start the final quarter playing aggressive and with some pot tive energy." Jenkins said. "We just wanted to come out playing hard."

the boys' surprise team in county this year

Net only is the Governor Livingston High School boys' backetball team wintranses wel. "Case in point, hat Thursday's home game against Mountain Valley Conferfountein Division for Roselle Catholis. The Lions came to Derivele Heights with a 9-0 record and were the only undeflected remaining in Unio

GL hang tough for three quarters and then took the lead for good in the fourth Lite mark to a 32-36 speet wintery. The Highlanders, monting a balanced aco ing attack, outsoored RC by a 14-8 mergin in the final eight minutes.

That win, GL's third straight, put the Highlander record at 8-3. As the week bagen, GL, RC and Rahway were builting for the Monstain Division lead. The Highlandres also appear headld back to the North 2, Group 2 playoff. The state playoff companies around New Jamey on Feb. 25.

In a 12-12 sendor has year on Highlander were eliminated by eventual descendion Summit 76-17 in Summit in Summit or the play. GL is more of a threat this year spectral by the play of standouts such as sen-ing lason Hollowell and sophemore grant. This Amalfe. Hollowell and Amalfe both spored nine points in the win over Roselle Catholic. Connor Donohus an

Dong Schlicting added six. Two days earlier, the Highlanders defended Newark Central 61-50 in Newark. Amelie coursed in a team-high 22 points, while Hollowell added 14, Evan

Kaplan and Tim Ringwood seven and Seen Cox six. Prior to beating NC, the Highlandens downed North Plainfield 61-57 at home on Jan. 14. Amalfe scored 28 points and dished out eight assists.

St. James CYO Pee Wee hoops emerge victorious For the third statistic week, Mildle, Jenses of Springfield CYO Pec Wee, gand and 4, manual statistical statistics

Allison Weber poured in sight of her 12 points in the third quarter to lead the Pee Wee Girls to a come from behind 14-13 victory over St. Agnes, Clerk. Deirdre McEllroy led a swarming St. James defense, which held St. Agnes scoreless is the fourth querter.

Markinoy, Brianna Mooney and Heather Fritzen dished out two assess, where the first had a making where and Fritzen pulled down five nebounds, with The second second second of St. Thereas of Keinflurgers, Make by source of 18-16. Arrington Comiffe led St. James with five points, while DeY-source Don and Rob Florilli scored four. A.J. Cartucci had three and Tommy Walds a bashot. The Pee Wee Boys Gold team defeated St. Thereas's Blue 39-7. Zack Wright

and Joe Wightman had six points, while Steven Bugsyong, Nick Matarazzo and Chris Massoci poured in four.

The St. James Pos Wees are scheduled to play tonsorrow night at James Cald well School. The Gold is at 6, the Blue at 7 and the girls at 8. The St. James junior varsity girls team, grades 5 and 6, defeated Clark Rec

17-16. Jen Kuczynski made two free throws with 15 seconds reine Kuczynski and Anna Lies scored six, Brielle Ianuzelli and Emily MacDonn had a basket and Amanda Lyns made a clutch free throw. The St. James teams play Sunday at Dayton High School. The JV girls are at

p.m., the JV Boys Blue at 2, the varsity at 3 and the JV Boys Gold at 4.

Artist's reception planned at arboretum

Local artist Flissa F. Merki is scheduled to exhibit a cutouts to acetate overlays. A colorist, Merkl uses bold and Hobart Ave., through Feb. 14

Serigraphy is an ancient steneil method of printmakir the screen.

Merkl has spent her career as an artist experimenting with this medium

"I have challenged myself to make sengraphy an art form in itself, an original in multiples, neither a monotype 3 p.m. nor a reproduction." According to Merkl, the art form lends itself well to experimentation from three-dimensional Arboretum, call 908-273-8787.

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Merkl received a fine arts degree from Marymount Colin which inks are pressed throad the fine meshes of a taut lege, Tarrytown, N.Y. She is the recipient of more than 250 fabric screen onto a piece of paper of other material beneath professional awards and has exhibited her work around the globe

An artist's reception will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wisner House. Wisner House is wheelchair-accessible and open to the public free of charge weekdays from 9 a.m. to

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Care Director at 908-273-5550.

For information on the exhibition or Reeves-Reed

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and Polish-speaking institutions, monthly support group for caregivers organizations and media to reach the third Wednesday of each month at those in need of services. If you would SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St. in Do you struggle to balance your like more information about SHIP, call Summit. checkbook? Do you have a problem 908-273-6999.

Speaker explores aspects of aging

John Bullock will speak on physiology of the normal aging process of humans at the Tuesday meeting of the Summit Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center at 10 a.m.

He will tell how growing old is a normal process not to be feared and how you can add "life to your years. Bullock was a faculty member of the UMD NJ Medical School for 43 years. He is the author of six textbooks. His research activities include steroid hormone actions, blood flow in diabetes, gallbladder disease and liver cancer. Retired men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Old Guard

Tuesday mornings. A coffee hour starts 9:15 followed SAGE's Bill Paying service at 908- by a 10 a.m. business meeting. Old Guard members also participate in sports, bridge, hikes and trips, plays, concerts and other events. The Summit Old was founded on Dec. 2 1930 and is currently celebrating its 75th

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In the spirit of 'the Dream'

One thousand worshippers packed the Summit High School Auditorium on Jan. 16 when three Summit churches came together in the spirit of the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Members of Fountain Baptist Church. Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church and Central Presbyterian Church and a number of visitors from the area celebrated their common Christian faith, led by three pastors and a choir of 100. From left are the Revs. Jerry Sanders of Fountain Baptist Church, Denison Harrield of Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church and Richard Kannwischer of Central Presbyterian Church.

Chorale conducts 'Holocaust Cantata'

Drew University in Madison.

Tickets are \$20; \$18 students and seniors, \$2 less for advance purchase. For information, call 973-292-1186 or visit www.summitchorale.org.

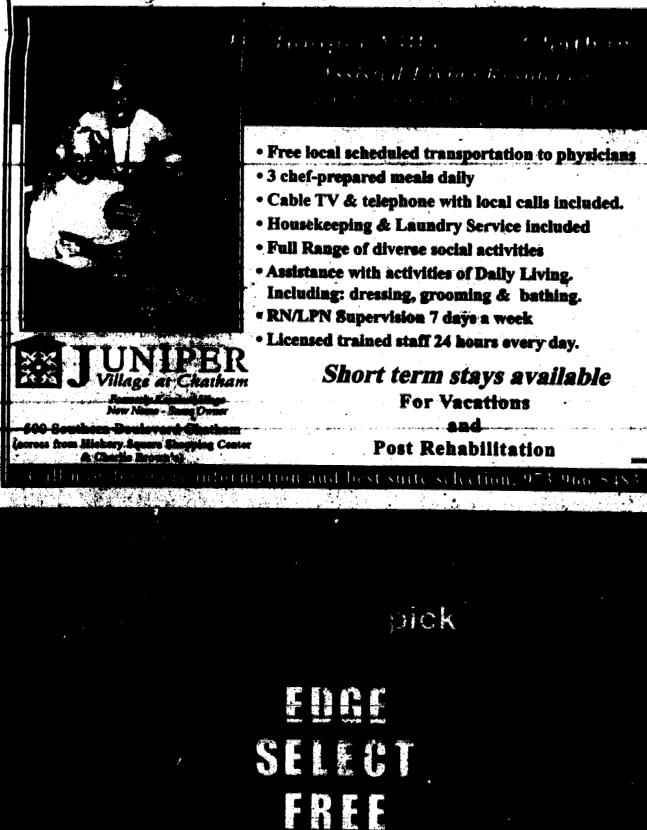
American composer Donald 273-5550 or log onto www.sagenj.org. McCullough and lyricist Denny Clark scoured the archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for words and melodies written by tainside meets the second and fourth Polish prisoners incarcerated in Nazi concentration camps. The resulting songs, readings and musical arrangements testify to the enduring power of the human spirit.

Summit Chorale is joined by

"Holocaust Cantata: Songs from soloists Rochelle Ellis, soprano; the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts the Camps," will be performed by David Huneryager, baritone; Priscilla on the Drew campus. Now in its 96th Summit Chorale, under the direction Lee, cello, and Thomas Cuffari, piano, season, Summit Chorale will welcome of Richard Garrin on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. under the musical direction of conduc- audiences to its new home at Drew at the new Concert Hall adjoining the tor Richard Garrin, performing Holo-Dorothy Young Center for the Arts at caust Cantata in its entirety for the first time in the Summit area. Joni Fritz and Jay Ludwig read the accompanying text. An exhibit and a preconcert lecture, both at 7:30 p.m., are provided by the Drew University Cen- campus parking lot are near the main ter for Holocaust/Genocide Study.

Other works in the Judaismthemed program are Jerusalem of Gold. Shalom Jerusalem, and Jerusalem is Mine.

First performed in 1998 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., Holocaust Cantata marks the Chorale's premiere performance in the recently completed state-of-the-art concert hall adjoining من منه الجود الله المرجع والم وال



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University, where it is Chorus-in-Residence

 Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$18 for seniors and students. For reservations or information, call 973-292-1186. The new concert hall and a large onentrance of Drew University at the intersection of Madison Avenue, Lancaster Road and Elm Street.

Funding for Summit Chorale is made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

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Political capital Some of the advisers to state

Son. Nichoias Scutari of Linden cautioned him about the pitfall of his legislation, S-2200.

The bill has as its goal to pro tect people with debilitating medical conditions from arrest and progecution for the use of medical marijuana.

Scutari serves a municipa resocutor. "I see the detriment effects of recreational marijuan However marijuana has been shown in many cases to give peo ple with debilitating medical conlitions a chance to lead norma lives."- Having a solative with multiple sclerosis, he has seen the pain close up.

Left Out by Frank Capace

Under the tight nature of proposal, the state Department o Health, and Senior Service would issue registration cards he people who's doctors certify hey are suffering from the debil tating effects of diseases such a sclerosi cancer, multiple Crohn's discase, glaucoma pos ive HIV or AIDS.

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Contracts renewed for 'managing wildlife'

By A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer

While some feel that "wildlife" in the state refers to the attitudes of drivers and "wildlife management" refers to traffic authorities, that's not the case in Union County, where two resolutions addressing wildlife were scheduled to be approved at last night's freeholder board meeting. The first, according to Charles Sig-

mund, director of parks and recre- dogs and motorized boats to scare the ation, is an enabling resolution that geese, stringing fishing wire and will offer financial assistance to the county's municideer palities for

'They round up and None of these reduction. to be eligible physically remove the solutions worked, said, municipalities geese.

- Charles Sigmund removed 700 goose must obtain a permit from the state Fish and Game Council to engage i

STREET. One municipality, Summit, has already formed a plan to cull deer and submitted an application for a hunt to be conducted by Deer Management Systems Inc.

Under the county's resolution, it mit's hunt, part of which would include propering the venison for distribution to local food banks.

In the past, the county has contracted for deer removal in Watchung Reservation. Between 1996 and 1999. Union County reduced the density of its deer population in Watchung Reinevation from 180 per square mile to between 60 and 20 per square spile by employing agains shooting from derhand states. Between 2000 and

permit to remove geese from the parks, and contracted with Goose. Management Technology Inc. of Metuchen for the removal of the

This year's resolution, scheduled to would pay for half the cost of Sum- be voted on last night, was a second contract for the same company. According to Sigmund, the county has already reviewed its state permit to remove the geese. For the last twoyears, the permit allowed the county to remove up to 2,700 goods, but the county has not removed that many.

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By A. E. Gualtieri Staff Writer Relitor's note: This is first part is

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By A. L. Gualtier Staff Writer

With its enrollment the highest in history, Union County College's Crasford campus needed to do something about the library. "We're renovating our library.

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60 percent complete. Plane called and floors and the addition of a tiled floor, which will provide additional classroom space. Twelve ch will be built to address rising enrollment at the college.

"We hope to have occupancy of the second floor by late April, and the third floor by the end of

minuse," Director of Libraries Andrea MacRitchie said, Students majority of the library's collection, and the first floor has remained

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St. Patrick's Day parade fund-raiser Sunday

The Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will sponsor its annual celebrity bartender's party fund-raiser at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, 33 S. 21st St., Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Admission costs \$5 per person. which includes coffee, tea, cake and hot dogs. There will be continuous live Irish-American entertainment featuring Sullivan's Jack and numerous pipe bands.

The Union County' St. Patrick's Dav Parade is one of the fastest growing parades in the state. Eighteen Irish-American and civic organizations provide the support to put this parade on the street. The parade will be March 12 on Morris Avenue in

For information regarding the celebrity bartender's fund-raiser, call Parade General Chairman Frank McGovern at 908-347-8245. Matt Glackin at 908-472-2909. Kathy Noonan Rotando at 908-352-1477, Jim Dougherty at 908-338-4659, or Kevin Dowling at 732-594-1763.

Winter sports activities at county parks

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to visit the Union County park system for the purpose of enjoying seasonal activities

Winter sports --- cross country skiing, sledding and ice skating - are permitted in several locations, weath-

allowed at the Ash Brook and Oak Ridge Golf courses and at the the lake's ice thickness and other safe-Watchung Reservation, conditions ty concerns permitting, but there is no location in the park system suitable for downhill

sking activities The Union County park system is heavily wooded, sits in proximity to hockey skaters, proportionate to the roadways and bodies of water and has other park amenities that can be hazardous to sledders and snowboarders. inquested sledding areas include Briant Park in Summit; Echo Lake Park, the Springfield Avenue end, in Westfield/Mountainside; Lenape Park in Cranford away from the water: and Unami Park in Garwood.

All areas are unattended and used at the patrons' own risk.

Toboggans, bobsleds and other non-steerable devices are strongly discouraged and park supervisors may suspend sledding activities if there is not enough snow on the hill or if there the County Police at 908-654-9800. are severe ice conditions. Children should be supervised at all times. Agencies sought for Snowmobiles are strictly prohibited. Galloping Hill Golf Course is not

available for winter sports activities. Given the terrain of the course, there are many areas that are considered too hazardous for this use. Snowboarding and sledding are

also prohibited at Ash Brook and Oak Ridge golf courses. Along with skating at the county's ice rink in Warinanco Park, many

lighted and non-lighted options for ice skating in natural areas are available. Signs announcing the suitability of

er, snow and ice conditions permitting. any natural area for skating will be Cross-country skiing will be posted. The public is urged to observe any restrictions, which are based upon

Ice hockey is permitted at designat-Union County Police, based upon the ratio of ice hockey skaters and nonsize of the skating area. It is the county's intention to provide adequate ice area for the enjoyment and safety of all skaters

The Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel winter sports at any park at any time if the conditions of the park are such that the safety of the public is in jeopardy.

For more information regarding winter sports, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900 up as donors have often already made weekdays,

Information on natural skating areas can also be obtained by calling

updated directory

The Union County Office of Volunteer Services and United Way of Greater Union County are updating the Union County Volunteer Directory and are seeking non-profit, cultural and social service agencies, as well as government agencies and organizations who wish to be included in the new 2005 edition.

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STHE BIGGAME

Network strives for organ donation

(Continued from Page B1) license is a good first step," she said, but it's not connected to the registry.

"If you sign up with the registry, all ed skating areas at the discretion of the of the hospitals in the state are required by law to contact The Sharing Network when they have a patient pass away to see if that person is a registered organ and tissue donor." Volunteers staff the phones 24

hours a day, seven days a week, to take calls from hospitals checking the reg-

"It's not that we want to force any body to become an organ donor," the education to make that decision for said. themselves.'

"The people that we do get to sign that decision," she said. "Their desire is often to give someone a second chance at life." Organ donation often helps the

families who have just lost a loved one, "We hear from many of our donor families that the process of donation really helps them to heal," she said.

Family members and friends of donors often volunteer for The Sharing Network as well. "Because of that experience, they feel that they want to be out there advocating for the same thing " she said

The Sharing Network offers donor family members the opportunity to make guilt squares in memory of the loved one who has passed away. "We bring them out with us when we're doing different events and outreach so that the public can get a chance to see

the quilts," Allred said of the program. be organ donors. "Signing your The 14 quilts help put a human face on unteer." Volunteers are also trained to staff organ donation through the memories information tables and speak to audiof their loved ones. ences of a few hundred people, includ-Transplants are necessary for many ing high school students.

reasons. Heart disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and polycystic kidney disease are just a few of the many conditions that can necessitate a transplant. The liver, heart, lungs, kidneys, pancreas, corneas, bone, tendons, ligaments, skin, veins, and heart valves can all be donated.

grams in the state of New Jersey, and it's those transplant doctors that deal Allred said, "but we want to give them directly with the recipients," Allred

"There are nine transplant pro-

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them call me and say they want to vol-

"Our feeling is that if they hear about it at a younger age it will be in their minds, and we urge them to take that message home to their parents." she said

All of this volunteer work is to benefit some 2,900 people in New Jersey and more than 87,000 nationally who are awaiting organs. Last year, more than 500 people in the state received donor organs, through the registry or through living donations from family or friends.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Art imitates life, and vice versa, in farce about theater

By Jeff Cummin Associate Editor Among starving artists and actors.

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provide fodder for substantial humor. It's something that Daniel Sullivan the end. seized upon when he wrote "Inspecting Carol," to be performed at the Summit Playhouse. the play at the Summit Playhouse, larly emotional, all of which pro- ing of the Summit Playhouse served

she was laughing out loud because it moments. was hysterical.

not to because I wanted to view it audience. with fresh eves."

The play is set in 1999, at an equity theater company, somewhere in secure a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts.

Later, a no-talent actor comes to the theater, and theater members, thinking the actor is from the NEA. fawn over him and offer him a big role in their production. Shortly

thereafter, the real NEA representative shows up --- only to witness theater members, including the no-talent the inherent financial hardships often actor, stumble through their production, providing even more laughs at

Added to the humor is the fact that the cast is made up of some very quirky characters, and that the artis-Kate Schlesinger will be directing tic head of theater, Zora, is particu- the venue itself. The original buildand when she read the script, she said vides the play with many humorous as Summit's first public library. The

"I've been an actress for, golly, "The playhouse has a playwright about 50 years, I started as a little committee, and they submit four to girl, and I've directed since the mid the building for \$1 per year in 1918. five comedies," said Schlesinger. "80s," said Schlesinger. "In my expe-"When they submitted it, I was just rience, this play is - God, I don't ed, and an addition was built on one laughing out loud. I've never seen it, know how to express this - it holds end. What was once the entire theater although the George Street Play- a lot of exaggerated truths about now serves as the theater's stage, and house did this play about four years being in theater without money, the addition holds an intimate, cozy ago. I had the opportunity to see this Hopefully, it doesn't resonate with 120-seat auditorium, that might just play at Lincoln Center, but I chose theater people more than with the be one of the most aesthetically

One of the reasons for Schlesinger readily admitted that Schlesinger's confidence as she pre-reserved. The theater is located at 10 taking on this play has been a chal- pares to lead a group of actors in the New England Ave., just off Springlonge, but she's quite confident that performance of "Inspecting Carol" is her company will make the play that she's worked with them before, and she knows their strengths and assets as well as anyone.

the midwest. Like numerous play- non-conformists, and as I said, this p.m. and continue on Feb. 26, March houses, this particular theater group play exaggerates the quirks of the 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12, all at 8 p.m., with has no money, and if these actors artistic," said Schlesinger. "All the a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on have any hope of survival, they must actors in the play and in real life are March 6. all dedicated to the process, so they're in it wholeheartedly. I have that all performances start promptly the most wonderful cast, I really do, at their regularly scheduled times. so i feel very fortunate."

Schlesinger also pointed out that, as far as she knows, the Summit

continuously operating communit theater in the state. Founded in 1918 as a World War I relief organization, the group has

presented more than 270 productions, making it one-of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the nation. Perhaps even more impressive is

building was empty for one year before the founders of the Summit Playhouse Association began renting

In 1960, the theater was renovatcharming theaters in the state. Seating is open, and no seats are field Avenue, just east of the Grand Summit Hotel

Tickets for adults are \$15, and students \$18 and younger pay \$10. "Many artistic people tend to be Performances begin on Feb. 25 at 8

> The theater's Web site indicates For tickets, call 908-273-2192 and

leave a message. Schlesinger, the production's gre-



and information, call 908-273-2192.

upcoming production.

Playhouse Association is the oldest, garious, self-effacing director, exud- hopefully the correct one in doing crazy."

Even when plane flights are canceled, the jazz will go on

By Jeff Cummins Associate Editor

It's safe to say that very few things can stop Ben Allison from thinking about music. Even a canceled plane flight won't deter him. Allison is the consumn

cian, and he was most than happy to

chat about his music last week when

discussed, he acknowledged that there involved that would be fine with me." jazz through the school's jazz ensem- was in hi are conditions under which he could · life's work. Well, kind of.

"I like to express myself. I like to Instead, he said that jazz was somepeople who like to experiment." said He wasn't one of those students who the 30-something musician from New just knew what kind of music he want-Haven, Conn. "I like to turn on audi- ed to play from hearing it on his own. that Allison takes part in. He plays divided a performing arts high

local listeners to his brand of jazz.

City, and Medicina Wheel, the bend be was on his way to join when his flight was canceled last week. Allison readiband mates have listened to a lot of "insane" music.

"We call ourselves jazz musicians. many different types of music into its language," said Allison, "If you think of music as language, there are many, many different dielects. In New York, welking down the strept,"

Allison provides s'itome for some of those dialects at his club, which is Lower Best Side

"Our find has was on Orchard Street, which was had chanic conter of hand new it's jam-1.'97." said Alliand a there to play; it was-

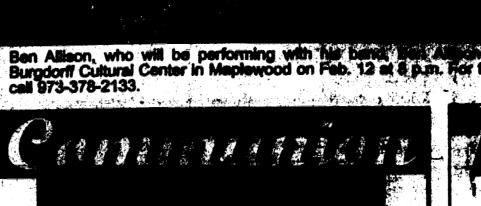
mining martial out by playing a lot of the mante, which he described as a president to regard, back when he

Ben Allison, who will be performing with his bank, Sec. Alsocke Peece Pipe, at the Burgdon's Cultural Center in Maplewood on Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. For tickets and information, cell 973-378-2133. INSURANCE GROUP SAVINGS. SERVICE. SECURITY.

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Kate Schlesinger, director of 'Inspecting Carol,' which will be performed at the Summit Playhouse. For tickets

this play unemcumbered by previous productions," she said. "It's a bold "I took a chance with this play, and scary decision, this play is

-Creativity and interaction with the ble. On Feb. 12 at 8 p.m., he and his was first exposed to the accustic bass. make something other than music his audience are things that drive Allison, band, Ben Allison Peace Pipe, will be Allison had started out by playing who didn't grow up listening to jazz. performing at the Burgdorff Cultural both guitar and drums, and he came to Center through the efforts of the conclusion that he should settle on be in creative situations with other thing that he had to "go out and find." ArtsMaplewood, where he will expose just one instrument. He noted that the acoustic bass "seemed like a marriage Peace Pipe is one of several bands of the two, with the melodic and harmonic possibilities of the guitar, and the texture and shythmic, nature of the school, but what "turning off is" the disms, all rolled into one." So Alli. "toposition address and the school is "the school of the school of t denns, all rolled into one." So Alli Does he have any influences in terms of music?

row it down," said Allison. "The type of musician who usually appeals to me is the hand leader/composer sound and an individual voice." And to that point, two jazz musician whose work Allison appreciated are Charles Mingus and Ornette Coleman. Having played jazz for nearly two

same direction, that is, I keep building said Allion. "I like to show peeple that jazz i not a scary word, that it's fun.

expand my vocabulary as a composer new band as we speak."

Tounkirs on kors. Michael Blake on the me and Allieur on beet.

For more information on Allison' upcoming compart at the Burgdorff Cultural Contar, call ArtaMaplewood at 973-375-2133, or visit the Web site, WWW MINING COM.

Ten best films of 2004 By Jon Plaut

Correspondent

To start at the top, the best movie of the year is Pedro Almodovar's "Bad Education." Almodovar is a cinematic genius - an autour as the cineaste would say --- who has an unparalleled record in these contemporary times of empty-headed escapist films of sudacious, entertaining movies about provocative subjects. In "Bad Education," Almodovar approaches the issue of child molestation at the hands of the Spanish church, and this Spanish film is made in a dark. Hitchcock style which thrills as it elucidates.

The two best performances of the year are in two of my other Top Ten movies. Jaimee Fox is Ray Charles in "Ray." This up and down story about the soul rock entertainer gives Fox a chance to show his magnificent talents in virtually becoming the singer Ray Charles on screen. Likewise, Annetic Bening in "Being Julia" takes on the role of the British theater actress, probably based on Gertrude Lawrence, who dominates not only what happens on stage but the private lives of everyone who comes in contact with her off stage. Bening's portrayal is a singular accomplishment i a surprising film.

To return to earlier in the year Charlie Kaufman continues his string of brilliant screen plays with "Eterna Sunshine of the Spotless Mind." A movie about crased memory and the humanity that is crased with it, this Hollywood movie gives Jim Carrey a chance to shine on screen. A French film, "A Very Long Engagement," similarly gives Audrey Tatou the opportunity to once more display her multiple acting talents and phenome nal grace on screen. "A Very Long Engagement" is a very serious movie in the form of a detective story.

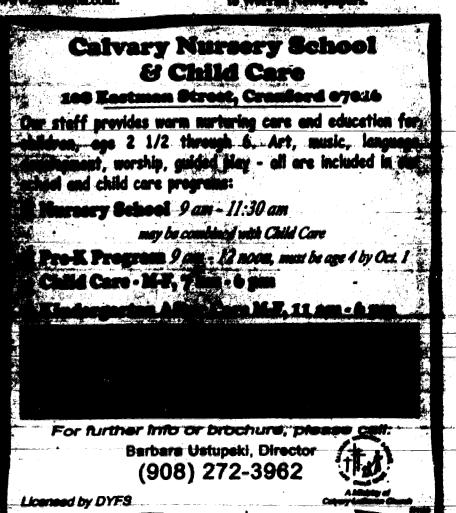
Two South American movies mad great impact in 2004. "Maria Full of Grace" is Columbian-made, by a young team of independent film-mak-

grant story with unhappy but unsentimentalized roots in the drug trade tine-produced and tells the story of the early odyzeey of Che Guevera northward along the Andes spine of South America. "The Motorcycle Diaries' features Gael Garcia Bernal as the oung Che, which gave the sad eyed ut hot Bernal the distinction in 2004 of starring in not only this Argentinian film, but the Spanish "Bad Education

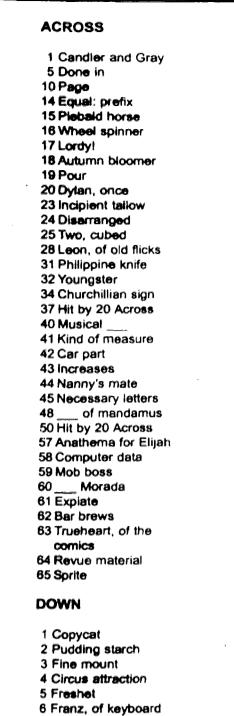
best 10 list. "Sideways" takes place in California's Nage Valley and follows wo young men during the weel ber minings of one of them and Millor Aufthan Payse, d rom the ensemble cast. The independ ently produced "Before Sunset" als follows young people. Julia Delay an Ethan Hawke, about Paris in

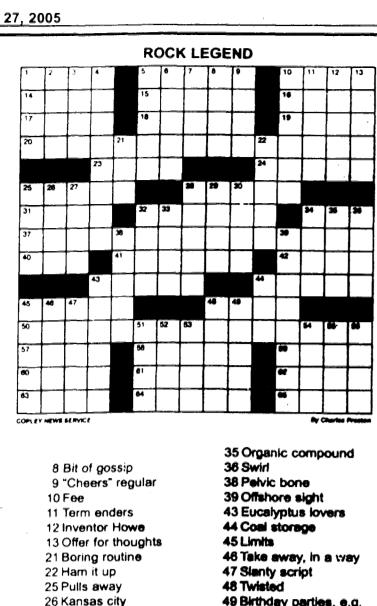
Lest, on this year's list, noting the I have not had an opportunity to and Clist Eastwood's "Million Differ leby," is the newest Chinese spits by Zhang Yimeu, "House of Flying Day

Jon Flowt, an author who resid a Semant, is a frequent contril to Worrall Nowopapers.



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The following schools will conduct reunions in the coming months: Westfield High School Class of

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

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at BZins1111@aol.com. • Union High School, Class of · Hillside High School, class of 1981, 25-year reunion, 2006. 1955, is planning a reunion of May 20 · Union High School, Class of at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit

1986, 20-year reunion, 2006. · Westfield High School, Class of

1980, 25-year reunion, 2005.

town 07726 or call 732-617-1000. Hillside High School, Class of 1965, is holding its 40th reunion on June 25.

If anyone has information regardjoin the committee, contact Barry Zins 886-6480.

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Jan. 31 to Feb. 6 ARIES. March 21 to April 19: Do not allow yourself to be misled by friends. Avoid unnecessary confusion by staying focused and on track with your goals. Honesty is key.

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TAURUS, April 20 to May 20: Make up your mind about what you want to do and you can expect success in professional endeavors. Take the plunge and come out on top.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21: A friendly discussion could quickly get out of burg and turn into a heated argument. Walk away before saying something you may regret.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Tap into a new level of personal or artistic expression. Put passion and enthusiasm into a creative project and allow it to blossom.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 22: Join forces with a powerful and influential partner and conquer all opposition. When working together toward a com-

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non cause, you can move mountains. VIRGO, Aug. 23 to Sept. 22: You are your own best analyst. Defend vourself against unwarranted or undeserved criticism and sell your best qualities. LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Stay

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AQUARIUS, Jan. 20 to Feb. 18 The challenge is on to produce orpromote a new product or service. Stay active and involved in every phase of the operation.

Acknowledge a feeling or strong urge has little chance for success. Put your to escape your current reality. Plan a

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 19: berlake, Clark Gable, Farrah Fawcett, overdue. Turn your attention to your Henry "Hank" Aaron and Rogald

Also born this week: Justin Tim-

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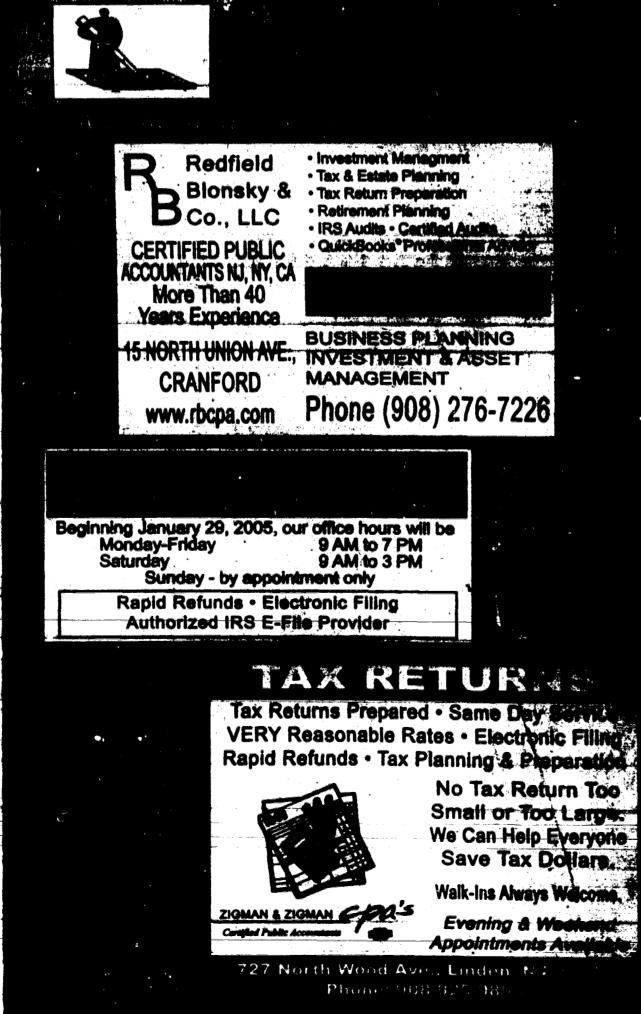
through Feb. 24. The show will feature a series of

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abstract paintings titled "Underwater Fire" along with paintings of underwater flowers, bubbles and assorted

Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Watchung Arts Center and the founder field. Hours of the exhibit are Mon-Springfield Free Public Library from and director of the 10-year-old New day, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. Art Group. His Web

www.jimfuessart.com. Sunday hours are from 1 p.m. to As of January 1999 Fuess had 3:30 p.m. For information, call 973-curated as by a suppossibly for 94 will (1997) A 15 TMOOL





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shows at the Weichung Are Center and 27 shows for the New Art Group. The Donald B. Patrick Million in m Fuess. group shows and 35 solo shows in his located in the Springfield Flor Public. The show will be displayed at the career. He is former curator at the Library, 66 Mountain Asia, management to 8:30 p.m. and Tuceday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Play illustrates the danger of unchecked power

New Jersey premiere of Lee Bless- Two former Salvadoran generals, Jose turning into different women: TV pro- plex subject matter and strong lanings' "Whores," featuring Jonathan Cantor, Cindy Carver, Les Eckert, Corinne Edgerly, and Carol Todd. Directed by Playwrights Theatre's the four women. artistic director, John Pietrowski, "Whores" previews on Feb. 3 and runs for three weeks through Feb. 20. The press opening is on Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. years in prison. Tickets from \$25 to \$27.50 are on sale now, with discounts available for students, seniors and groups. For tickets, visit www.ptnj.on; or call the box office at 973-514-1787, ext. 30.

William Shakespeare's Juliet stood by her decision to pick Romeo though his name proved offensive to her community. In the same vain, Playwrights Theatre shads by its choice of including award winning author Lee Blessing's "Whores" in the 19th season. Though the name conjures images of scantly-clad women roaming the darkened streets, it holds a very different meaning for the play.

A person who comprises their prinples for personal gain is also a whore, and, in this instance, accurate- crime trial, Raoul de Raoul was the hy describes the central character of dictator of a Central American counthis loosely-based true story.

On Dec. 2, 1980, three American nume and a lay missionary were brutal- plagued by the four nuns his death

Guillerma Garcia and Carlos Eugenio ducers, actresses in a porn movie, guage. For mature audiences only. No Vides Casanova, were accused of prosecuting attorneys, exasperated directing national guardsman to slay dance teachers, his unadoring chil-

National Guard were convicted of the

trolled El Salvador's economic power. heads?" The military was responsible for thwarting the efforts of Salvadoran does not unfold in a linear manner," peasants trying to improve their situa- says Pietrowski. "What you'll see

It has been surmised that leaving the bullet-ridden bodies of the nuns along a dirt road was done to send a to most of us, is irredeemable, but to message that aid to poor Salvadorans these nuns, is worth the effort." was unacceptable.

deny their involvement in the killings. "Whores" in 2001 and it's now having moved to Florida in 1989. Derived from these true events,

Lee Blessing has created the fictional character of Raoul de Raoul. Before his current American war

try, but he can't remember its name. His imagination is perpetually

Playwrights Theatre presents the ly raped and murdered in El Salvador. squads murdered, but then they keep dren, or his wife who hopes his trial Five members of the Salvadoran will just "get him over with."

A satire of unchecked power and killings in 1984 and sentenced to 30 failed foreign policy that just may provide the answer to the eternal question During the 1980s, 14 families con- _ - "What is going on inside their

"As might be expected, 'Whores' when you see 'Whores' is a compelling process in action, the age-old struggle for the soul of a man, whom,

Written by the author of "A Walk in Garcia and Vides Casanova, who the Woods," Lee Bleasing penned its New Jersey premiere in a co-production with Playwrights Theatre and New Jersey Repertory Company.

Patricia E. Doherty will design costumes and Jo Winiarski the set.

Lighting design is by Jill Nagle and sound design by Merek Royce Press. Christopher Daniels is the choreographer with Jessica Parks as the prop-

erties designer. The cast includes Jonathan Cantor,

Cindy Carver, Lea Eckert, Corinne

one under 17 will be admitted.

The question to be asked about this play is what does one do when the denial becomes the reality? Although jarring in its subject mat-

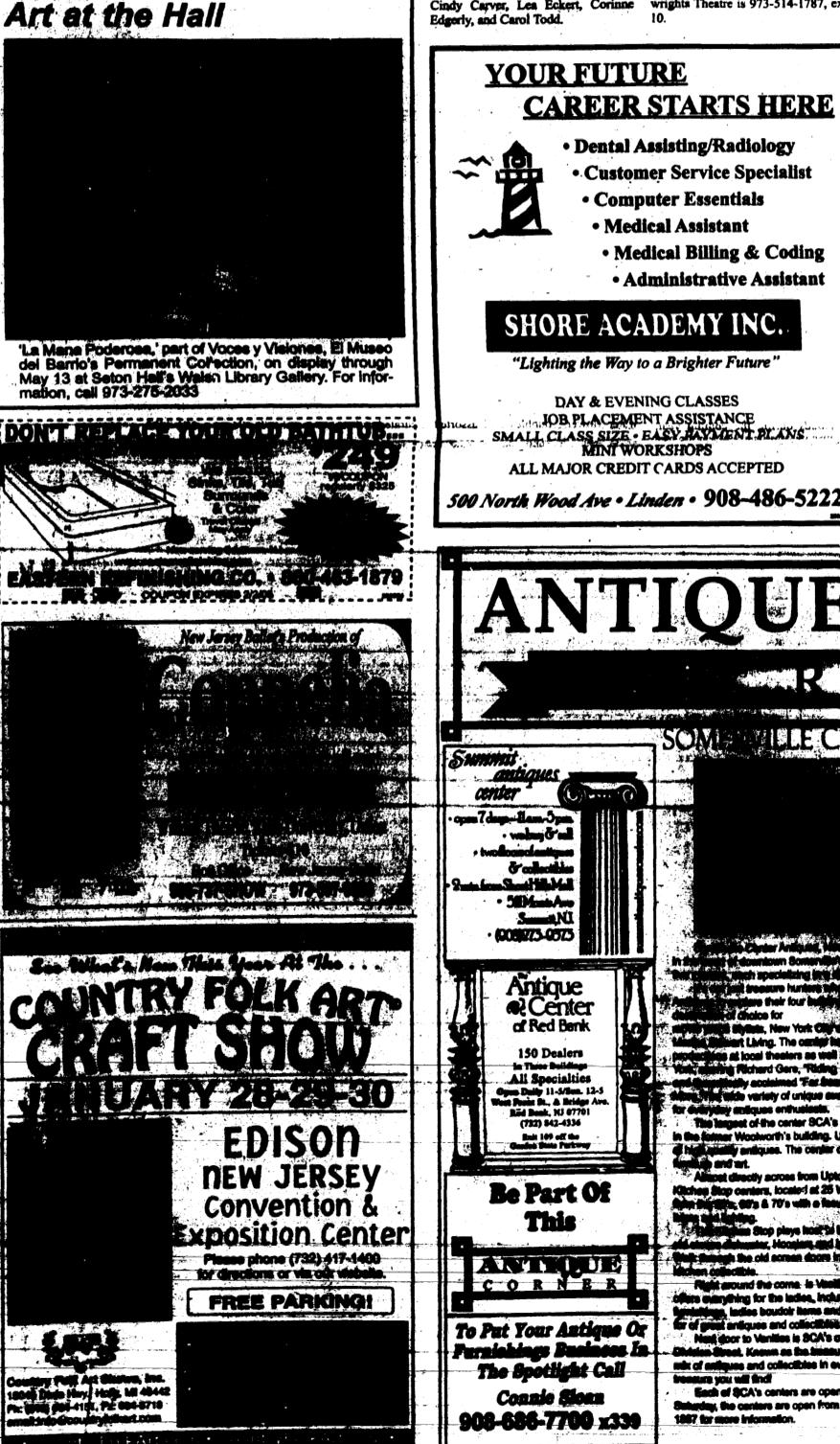
ter, don't judge this play by its cover. The challenge lies in thinking outside the box of our own securities and exploring the dual nature of mankind.

About the Playwright: Lee Bleesing's upcoming area and world premicres: "Going to St. Ives" at Primary Stages' 59E. 59th St. space in New York, "A Body of Water" at the Guthrie Theater and "The Scottish Play" at La Jolla Playhouse.

On Broadway and in London's West End: "A Walk In the Woods," later aired on PBS's "American Playhouse." Off-Broadway: "Thief River," Drama Desk nomination, Best Play, "Cobb." Drama Desk award, best ensemble, "Chesapeake, Eleemosynary" and "Down The Road," "Fortinbras," "Lake Street Extension," "Two Rooms" and the world premiere of "Patient A," all in the 1992-93 Signature Theatre season.

Playwrights Theatre is located at 33 Green Village Road in Madison.

The main phone number for Playwrights Theatre is 973-514-1787, ext.



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Graduate is honored

St. Michael School in Union has announced that the National Catholic Education Association, or NCEA, has named Raymond Pruszkowski a 2004. NCEA Catholic elementary school distinguished graduate. Pruszkowski graduated in 1976 and currently is a bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in New York City. He is also a graduate of Union High School, Rutgers University, and Rutgers School of Management.

- Sponsored by the NCEA's Department of Flementary Schools in cooperation with St. Michael School, the award goes to Pruszkowski for outstanding personal and professional achievements. Throughout his life Pruszkowski consistently has pursued the highest possible professional and personal standards. He is an example of how Catholic schools educate people to take leadership roles in their community and beyond.

The first Distinguished Graduate Awards were made in 1991. As an award winner, Pruszkowski joins a stellar group of hundreds of Catholic school alumni across the country. They include an FBI director, a governor, a missionary, a circuit court judge, a JV news producer, an Air Force combat training division chief, a senator, a mayor, a corporate president and a state representative.

- Pruszkowski credits St. Michael School for preparing him in a special way to meet the responsibilities of adult life. He said, "The education I received from my Catholic elementary education encouraged and reinforce the Christian values I received from home" He also feels that "Catholic schools maintain a warm and caring environment" which encourages success. Pruszkowski and his wite. Kathleen, still value the Catholic school he graduated from both his sons now attend St. Michael School.

Mukalel wins the Bee

Keyin Mukalel, an eighth-grade student at St. Michael School in Union. won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Jan, 10, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which 24 students from grades five through eight answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 17th annual National Geographic Bee. This bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Kevin will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee on April 1.



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Catholic Schools Week. The Mass will be followed and or guardians are invited to spend lunch with dress of their ethnic origin... by an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. in the school. The their child or children who attend the school. St. school's principal, Mrs. Dolansky, as well as St. James founding principal and faculty will be hon-James students and faculty, will be available to ored.

• Tuesday: Academic and Athletic Olympics Day. This year commemorates 100 years of Catholic Various academic and sports games are planned, tjamesparish.org.

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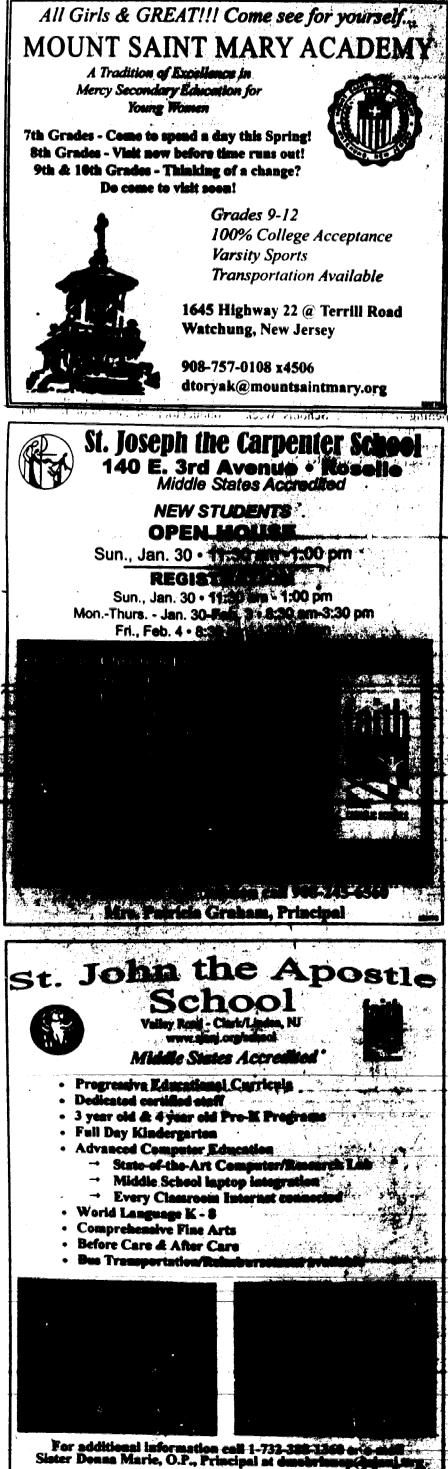
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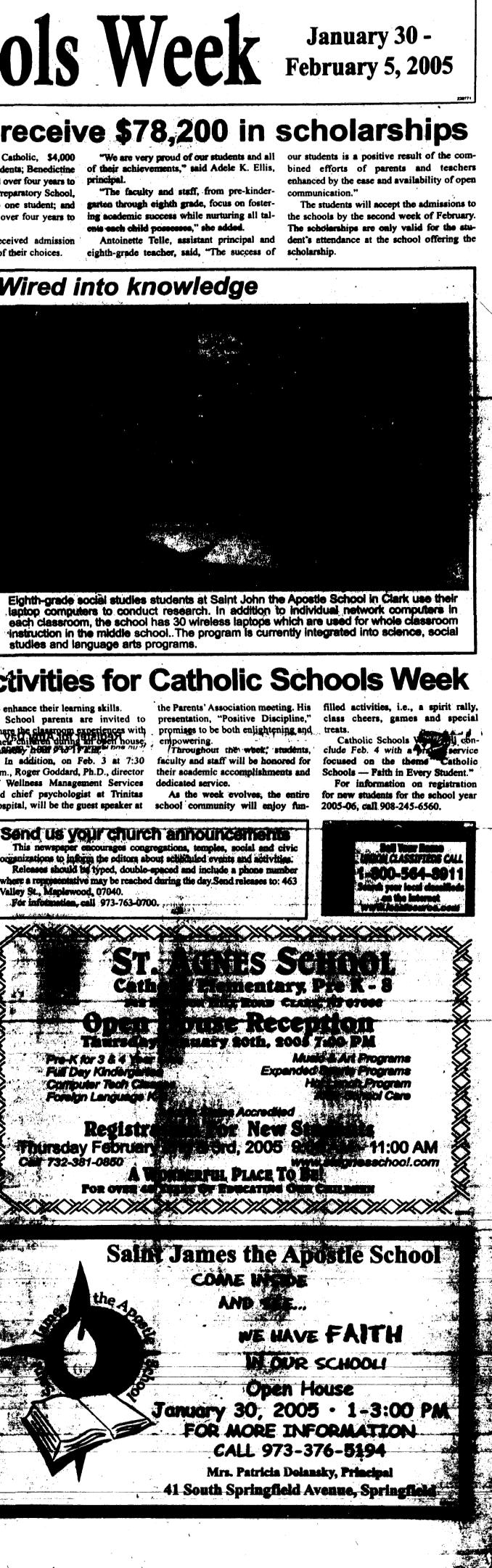
· Friday; Teacher Appreciation Day will include a luncheon for teachers. For more information, call the school office at

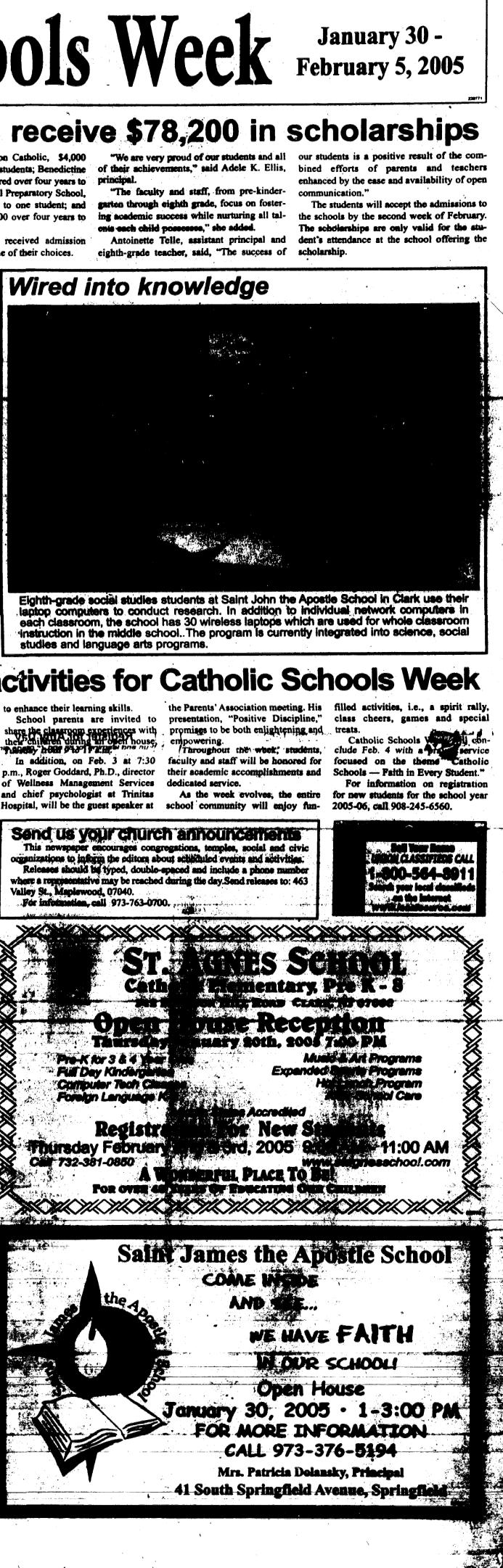
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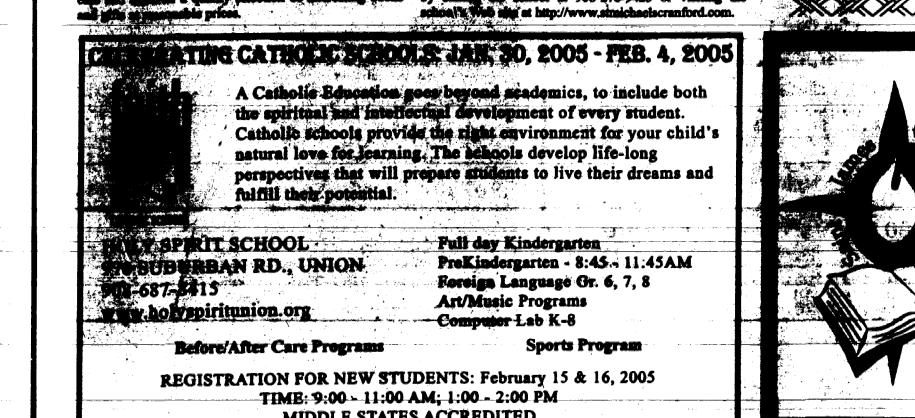


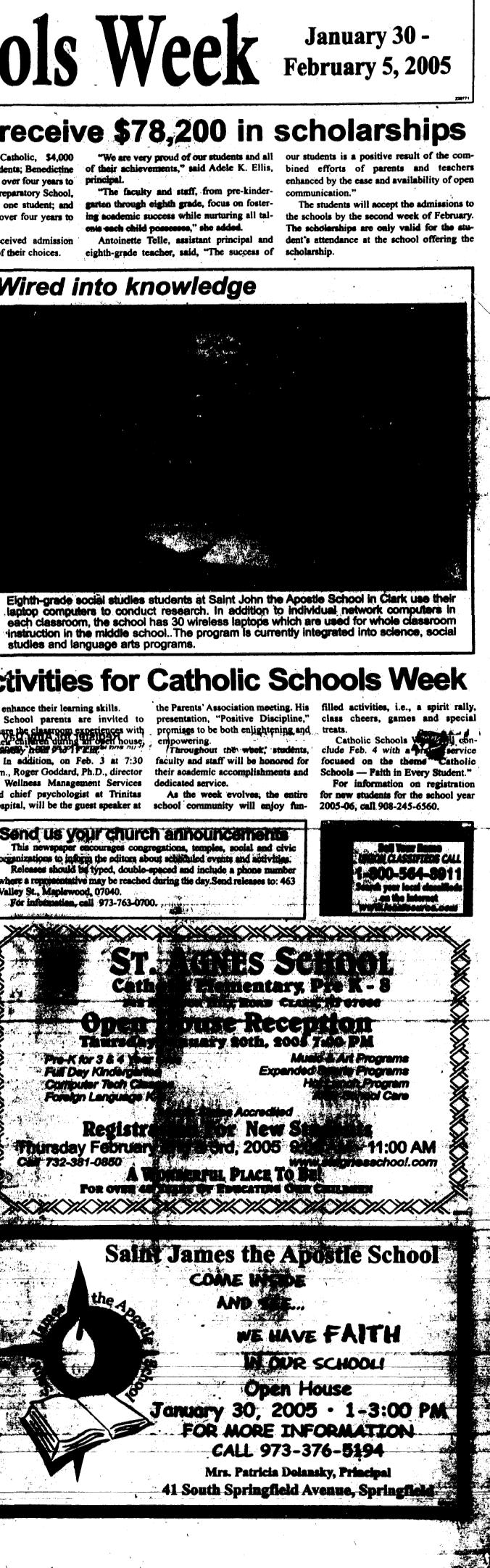
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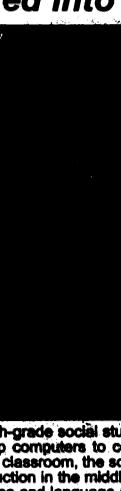








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ART SHOWS

PASTELIST JUDITH BANYAS reveals what she sees of the Delaware River from her kavak in her solo exhibit. "My Favorite Places," which will take place from Saturday to Feb. 26 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield For information, call p.m. Tickets are \$65 and \$50. For 908-756-1707

ELISSA F. MERKL is scheduled to exhibit a series of serigraph prints at www.ucac.org Union County Arts Cen-Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave., Summit, to Feb. 14. Wisner House is wheelchair-accessible and open to the public, free of charge, weekdays from 9 am to 3 nm For more information on the exhibition or Reeves-Reed Arboretum. call 908- songs, including "A Beautiful Morning" 273-8787

<u>Воокs</u>

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

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

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CLASS

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in an historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and parttime day and evening classes in fine art, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information about the spring term call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit the Web site at www.duCret.edu for details.

CONCERTS

SANCTUARY CONCERTS in Berkeley Heights will present musical acts in the coming,weeks.

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.sanctuaryconcerts.org

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-

"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 information call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, er is located at 1601 Irving St., Rah-

FELIX CAVALIERE'S RASCALS will perform on Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, Cavaliere founded The Rascals and had hit 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-

THE WATCHUNG ART CENTER ACOUSTIC-FOLK SERIES has begun at Watchung Art Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung, Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. For information and reservations, call 908-753-0190 or an e-mail send to WACenter@aol.com.

Visit the Web http://www.watchungarts.org/Afolk.ht. The following artists will perform as part of the Watchung Art Center Acoustic-Folk Series:

Feb. 5, Kristy Jackson. March 5, Kim & Reggie Harris. April 2, Bob Malone.

May 7, John Flynn. June 4, Dave's True Story. THE COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE

CONCERT SERIES OF SPRING-FIELD will take place at Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall, Springfield, Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14. For information and reservations, call 908-522-1501 or send an e-mail to concerts4causes@aol.com. Also, visit

the Web site, http://www.coffeewithconscience.com. Feb. 12, Nadine Goellner 8 Friends.

March 12, Amy Speace & Friends. May 14. Basva Schecter & Friends. THE SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE-HOUSE SERIES will be at Summ Uniterian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., shows start at 8 p.m.

and reservations, call **908-9**28-0127 or send an e-mail to info@secondsaturdays.org. April 9, see 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 Street. Westfield.

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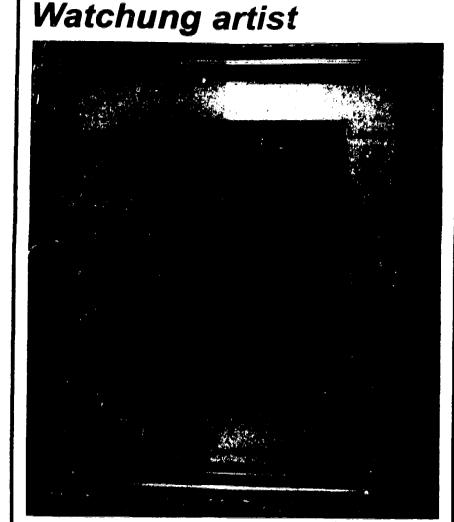
April 16, Lowen & Navarro. May 21, the Kennedys. June 18, the Dreamsicles

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club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499-Frank K. Hehnly School, Rarttan Road, 8226. For general information, visit the

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Clark. The fee for each lesson is \$4. Web site, www.ucac.org. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

SUMMIT INTERNATIONAL THE FOLK DANCERS meet Friday, 8 to 10:30 p.m., at the Connection, Morris Ave. at Maple St., in Summit. Beginners are welcome, no partners are needed. Call 973-467-8278 for information.

DISCUSSION

THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2004 Union County HEART --- History,

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"1941" by Stephen Spielberg, will be shown on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the POETRY OUT LOUDI will take place Union County Arts Center, 1601 Irving at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 St., Rahway. All tickets are \$5. For tick- West, Springfield. For information, call et information, call 732-499-8226. For 973-376-8544. general information, visit the Web site. www.ucac.org

"THE GREAT ESCAPE," starring Steve McQueen, James Gamer and Richard Attenborough, will be shown tion, call 732-574-1818. on Seturday at 8 p.m. at the Union County Arts Center, 1801 Irving St., Rahway. All tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call 732-499-8226. For FREEHOLDERS invites local nonprofit general information, vielt the Web site, www.ucec.org.

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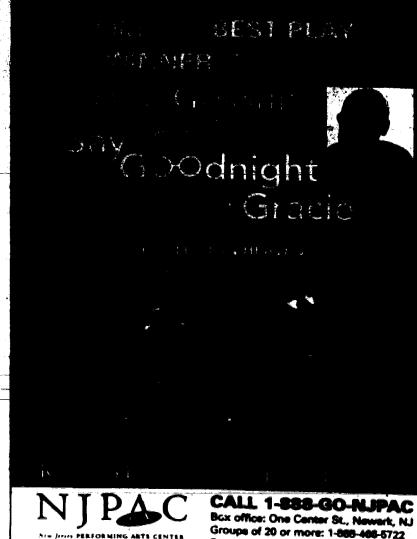
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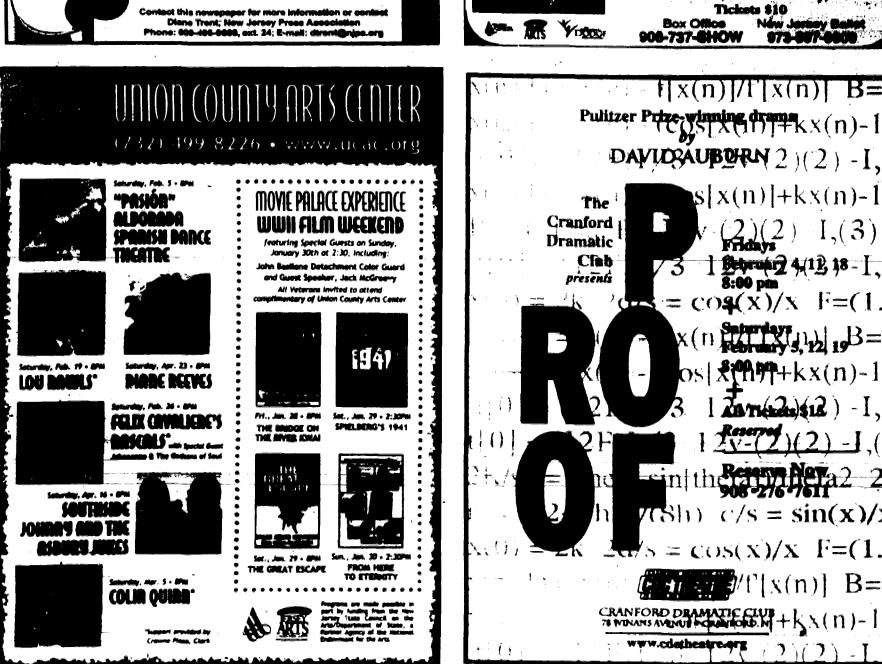
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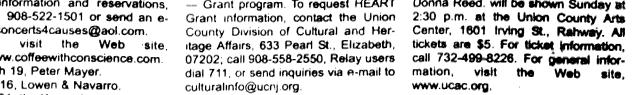
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DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call. 732-822-9796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

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

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

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THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF **DRAMATIC ARTS announces its part**nership with 12 Miles West Theater Company at 562 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield. For more information, call Ave., Fanwood, hosts an Open Mid/ 973-566-9700 or visit the Web site, www.njactors.org.

"PROOF" by David Autumn will be fee and a wide variety of organic foods performed on Feb. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Seating is reserved, all seats are \$15. For tickets, call 908-276-7611.

"PASION" ALBORADA SPANISH DANCE THEATER, will be performed play a game of Diablo2. NeverWin- at the Union County Arts Center on Feb. 5 at 8 .m. A steamy Havana night-To ask about a schedule of events, call club in the 1950s is the setting for this 908-490-1234 or visit its Web site: exotic blend of tango and flemenco dances driven by powerful Cuban rhythms. Regular tickets are \$25, student tickets are \$18. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

"YOUR ARMS TOO SHORT TO BOX WITH GOD" will be performed at the Union County Arts Center on Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. Regular ticket prices are \$40 and \$35. For information, call the box office at 732-499-8226 or visit the Web site, www.ucac.org. Union County Arts Center is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

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THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thuseday night, a disc jockey every Friday 🙀 night and solo artists and bands on Saturdays. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, with \$1 drafts and \$3 Long Island iced teas. Mondays are Mexican Mondays with \$2 shot specials. \$2 Coronas, \$2 margaritas and \$1 tacos. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke.

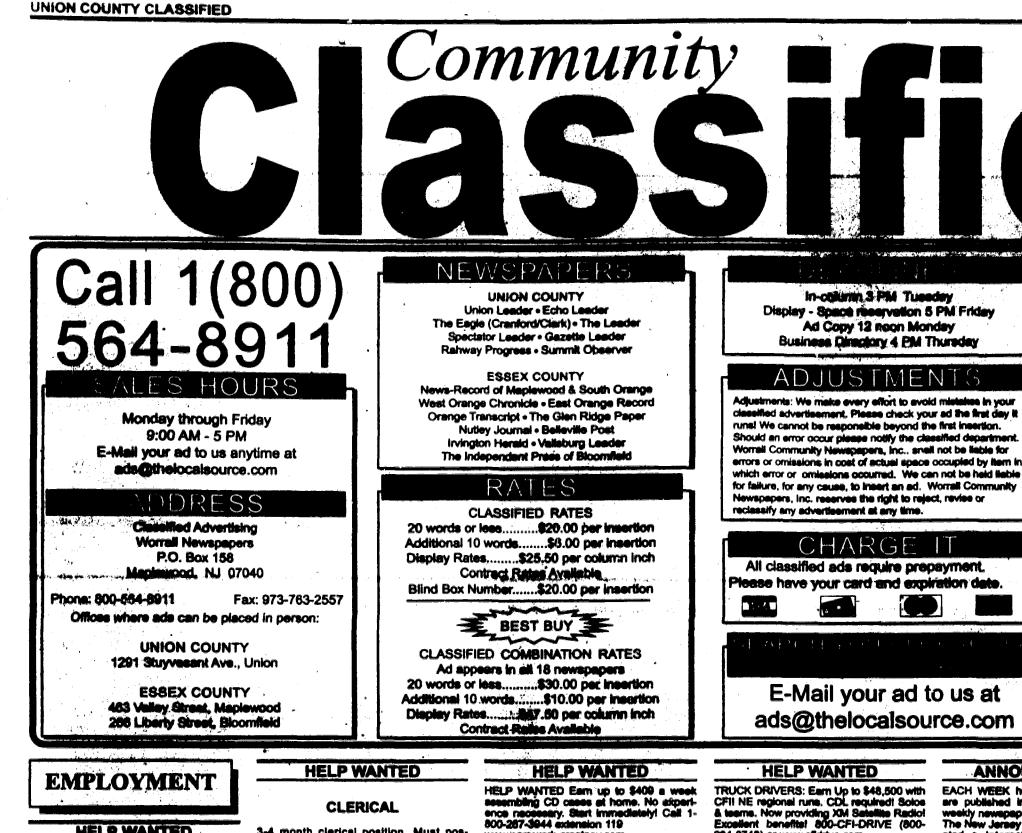
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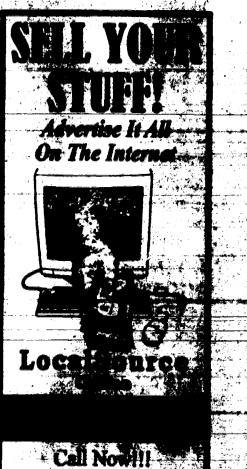
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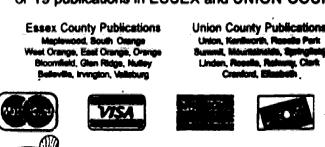
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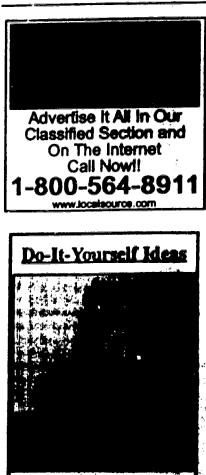
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Betty D. McIlquham, martgage consultant/Gold Ser-vices manager, Weichert Financial Services, said when working with a real estate sales associate, ideally buyers should have two years of their W-2s, a current pay stub and a current bank statement for all their accounts.

She also suggests that buyers report credit problems before a credit check is performed. Some credit problems can be corrected before applying for a mortgages. Banks run second credit reports and if the credit problem did not appear on the first report, it will sur- Sometimes buyers do not reveal that another associate is lems often result in not obtaining the loan and not being buyers and the sales associates that innocently work with

able to purchase the house. "Meet with mortgage professionals as soon as possible

and take the pressure off any uncertainty," said McIlquham. Meeting with a mortgage professional also determines the maximum buying power the buyer has. By exploring product selection, you may find your buying power to be dou-

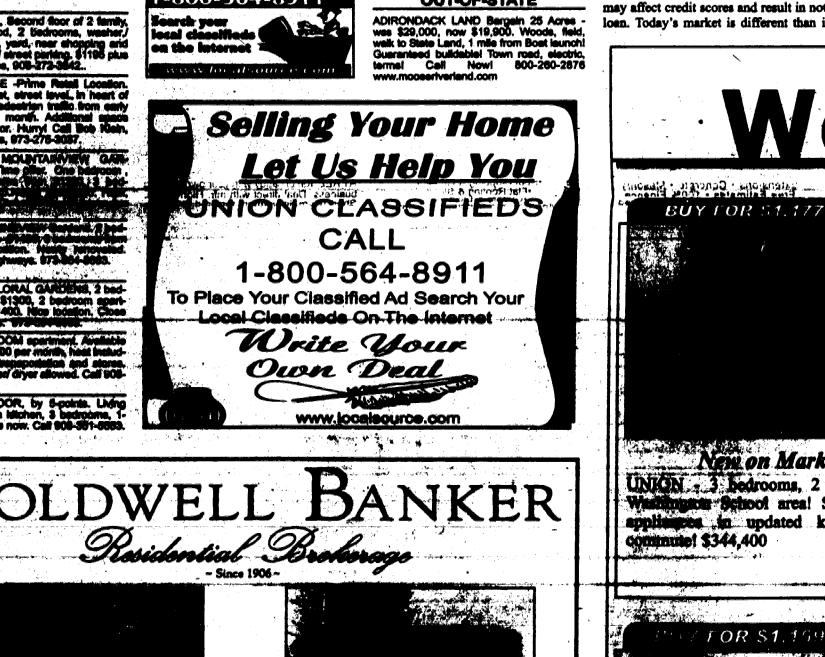
McIlquham said fixed and adjustable rate mortgages are readily available. Typically, FHA allows for the lowest rate with just 2.25 percent down.

"FHA serves the first-time homebuver well." AcIlquham. "There are other options available wherein the credit does not meet the flexible guidelines of FHA. "A mortgage professional can show you the financial

incentives that come with a home purchase," said McHquham. "From interest-only to no money down, to traditional fixed and adjustable rate mortgages, loan product selection will be key to you securing the home of your

Mcllquham said an offer looks stronger when a condition-free letter of pre-approval is presented. A pre-approval ontracted for passes its appraisal.

Debby Strott, branch manager of Weichert, Realtors' Morristown West office, advises against making a major For more information about buying or selling a home purchase while house hunting or buying a home, which may affect credit scores and result in not qualifying for the through Weichert, Realtors, visit Weichert's Web site on the oen. Today's market is different than it was a few years Internet at www.weichert.com.

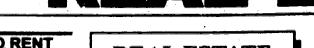


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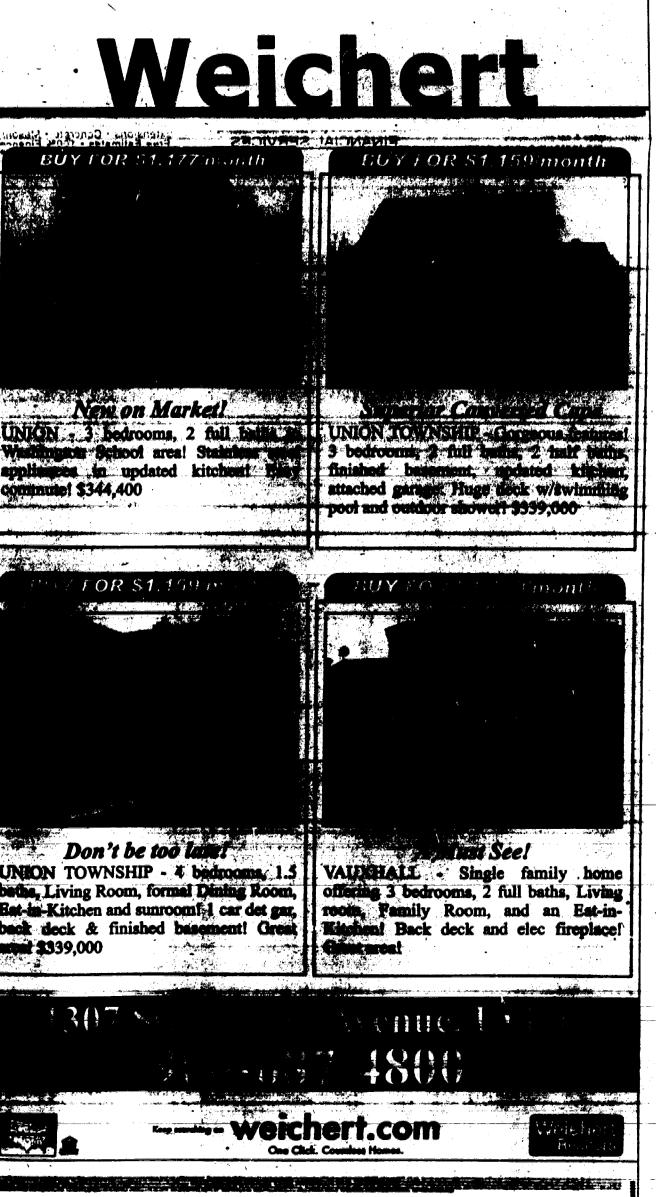


house shop with parents. "Their intentions are sincere for their children, but frequently they (parents) don't under-stand today's market conditions," said Strott. "If you find the home you want, buy it now, prices are only going up." Buyers should also understand how the Multiple Listings Services works.

Home buyers sometimes think that working with more than one sales associate will result in seeing more homes. face on the second. Hiding bankruptcy or other credit prob- working with them. This thinking is a waste of time for the them. All sales associates have access to the Multiple Listings Service and working with more than one real estate professional ensures that the buyers will be taken to the same home more than once.

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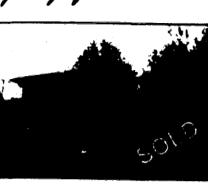
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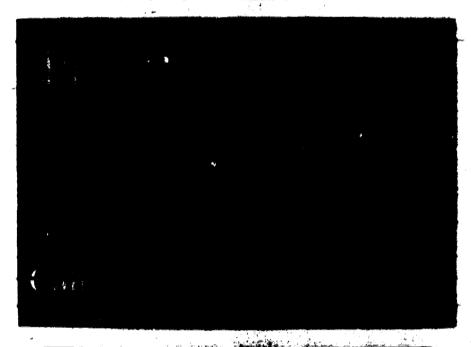


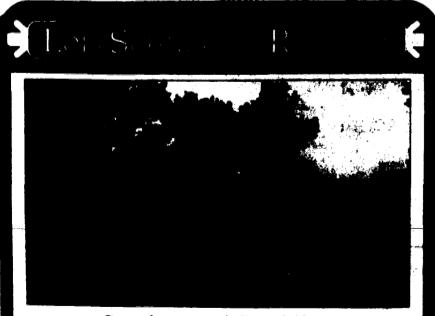
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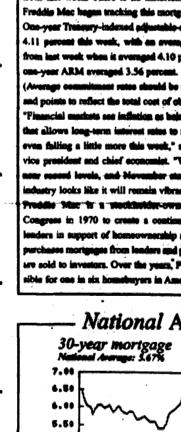
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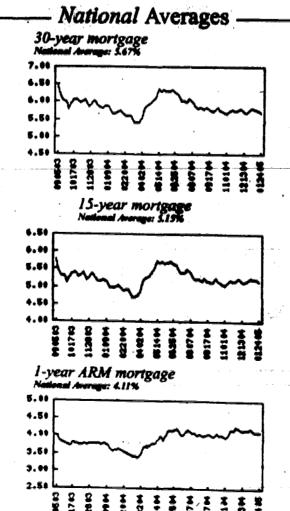
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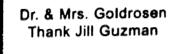
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Ralliart looks great outside, but interior is dull

By Mark Maynard **Copley News Service**

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The good thing about fluctuating fuel prices is that it's focusing atten- power windows-locks-mirrors, cruise tion on the variety of new vehicles on the showroom floor. For those who don't want the over-

there are plenty of cargo haulers in the cup holders. new hatchbacks and wagons with hearty four-cylinder engines, many of which are styled for street success. Mitsubishi is trying to re-image the small-wagon sogment with its Lancor Sportback Ralliart. Don't think dowdy

wagon, think sportback. Really, it is just a little wagon, but t's styled well, enough, on the outside

at least, that it attracts envious glances. Its long list of features and fair price don't hurt, either. The Sportback Ralliart is sporty,

but nothing like the turbocharged 271 horsepower. all-wheel-drive Lancer Evolution sedan. The Ralliest is a style-conscious

ncludes everything from a 162-hp, 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine and turning circle, a convenience casualty four-speed autometic transmission to from the bigger tires and body moldabric upholstery.

There are front and side groundeffect moldingii, projector-style fog lights and wide Bridgestone Potenza ires on attractive alloy wheels.

It comes with a quicker-ratio steeriggles in town, though the sporthack . by the automatic shifter.

mooths out on the highway. The stretched-out nose and vertical taillights are distinctive. The crodynamic moldings and tires give it a low-down custom stance.

But don't look for roof rails, for it locan't come with them and they can't be ordered. If rooftop utility is a must, plastic pieces that would change to try the Sportback LS.

wagon with a slightly detuned dagine, cated with driver-adaptive electronics, ing, air conditioning, six-speaker AM-160 hp, son-sport suspeasion and but fuel economy is average at 22 mpg FM-CD audio, power windows-locksfewer standard features for \$17,304. around town and 28 on the highway. Add \$990 for the roof rails, colorkeyed mirrors, 15-irich alloy wheels, thing with Ralliart, but it requires the cruise control and tonness cover.

Standard ~ Ralliart includes remote locking, air conditioning, six-speaker stereo with CD control, side air bags and front belt pretensioners and force limiters, fourwheel disc brakes, reclining and foldhead of an SUV with a big engine, ing rear seats and a rear armrest with

> The Sportback is a small car with big dimensions, particularly back-seat legroom. Headroom, front or rear, is

The Railiart treatment adds an Evo gauge cluster, a strip of textured metallic trim across the front of the instrument panel, a sport-touch steering wheel and leather-wrapped shift knob and brake handle.

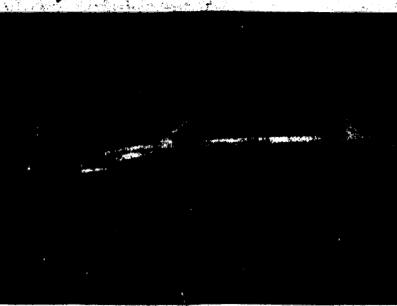
But even Ralliart can't do much for the base Lancer interior. The econobox plastic isn't easily camouflaged, and the interior presentation i underwhelming

All the hardware pieces seem wellintegrated, from horsepower to stopfamily car with a price of \$19,792 that ping power to turning finesse, except for the boulevard-broad 37.4-foot Calliart sport bucket seats and special ings. The Sportback LS is nearly 4 feet lighter in turning.

The engine is big for a four-cylinder, but at 162 horsepower the performance is light, especially when siphoned away by an automatic transmission. The competition-stiff suspening and a stiffined tide. So stiff that it sion is all set for shifts and revs, and won't appeal to mainstream drivers. the bratty exhaust note is ready to They'll feel most of the burgs and sing, but the spontaneity is restricted

The driving experience isn't a complete fizzle, but there could be so much more range with some heel-toe

There is no manual nor Sportronic because of the low sales volume expected versus the cost to tool the accommodate a left-hand drive mar-The LS is the more traditional . ket. The auto shifter is fairly sophisti-Mitmbishi might be onto some-



The Ralliart is a style-conscious family car with a price of \$19,792 that includes everything from a 162-hp, 2.4-liter, fourcylinder engine and four-speed automatic transmission to Railiart sport bucket seats and special fabric upholstery.

2004 Mitsabishi Lancer Sportback Raillart Body style: Compact, front-wheel

drive, five-passenger wagon Engine: SOHC, 16-valve 2.4 liter four-cylinder with variable valve tim-

Horsepower: 162 at 5,750 rom

FDD Transmission: Four-speed automat-

Acceleration: 0-60 mph, NA

Fuel economy: 22 mpg city, 28 highway; 87 octane recommended Fuel tank: 13.2 gallons

Wheelbase: 102.4 inches Height: 55.1 inches

Length: 181.3 inches

Curb weight: 3,042 pounds Cargo area: 24.9 cubic feet, second

row folded Front head/leg/shoulder-room: 39.4/43.2/54.1 inches

Second row head/leg/shoulderroom: 37.2/36.6/53.3

Standard equipment: Remote lockmirrora, cruise control, eight-way adjustable driver seat, center console with armrest, sport touch steering wheel and leather-wrapped shift knob

and brake handle. 60/40 reclining split-fold rear seatback, rear center armrest with cup holders, cargo area underfloor and side storage Ralliart features: front sport seats,

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ent with front MacPherson struts and rear multilink: front-rear stabilizer bars and front strut tower brace Steering: Power-assisted rack and

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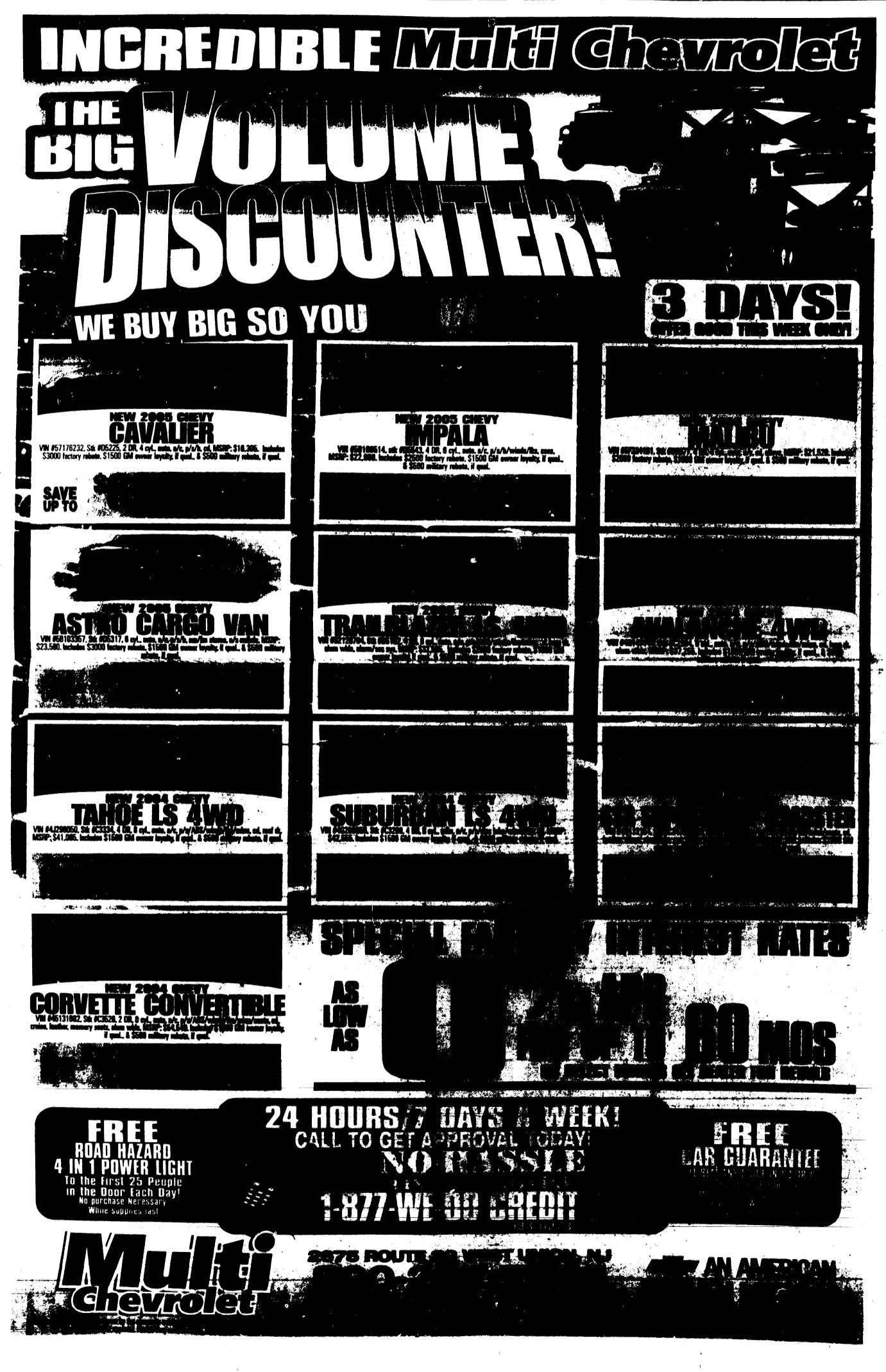
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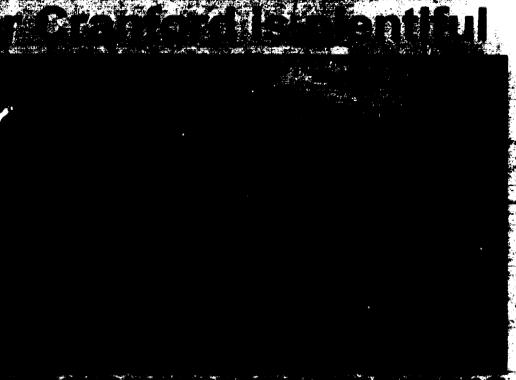
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'All aboard' for Linden's Transit Village designation

By Dan Burns Staff Writer

Details about luxury housing construction projects near he Linden train station still haven't been worked out by city officials, but the message to train commuters who want to live in Linden is clear: All aboard.

Linden's City Council has approved one downtown redevelopment project for the three blocks south of the train station on South Wood Avenue and will consider two more proposals this year. Those proposals call for commuter housing to be built on West Elizabeth Avenue, just a short walk from the station.

Buildings currently in the South Wood Avenue area will be demolished and replaced with apartment buildings with commercial space on the ground floor. The buildings are expected to house 135 total residential units and 25,000 square feet of commercial space. Mayor John Gregorio said the project will turn-that portion of downtown Linden into a "SoHo district" of sorts."

The Linden Planning Board is also considering a request to turn a three-quarter-mile stretch of West Elizabeth Avenue into a state-designated Transit Village. That would mean more commuter apartments on that street and priority for state grants. The city would have to change the character of the area and the zoning, which currently calls for residential use on the north side of the street and light industrial on the south side.

Linden has to apply for the designation of Transit Village which it will likely do, according to Gregorio.

John Gregorio Jr., the mayor's son, owns part of the light industrial zone property on West Elizabeth Avenue and is in Paparo. the middle of a zoning hearing. He wants the Zoning Board to change his property into a residential zone so he can creet consistent with the concept, according to Gregorio's attorney. but not all of them.

Joseph Paparo

Gregorio Jr.'s proposed building will hold 210 one-, twoand three-bedroom apartment units that will cost between \$250,000 and \$500,000 each. They will be sold, not rented. according to Paparo.

The plan is a scaled-down version of an earlier proposal which called for a 20-story apartment tower to be built, complete with a pool, fitness area, day care center and 22,000 feet of street-level commercial mean. Gragaria Jr. and the design team he employed for the project decided to change the proposal because they felt an oldinatory building was more compatible with the character of Linden, according to

Many community members were opposed to a 20-story tower because of its height and the possible impact it could an eight-story luxury apartment building. Gregorio Jr.'s pro- have on traffic and the school system. Many of those oppoposal is separate from the Transit Village proposal, but is nents were appeased by the reduction in the proposed size,

Hillside targets former brownfields sites for redevelopment

By David Dankwa Staff Writer

The Township of Hillside is engaged in negotiations to sell a stretch of abandoned properties on Central Avenue to a developer. Hillside owns what amounts to a 5-acre site valued at \$2.1 million, and has been moving toward redeveloping it for retail use ever since it seized the properties from owners who owed tens of thousands of dollars in back taxes.

Councilman John Kulish confirmed that the town is talking to parties interested in building a medical research center on the site. The councilman, however, declined to provide details.

Last summer, Township Council Presi-

dent Peter Corvelli said the township was on investigations were conducted at 1267-1269 a fast track "to put the sites back on the tax "We want to get this program moving and

put in there a viable business, not one that would close down in two years." Hillside officials, he said, were talking to planners to help determine what types of development would best suit each individual property.

Town officials have indicated they intend to prepare their own specifications for the properties, and require potential developers to abide by them. This ensures that they have more say in what is built there and that it complies with the overall township's master plan

In July, preliminary assessment and site

Central Ave. and 1239 Central Ave. to identify and begin remediation of suspected contamination

Township officials said they wanted to attract developers who may be interested in purchasing the properties for redevelopment purposes, enticed by the possibility of recovering up to 75 percent of the environmental clean-up cost

Varying degrees of contamination were identified on all the sites, according to an engineer with PMK Group, consultants for the county hired to spearhead a Brownfields Pilot Project in Hillside.

At 1267-1269 Central Ave., a 3-acre site formerly owned by Superior Poly Bags,

engineers found flummable solvents and gravel material was found in one of two inground cenerate chambers

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Springfield will examine downtown redevelopment

By Rick Klittich Staff Wyther

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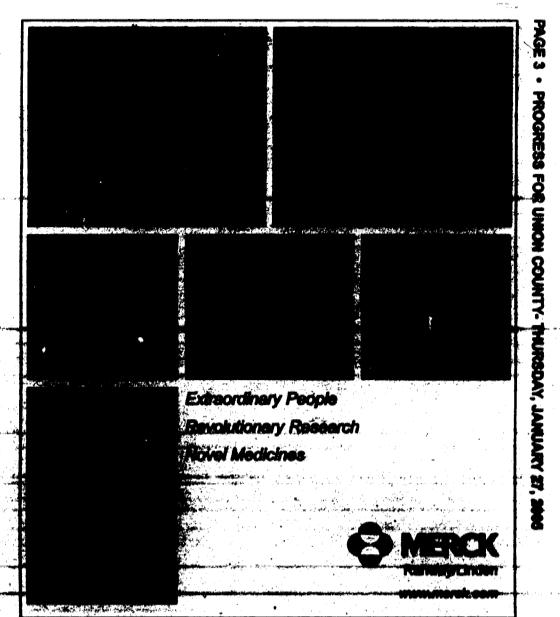
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Roselle plans major renovations for library

By Dan Burns Staff Writer

Roselle officials believe the public library is too small for their community's needs...way too small. That's why they plan to quadruple its size within the next few years.

The borough purchased the property adjacent to the library on West 4th Avenue in November with the intention of adding up to 30,000 square feet to its facility. It's a long overdue renovation, according to Library Director Keith McCoy.

The proposed three-story annex will add between 20,000 and 30,000 square feet to Roselle's 7,400-square-foot library. Much of that space will be used for community group meetings, and special activities like arts and crafts. A cafe could also be added.

Some community members request meeting space at the library, but are turned down due to lack of space, according to McCoy. Only the youth chess club and the Oprah Book Club currently meet at the library. The book club is almost too big to meet there now, he added. Roselle Art Association members used to display their works there, but there hasn't been enough space for them to do it recently, according to the association's president, Sylvia Weidemann.

The renovation will also give Roselle room to expand its book collection. The 44,000 volumes it currently owns are stuffed tighter than a turkey on Thanksgiving. The

renovation will give the library room to "almost double" its collection, McCoy said. The standard collection for a community of Roselle's size is 75,000 volumes.

The library's circulation increased by 7 percent last year, despite the limited collection, according to McCoy.

Acquiring the land next door was just the first step of a long renovation process, according to Borough Administrator Vincent Belluscio. He estimates the project will be completed by 2009 if all goes according to plan. A few setbacks could push the completion date back as far as 2011, Belluscio said. Construction of the facility should take

about 18 months and cost \$8 million. Construction will begin by spring 2007.

Officials hope to get half of the money from a state bond issue that provides approximately \$160 per square foot of a project. They also plan on applying for other grants and soliciting private donations. Library Board Vice President Elizabeth Brody got the financing process rolling herself by donating \$25,000 to the project in November.

Roselle added a 1,600 square-foot addition in 1983 that will be eliminated when construction of the new facility begins. The parking lot will be relocated, since the plan calls for the building to be built on top of the current lot. The front entrance will also be relocated to somewhere in the new building. McCoy isn't sure if that entrance will face West 4th Avenue or Chestnut Street.

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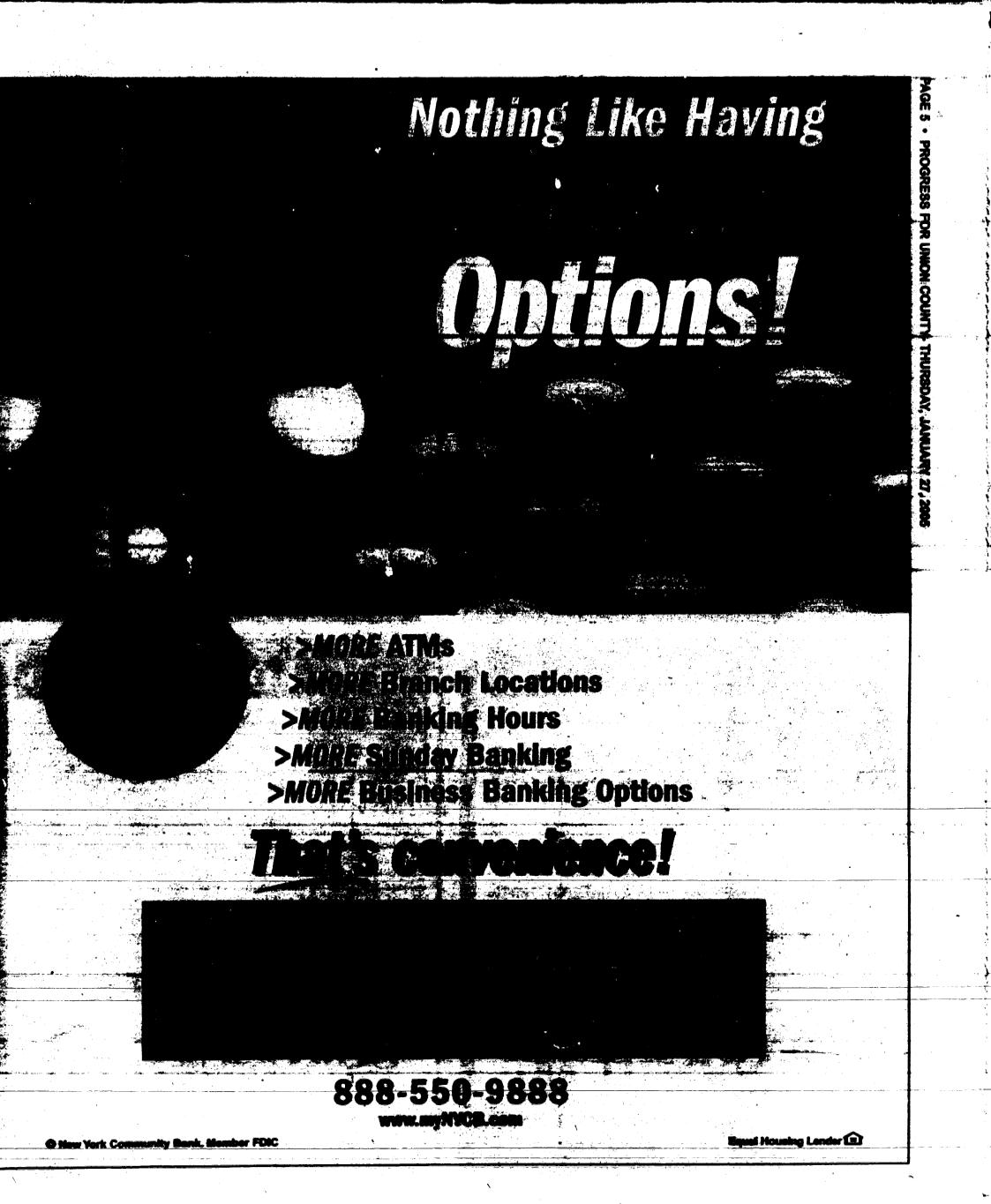
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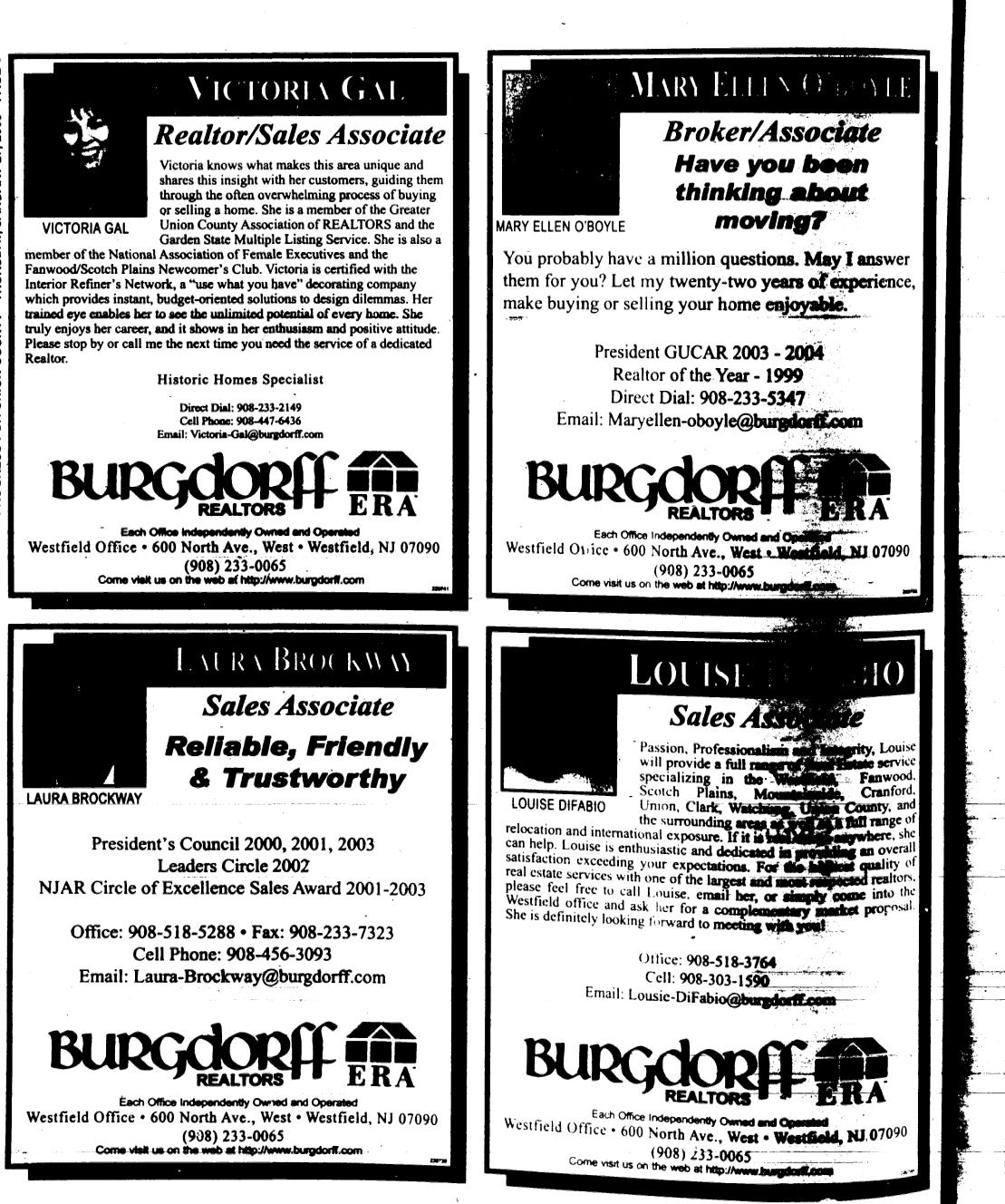


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The site, which currently is owned by Continental Airlines, will be bought by Catellus, a Dallas-based company. Elizabeth is poised to purchase the land from Catellus for \$5 million, which it would then sell to the Port Authority for \$22.5 million - a \$17.5 million profit for the city.

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Redevelopment to spur job growth for Elizabeth

By Antione L. Herring Staff Writer

Progress and expansion will be the vords of the year as the Elizabeth has big lans in store for 2005.

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The area will house 850,000 to 1.2 milion square feet of werehouse space.

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"Our plans have always been focused on THE ROOM AND CONCEPTION OF CONTRACT, nesting feasible projects that crosse lasting and perm es," Bollwage said.

A new \$7.5-million fire headquarters and emergency command center will open in March.

The emergency center will consist of a tate-of-the-art command post, training facilities, a reverse 9-1-1 system and a 9-1-1 system for the city and mutual aid dispatch connocting all 21 Union County municipalities.

County residents will be able to resp the benefits of a new \$26-million, state-of-theart cancer center at Trinitas Hospital.

The new addition will be a five-story building and will add 40,000 square feet to and modical and radiation oncology programs and provide room to expand several other programs. Construction began last soring and should be completed this year.

The United Counties Trust Savings Bank in Midtown has laid vacant and deturiorated over the last decade.

However, in March the building will be idle no more thanks to a \$1.5-million investment by the Elizabeth Development Compeny. The property will house office space and a branch of Synongy Hank relating in the treation of 30 new jobs.

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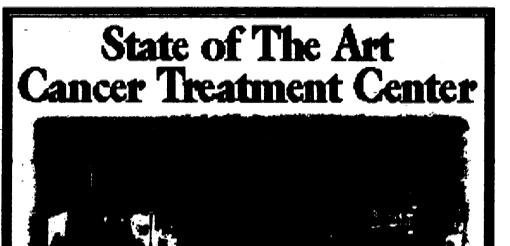
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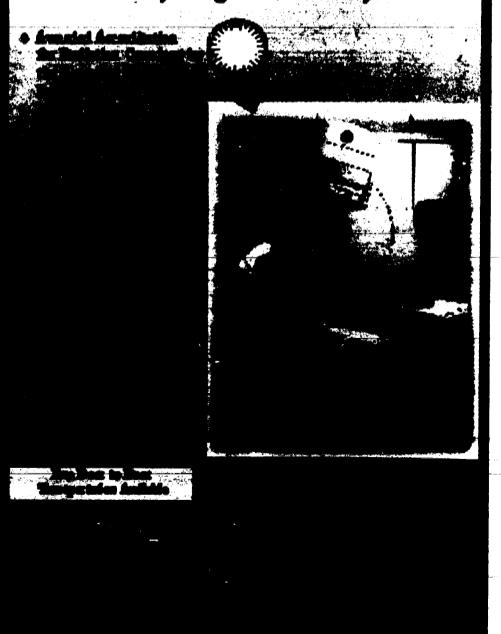




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Improvements slated near Roselle Park train station

By Shawn Barry Staff Writer

has in store for 2005 with a variety of October. planned projects.

undergoing a major overhaul this year. The borough is planning to install decorative lighting, have landscape work done and time. repair or, in some areas, lay new sidewalk as part of a massive railroad station enhance-ment project, according to Borough Engineer Ed Dec and his business partner, Don Guar-riello of Guarriello and Dec Associates. Guarriello said in May that the main com-muter parking lot will be entire 10 or

parking spaces, because the enhancement project also includes realigning the current parking lot.

"The enhancement project will extend all the way down Chestnut Street to the library." he said. "Aesthetically, it will blend the railroad area with the downtown business area

TA-21 — which falls under the umbrella of the state Department of Transportation, Mayor Joseph Delorio said in May.

expected to go out to bid this spring," Dec said this month.

The project was originally included in the borough's 2000 master plan but the project is not reline only coming to fruition now because of all the the red tape that was associated with the state grant and the fact that the enhancement plans were modified a few times.

The project will not only be pleasing to groups. the eye but will make the area safer for the public as well, according to borough officials.

The overflow commuter parking lot is currently dangerous to walk to because there the local PBA are-no sidewalks in spots and people must walk on the grass or even in the street in some areas just west of Locust Street.

"There is nowhere to walk in some areas. materials. It w This project is also aimed to increase pedestrian safety," Delorio said in May.

The borough was contacted last fall about

the possible installation of a cell tower directly behind the muticipal building and Planning for the future to generate more officials have been in discussions with the money for the borough is what Roselle Park interested party regarding the proposal since

The governing body approved a cell The area around the Roselle Park train tower ordinance in August listing various station platform on Locust Street will be guidelines that interested parties would have to adhere to if a tower is to be installed, and it appeared the ordinance was passed just in

The ordinance allows private property

muter parking lot will be getting 30 more borough extra money for each company with equipment on the arway. Exactly how much money the cost to be differenced. borough is yet to be differenced. Youth Center money the cell tower would generate for the

The Anthony Electricity Youth Center officially opened in December and as of press time, more time 1996 borough youths

and it will also loosen up some much-needed parking." The project will be funded by a \$350,000 rant through the state's Transportation nhancement Act for the 21st Century — $\lambda-21$ — which fails and the state is th 800.

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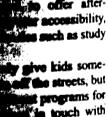
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Boulevard eateries reinvest in their appearances

By Shawn Barry Staff Writer

Expansions, renovations and more events where the business community can mingle are some steps that Kenilworth has taken to promote growth in the Borough.

The Kenilworth Diner/Restaurant has been a longtime fixture on the Boulevard and during the summer the building a experienced a facelift as owners John and Steve Glynos put about \$100,000 into dressing up the front entrance to the building.

The work done included removing the

aluminum siding on the building and replacing it with wood and stucco. They removed a large part of the awning from the side and front of the building, leaving only a 15-foot section above the main door, and replaced the canvas overhang on the other side of the building with a more decorative awning.

The building may date back to the 1920s or 1930s, according to John Glynos. He and his brother first took over the diner in 1973. before buying the entire property in 1980. Glynos said the building also underwent major renovations in 1985.

"We added the dining area and redid the October but it is yet to open. windows," he said in June, "Before 1985, it just looked like a house. Now we try and do ty Center next to Borough Hall was renovata little something every few years."

A new eatery is still under construction down the street from the diner at the location and work crews. The center was painted, reformally occupied by Cafe Repetti and bor- tiled, and carpeted and the Borough Council ough officials said in June that it will offer similar dining and catering services much like Cafe Repetti did.

ing permit for the property and its construc- that the brick work surrounding the windows tion was estimated to be completed around also needed to be replaced.

The interior of the Recreation/Commun ed in 2004 thanks to the generosity of area merchants who provided both the supplies plans to install new windows for the front of the building in 2005.

The project was supposed to be done last JDN Properties of Cranford has the build- year but it hit a snag when it was determined



Staff Writer

After making plans for the installation of a clock tower outside Valley National Bank on Mountain Avenue, Mayor Robert Viglianti, Borough Administrator/Police Chief James Debbie and Councilman Keith Turner thought it wouldn't be a bad idea for another one to be placed outside of Mountainside's Borough Hall.

The main difference between the two clocks is that the lat-ter will honor former Capt. Todd Turner, who died in car his brother should do so through the Mountainide PBA. accident while off-duty in August 2003.

"I had asked the clock manufacturer for some other faces been done in honor of a mayor who passed away in a nearby community. Turner came to mind.

The clock, which is being fully funded by the Mountainside Police Benevolent Association, will be two-faced, compared to the Mountain Avenue tower's four faces. Slightly smaller than the four-faced clock, Turner's will not be controlled via a GPS satellite, either.

brother," said Keith Turner, "I'm very grateful to the Mountainside PBA for wanting to honor him in this way, having a place in front of the Municipal Building that my brother cared about so much."

The clock, Viglianti estimated, will cost about \$17,000. The exact phrasing and appearance of print that will be

seen on the clock to honor Turner has yet to be finalized.

As for the clock that is to be placed on the property outside Valley National Bank, Vigilanti said that approximately they had done," said Viglianti. When he saw one that had \$15,000 has been raised thus far. The overall cost of the project will be around \$40,000.

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

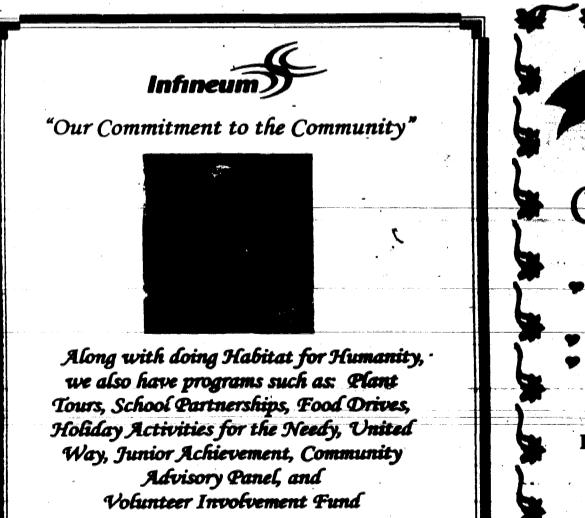
Mailings have been sent to businesses and gompanies around the borough, soliciting donations. Viglianti said that oailings, as well

Four main plates located on the base of the clock will bear the names of three companies and the borough itself. Valley National Bank contributed \$5,000 to have its name on a plate, while PSE&G has donated \$2,500 toward the clock to bear its name on another plate. A third business wishes to remain anonymous for now. Any excess money raised in funding the Valley National Bank clock will be donated to the inside First Aid Squad.

At nearby Mountain and Woodland avenues, the site work for a subdivision of seven houses is currently being prepared. The cul-de-sec will consist of upscale homes, whose

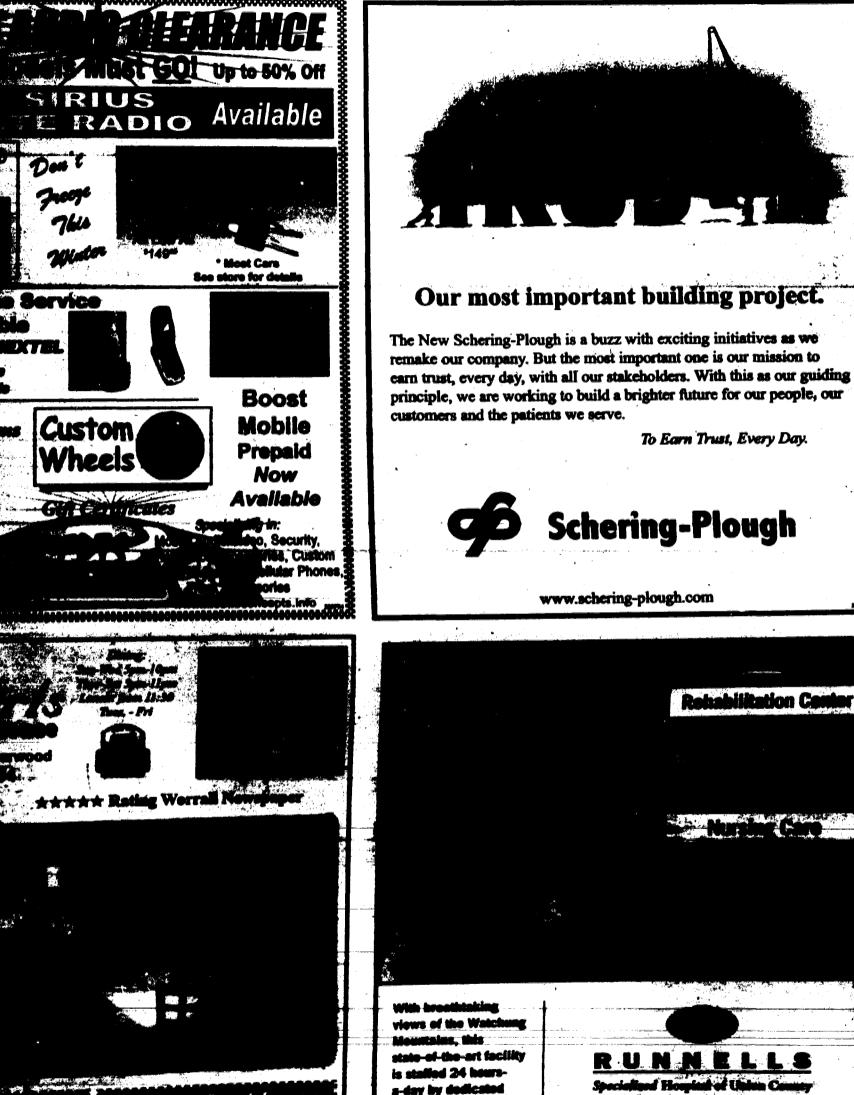
prices are not yet set. Currently known as Primevera Estates. the property does not yet have a street name, though the main entrance will come off of Mountain Avenue. Most of the houses will be parallel to Woodland Ayonue. Depending on the weather, Planning Board member and

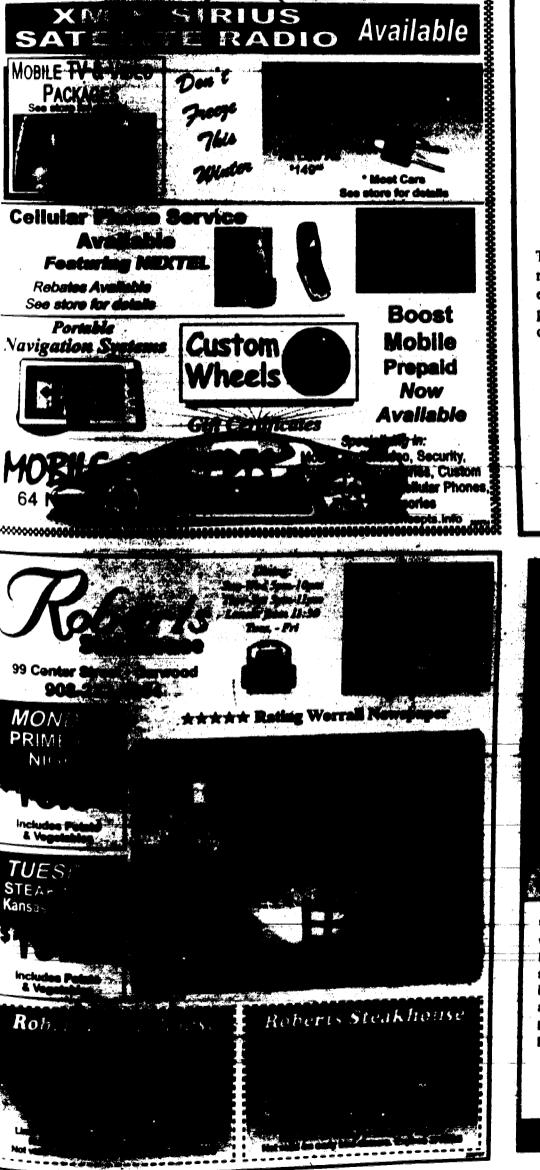
Borough Engineer Mike Disko said construction could begin in the springtime



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SAGE ready to open new downtown headquarters

By Brian Pederser Managing Editor

One of Summit's most noteworthy neighbors is getting a fresh look in 2005.

SAGE Eldercare, formerly SAGE Solutions, is a nonprofit organization that has been supporting and serving the community of Summit and the surrounding area for 50 years out of a tiny, Victorian home on DeForest Avenue

Now, SAGE is preparing for a move to a new location at 290 Broad St. on the site of a former Oldsmobile auto dealership adjacent to the train station. The moving date is Feb. 11, with operations set to begin on Feb. 14.

"I'm pleased to say that we're right on

target," said Jacqueline Vogelmann, executive director of SAGE.

"They are really putting the finishing touches on the building. Our furniture is being delivered next week. Hopefully, we are going to make it on time."

While the move is taking place, Vogelmann said all of SAGE's activities and services will still be operational, aside from the Spend-A-Day facility in Berkeley Heights, which will be closed for a few days.

"It's just exciting, the walls, the painting, the carpeting is all done," said Nicole Zamerovsky, a member of SAGE's public information and development office.

"As we've evolved over the last 50 years,

we've been expanding our programs to better serve the people."

Once the move is finalized, all of SAGE's programs and services, with the exception of the Resale Shop, will be housed under one roof, alleviating the cramped headquarters on DeForest Avenue.

Vogelmann touted the many benefits of the new two-story, 27,000-square-foot facility. The new facility will include a personal care beauty salon for clients, a resource library for caregivers, increased space for public programs, an enhanced training room for home health aides, and a Senior Day Care Service among other programs. In warmer weather, an outdoor seating area will be

made available for Spend-A-Day clients Vogelmann said the Chore Service

which helps seniors with minor home repairs - is "growing by leaps and bounds" and will be better housed in the new facility. The furniture repair shop will be much more expanded in the basement of the new site, with an elevator throughout the building.

The building was constructed by J.R. Prisco, and the project has come a long way since its genesis in 1999, when SAGE staff started to feel they were running out of space. While the organization is based in Summit, it offers services to the elderly and their caregivers in four counties, serving roughly 5,000 elderty people annually.



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Initial plans cell and the West-ticld Avenue combon and the West-Madison Hill Road. A service program will include new lightlife and aldewalks and the council will come, in with a plan to attract new hunde

"I think it is a mondo towns like Cranford and Westfield have lovely downtowns, why shouldn't Clark?," and Karen Bernardo, a Clark institut

Michelle Cicreial of Clark said beautifyas Westfield Avenue from Brant Avenue to Madison Hill Road and having a downtown section would be "pleasing to the eye."

But, she added that Mayor Sal Bonaccorand council members should carefully consider how much progress they want to make to create a downtown Clark.

"You could make it nice without an exorant cost, and we don't need to compete with Cranford or Westfield, just spruce it up," Ciercial said.

One resident said that what Clark Town ship does not currently have is a downtown.

"I think Clark could use a real downtown muse most other towns in New Jersey, no matter how small or large have a quaint downtown area, and it would add some 'warmth' to Clark." said Vera Redzinisk of

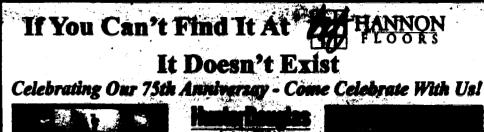
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Housing, especially for senior citizens, is key for Clark's future.

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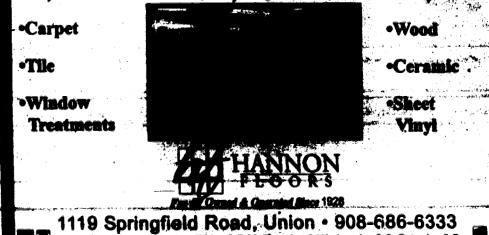
Clark Developers LLC, a subsidiary of Gardan Homes, proposed a 300-unit complex complete with a courtyard and commu-

The council supports the plan and has exoned the 10-acre site for an age-restricted ficedable housing overlay district.



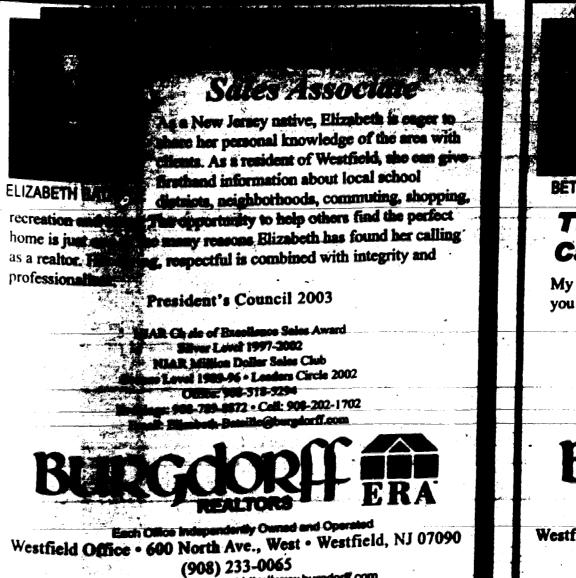


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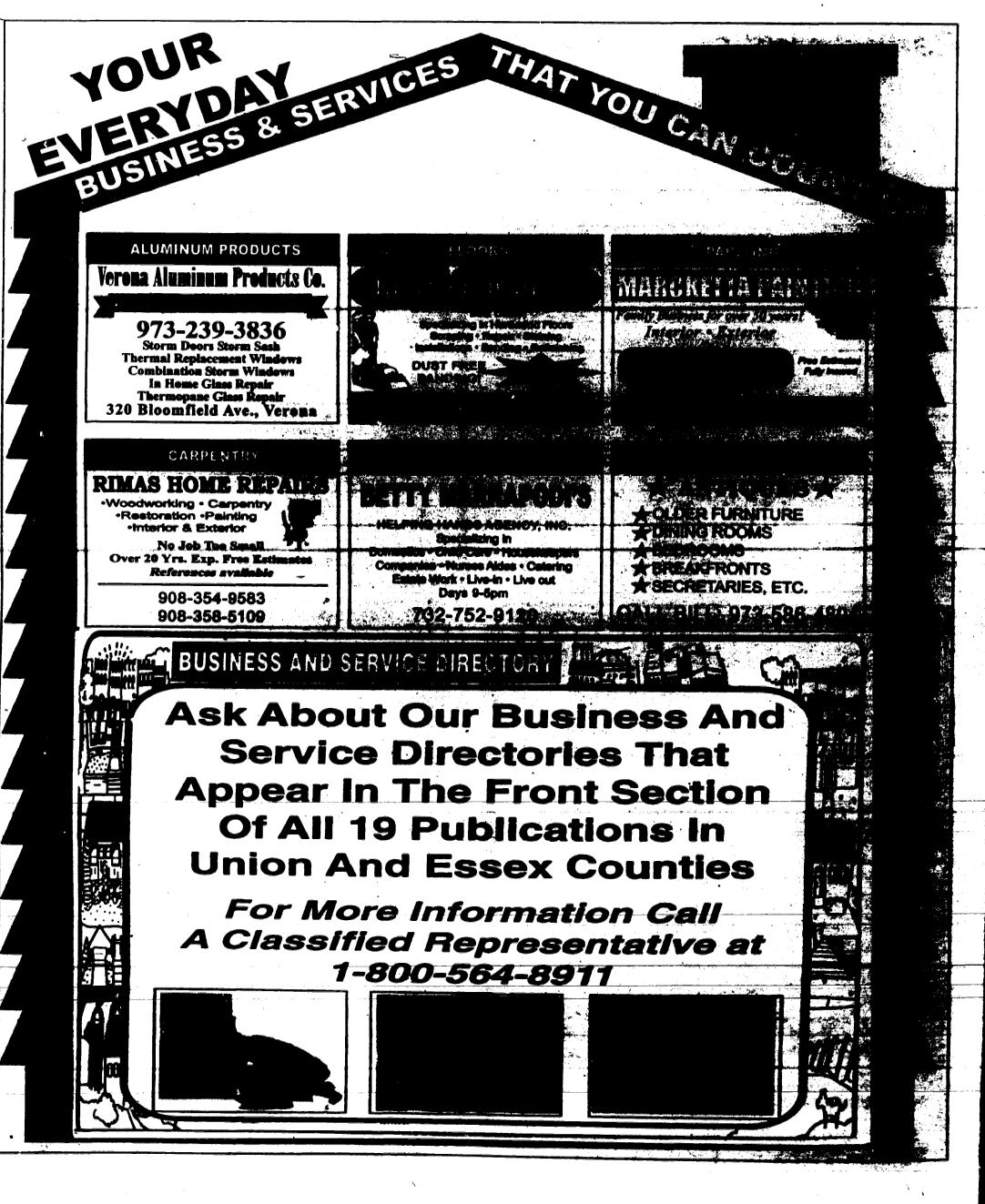
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pied the building that stood on the site for everal years were relocated by the agency when the property was seized through eminent domain

The Rosegate project is located within the city's East Hazelwood Redevelopment Zone. It will address the growing need for senior housing in the area, as identified in the city's ter Plan

Peter Pelessier, executive director of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency, said the new apartment complex will offer a variety of services, such as a community garden, for residents to tend themselves.

The Rosegate Association is actually a artnership between Community Investment

Corporation.

There will be 134 one-bedroom apertments with rents ranging from \$740 to \$900. and 16 two-bodroom units ranging \$880 to \$950. The size of the units ranges from 650 to 835 square feet.

Amenities inside each unit will include air onditioning, appliances, and ample closet space. Rosegate will also have a community center/meeting room, fitness center, wellness room, multiple lounges, a library and laundry facilities. Administrative offices will be on site. The project is expected to take at least a ver to complete.

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the Linden border restricted anartments are not

The buildings, which feature parking and private terraces, are located across the street from Rahway River Park, in the site once occupied by the Huffiman Koos fami

Park Terrace will offer market-call hour ing, rather than assisted-living rentals, such as those that will be offered at Rose where rent is determined by factors as

City Planner Lenore Sighower and Par Terrace will maintain 140 waits of

Cranford Crossing, Riverfront among Cranford's priorities

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to redevelop the 3.5-acre Riverfront area, which runs across the street from the train station, along South Avenue and High Street.

Township officials have already narrowed the list to four pote developers that include Pulte Homes, S. Hekemian, K. Hovnanian and Lincoln Property Company. Each proposal contains a mix of retail, residential and office space with the differences lying in how much of

One developer, Lincoln Property Company, proposes a four-st 80-room hotel and conference center at the current site t tation parking lot.

The Riverfront redevelopment project team will narrow the list to two developers by mid-February. The project team will send recomadstions to the Township Committee, which will hold a nethin hearing Feb. 24. Developers who have been recommended will make a public presentation about their proposal. If all goes accord construction could start by spring 2006.

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that could cost the township more than \$500,000 Specifically, the improvement project to the long standard would include the removal of existing curbs and disputative and installation of a new brick and concrete aldowalk with installation

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